

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

**Outdoor Cooking Adventures:** This program has combined woodland games and cooking around a campfire. Participants have been playing Camouflage and completing scavenger hunts. Campfires occur every week and we have been using a new location, which has become the new favorite place for “home base”. Fire making skills are developing throughout this session of cooking outdoors. Youth requests to repeat recipes so they can perfect their technique. Daily cooking projects have included pizza cones, spider dogs, pigs in a blanket, cinnamon snakes, banana boats, variations of s’mores, and hot chocolate. This program will transition to Outdoor Adventure next round. **11 youth served.**

**Game On:** Participants in Game On have been super busy with a handful of games, a couple were the clear favorites. The group attempted a new game called Dominion, they played many games of Apples to Apples, Monopoly, Exploding Kittens, and the Trail Game. The most popular game turned out to be Chess and Connect 4. The final day was all about tournaments, this included cheering on their peers and celebrating every win, a very exciting end to a rather calm program. This program will transition to Dungeons and Dragons. **10 youth served.**

**Crafter’s Corner:** Crafter’s Corner participants have been busy getting ready for the Lansing Artisan Fair. Some of the popular projects include making Friendship bracelets, making popsicle stick sleds, survival bracelets, and on an upcoming special extended program day, the group will experiment with whittling to add to the array of products. Discussions around small business management take place each week, introducing students to how the event operates and our role during the event. **8 youth served.**

**Mad Science:** The youth have been very busy each week enjoying STEM kits from the Ithaca Sciencenter. The Rube Goldberg and Keva Plank kits have many challenging activities, many of which were compatible with both kits, parts were combined, and some very cool ideas materialized. The Lansing Middle School Library was a great location for this program as students were able to utilize the split level and had a lot of vertical freedom with their systems. The field trip to the Spacecraft and Planetary Imaging Facility (SPIF) at Cornell was awesome. The information presented during the visit to SPIF was current, exciting, eye opening and inspirational. The Sciencenter visit was right in line with the programming we have been enjoying as their exhibit is on simple machines- literally everything the group had been working with in the weeks leading up to the trip. This program will transition into Iron Chef for the next round. **8 youth served.**

**Youth Employment:** Youth employees are hard at work. The Lansing Public Library employees are rather consistent, two are moving along to new placements and experience. Their skill sets have been honed in as far as customer service, and behind the scenes work that takes place at the library to help keep it functioning smoothly. We have past employees who would like to work with the Rec Department’s Ice-Skating program, they are eager to be with the youth on the ice! Lansing Youth Service assistants will begin next week. Employees are interested in youth development, for the most part, but also looking to challenge themselves in unfamiliar roles, and in my opinion, admirable qualities and they will be in our future workforce! **12 youth served.**

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