

# **Lansing Youth Services Town Board Report September 30, 2026**

## **Game On !**

**Mondays, 9/28 - 10/26/Enrollment: 9, Males: 7, Females:2**

**Life Skills: Teamwork, Social Skills**

Game On is always a busy program with lots of options for games to play. Each week will consist of a group game before breaking out into board games. Chess has been very popular and games like Apples to Apples, Blockus, Mastermind, Dominion, and game creation are on the menu.

## **Outdoor Adventure**

**Tuesdays, 9/29 - 10/27 Enrollment: 12, Males: 11, Females:1**

**Life Skills: Goal Setting, Communication**

Outdoor Adventure will kick off the year at Salmon Creek. The group will get a taste of several skills we utilize in this program. They will play group games, learn fire making, cook over an open fire, build debris huts, and explore the creek shoreline. Knife safety and carving is always a popular activity. Several new students to LYS have registered and are excited for the adventures!

## **The Art Factory**

**Wednesdays: 9/30 - 10/28 Enrollment: 10 , Males: 5 , Females: 5**

**Life Skills : Wise use of Resources, Marketable Skills**

The Art Factory is back this fall making crafts for the Lansing Artisan Fair. The group will research projects in addition to the crafts provided, create materials list and, new this year, will do the shopping, so they will get to see the whole process of running a business.

## **Digital Photography**

**Thursdays, 10/1 - 10/29 Enrollment: 10 , Males: 6 , Females: 4**

**Life Skills : Marketable Skills, Goal Setting**

Digital photography teaches the basics of photography and introduces the world of nature observation as this group will be travelling to a new natural landscape each week, Cayuga Shores, Ithaca Falls and surrounding Gorges, Taughannock Falls and the Lab of Ornithology are on the list.

## **Lunchtime**

During lunches, I have been making my rounds to meet all the new 5th graders, reconnect with past participants and promote the program. The play is a big factor when recruiting at this time of year, but a wonderful opportunity for all grades! As the new year settles, I will bring a game a day to play with students!

## **Lansing Youth Employment**

New Youth Employees are trickling in with the new school year. One new LYS assistant is poised to start with the start of programs, and two new employees have been training this summer and will officially be LYS Employees in October! Paperwork is in the hands of at least three new prospects, with inquiries still arriving periodically!

### **RYS Staff Retreat**

Our September retreat was a day full of great meetings in beautiful places. The first meeting was on Seneca Lake, followed by a tour and activities at the Gonandangan Art and Cultural Center. The tour and activities were informative and fun, a great option for a field trip with students to learn more about local history. We finished the meeting content in the van, it was a great teambuilding day!