



NAYRS NEWS

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Welcome... to NAYRS News, our newsletter written to keep you in the know about the happenings at the Youth Center! Have you become a Youth Center member yet? Sign up for a membership and programs at the Front Desk or visit our website to register online! Check out everything that has been going on at the Youth Center lately, including all of our fun new programs and activities for the winter season!

Winter Vacation Schedule

Thursday 12/24: CLOSED

Friday 12/25: CLOSED

Saturday 12/26: CLOSED

Monday 12/28: 12:00-6:00

Tuesday 12/29: 12:00-6:00

Wednesday 12/30: 12:00-6:00

Thursday 12/31: 12:00-6:00

Friday 1/1: CLOSED

Saturday 1/2: CLOSED

The hours listed below are our operating hours for members, we will resume normal hours on Monday 1/4!



Winter Programs

Written by: Doloreon Ferrao, Grade 6

Hey guys, it's Doloreon! This is my first writing piece at NAYRS News. I'm here to tell you all about the Youth Center and its activities. First, the Youth Center has various activities on certain days of the week. So for example, on Mondays in the winter we're always playing a Tournament of Champions game, and on Thursdays you can always find Cracker Barrel going on in the gym. There are so many things to do at the Youth Center, including basketball, video games, skating in the Skate Park, doing homework, or just hanging out. If you get hungry or thirsty, there is food at the Grand Stand on Fridays, and there are two vending machines downstairs. But remember, not to bring food or drinks upstairs, in the gym or in the Game Room! In the gym, the Youth Center hosts tons of activities like 3 vs. 3 basketball tournaments, indoor soccer, or Friday Night Flicks. The computer room is full of fun things to do like using the video game consoles, or using the computers for homework, research, or even Minecraft. There's also a lounge where there's a TV, couches, and a place to do homework. All of us at the Youth Center and NAYRS News hope you have a great time!



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Core 4

Written by: Jason Kenneally, Grade 8

On Friday, December 4th the Core 4 leadership team met at the Youth Center. The Core 4 team consists of 60 students, 15 each from the Youth Center, Merrimack Valley YMCA, Andover Youth Services, and the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club. This meeting was to discuss issues, have fun, and catch up after our Youth Summit last summer. Our speaker for the night was Socrates De La Cruz. He talked about how we should stay away from drugs and violence and how social media impacts us. After the speaker, we split off into groups and we talked about the pros and cons of social media in our communities. Then we had a little fun with the Youth Center's version of dodgeball called Taking Aim. Overall, it was an exciting night and Core 4 can't wait to do it again!



Around the Youth Center...

Check out some pictures from around the Youth Center this month! Follow us on Facebook for daily updates!



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Summer Employment

Do you enjoy working with kids and crave a fun and active summer job? Join the NAYRS Summer staff! Our Summer Employment application can be found on our website and at the YC, and applications must be submitted to the Front Desk at the Youth Center no later than Saturday, February 13th.



Book Preview

Written by: Jazlyn Moreno, Grade 7

Hi guys! If you don't know already, I am not only a NAYRS News reporter, I'm an author too! I am currently writing a book called *The Night's Whisper!* I am also after vacation (Yay!!) taking idea and requests to be a character in the book. I will be taking these requests on Monday 1/4 – Friday 1/9 at the Youth Center. Got any ideas? Comments? Concerns? Here is a sneak peak of the first chapter of the book:

I fell onto the road and felt my lip split. I tasted salty blood as it ran through my mouth.

“And stay out!” my so called ‘Mother’ screamed at me. She slammed the door shut and I felt rain pour on my head. Great. Perfect. I stood up and ran as fast as I could to the park. In Chicago, I guess people don't really care about this stuff, no one tried to help, no one tried to interfere. Talk about luck. I couldn't have been born in New Hampshire? Salem? New York? I sighed and walked up to the entrance of the park where people gave me weird stares, were they living with a mother who hated them? Who slapped them every time they did ONE mistake? I highly doubt it.

I continued down the path, I found a huge tree and climbed up. Did I mention that I'm an extremely good climber? No? Hmm...nope...guess not. I sat down carefully on a thick sturdy branch. I opened my backpack and looked into it. A furry head popped up and it looked at me with big dark brown eyes.

“Hey boy. It happened again, and I think we can't go back this time” I told him rubbing his ears. He was all I needed to feel better. “Well little guy, let's hit the hay. Err tree.” I lifted Blue out of the backpack and put him down next to me. We've slept in trees before so Blue's an expert too. As I started to close my eyes I saw Blue climb onto me and lay his head on my chest. All I remember before I fell asleep is that I felt his tail wagging, and then I wished I could be as happy as he was.

That's all the light I'm going to shed today! Keep yourself updated and you might just see another preview! Until next issue!

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WANT TO BE PART OF THE NAYRS NEWS CREW? OF COURSE YOU DO!

Contact Demi at dtetrault@nayouth.com or come to a meeting at the YC on Mondays at 3:00!

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