



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! In this edition, you can find everything you need to know about upcoming events, winter programs, Teenco dances and more! We also have plenty of pictures from our most recent events, including the 8th Grade Dress-Up Dance!

Ice Hockey Recap

Written by: Segev Moritz

The Youth Center's Ice Hockey Tourney was a great opportunity for hockey players to show off their skills and for everyone to gather around to cheer on the teams and have a good time. I can't believe this was the first annual ice hockey tournament! We were happy to crown the Bubble Guppies as our first ever Ice Hockey Champions! Speaking of champions, the finals was a fantastic matchup full of amazing hockey stars. After 10 teams competed in the freezing cold, the final game came down to the Bubble Guppies vs. The Squad. The Bubble Guppies lineup was Cole Fagan, Sean Corliss, and Dylan Faulkner, and the Squad's lineup was Kyle Corliss, John Kustka, and Aiden Leahy. It was a hard-fought game, with both teams playing intensely, but the Bubble Guppies came out on top, and will have to defend their title in next year's 2nd Annual Tourney!



Summer Employment

Time is running out for high school and college students to apply to work as a summer counselor at Summer Fun or Sports & Rec! Pass in your applications at the Front Desk no later than Saturday, February 14th in order to be considered. Applications can be found on our website or at the Youth Center.



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8th Grade Dress-Up Dance

The 8th Grade Dress-Up Dance was held at the Youth Center on Friday, January 31st, and it was another amazing event! The Dress-Up Dance has been held for 23 years, and it has always been a special night for the 8th graders. Our Teenco Dance Committee did an amazing job planning the dance, from picking the theme and music, to buying decorations and making food. We loved seeing the 8th graders dressed up and dancing the night away! Check out photos from a truly fantastic night and go to our Facebook page for more!



Brooks Skating

February is the last month to take part in public skating at Brooks School! Gather your family and friends and come skate at the Dansforth Gymnasium at Brooks School on Sunday nights from 6:45-8:40. The cost is \$3 per person, and there are no skate rentals available!

New Date for Family Skate Night!

We have rescheduled our Family Skate Night that was postponed from 1/24 due to bad weather. Family Skate Night will be held on Friday, February 13th from 5:30-8:30pm on our outdoor rink. Bring your family to the Youth Center's outdoor skate rink for a night of ice skating, hot chocolate, music, and fun! Admission is \$2 per person - Bring your own skates and helmet! Spread the word!

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Step Up

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Step Up is a group of middle school girls who come together at the Youth Center to help the community. We are between grades 6 and 8. We all have different personalities, which forms one unique group of kids! We love Step Up because we get to give back to the community while making new friends. Without Demi & Micaela we wouldn't be able to do the amazing things we do!

We have done so many great things this session. One thing we did was start the year with a bake sale. After we made delicious desserts and raised money, we put on an awesome Halloween party for the 4th & 5th graders. There, we played a lot of games and made fun Halloween crafts.

One of our biggest activities was to make and sell coasters. It was fun to be able to design and decorate our own coasters. It was something none of us had ever done before! After selling our coasters we used the money we made to sponsor two kids in need for the Youth Center's Holiday Gift Drive. We went to different stores to get them some great presents; we picked out clothes and fun toys!

Another activity we did was to make cute holiday cards for homeless people. We bundled the cards with some hats and scarves that were made by the Senior Center, and they were delivered to people living on the streets in Lawrence & Methuen, by Michael from The Movement Family.

We also volunteered at the Stevens Memorial Library in North Andover! We helped cut out crafts for projects that the library runs in their Children's Room. We can't wait for our next and final project for Session 1 of Step Up, serving meals at the Cor Unum Soup Kitchen in Lawrence!

Registration for Session 2 of Step Up will begin Wednesday, February 11th at 9am online & at the desk!

Super Bowl Squares

Not only was the Super Bowl a great night for Patriots fans, but a few of our lucky members won Tournament of Champions points for selecting winning squares in our Super Bowl Squares competition! Our members answered trivia questions for a chance to put their name in a square, and the winning squares belonged to Brendan Holland in the 1st quarter, Jack Breen in the 2nd and 3rd quarters, and Chris Pensavalli with the final score! Congratulations!



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