



NAYRS NEWS

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Issue 11

Welcome... to NAYRS News, our newsletter written to keep you in the know about the happenings at the Youth Center! In this SPRING PROGRAMS edition, you can find everything you need to know about our spring events, programs, field trips, dances and more! The Youth Center's spring season starts on Monday, March 16th. You can look forward to many programs and events that will get us outside after a long winter! This issue of NAYRS News will provide a listing of all spring programs we will be offering, as well as an in-depth look at a few offerings that we are particularly excited about, reported on by our NAYRS News correspondents! Register for programs at the Front Desk. Online registration is also available for some of our programs. More information can be found on our website: www.nayouth.com!

Spring Program Listing

Weekly Programs

Improv Club – Tuesdays 3:00-4:00pm – Learn how to act and improvise on the spot! Each week is full of new games, activities and challenges! First meeting is March 24th!

Spring Volleyball League – Tuesdays 3:00-4:30pm – Sign up your team of 4 or 5 for our coed spring volleyball league! Games start on April 28th!

Weir Hill Wednesdays – Wednesdays 3:00-4:45pm – Get some exercise and hang out with friends! We will meet at the YC and walk to and up Weir Hill starting in April!

NAYRS News – Wednesdays 3:00-4:00pm – Our NAYRS News committee meets every Wednesday in the Conference Room at the Youth Center to plan our newsletter!

Street Hockey League – Wednesdays 3:00-5:00pm – Join our spring street hockey league! Games are played outside on Wednesday afternoons starting April 29th!

Black Knights Spring Basketball League – Wednesdays 5:00-9:00pm – Join our 3 vs. 3 spring league for high schoolers! Games start Wednesday, April 8th.

DIY Summer Styles – Thursdays 3:00-4:30pm – Want to be a trendsetter this summer? We will make some amazing summer styles ourselves!

YC Green Team – Thursdays 3:00-4:00pm - Join this Youth Center community service team that works on green projects around the Youth Center.

3 on 3 Pickup Basketball – Thursdays 3:00-5:00pm - Back by popular demand! Games are played Thursdays and teams are changed up each week.

Keep reading for spring field trips, dances and special events!



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Special Events

March Madness – Tuesday, March 17th - Join the madness! Fill out your NCAA March Madness bracket at the Youth Center on Tuesday, March 17th and compete against fellow YC members and staff!

Friday Night Flicks – Select Fridays - Members can join us one Friday night a month for a movie on the big projection screen in the gym! First movie showing: Friday, March 20th at 5:30pm.

Boomshaka Performance – Friday, March 27th - Northwestern University's premier drum, dance and rhythm ensemble will be coming to put on a performance on Friday, March 27th from 3:00-3:30 in the Multi Purpose Room.

Spring Video Game Tournaments – Select Mondays - Compete in our spring video game tournaments on select Mondays in the computer room! Madden on 3/30, FIFA on 4/13, NBA2K on 5/18, and NHL on 6/8.

Shooting for a Cure – Wednesday, April 8th - North Andover vs. Cystic Fibrosis! North Andover's first annual 3 on 3 Middle School basketball tournament to support the fight against CF! Sign up your team of 3 or 4 middle school boys or girls.

Real School of Music – Friday, April 10th - A group from this music school will bring instruments for students to try, as well as letting us karaoke to our favorite songs! Friday, April 10th from 3:00-4:00 in the Multi Purpose Room!

4 vs. 4 Volleyball Tournament – Wednesday, April 15th - This one day tournament at the YC benefits the Helping Hands Relay for Life Team, and the American Cancer Society! Register your team of 4!

The Bridge – Monday, May 11th & Saturday, May 16th - We want to bridge the gap, and ease the transition for 5th graders entering NAMS and 8th graders entering NAHS. 5th graders and 8th graders are invited to our Bridge events. Each group involves an information session and a chance for Q&A with a group of older students. More information on the next page!

World Cup – Monday, June 15th - Sign up your team of 2 for the World Cup soccer tournament in June at the Youth Center!

Spring 4 vs. 4 Soccer Tournament – Thursday, June 18th - Make your team of 4 or 5 for our annual soccer tournament outside at the Youth Center this June. Teams will be competing in two divisions (5th & 6th Grade, 7th & 8th Grade).

Field Trips

Indoor Surfing – Wednesday, April 15th 1:15-5:00pm – Surf's Up! Join us on a trip to SkyventureNH for indoor surfing! Trip cost is \$45, and space is limited to 13 middle school boys & girls.

