



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 spring & summer programs, Stevens Pond, The Bridge, Youth Appreciation, and many other programs. Sign up for our spring & summer programs at the Front Desk or visit our website to register online!

Summer Programs

The North Andover Youth Center is excited to bring a variety of activities to the youth of North Andover for Summer 2015! Find information below on Summer Fun, Sports & Rec, Stevens Pond, Common Shows, and other fun activities! We accept registration forms at the front desk of the Youth Center, and online registration is available. Visit our website for more information! Register for Summer Fun by June 1st to take advantage of early bird pricing! Register for our one week and one day trips soon as there are limited spots available!

Playground Programs

Summer Fun Atkinson (Grades K, 1 & 2)
Summer Fun Drummond (Grades 3, 4 & 5)
Sports & Rec (Middle School Boys & Girls)

Weekly Programs

Summer League Basketball (MS Boys & Girls)
Summer League Basketball (HS Boys)

One Week Programs

Girls Week 2 (MS Girls) – 8/3-8/7
Food Week (MS Boys & Girls) – 8/11-8/14

One Day Trips (MS Boys & Girls)

Paddle Boarding – Monday 7/20
Zip Line – Monday 8/10
Parasailing – Monday 8/17
Monkey Trunks – Wednesday 8/19
White Water Rafting – Friday 8/21



Sold Out: Maine Overnight, Knight Work, Adventure Week, Boys Week 1, Girls Week 1, Boys Week 2

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Spring at the Youth Center

Written by: **Dominic Naggar**

Spring. Not as good as summer, but better than winter. Though, personally, I think it's one of the best times to be at the North Andover Youth Center.

I've recently written an article or two about all the spring activities at the Youth Center, but activities aren't the only things going on. Finally the fields are being put to good use. (Stay off the front grass!) The Youth Center seems to have an infinite supply of soccer balls, basketballs, and string to repair the tether balls, which have returned and are standing by the basketball hoop in front of the building.

As most Youth Center members know, Cow's Rock is open for the season again. Check it out! They redid the place over the winter, now complete with table and chairs and many more things to order. Just wanted to throw it out there that if it's one of those upcoming ninety-degree days, and you need to cool down, go get some ice cream. And--bonus!--on Fridays, the Youth Center sells slushes at the Grand Stand.

The biggest non-activity feature, I think, is the enormous field beside Drummond Playground. As long as there are no sports of other sorts occupying the fields, Youth Center members are welcome to bring a soccer ball over or use the volleyball court.

It's hard to put into words how awesome the Youth Center is during the spring. From cheap slushes to indoor surfing, they have everything! So check it out this spring. Also check in on my previous article about the summer activities if you need something to do this summer. Wow... there might only be two more NAYRS News issues. Make sure to read them, and more will come next year!



Spring Field Trips

We still have two field trips left for the spring season for our members, and they are on the first two early release days in June! A trip to our High Ropes Course on Wednesday, June 3rd and Indoor Surfing at Skyventure on Wednesday, June 10th! They both only have a few spots left. Look under "Field Trips" on the spring programs page of our website for the registration forms. Bring your form and payment to the Youth Center to sign up, or follow the link on our spring programs page to register online!

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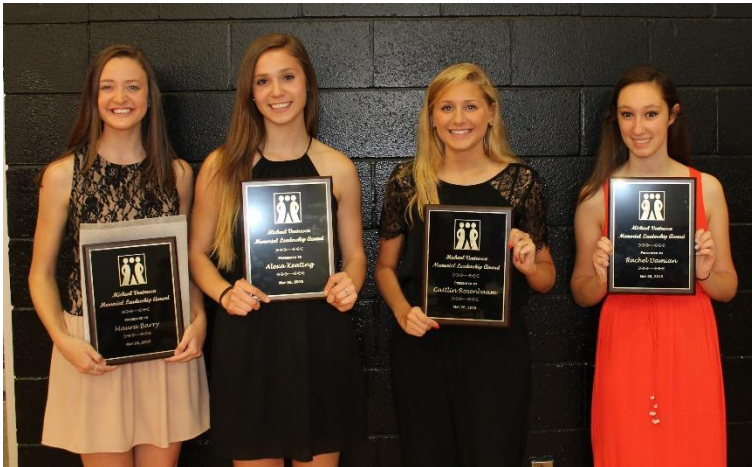
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Youth Appreciation Day

