

Upcoming Winter Events

Youth Go's Holiday Party

On Tuesday 12/20 from 6pm-8:30pm, all youth in grades 5-12 are invited to join us for delicious food, lots of fun, awesome activities and a visit from Santa Claus. Please RSVP by calling us at 722-1435. Santa is a busy guy so we volunteered to make the list and check it twice for him this year!

Winter Break Lock-In

The lock-in will start on Tuesday 12/27 at 5pm and end at 9:30am on Wednesday 12/28 for youth in 7th-12th grade. Youth in 5th and 6th grade are invited to come in their pajamas and join us from 5pm-10pm. Come hang out with Angie and James and some surprise volunteers for a night at Youth Go. Permission slips will be available at Youth Go and will be required for participation!

The Price is Right

Come on down to Youth Go on Thursday, December 27th at 7pm for another installment of "The Price is Right." Your host, Timothy is already hard at work putting together fun and challenging games, collecting amazing prizes and will be ready to help you walk away a big winner!

How can you help 2017 be the best year ever?

Can you believe it is almost 2017? All of us at Youth Go are ready to get the year started off right by continuing to offer incredible opportunities and meaningful programs to area youth. Have you ever thought about how you could help?



Advocate

Spread the word to others about Youth Go. Encourage families to visit to take a tour, talk about how much your child(ren) enjoy Youth Go, and share with others about the programs and activities that are offered here.

Donate

Obviously, as with any non-profit, donations help to support our efforts and make a huge impact as well. Currently we have the following items on our wish list:

- Toilet Paper
- Clorox Wipes
- Drink Mixes
- Snacks - granola bars, crackers, canned fruit, cereal, etc.
- Grocery store gift cards
- "Fun" gift cards to be used as incentives for our youth - coffee shops, fast food restaurants, theater gift cards, etc.





Many thanks for
an amazing
31st year.

As we wrap up another successful year of Youth Go's Haunted House, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the magnitude of this project and all of the people within our amazing community who came together to help make it all happen.

Thank you to the many customers who paid us a visit for "The Hallows," "Children's Day at the Haunted House," and "Neenah's Most Haunted." Thank you for spending your time, contributing your hard-earned dollars, and supporting a local youth center by letting us try to entertain you.

Thank you to the community partners who stepped forward to provide sponsorships. Thank you for believing in the work and mission of Youth Go by supporting our Haunted House Events. Thank you to Miller Electric, Alta Hope, Neenah Foundry, Kohl's, FNB-Fox Valley, US Venture, Johnson Bank, Neenah-Menasha Kiwanis Club, Hallman Lindsay Paints, Todd's Painting, Joe Hupf, the Lyons Family, 103.9 WVBO, Krueger's True Value, Time Warner Cable Sports Channel, Wg, American-Wisconsin Fire Protection, Neenah Park and Rec, Card Concepts, Habitat for Humanity, Frito Lay, Culver's Neenah, Workshop in the Woods, Verve, Fleet Farm, Oshkosh Tattoo and Good Girl Piercing, Dave Mader State Farm, Cone Credit Union, Mark and Jean Pritzl, Barb and Dick Johnson, and Alan Andrews Innovation LLC.

Thank you to the generous businesses and individuals that helped provide dinner every night for our volunteer actors. Your kindness helped to give them the energy to work hard at scaring our customers! Many thanks to Westgor Funeral Home, FNB-Fox Valley, Cranky Pat's Pizza, Time Warner Cable Retail Store, Jimmy John's Neenah, Ground Round, Kathy VanderVelden, Cousin's Subs, Jeanne and Marie Ohlrogge, Old Grog, and Pizza Hut.

Thank you to the many volunteers who lent a hand volunteering throughout the course of the Haunted House season. Thank you for those that worked in the ticket booth, ran a carnival game or took a shift at a candy station for Haunted House, staffed the break room, worked security or acted in or outside of the Haunted House. We are grateful for the 117 youth who gave over 2800 volunteer hours this year. And special thanks to Sam Kling, Kyl Bikowski, Tyler Doire, Devin Sattler, Austin Konrad, Justin Brownson, Teresa Prouse, Tristain Prosper, Jacob Muthig, and Forest Whitney who continue to come back as adults and give to this project.

