

**Lansing Youth Services
Town Board Report
April 2024**

Party Planners: Party Planners is focused on what goes into throwing a party or celebration a success! We will be practicing lots of party planning skills, budgeting, decoration selection and creations, creating and sending formal invitations, presentation of food and table setting, customer service skills, and enjoying some special treats along the way. The first day consisted of reviewing the previous year's Family Dinner, and discussing ideas for what students would like to see this year as the main goal is to plan and prepare for our annual LYS Family Dinner, the culminating event where all of participating families are invited for a delicious dinner made by participants! 11 youth enrolled.

Outdoor Adventure: Outdoor Adventure is gearing up for the wild and crazy spring weather we can encounter! The group has finally returned to Salmon Creek, and they truly missed being there. Participants have begun making shelters, tracking animals along the shores of the creek who also live there. Some skills we will develop right around the corner are the opportunity to learn to coal burn and carve spoons and cups, use a hand saw, make primitive tools, practice fossil excavation and preservation, pan for semi-precious stones and how to build different styles of fires. 12 youth enrolled.

Fun With Food II: Due to popular demand, this program is back for a second round! This program is all about making fun, edible experiments with all kinds of food! We have made our own ice cream and created beautiful landscape candy mosaics, including a student led presentation of their scenes to the class. We will also be making rock candy, edible dioramas, art with skittles, marshmallow tower building and more! 10 youth enrolled.

Science Explorers: This program is busy! For some program days we will be joining the Lansing Middle School Science Club for some cool presentations and experiments! On the first day, we went on a field trip to the Museum of the Earth, a first for several students! Additional trips we will be taking will include the Sciencenter, and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. 9 youth enrolled.

Spring Break Montezuma Trip: This April break trip will take us around Cayuga Lake to explore hot spots known for birds and wildlife. Possible stops include Myers Point Park, Salt Point, Aurora Bald Eagle nest, Montezuma Refuge, and Cayuga Lake State Park. The trip will focus on the interests of youth so they will have a say in where we go! We will provide binoculars if students need them, field guides, a few Cayuga Bird Club members will guide us, and there is also the potential to stop by the Cayuga Creamery for some ice cream. 9 youth enrolled.

Youth Employment: Lansing Youth Services Program Assistants have had several schedule changes due to other extracurricular activities, however there are two youth employees still going strong with the after-school programs. Our Lansing Public Library employees have continued to be consistent, and we have added a new trainee to begin working regular shifts. We have one youth employee assisting at Lansing High School, another youth employee will start working with the Lansing High School Librarian in the near future. Two Lansing residents who attend different schools are also poised to begin working locally once compatible schedules are aligned. 12 youth served.