Lansing Youth Services Town Board Report December 2022

Legos! Legos participants have been busy building their theme parks and completing challenges along the way. Participants have made grand entrances to their parks, rides that range from zip lines to petting zoo areas and completed challenges for some added flavor to the day. The drop test, color challenge, tallest tower, and Lego Meals have been completed, with a new "drop test day" that will finish out the program. 16 youth served.

Outdoor Adventure: Outdoor Adventure youth continued building their shelters when the weather allowed us to go to Salmon Creek. Fire making was practiced daily, with the magnesium and ferro rod taking the front and center stage. One student has been practicing at home and excited to share their new skill with their peers. The Nature Center behind the high school has been frequented more recently and a lot of prep work is in order as the spring and summer have radically transformed the landscape, creating new areas for exploration and discovery. 15 youth served.

Artisan Fair: Participants are excited for the Artisan Fair this year! Youth have been making crafts for the fair and are ready to show and sell them to the public, while learning how to run a small business. At the fair, participants will interact with patrons, conduct transactions, restock shelves, and talk about the projects they worked on. Students have made lots of resin mold goods, ornaments, "stained glass", holiday art, and greeting cards. 15 youth served.

Fun and Field Games: Kan-Jam remains a favorite, with lots of excitement building around the geocaching excursion. The playground balls have been used for so many games. The group has played 4 square, basketball, kickball (including another large group), and the ever-popular game of "catch". 10 youth served.

Youth Employment: Youth Employees are finishing the year busy in their placements. We had two youth employees assist the middle school musical with lighting and sound, the library's team is full, and one teen is assisting the technology department with engineering projects in the high school. We will have two special events in December for added opportunities, the Gingerbread House Build will take place on Dec 22nd, for the first time since the pandemic, and the Lansing Artisan Fair is Dec 2nd and 3rd! 18 youth served.