

**Lansing Youth Services
Town Board Report
May 2023**

Outdoor Adventure: Outdoor Adventure is based at Salmon Creek where there are tons of opportunities for youth to learn about the ecosystem right behind their school. The group has begun shelter construction. The recently downed Sycamore trees have created a lot of excitement about making safe structures to hunker down in during wet and cool weather. As the focus switches to water, testing water quality, documenting the evidence of species, and observing fish migrations are right around the corner! 13 youth served.

Game On!: Participants in Game On are ready to play! This program provides games, teammates, and opponents for youth to test out their gaming skills. In addition to the board and card games, our youth employee has created daily role-playing games, and is an avid “gamer” with vast experience in the program’s game offerings. Youth are also encouraged to share games of their own, teach games to their peers, and create games. 12 youth served.

Coal Cookin’: This program is all about cooking outdoors. As the spring and summer arrive, outdoor cooking is more appealing to the masses and this program provides a wide array of cooking techniques. Youth will be cooking over the flame of a campfire, coals of said fire, coals of a public grill, outdoor skillet, and the sun. Bring on the warm weather! 10 youth served.

Fishin’ Friday’s: This program is all about getting on the water and fishing. Participants have access to a fleet of fishing gear so prior experience or personal gear is not needed. The group has several experienced fisher-people as well as some first timers. Learning basic knots for tying tackle, troubleshooting reels, and untangling line are typical daily lessons, and catching fish never gets boring! 10 youth served.

Youth Employment: Youth Employees are entering the last stretch of school year programs with LYS, with assistants helping in three programs. We have two teens assisting teachers at the high school with science and technology. Our Library team has been consistent and some even assisted at our LYS Family Dinner. 18 youth served.

LYS Family Dinner: The LYS Family Dinner at the Lansing Community Center was brand new this year, and a spin-off of our usual Spaghetti Supper. Youth in the program attended with up to 4 of their invitees for an evening of Ziti and LYS connection. The youth were very proud and excited to serve what they had made to their families. Dinner and socializing was enjoyed by all! We were immensely proud of the hard work students displayed and how well the group managed the evening! 16 youth served; 52 LYS family members served.

Visit cctompkins.org/4h/rys/lansing for more information and to sign up for programs.