Ropes Course – Wednesday, June 3rd 1:10-5:30pm – Join us for a trip to North Andover Youth & Recreation Services' High Ropes Course! Cost is \$20, and space is limited to 9 middle school boys & girls.

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The Bridge

Written by: Jason Kenneally

The Bridge is a brand new program being run this spring by Demi and Molly at the Youth Center. The Bridge is a series of events meant to “bridge the gap” between students in different grades. The main focus of the events is to ease the transition for 5th graders entering NAMS and 8th graders entering NAHS. It will not only act as a chance for students to interact with others outside their grade, but to ease any nerves and help them prepare for what to expect at a new school, from kids who have already gone through the same experience.



5th graders and 8th graders are invited to our Bridge events: Monday, May 11th for 8th graders and Saturday, May 16th for 5th graders. Each group involves an information session and a chance for questions and answers with a great group of older students familiar with NAMS, NAHS and the Youth Center! These events will take place in the Multi Purpose Room at the Youth Center, and are free of charge. Parents of students in 5th or 8th grade looking to sign up, can register at the Front Desk, and can contact Demi at dtetrault@nayouth.com with any questions about the program.

DIY Summer Style

Written by: Jazlyn Moreno

Attention all fashionistas! I am excited to announce that on April 2nd there will be a great new spring program called DIY Summer Style! This new program is fun, creative, unique and is for girls only... No boys allowed! The program is 5 weeks long, and will give girls a chance to make their own clothing and accessories for Summer 2015! For only \$40 for supplies, you can be a trendsetter this summer! There are only 10 spots available (Well, 9... because I am surely going to sign up right away!) This is perfect for any girl who wants to make something fashionable for summer! The program will take place on Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 at the Youth Center. See you there!



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Spring! Finally.

Written by: **Dominic Naggar**

As the winter events draw to a close and the snow melts, the spring at the Youth Center is packed with new activities. But before we get into that, I'll tell you about the end of the winter programs, and the conclusion of the Tournament of Champions.

Tuesday 3/17 will be the final Tournament of Champions activity, the long awaited Slam Dunk Competition. Only one will be crowned champion, and Josh has a prize in store for him or her.

As soon as the last Tournament of Champions event comes to a close, the spring programs take action, and there are plenty of fun activities in store. One of the new activities is the Shooting for a Cure basketball tournament for Cystic Fibrosis, which will take place in the gym and outside (weather permitting). Another exciting new activity is the Improv Club. You might have heard of it if you have siblings at NAHS, since they do it too! The president of NAHS's Improv Club will be leading a middle school Improv group here at the Youth Center – it's like an acting class, and will take place in the Multi Purpose Room on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:00.

That's not all for spring activities! The 3 vs. 3 soccer tournament returns from the fall, along with the World Cup tournament. The Youth Center is going indoor surfing again, the Green Team is back, and the Black Knights High School League is at it again! 3 vs. 3 Pickup Basketball will be played every Thursday – sometimes you can pick your own team, some days names will be picked from a hat, you could be sorted by birthday, alphabetically, et cetera! Street Hockey will also be big this spring, played on Wednesdays on the outdoor court beginning at the end of next month! There are so many options for fun this spring; if I were to list every spring program, this article would be as thick as a Harry Potter book!

New activities, and old favorites. The winter has been fun, despite all the snow, but I for one think that spring will be even better. Sign up for some of these activities, win prizes, raise money for good causes, and have fun! Spring! Finally. Enough snow already.

WORLD CUP **SHOOTING FOR A CURE**
IMPROV CLUB **FOR A CURE**
STREET HOCKEY LEAGUE

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Friday Night Flicks

There's not a dance this Friday night, but you can still have fun at the Youth Center! We will be showing *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay (Part 1)* at the Youth Center for members this Friday night! It will be playing in the gym on our big screen from 5:30-7:30pm! Gather your friends and come to the YC (or if you're already here Friday afternoon... stay for a while!)



TEENCO Dances

If you are a middle school student living in North Andover, you know there's no better way to spend your Friday nights than a TEENCO Dance! So far this school year we have had some amazing theme dances, like Boston Sports and St. Patrick's Day, and what 8th grader can forget the Dress-Up Dance?! Dances are open to North Andover residents. 6th grade dances are from 7:00-9:30 and cost \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members, and 7th & 8th grade dances are from 7:30-10:30 and cost \$7 for members and \$12 for non-members. Don't miss the next 6th grade dance on Friday, April 3rd and 7th & 8th grade dance on Friday, April



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