

**Lansing Youth Services
Town Board Report
June 2024**

Games in the Grass: Games in the Grass is a new program that is designed to get students outdoors to play all kinds of games. Field games have been popular, board games are also available to play when youth need a calmer time activity. Students have enjoyed court and field games like basketball, Jackpot, and Kan Jam. Blockus, Chess, Checkers, Simon, and Mastermind have been the most popular board games. 9 youth served.

Outdoor Adventure-Fishing Edition: Students had been expressing a large interest in fishing, so during this round of Outdoor Adventure fishing has been the focus. Traditional rods and reels will be used towards the end of the program, as the program began with simple ways of fishing, just a stick, line, hook and some weights. The group has also been catching crayfish, figuring out the best locations for a baitfish trap, and testing their skills at finding bait along the edge of the creek. Students made miniature fish weir's and are excited to make primitive fish funnels. 11 youth served.

Unusual Art: This program is all about making art in non-traditional ways outside, allowing for projects that can get messy, and are a whole lot of fun. The first day was rainy, so the group drew pictures that their partners were drawing on their backs, did a group draw using one marker and lots of duct tape, and finally were able to gather some sticks to make a Truffula forest. Students have made their own "chia pets", by carving dry foam used for artificial plants into the general shape of the body, then using spaghetti to create the finer details. Large scale portraits using natural materials is up next, as well and paint spinning and splatter painting. 10 youth served.

Outdoor Cooking: Cooking over the campfire has been the most popular method of cooking so far, with the group learning about what makes good cooking for the meal at hand. Banana boats, spider dogs and various kinds of S'mores have been enjoyed by all. The group is excited to make solar cookers and be able to take home their very own solar oven! 10 youth served.

Youth Employment: Youth employees have been working hard in their positions, while juggling year-end testing and studying. Lansing Youth Services has one assistant helping with programs, while the Lansing Public Library team is staying busy with all their various roles. One of the Lansing Youth Services assistants has been offered another job, which is always great to see them grow and progress to new opportunities! The youth employees who assisted with the Family Dinner did an amazing job and were great at receiving directions and responding quickly. 12 youth served.

Lansing Youth Services Annual Fishing Derby: This annual event will be back this year on June 15th, and the excitement is buzzing. The entire Elementary School and Middle School Families have been notified about this friendly fishing and casting competition and should see a lot of friends and families together for a great morning of fishing and fun!