

*The Dryden Recreation and Youth Commission Proudly Presents*

# ***Dryden Youth Services***

## ***Fall 2023 Programs***

Hello Dryden Families! Welcome to the Fall 2023 Information sheet for Middle and High School aged students in the Town of Dryden. All programs will meet at the "Lion" in the Dryden Middle School Lobby directly after the 2:20 dismissal. Please note that for programs with field trips, your child may have to make a choice between participating in tutoring or a club during Activity Period which takes place from 2:30 - 3:00 PM because we will be leaving at 2:30 for the afternoon trip. Programs run until 5:30 PM for students who are not taking the late bus and will be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Please Note - Some programs are inside. For programs that take place outside it is vital that your child comes prepared with proper clothing for the afternoon. Students who are not prepared will be sent home on the bus. Everyone should bring a water bottle.

Dave Hall will contact families to confirm which program their child is officially registered for.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at [dh67@cornell.edu](mailto:dh67@cornell.edu) or at (607) 592-5314.

Thanks, Dave Hall,

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**Monday Makers** - Mondays 9/25- 11/6—Monday Makers is an open ended program where ideas for activities come from the participants. Past activities have included cooking, field trips, games and much more!

**Outdoor Cooking Session 1**—Tuesdays 9/26—10/10—Outdoor Cooking is so much fun! Come learn to create fun, easy and nutritious food over the open flame. Participants can also look forward to using the Dutch oven to create amazing meals.

**Wild Spaces**—Wednesdays 9/27— 11/1—This field trip based program will take participants to many of the incredible nature preserves and wild spaces in and around the Town of Dryden. Wear your hiking shoes and dress for the weather!

**Primitive Pursuits** - Thursdays 9/28—12/21 (Please note that this program will not meet on October 5th & 12th). Primitive Pursuits introduces participants to fundamental and vital ways of interacting with the natural world. Come learn to take care of yourself in the outdoors by creating shelter, making fire without matches, finding water and more!

**Outdoor Cooking Session 2**—Tuesdays 10/17—10/31

**Iron Chef Session 1**—Tuesdays 11/7- 11/21—Iron Chef challenges teams of students to create something edible with (mostly) healthy ingredients. These edible creations are presented to the judges who determine the winner based on presentation, creativity, teamwork and cleanliness.

**High School Adventure Group**—Wednesdays 11/8 & 11/15—This group will come together to plan an upcoming camping adventure which will be held sometime after the new year.

**Wildlife Watchers**—Mondays 11/20—12/18—Wildlife Watchers is designed to help participants become better observers of nature. Students can look forward to learning how to become 'invisible', identify tracks, learn animal behavior basics as well as bird language fundamentals.

**Indoor Crafts**—Wednesdays 11/29—12/20—Indoor Crafts is a great way to learn something new that is not only creative, but often times functional. Past craft programs have included stone pendants, netting, cordage, basketry and more!

**Iron Chef Session 2**—Tuesdays 12/5—12/19—

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