

**Lansing Youth Services  
Town Board Report  
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**Mini Olympics:** The group has been very busy with friendly competition in this program while enjoying the quirkiness of the events. Each day has a mini awards ceremony where small prizes are awarded. So far, each participant has been able to place and win prizes, a huge success! The events that kicked off the program were the toothpick javelin, matchbox racing, paper plane contests, paper football games, and “mini knockout” basketball (a daily request). The group has also played Candy Bar Curling, had a Tic Tac Toe tournament, Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament, Marshmallow Tower contest, Invisible Chair endurance contest, Pool Noodle Limbo, and had a cup stacking relay race. One of the program days was on an early dismissal day so the group headed out for lunch together at Lansing Pizza, a trip to Stewart Park, and played Cotton Ball basketball. **9 youth served.**

**Outdoor Adventure - Winter edition:** Outdoor Adventure has a new “home base” in the Nature Center behind Lansing High School. This group is all about woodland games, many of which they have created themselves. Camouflage is still popular, and they find great joy in finding the instructor as fast as they can. They have created a Sneaky Zombie game and absolutely love it. Fires are always popular, and they have enjoyed treats like smores, spider dogs, giant cinnamon snakes and have requested to make campfire apple pie soon. We also have a brand-new youth employee who has been involved in Scouts, and she is doing an amazing job, often getting even muddier than the participants! **11 youth served.**

**Train Your Brain:** This program stemmed from several student’s love of the Rubik’s Cube and challenging each other with specific problems and speed solving. One student is a great teacher of techniques and loves to give advice! The other games are based around problem solving and creating strategies to solve or compete with one another. The game Blokus is very popular and played daily, with Mastermind close behind. Classic chess and checkers are always on the table, and they like to compete with the memory game, Micro Simon. Trivial Pursuit is also a hit, followed by Bananagrams, Juxtabo, and Lego puzzles. **9 youth served.**

**Fun with Food:** This group has made edible slime, rock candy, and built “veggie villages”, along with a story. Once the group completed their villages, there was a surprise attack of “zombie gummy bears”. Participants had to create a story around the invasion and each student made a short video of the backstory and actual invasion. Entertaining for all parties involved! Our youth employee in this program has grown tremendously and taken the lead on several aspects of the program. She gathers and lays out materials, monitors the measuring and distribution of ingredients and did a great job filming the invasion of the Veggie Villages. **10 youth served.**

**Youth Employment:** Youth employees are assisting with Lansing Youth Services programs, chaperoning with the Town Recreation Department’s Ice-Skating program, assisting teachers at the high school, and working at the library. There are three new employees working on their paperwork and are interested in working at the library as well as with Lansing Youth Services programs, all of whom are ideal candidates for the program. **13 youth served.**