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Dryden Youth Programs Youth Report

January 2021 Update from Dave

Student of the Month

Rayna!

Rayna has been coming to Primitive Pursuits each week since September. She always has a funny story to tell, love great conversation and is great fun!

Thanks Rayna!



Report from the Trenches

I am happy to report that programs are going well. It has become very apparent that being involved in enrichment programs outside of school has helped to serve a very important need. I, along with my co-workers in other towns across the county, have seen that the simple act of getting together, providing a safe place to socialize, meet new friends and try new things has taken on a somewhat new and vital meaning during the pandemic. I have had many parents comment to me how programming has been such a great help to their child.

I have still struggled to fill my programs this winter so my new permission form for February—March will be open to include 3rd grade and up.

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Dryden Lake Explorers—

Mondays at Dryden Lake - 3-6p.m.

December 7th—January 25th

5 Participants (3 Boys/2 Girls)

ADA: 4, Life Skills – Sharing & Self Esteem

Each week at Dryden Lake is a new adventure. Most recently we have explored south on the trail and dis-covered a new family of beaver and simply en-joyed being outside with each other.

Dog Training —

Tuesdays at 4H Acres from 4-6pm

December 8th—February 9th

8 Participants (4 Girls/4 Boys) ADA: 8

Life Skills – Mastery & Marketable Skills

Dog Training continues to be a big hit! Our trainers from the Ithaca Dog Training Club expand on what we learned on the previous week. Most recently, dogs and their owners, have started to delve into agility training. Youth have been working with their dogs to teach them how to jump over a short obstacle as well as walk through a tunnel. Youth have learned that every dog is different and learns in their own way and at their own pace. Abby and Kiko are great at working directly with each student so that they can get the most out of each session.



Primitive Pursuits—

Wednesdays from 1-6 p.m. at 4H Acres

December 2nd—January 27th

6 Participants (4 Girls/2 Boys) ADA:6

Life Skills: Mastery & Critical Thinking

Primitive Pursuits continues! We have been working on improving the lean-to at 4-H Acres with side walls and a fire reflector. Students have created an ember by friction, learned to carry a coal and crated fire with the resources around them. The group has also made shelters from snow and is currently splitting planks from a fallen aspen tree.



Games and Challenges

Fridays from 3-6 p.m. at 4H Acres

January—8th—29th

4 Participants (2 Girls/2 Boys) ADA:4

Life Skills: Teamwork, Sharing



This program is going so well. Each week we learn new games, share ideas and work out the kinks to make challenges and games clearer and more fair. Our new favorite game is Gaga ball. This incredibly fun and active game requires a 'pit' and a soft ball. The pit is basically an enclosed area. We made ours with the walls of the pole barn at 4-H Acres and some portable livestock panels. Basically, everyone gets in the pit, then it's everyone for him/herself; if the ball touches you below the knee, you're out. The last one in the pit wins.

Registration Link for February—March Programming:

<https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/RYS> Online Regist Feb 2021 Mar 250

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