

*The Dryden Recreation and Youth Commission Proudly Presents*

# **Dryden Youth Services**

## **Spring 2024 Programs**

Hello Dryden Families! Welcome to the Spring 2024 information sheet for Middle and High School aged students in the Town of Dryden. All programs will meet at the "Lion" in the Dryden Middle School Lobby directly after the 2:20 dismissal. Please note that for programs with field trips, your child may have to make a choice between participating in tutoring or a club during Activity Period which takes place from 2:30 - 3:00 PM because we will be leaving at 2:30 for the afternoon trip. Programs run until 5:30 PM for students who are not taking the late bus and will be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Please Note - Some programs are inside. For programs that take place outside it is vital that your child comes prepared with proper clothing and their own water for the afternoon. Students who are not prepared will be sent home on the bus. Everyone should bring a water bottle.

Dave Hall will contact families to confirm which program their child is officially registered for. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at dh67@cornell.edu or at (607) 592-5314.

Thanks, Dave Hall, Dryden Youth Programs, Cornell Cooperative Extension, 615 Willow Ave, Ithaca, NY 14850

**Indoor Crafts**—Wednesdays 4/10—4/24 Come make cool and functional items with leather, clay, fiber and stone. Participants are free to be creative as we make items of artistry and function.

**Iron Chef**—Thursdays 4/11—4/25 Teams compete against each other in this friendly cooking competition program. Teams are judged on teamwork, cleanliness, presentation and taste.

**Primitive Pursuits**—Mondays 4/15—6/17. Please note that this program will not meet on 4/29, Primitive Pursuits introduces participants to ancestral living and survival skills. Participants can look forward to learning friction fire, shelter building, water procurement and essential crafts.

**Camping 101**—Tuesdays 4/16—4/30. Have you ever wanted to learn how to be a camper? Come learn how to travel lightly, cook over a camp stove, navigate, hang a bear bag and more!

**High School Iron Chef**—Thursdays 5/2—5/23. This cooking program is for Dryden High School aged students. Let's have fun cooking together, having a friendly competition and eating! What could be better! PLEASE NOTE - This program will not meet on Thursday May 16th.

**Bird Brains**—Tuesdays 5/7—5/28. Bird Brains introduces students to the amazing world of birding. Learn how to understand what birds are saying through their language and behavior. Students can look forward to a field trip on Monday May 27th in which we will travel to Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. This field trip will meet at 8:30 Am at the Dryden Middle School entrance. We will be back to school at 4:00 pm for pick-up. Students should dress for the weather, bring lunch and water. PLEASE NOTE - This program will not meet on Tuesday May 14th.

**Wild Spaces, Cool Places**— Wednesdays 5/22—6/19 This field based program will take participants to many of our local parks and nature reserves. On June 19th, we will have a full day field trip to Labrador Hollow Unique Area near Tully. Students should meet at the Dryden Middle School entrance at 8:30 a.m. We will be back for pick-up at 4:00 p.m. Everyone should dress for the weather, bring lunch and water.

**Games and Challenges**—Tuesdays 6/4—6/18— Participants can look forward to fun active group challenges, frisbee golf and quieter games (when we need a rest). Participants need to bring a water bottle and be dressed to be outside.

**Outdoor Cooking**—Thursdays 6/6—6/20 - Come learn to cook over the open flame using the Dutch oven. Students can look forward to making pizza, cakes and more!

**Please use the below web address or QR Code to get you to our online registration form.**

<https://bit.ly/Drydenrys>

