

Youth Services Newsletter – Fall/Spring 2015-16

Recent Youth Services Activities Highlight Various Programs

Youth Services has provided various program offerings to youth incorporating a variety of activities and events. The programming encompasses areas of Intergenerational Tutoring, babysitting courses, artist colonies courses, Job Bank, Home Alone classes, an e-Parenting series, the K-6 Children of Orange Library Art Exhibit, High School volunteers opportunities, an Incoming 7th grade Super Raffle Bingo Spot Shop and orientation event, Youth Advisory Board and more. The newsletter highlights some of these activities.



Pictured is a recent babysitting class. Instructor was Mickey Reid.

Babysitting Courses Help Students to Learn the Basics of Child Caring

Youth Services holds regular babysitting classes for Orange youth between the ages of 12-14 years. The courses are held during the December and April school vacation periods. Parents need to pre-register their child for the course. The course instruction is provided by Youth Services as well a First Aid certification portion which is provided by Mickey Reid, instructor. There is a minimal cost for the program. The course materials cover a wide range of information how to address the child's needs, safety measures, pre-visits, medical concerns, and emergency first aid techniques. Space is limited. (more)



Artist Colony students shown with art instructor Audrey Galer.

Artist Colony Classes Teach Students the Finer Points of Art

Two Artist Colony classes are held yearly during students' vacations. One class gives instruction for Watercolors and another for Drawing. The course, which is detailed and works with students collectively as well as on a one-to-one basis, is provided for Middle school students who want to improve their artistic abilities and create a work of art in the process. There is no cost for the classes. All materials, lunch, and professional instruction are provided. Class size is limited to 12 students per class. Classes are held during December and April vacations.

Area Residents Need Jobs Help? Youth Services Job Bank Can Assist

The Orange Youth Services Job Bank provides a service of pre-screened students, ages 13-16, who can be employed by area residents to do a large variety of jobs such as yard work, garden help, attics/basements, raking, snow shoveling, small painting, party helper, tutoring, clerical assistance, mother's helper...and more. The program provides area residents with a Job Bank student/parent connection to assist with a successful jobs match. For further information, please call John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at 203-891-4785. (More)



Incoming seventh grade students enjoyed a Super Raffle Bingo and orientation by Youth Services events last year.

Super Raffle Bingo and Orientation Event To Be Held For Incoming Seventh Grade Students During Summer Vacation

Youth Services will again have its *Incoming 7th Grade Raffle Bingo and Pizza Orientation Party* for Orange incoming 7th grade students who graduated in June, this August at the High Plains Community Center's Cafeteria. Students filled the cafeteria and received pizza, prize raffles bingo, games room activities, and Youth Services programs orientation. Prizes were donated by area merchants. Parent chaperones also attended the event. The event made possible by a grant from the Orange Foundation Trust, U/A, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee

Youth Services Dances Offered to Orange 7th and 8th Grade Students

Youth Services offers Orange 7th and 8th grade students dances that provide a safe, socialization opportunity at the High Plains Community Center during various time of the school year. Provided are DJ, food, refreshments and raffle prizes. (more)



Some K-6 Children of Orange Art Exhibit Artists Pose.

Annual K-6 Children of Orange Art Exhibit Highlights Case Library Case Library Exhibit Room With Fine Art

The Annual Children of Orange K-6 Art Exhibit was held at Case Library honoring the art work of Orange youth in each of the Orange Elementary Schools. Students selected by their teachers created a work of art that would hang in the Case Library Exhibit room for a month. A reception was held and parents/family came to come see the art as well as enjoy a variety of food and refreshments donated by the parents. The exhibit was presented by the Art in the Library Committee, Youth Services, and the Orange Board of Education. This year's K-6 exhibit will be held in April. The reception will be held on April 7th from 5 to 7 pm. (more)



Home Alone classes for all three Elementary Schools were held teaching students the importance of safety and responsibility disciplines. Instructors were DARE Officer Michael Kosh and Deputy Fire Marshall James Vincent

Home Alone Classes Held For Elementary Schools Sixth-Grade Students

Youth Services, in conjunction with the Orange Fire Marshall's Office and Orange Police Department, recently held Home Alone courses for 25 sixth-grade students at each of the Elementary schools. The course covered how to handle various Home Alone issues such as fire prevention, safety measures, house security, safekeeping of keys and passwords, visitors, and more. Instructors were James Vincent, Deputy Fire Marshall and Michael Kosh, Orange Police DARE Officer. All students were given an informational packet to review with their parents.

Tutoring for Intergenerational Tutoring Program – One-To-One Learning

Orange Youth Services and Senior Services have combined to offer Orange students, grades 3-8, tutorial/homework help. Subjects being tutored are the following: Language Arts, Reading/comp., Writing skills, Math, and History. The group meets every Thursday from 3 to 5 pm at the Case Memorial Library. Tutoring time choices are in two sessions: 3:30 to 4:15 pm & 4:15 to 5:00 pm. Tutors work one-to-one with their students. The program has been very successful in providing an atmosphere of learning and has, in many cases, raised the grade levels of students. Interested parents can email Youth Services. Space is limited.

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Youth Services Volunteer Program Assists High School Students

Youth Services has assisted many Orange High School Students with opportunities to accumulate their quota of High School volunteering hours. Students have had opportunities through dances, summer prize raffle bingo/orientation, local Town events and more to participate with assisting the Town and organizations who may have specific needs for volunteer assistance.

(Information on the above listed programs can be obtained by contacting John Ulatowski, Youth Services Coordinator, at julatowski@orange-ct.gov or phone at 203-891-4785 Monday- Friday.)