

# Lansing Youth Services Town Board Report April & May 2026

## **Cardboard Boat Building** – 4-H Cardboard Boat Race Regatta

Mondays, 3/2 - 4/27 Enrollment: 10, Males: 9, Females: 1 Average Daily Attendance: 8  
# of Program Days: 6 **Life Skills: Planning/ Organizing, Teamwork**

Our duck boat builders were busy gearing up for the big day of racing their boat against other municipalities. We had an additional day added to the program as the process of covering the boat in a traditional glue that the students made together proved a more tedious process, lots of lessons learned here! LYS's boat finished second, or third, but won accolades such as "Best Innovative Boat", and "Most Dedicated Watercraft"! Up next is "Townie Tours", where students will travel to a new location each week whether it be business, or organization to see what hidden gems are right here in Tompkins County!

## **Outdoor Adventure**

Tuesdays, 3/3 - 4/28 Enrollment: 13, Males: 9, Females: 4 Average Daily Attendance: 11  
# of Program days: 6 **Life Skills: Self Esteem, Self Responsibility**

Outdoor Adventure participants made final progress towards coal burning their spoons, although more time was needed for carving, many could finally envision their finished product, conditioning it for longevity and actual use! Two fisher people caught some new species, a rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, and a few suckers. The final day was all about cooking, the group cooked burgers over the fire and learned how to manage the fire and coals for even cooking. The next round of Outdoor Adventure will focus on how they can get outdoors over the summer and safely practice some outdoor and primitive living skills.

## **Magic: The Gathering** - Crash Course

Wednesdays, 3/4 - 4/29 Enrollment: 12 , Males: 12, Females: 0 Average Daily Attendance: 8  
# of Program days: 7 **Life Skills: Learning to Learn, Social Skills**

Magic had a lot of active players, two participants joined during the middle of the program's sessions, they got up to speed with deck building and the structure of play. Their peer mentor was very patient and was always willing to answer the many questions they had. Although the deck that a previous student built for the instructor seemed strong, not a single game was won by the instructor! The last day was a "draft" tournament, where students opened new packs of cards, "drafted" them, and then traded with peers. Everyone was very giddy to be able to take home their own personal deck, which will hopefully lead to more play and socialization outside of school. Up next on Wednesdays is Natural Arts and Crafts.

## **Fun with Food**

Thursdays, 3/5 - 4/30 Enrollment: 12, Males: 6, Females: 6 Average Daily Attendance: 11  
# of Program days: 6 **Life Skills: Learning to Learn, Marketable skills**

Fun With Food continued the good times in the classroom, every day was still super busy and because new appliances and food preparation techniques were utilized, they were always briefed with new kitchen skills. A student requested a smoothie bar day, which was wildly popular and many ideas came from several students who shared how they make theirs at home- which seemed to be more like milkshakes, but still, lots of creativity. Making the edible slime was messy, but fun, with one group deciding to make “Dragon’s Beard” which involved stretching into very thin strands. Up next is Digital Photography 101.

### **Lansing Youth Employment**

Youth employees are doing well at the Lansing Public Library, still full. One new applicant is interested in working at the LPL, potentially starting over the summer to become trained to replace a departing senior. Two teens are poised to assist with LYS programs to finish out the year, both of whom would like full time work all summer. The next staff meeting will be an intro to first aid; CPR will be discussed. If there is a large interest in certifications, a plan will be put in place so the instructor can certify them, adding them to their professional resume. This group is ambitious, so it looks likely that is the route many will want to take.