Our 26th annual Youth Appreciation Day was held at the Youth Center on Tuesday, May 26th. Youth Appreciation Day is an invite-only event for our middle school and high school members that volunteer for us throughout the year. These are volunteers that range from the dedicated participants of our high school leadership groups like Youth Council, Senior Youth Council and Helpings Hands, to our younger middle school volunteers who participate in Step Up, Teenco, Green Team. We also have many middle school members who show their volunteerism in their help around the Youth Center, from helping to shovel the ice rink in the winter, to sweeping the walkway in the spring.

At Youth Appreciation Day our middle school and high school volunteers listen to speeches from Rick Gorman and from our guest speaker Pete Concannon from NAHS, who spoke on the importance of volunteerism. We presented awards to some of our very dedicated volunteers, and presented some scholarship money from our JNHYC Inc. Board of Directors to 4 graduating seniors. After the presentation of awards, all of our guests received t-shirts and gifts, and were invited to stay for a cookout outside! We love celebrating the great work of our youth volunteers - we hope you all continue to give back to your community!



2015 Award Winners

Outstanding Service Awards: Olivia Robinson, Sydney Pensavalli, Eric Doherty, Sophia Regan, Maddie Shea, Tommy Holland, Taylor Chaff

NAYRS Staff Member of the Year: Alex Romano

Margaret Slater Award: Stephen Crowley

Norman Flanders Award: Cate Cheevers

Kelly Crimmins Award: Becca Barnes

Bruce Butterfield Memorial Award: Leah Willis

Bill McEvoy Award: Quinn Relihan

Joseph Walsh Award: Alyssa Dalton

Tim Roberts Memorial Award: Tarja Nelsen

Artie Drummond Award: Noah Saraceno

JNHYC, Inc. Scholarships: Nicholas Ceraso, Olivia Robinson, Jake Chaff, Maura Barry

Directors' Awards: Dan Cosmes & Aisha Valdez

Michael Ventresca Memorial Leadership Awards: Alexa Keating, Caitlin Rosenbaum, Maura Barry, Rachel Damian

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The Bridge

Written by: Jason Kenneally

The Bridge was an event for 5th graders that was held on Saturday, June 16th at the Youth Center. As a 7th grader, I had the privilege of speaking to the 5th graders at this event. It was amazing and there were a lot of kids there to learn about moving up to NAMS. We talked to them about topics like the layout of the building, where to go on the first day of school, what the schedule and homework load is like, Related Arts options, extra-curricular activities, and more. We also talked about becoming a Youth Center member, and the differences between being a 5th grader and a 6th grader at the Youth Center. The 5th graders had some great questions to ask the middle school speakers, and they were all answered. The debut of The Bridge was a success, and if it becomes a yearly event, I strongly recommend 5th graders to attend!

Stevens Pond

Season passes for Stevens Pond are now on sale at the Youth Center! Stevens Pond will be open from Monday, June 22nd through Sunday, August 23rd. Stevens Pond is a public beach located on Pleasant Street in North Andover, open for 9 weeks in the summer. The facility is open to North Andover residents only with the purchase of a season or day pass. Hours of operation are 9:30 – 7:00, seven days a week, rain or shine. Certified lifeguards are on duty at all times. Passes may be purchased at the Youth Center from Monday, May 4th - Friday, June 19th. Beginning Monday, June 22nd passes may be purchased at the pond. Proof of residency and auto registration are required at the time of purchase.

A season pass costs \$75 for a car, with additional stickers for the same family costing \$20 per car. Adult day passes are \$12 for guests of residents or residents without stickers. The pond also offers swimming lessons for children ages 4 and up, for \$50 per session! This summer the two 4-week sessions are from Monday to Thursday from June 29th – July 23rd and July 27th – August 20th. Sign up today!



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