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AYP CONNECT

Armory Youth Project Newsletter

Welcome to AYP Connect. AYP Connect is the Armory Youth Project's newsletter to connect the community with updates and the latest happenings at the Armory Youth Project (AYP).

The AYP provides free year-round programming and meals for youth in grades 6-12.

Our mission is to provide a safe place where young people can build community and be encouraged in their educational, physical, emotional, and Christian spiritual development.

SPRING BREAK

MARCH 31 - APRIL 4

The AYP will collaborate with community partners to provide a variety of youth programming for youth in grades 6-12 over Spring Break! AYP will open March 31 - April 4 from 1 pm - 6 pm with daily open gym, meals, and special programming.

Here is a sneak peek at the Spring Break programming!

- March 31 - Round Robin Pickleball Tournament
- April 1 - April Fools' Pool Party
- April 2 - Spirit of the Woods Garden Club Crafts
- April 3 - Little Manistee Weir Field Trip
- April 4 - Nature Journaling & River Walk Tour

Visit the armoryyouthproject.com for details coming soon!

AYP HOURS

M-F Office 10 am-6 pm
 M-TH Program 2:30 pm-6 pm
 Friday Program 1 pm-6 pm
 Daily recreation and workshops!

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- March - Spring Break
- April - Career Month
- May - 5th Grade Orientation
- June - Summer Kick Off and Day Camps Start
- July - Manistee Arts & Crafts Show

SUPPORT SHOUT OUT!

Thank you Munson Healthcare, House of Flavors, and Hampton Inn for supporting the youth of Manistee County!



www.armoryyouthproject.com/donate

AYP MYTHS & LEGENDS

AYP HOSTED ITS FIRST MYTHS AND LEGENDS COMPETITION IN FEBRUARY. OVER 30 STUDENTS & VOLUNTEERS JOINED BACKSTAGE HOBBIES & GAMES FOR LIVE ACTION ROLE-PLAYING INCLUDING FOAM SWORD FIGHTING, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON HONOR AND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.

JOSH (AYP STUDENT) QUOTES: "THIS IS THE MOST FUN I'VE HAD ALL YEAR."

NEXT CLASS IS MARCH 11 @ 3 PM.



APRIL IS CAREER MONTH

GET INVOLVED.

AYP is working with community partners to provide a month of career spotlight field trips, job readiness classes, speed interviews and a community job fair.

All Manistee Area 10th and 11th grade students are invited to a readiness class through their school. Youth will spend the day learning resume building, work ethics, interviewing, social media impact and more.

AYP will host speed interviewing on April 25 and a community job fair on April 26. Local business will soon be invited to participate.

For more information contact Janice at director@armoryyouthproject.com



The Discover You theme for February is: **KINDNESS**

The AYP will implement lessons on kindness including:

- Social Media Kindness Campaign
- Kindness Candy Grams

LEARN MORE ABOUT DISCOVER YOU AT WWW.ARMORYYOUTHPROJECT.COM

STAFF SPOTLIGHT!

The AYP is pleased to announce Sarah Nichols as the new Program Manager.

In this role, Sarah is responsible for program development and planning, aligning our efforts to include evidence-based programming from Discover You's proven curriculum. She is also responsible for recruiting instructors to help teach the programs and volunteers to engage with our students.

Congratulations Sarah!



Young Life's mission is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith.

WYLD LIFE CLUB
THE BEST NIGHT OF THE WEEK!
When: Monday Nights
Time: 5:30 p.m.