

So Long Summer!!

Thanks to all of the donors who helped make our Summer Field Trip Program so much fun. Here's a recap of where we went and what we did

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Great day at the Milwaukee Zoo

Mikala playing mini-golf

Nicole learning to wakeboard

Caving adventure at Ledgeview Nature Center

Ricky excited about Mt. Olympus

Learning history at the Railroad Museum

Anthony, Tony & Tristain meeting a legend

Top of the tower at High Cliff

GEMS

Youth Go's G.E.M.S. (Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully) Girl's Peer Discussion Group is almost done with its summer session at Youth Go. We would like to thank The Women's Fund of the Fox Valley for awarding Youth Go with a \$2000 grant to help fund this program. For this four month session, G.E.M.S. has partnered with Girl Scouts, Menasha High School Counseling program, and Mercy Medical to provide education and information to our girls about nutrition, leadership, safety, and goal setting. This session of G.E.M.S runs from June-September every Wednesday night from 5:30-6:30pm. We have had 15 unduplicated participants involved in G.E.M.S this session, which is an increase from our numbers last year!

Sound interesting? Well, you can still join us. Any female youth who is in the 5th-12th grade is welcome. During the month of September we will be talking about safety in our community. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Meredith Imler at 920-722-1435 or email her at meredith-youthgo@new.rr.com.

Homework Help Available during the Upcoming School Year

With the end of summer comes the start of the school year. We just wanted to remind all of the students of the no-cost homework help opportunities that are offered by Youth Go. Youth Go offers **Homework Club** at both the Neenah Middle Schools (at Shattuck on Tuesdays and Horace Mann on Thursdays). Middle school students can find David and Jackie set up from 3:15pm-5pm ready to help you with your homework!

Our **Study Stars** program takes place at the Youth Go Center for grades 5-8 every Monday & Wednesday.

High School students can take advantage of our **Homework Lab** hours every Monday-Thursday evenings beginning at 6:00PM at Youth Go and also every Thursday from 3:30PM-6:00PM.

All of these programs are free of charge! We want to help you get started off on the right foot this school year! For further information on any of these tutoring services and programs please contact David Yang at (920) 722-1435 or via email at david-youthgo@new.rr.com.

Like to volunteer? Need community service hours?

We can help! Youth Go offers opportunities to help out in the community through our Community Service Club.

In the past few years we have helped at a number of area organizations to lend a hand and provide youth with a chance to volunteer.

If you are interested in getting involved in your community, gaining volunteer experience and helping others, Youth Go's Community Service Club might be for you!

Contact Dale at 722-1435 or dale-youthgo@new.rr.com to learn more, obtain a permission slip, or to sign up!

Young Adults Group is still going strong!

There is a huge gap in programs and services for young adults in this area. So much support is provided for youth and teens as they make the journey through the education system and once they graduate and are handed their diploma, many doors are closed behind them. There are not many options for programs, a sense of community or support until someone makes a mistake or gets into some sort of trouble.

In response to the desire for continued support combined with lack of other opportunities, Youth Go's Young Adults Group began in August of 2009. Young Adults Group meets the second Sunday of the month is for 18-22 year olds. The group was created to allow graduated and former participants to stay connected to Youth Go, receive life skill education, learn about ways to get involved in their community, and have some fun.

Through our monthly meetings Youth Go hopes to provide a safe and alcohol free environment where young adults can come for both peer and older adult support, a sense of community, and guidance. The first part of the evening is for recreation and socialization. The group will then sit down to share a nutritious, home-cooked meal together. During the meal there is time to talk and to build friendships. At some meetings, ice breakers are facilitated to get the group acquainted and comfortable with each other. After the meal is finished the young adults gather for the planned presentations. Presentations have included Rental Smarts – living on my own, Safe Credit, Job Applications – answering the tough questions, Smart Shopping, and Healthy Relationships.

If you are interested in joining us for Young Adults Group or would like to learn more, contact Kelly(kellyhicks-youthgo@new.rr.com) or Alice(alicez-youthgo@new.rr.com) at 722-1435.

Some of our no-cost programs available to youth due to the generous support of our donors:

- *G.E.M.S.*
 - *Tutoring programs for High School and Middle School*
 - *Community Service Club*
 - *Young Adults Group*
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We would like to thank the Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Theda Clark Smith Family Foundation, Kohl's, and the Roundy's Foundation for the generous grants that we received from them during the summer. We would also like to thank the Volunteer Center of East Central

Wisconsin for providing us the opportunity to once again take part in the Human Race and to HuHot Mongolian Grill for selecting us to partner with them through their "Making Community Impacts Program".

We sincerely thank all our donors for their support



Badges for Baseball

We had another successful summer with the Badges for Baseball program in 2011. Jackie, Josh, and Timothy had quite a bit of fun working with the kids in Menasha and Neenah during the past three months. We saw a lot of improvement week to week - which was the direct result of hard on the part of those who took part in the program. The hard work paid off, in particular, for Mickayla Cruz, Emma Gordon, Dan Rosenbaum, Dylan Scherer, and Zack VanLandghen who were chosen to represent Youth Go at the "End of Summer" camp in Maryland. I would like to thank Officers Chris Groeschel, Jason Feucht, and Scott Blashka from Menasha and Jeremy Bauman and Pat Pedersen from Neenah for taking time out of their busy schedules to help us make this program a success once again. Also, a big thank you to the fine people at the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation for giving us the opportunity to offer this wonderful program to the youth in this community for a second straight year.



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Youth Go will be closed:

- Monday, September 5th for Labor Day
- Wednesday, September 28th for "The Hallows" Dress Rehearsal
- Friday, September 30th for "The Hallows"
- Thursday, October 6th for "Neenah's Most Haunted" Dress Rehearsal
- Friday, October 7th, Friday, October 14th, Friday, October 21st, Thursday, October 27th, and Friday, October 28th for "Neenah's Most Haunted."



Youth Go's Thanksgiving Family Night will be
Thursday, November 17th from 6pm-8:30pm

See the insert for Haunted House times and dates