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Dryden Youth Programs Youth Report

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Students of the Month

LIAM!

Liam has been part of Dryden Youth Programs since this past winter. He loves getting his hands involved in projects such as primitive fire making as well tool construction. Liam loves a good “Dad” joke and always has a fun story to share.



Thanks Liam!

Report from the Trenches

Spring programming is wrapping up. I am happy to report that programs are going strong and that beyond finding a place to experience and learn new things, Dryden Youth find RYS programming to be a place that offers a bit of calm and peace during these challenging times.

My summer program flyer has been sent out to the masses. Several programs are already full.

Happy Spring!



The early days of
Dryden Youth
Programs...

Dryden Lake Explorers—

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

April 5th—June 14th

9 Participants (7 Boys/2 Girls)

ADA: 8, Life Skills – Mastery & Social Skills

Dryden Lake Explorers continues to be very popular. We have been playing Frisbee games such as Ultimate. We have been exploring the wetlands as we hike south on the rail trail. The eagles are almost always spotted, along with water snakes turtles and even a few pickerel.



Backyard Gardening

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

Tuesdays June 1—June 15

6 Participants (5 Girls/1 boys)

ADA: 5

Life Skills – Self Responsibility & Goal Setting

Backyard Gardeners were able to prep soil and bring home planted peat pots ready to go in the ground. Participants planted squash, carrots, beans, cucumbers and onions. We talked about gardening as most people know it and the compared it to hugelkulture, which is a no dig method popular in Germany. Using this method we planted some gourds at 4-H Acres that will be utilized by my Primitive Pursuits program. We plan on making shiitake mushroom logs at our final meeting.



Primitive Pursuits—Session 2 Wednesdays

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

May 26th—June 16th

11 Participants (5 Girls/5 Boys) ADA: 10

Life Skills: Mastery & Critical Thinking Session 2 of Primitive Pursuits is up and going.



Session 2 of Primitive Pursuits is up and going. Newer participants are coached by seasoned students on the finer points of friction fire. We are expanding our skill set as we learn and experiment with primitive pottery, the leaf crib and the Celtic Fire System.



Nature Crafts

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

Thursdays May 27—June 17

8 Participants (4 Girls/4 Boys) ADA:7

Life Skills: Mastery & Problem Solving



Nature Crafts has been going very well. We made natural crayons using Knot weed tubes. We have also been using spruce glue to make flint knives. We have drilled holes in lake stone to create pendants and then twined our own cord from tree bark.



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Hiking at Monkey Run

Friday at 4-H Acres

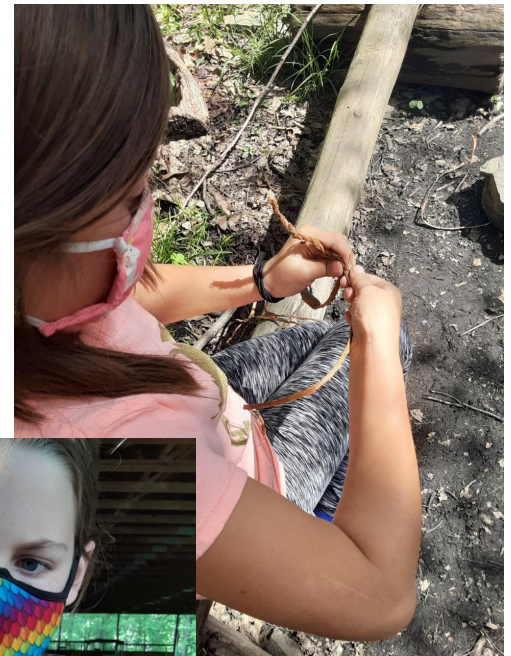
May 25th—June 18th

5 Participants (3 Boys/2 Girls)

ADA: 4, Life Skills – Healthy Habits & Leadership

We have been getting some great exercise as we explore the maze of trails at Monkey Run. This is an amazing Cornell Reserve that borders 4-H Acres. The group has been working on gear selection, safe travel skills and map reading.

More Nature Crafts Pictures



Summer Registration Address

https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=DrydenSummer2021_250