Finally, this project wouldn't be possible without the countless volunteer hours put in by some of the most "dead"icated volunteers around. Thank you to Mark Ellis, Jamie Brownson, Scott Loudermilk, Timothy Chappa, Neal Gadzinski, and Todd Purdy. Your willingness to put your time and talent into this project provides our young people with the foundation necessary to express their creativity, learn new things, develop teamwork skills, and ultimately, raise money for Youth Go.

What's coming up for SAFE Group

“Stand up for what is right, even if it means you are standing alone.”

Some may be asking, “What is SAFE group?” Well, SAFE is an LGBTQ+ support group for students 14 and up that meets on Thursday evenings at 8pm here at Youth Go. The acronym SAFE stands for Students Advocating for Equality. Over the summer Alice Zarda, who had been running the group for about 6 years, had passed the torch to me, Angie Mykel, Youth Go’s Program Assistant. Since the transition both Aubree, our current intern, and myself have been working together to run the group. At SAFE, you can find us talking about “highs and lows”, current events, working on team building activities, or maybe just debriefing from a hectic week by chatting about it. SAFE is inclusive to all young people, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, racial background and/or mental/physical abilities. If you are interested in learning more about advocacy for yourself and for your peers or just simply looking for a safe space to talk freely about how you are feeling, please come see what SAFE is all about!

In addition to the weekly group:

*We will be running a Safe Zone training on a Saturday in December, though we have not confirmed a date yet.

*In the spring, Aubree and Angie will be heading to the surrounding schools to talk to their GSA’s about our group and what we have to offer to their young people.

You can contact Angie for more info at angie@youthgo.org or by calling (920) 722-1435.

Did you Know?

Just a reminder of the many things that Youth Go has to offer our youth!

- We have a **washer and dryer** available for use at no cost to our youth participants. All they have to do is sign up on the calendar to reserve it for a day!
- Thanks to the generosity of the Secura Foundation, we have a **basic needs closet full of toiletries** available at any time for any youth. To access the closet, just ask any staff member.
- We have continued the **“Rides Home”** Program for our High School Program. On Monday-Thursday, the van leaves at approximately 9 pm to give rides home to youth who live in the City of Neenah or the City of Menasha. A transportation permission slip is required.

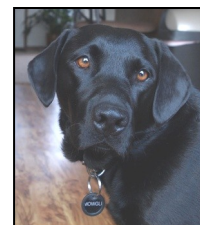
Welcome Joseph



Hello...My name is Joseph Quinnell and I am the new Education Program Coordinator at Youth Go! I lost my childhood to severe physical and psychological abuse, but survived and I was able to turn that dark experience into a force for good. I have dedicated my life to serving children and youth who are 'at risk' and I have put my passion into action for the past 15 years.

Before coming to Youth Go, I founded and served as the Executive Director of The Thailand Project, a Wisconsin based non-profit with a wide international reach. My decade long work combatting statelessness, child trafficking and exploitation resulted in the freeing of over 18,000 slaves. This effort has now been adopted by the United Nations and my wife Susan and I chose the Fox Cities to plant roots and work in our own backyard (From 2005 – 2014, I spent more than 1,800 days working in Southeast Asia). Since moving to the Fox Cities, Susan and I have served as Emergency Respite Care Providers and Foster Parents through Outagamie County. We also adopted a rescue dog, trained him and got him certified as a working Therapy Dog. His name is Mowgli and he is a big comfort to the children we serve both inside and outside our home.

Please stop by Youth Go and say, “Hello”. Mowgli the Therapy Dog and I look forward to meeting you. Cheers!



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Youth Go Dates to Remember



Thursday, December 1 – center closed for Haunted House celebration Event
Tuesday, December 20 – Youth Go Holiday Party 6-8:30 for all ages
Friday, December 23 – center closed
Monday, December 26 – center closed
Tuesday, December 27 – Lock-In (permission slip required)
Wednesday, December 28 - center open from 3-10 for all ages
Thursday, December 29 - open from 3-10 for all ages with The Price is
Right starting at 7pm
Friday, December 30 – center closed
Monday, January 2 – center closed