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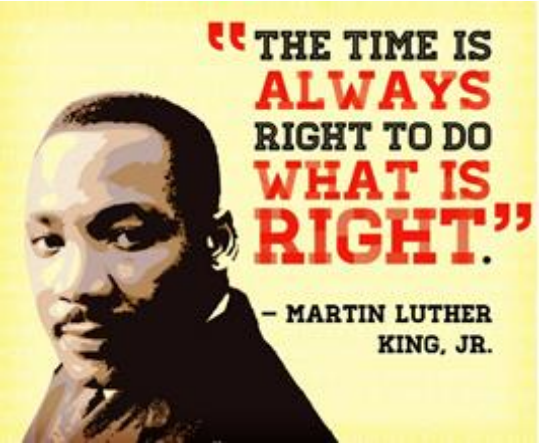
Happy New Year! Welcome… to NAYRS News, our newsletter written to keep you in the know about the happenings at the Youth Center! Sign up for a membership and winter programs at the Front Desk or visit our website to register online! In this issue you'll find everything that has been going on at the Youth Center lately, including all of our activities and events for the winter season! We also have information, programs and rules regarding our third annual Outdoor Ice Rink!

Weekend Schedule

This Friday 1/15, school is closed for a Professional Development Day. This means the Youth Center will be open from 12:00-7:00pm for members! Saturday 1/16 we are open from 1:00-4:00pm for the 4th & 5th grade drop-in, and from 4:00-8:00pm for members. On Sunday don't forget to drop by our Public Skating program at Brooks School from 6:45-8:40pm for $3 per person. Lastly, we are closed on Monday 1/18 for Martin Luther King Day.



The Rock Wall is open!

Our Rock Wall is now open on Friday and Saturday afternoons. 4th & 5th graders looking to use the Rock Wall on Saturdays will need a permission slip signed by a parent/guardian at the front desk.

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The 8th Grade Dress-Up Dance

Written by: Jason Kenneally, Grade 8

Get ready 8th Graders! The North Andover Youth Center will be putting on its 24th Annual 8th Grade Dress-Up dance on Friday, January 22nd from 7:30-10:30 at the Youth Center. It will be an awesome night filled with music and friends. Remember, no tuxedos or limos. It will be a fun night so remember to buy your tickets at NAMS 8th grade lunch on Tuesday 1/19 and Wednesday 1/20. Tickets are $10 for members and $15 for non-members. We hope to see you there! Here are a few pictures from last year's big dance!

The Outdoor Ice Rink is back!

Written by: Dominic Naggar, Grade 7

The snow is falling lightly and ice is creeping up the slopes of North Andover and over the sidewalks. Any rain we get at this time of year is freezing over into a thick layer of ice, like what is currently happening on the basketball court at the North Andover Youth Center. The staff here see this cold weather not as a disappointment of New England, but as opportunity. So, once again, it's time to make an ice skating rink!

The Youth Center had been doing this for a few years now, turning the court into a rink. This opens up a whole new branch of activities now that we can't do soccer tournaments and football games on the fields by Drummond Playground. Hockey seems to be the main umbrella, with a few involved games like Curling, Broomball, Taking Aim and lots more! There's Pick-Up Hockey for members on Mondays from 3:00-4:00, and be sure to be there for the three-on-three tournament on Thursday, February 18th! I personally watched it last year, and it's really exciting, especially when people slip and completely wipeout. I mean… yeah. Good sportsmanship.

Check out the flyers at the Youth Center for more information, try not to slip and skid down the steep North Andover sidewalks on the ice, and I'll see you at the Youth Center!

See the next page for photos of the rink being built, the rules of the rink, and our ice rink programs!

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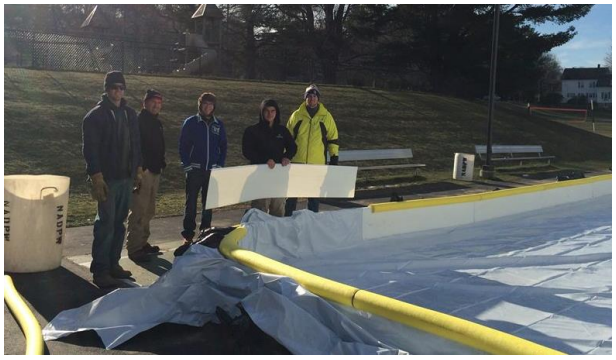
Ice Rink Programs

Pick-up Ice Hockey - Mondays, 3:00-4:00
Open to: Middle School Members
This will be the only time we allow hockey on the ice, so our members should take advantage! Bring your own skates, helmet, and gear, and use the hour to play a pick-up game with friends! Get your practice in on Mondays and play in our 3 vs. 3 tourney in February! (More info on tourney below) **No advanced registration necessary!**

Rink Rats - Thursdays, 3:00-4:00
Open to: Middle School Members
Don't miss Rink Rats on Thursdays – dress warm and join us on the rink for crazy games like Curling, Broomball, Taking Aim and more!) **No advanced registration necessary!**

Family Skate Night - Saturday, January 23rd, 5:00-7:00
Open to: All Ages ($2/person)
Come join us for a family-friendly event! Bring your family to the Youth Center's outdoor skate rink for a night of ice skating, music, and fun! Bring your own skates and helmet. $2/person admission! **No advanced registration necessary!**

3 vs. 3 Hockey Tourney - Thurs, February 18th, 12:30-3:30
Open to: Middle School Members
Come to the YC over February Vacation for one of the most talked about events of the winter: our 2nd annual 3 vs. 3 Ice Hockey Tournament on the YC outdoor rink! Members only. Sign up your team of 3 by Friday, February 12th! One form is needed for each team member. **Find the registration form online or at the YC!**



Thank you to the crews from Peter Breen Excavating, Chris Downer Landscaping, North Andover Fire Dept. and the Youth Center Staff!

Ice Rink Rules

The Youth Center rink is open to the North Andover public when it's not being used for Youth Center programming. We DO NOT allow ice hockey on our rink (except for our middle school members during times specified above.) When the rink is in season, please feel free to skate until our outside lights turn off (Monday - Thursday, and Saturday at 8pm, Friday at 7pm.) We will have a staff member on guard during weekday and Saturday afternoons. We will post on our Facebook page whether or not the rink is open, based on daily weather forecasts. Helmets must be worn at all times!

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Youth Center Field Trips

Written by: Anthony Jordan, Grade 7

Awesome people of the Youth Center: you need to hear about the cool field trips the Youth Center is offering this winter, to Indoor Surfing and Gymja Warrior!

At Gymja Warrior there are obstacles. Many obstacles. There's one called the Spider Wall. This is two walls next to each other, and you have to climb between them and get to the top. It's hard at first, but eventually you'll make it. My favorite obstacle has these red slanted slabs that are spread apart, and you need to jump across. My advice is to stay low, and don't hesitate. There are many other obstacles, but I think you should be surprised. Don't miss the next trip on February 10th!

Now, for Indoor Surfing. If you haven't signed up, talk to Josh! There might still be space left. One word to describe indoor surfing at Skyventure… AWESOME! Before you start, the instructors give you your surfboard and teach you how to surf. Then you start surfing! My advice is to JUST DO IT! It's so much fun. After surfing, you get to boogie board, and there is a contest to try to knock other people off and be the last one on your board. I did it three times! These trips are a blast – sign up today!

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.

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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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