

Lansing Youth Services Town Board Report March 2026

Flight Fanatics Mondays, 1/12 - 2/26 Enrollment: 14, Males: 13, Females: 1

Average Daily Attendance: 9. # of Program Days: 4 Life Skills: Planning/

Organizing, Problem Solving What a busy building program Flight Fanatics was! The group worked hard on completing their rockets in time for the final day, launch day! Participants practiced modifying their airplanes for specific tasks and honed problem-solving skills by making modifications to the wings, and airplane design to cater to the individual competitions. On launch day, the group headed to Buttermilk Falls State Park. Every rocket took off, and several rockets were recovered. While on the drive back, students talked about what they would do differently next time to make their rockets return, and they even discussed making custom parachutes for them!

Outdoor Cooking Tuesdays, 1/13 - 2/27 Enrollment: 12, Males: 11, Females: 1

Average Daily Attendance: 8 # of Program days: 6 Life Skills: Learning to Learn, Personal Safety

This group was very lively and they were all about being outdoors. Despite weather holding us inside for a few days, when they were around the fire cooking, it was a whole new world. One participant has been inspired by the goal of making a ferro rod fire and has inspired others to try. He has gotten very close to this goal. The group cooked burgers, cinnamon snakes and banana boats over the fire. With all these cooking projects, youth learned how to maneuver their food around the coals and flame safely with handmade tongs, this has provided opportunities to practice fire safety while making tasty meals.

Methods of Music Wednesdays, 1/14 - 2/25 Enrollment: 10, Males: 6, Females: 4

Average Daily Attendance: 10 # of Program days: 5 Life Skills: Learning to Learn, Social Skills.

This new music program has taught everyone a lot! After the DJ day, participants were able to explore their musical ambition from a blank slate. Utilizing the free music making site, Bandlab, students recorded their own sounds, used premade beats, recorded actual playing, and blended it all together! This was very popular and one student made a song that rivals many video game songs. They loved recording sounds together and seeing how they could manipulate what they recorded. For the final day, students requested another DJ and karaoke day. Almost everyone took a turn on the mic, and when they weren't singing or rapping, they were drawing to the music, resulting in pictures, abstract drawings, or words they associated with that song. This program is a strong candidate to happen again!

Delicious Desserts Thursdays, 1/15 - 2/26 Enrollment: 11, Males: 6, Females: 5

Average Daily Attendance: 11 # of Program days: 6 Life Skills: Teamwork, Disease Prevention.

This popular program always had a full crowd, eager to make some tasty treats together. Students worked in pairs or small groups, building intrinsic motivation to make their treat "the best". One participant suggested two different recipes that we made and both were very successful. The brownies were a huge hit, and family feedback proved it! Blueberry jam cookies were the second, and despite some push back, the general

feedback was, wow, I don't like blueberries, but these are good!" It may have been the sugar sprinkles that helped, overall, the recipe was a success that students brought home for their families to try

Lansing Youth Employment

Youth Employees are doing well at the Lansing Public Library and recently there have been several applications to work at that location. As positions are currently full at the Lansing Library, other options have been available for work. One being at the Lansing High School Library assisting with book organization and inventory, and work on getting a placement with the afterschool program at the elementary school continues. Training scheduled for the next Youth Employment meeting will include workplace etiquette and fulfilling mandatory training requirements.