

Community Youth Center

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February, 2017 Newsletter

First and foremost, thank you to all parents and caregivers for participating in our Community Youth Center, CYC. We love working with your children and they truly bring joy to our lives!

Thank you for providing extra slippers and/or shoes for your children to change into when they come to the center. We have not had any incidents involving barefeet, or wet feet during the month of January! Yay! Also, thank you for paying your membership fees. If we were not able to pay last month, than our administrative assistant may have sent you a bill. If you have any questions about your bill, then please do not hesitate to ask.

Community Youth Center, CYC



Many of our parents and caregivers have been asking questions regarding the changes to our center now that we are not chartered with the Boys and Girls Club of America. Some answers are provided below, but please do not hesitate to ask questions.

- Our hours will stay the same.
- We will continue to offer snacks and dinner.
- Our policies and procedures will stay the same.
- We are working on providing scholarships for families, which will be based on the federal poverty guidelines.
- We plan on relocating to a larger facility so we can accommodate the growth of our members.

The decision to discontinue our charter with the Boys and Girls Club will be beneficial to Anaconda families. We are working on registering with the state as an after school program, which will help provide assistance with membership fees. We will also be able to provide some after hour mentoring clubs for children who want to attend. We can be more flexible with several unique issues that Anaconda families face, and we can tailor our services for our community. Thank you for being involved in our goal to provide youth development care for children, and also bring some relief to the working parents in Anaconda.

Classes offered at the CYC

The classes mentioned in the January's newsletter continue to prosper at the club. Janie continues to teach *Sewing with Janie* on Mondays and Tuesdays until 5:30. If your child is involved in sewing, please feel free to pick them up after 5:30 so they can enjoy Janie's class; if that works for you of course.

Photography and Videography class with Dan continues to be a working progress. Many



children took video footage of the ice skating party last month, and Dan is teaching the children production elements, and showing them how to edit the film. *Art with Gina* continues, but not as often as last month. Although Gina's class

can be informative and fun, we continue to offer arts

and crafts classes almost every day. We provide jewelry making projects, face painting, holiday crafts, wood working and model making, etc.

Upcoming Classes and Projects

- We are planning two baking classes with Deb Cuny and Chris Leipheimer.
- We are planning a cross country ski class with Dan Counter.
- We have several science projects and classes on the schedule this month.
- Sara Morris plans to provide a girls club mentoring group on Wednesday evenings from 6pm – 7pm.
- Dan Counter plans to provide a boys club mentoring group on Monday evenings from 6pm – 7pm.



If your child wants to attend one of the mentoring groups mentioned above, please ask any staff member for a mentoring form and simply fill it out.

Parenting the Love and Logic Way

Rose Kellegher and Michelle Michelotti teach the class, *Parenting the Love and Logic Way*. Rose is the counselor for Lincoln School, and Michelle is affiliated with our school district. This class is designed to give parents immediate practical skills for parenting, and it is free for our district, and only \$8.00 for parents out of our district. They offer this class at the Community Youth Center (CYC) on Wednesday morning at 12:00 – 1:30 pm, and at the Lincoln School Library on Monday at 6:00 – 7:30 pm. If you are interested in joining this class, information is readily available at the CYC.

Requests from Parents

If your child has any allergies and/or health and medical concerns, please provide the CYC with the appropriate documents so we can provide the best care for your child while they are at the center.

Please notify Gina or Deb if you do not want your child to be photographed, filmed, and/or have their picture on our website or facebook page. We post pictures of the children engaging in activities and some of our children participate in the *Photography and Videography* class, which may be posted online.

February Schedule

February 3rd – Friday Funday! Face Painting, Bingo, and snacks.

February 10th – Crafting our Valentine’s Day Boxes for Friday Funday!

February 14th – Valentine’s Day Party! Treats, Music, Dancing, and Passing out Valentines! We will have a contest and prize for the fanciest Valentine’s Day box.

February 16th – Cross Country Ski Day (may change due to weather, but we will notify parents if this date changes)

February 17th – Free Book Fair at the CYC! Friday Funday Show and Tell! Please bring your favorite toy, book, game, etc.

February 24th – Karaoke Dance Party for Friday Funday!

If you have any concerns, suggestions, or questions, please call 406-563-7972.