

## BACK TO SCHOOL 2023

Youth Go encourages teenagers to try new things, value personal strengths, and focus on healthy lifestyles.

# YOUTHgo

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# SEE WHAT'S NEW



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Monday - Thursday

3-5:30pm : Middle School Hours (5th-8th Gr)

6-9:30pm : High School Hours (8th-12th Gr)

### Friday

3-7:30pm : for 5th-12th Grades

## TRANSPORTATION

After school transportation will be Mon-Fri on regular school days for youth in 5th-8th grade who attend Neenah Middle School. The red Youth Go vans will be parked in the parking lot outside door number 3. Youth must be picked up from Youth Go by 5:30pm, Monday-Thursday and by 7:30pm on Fridays.

"Rides Home" from Youth Go will be available at 9pm, to youth in grades 8-12 who attend High School time and live within the cities of Neenah or Menasha, Monday-Thursday.

**\*\*An up-to-date Transportation Form must be on file at Youth Go for youth to partake in these services.**

## CENTER CLOSED DATES

No Transportation will be provided.

- SEPTEMBER 4TH, 28TH, 29TH
- OCTOBER 5TH, 6TH
- NOVEMBER 3RD, 22ND-24TH
- DECEMBER 22ND, 25TH-29TH
- JANUARY 1ST, 15TH, 26TH
- FEBRUARY 19TH
- MARCH 29TH
- APRIL 22ND
- MAY 27TH-31ST

## THE HALLOWS

- SEPTEMBER 29TH & 30TH
- OCTOBER 6TH & 7TH
- MEMORIAL PARK, NEENAH

**Tickets on sale 6:30pm-10pm  
(or until Sold Out!)**



# TUTORING PROGRAMS

## ***Middle School Grades 5-8***

Study Stars is our in-center, homework study period that occurs on every Monday-Thursday from 3-4:15pm. During this time youth will have access to a surplus of different school supplies and two staff members for help. If a youth takes part in this program they can earn rewards for being successful and completing their homework or other brain-teasing activities.



## ***High School Grades 9-12***

Our Education room is open and available each night for any youth that might need a quiet place to get their school work done. Staff are available to help youth in any way they can to reach their academic goals.

# OPEN DOORS PROGRAM

***Center will be open from 12pm-7:30pm.  
Pickup at Neenah Middle School at Noon.***

## **No rides home on these dates....**

October 27th	March 8th
November 2nd	March 22nd
January 12th	

To assist with the scheduled Early Release Days throughout the school year within the Neenah School District, we will continue to offer our Open Doors program. A current transportation permission slip is required for youth participating in the Open Doors programming.

\*We will only be offering adjusted hours on Early Release Days. The center will be closed on Professional Learning Days (no school days) so that Youth Go staff can utilize that time for trainings, staff development and center wide projects. We may need to make adjustments throughout the school year depending on attendance. We will do our best to communicate with parents when and if any changes are made.

\*Our plan is to serve meals (lunch, a snack and dinner on Early Release Days), provide guided recreation time, offer crafts, and watch movies.

\*This service is only for youth in grades 5-12.



Further Info: [www.youthgo.org](http://www.youthgo.org)





## BADGES FOR BASEBALL



There were parts of Badges for Baseball in the summer of 2023 that brought back memories of the years before the world changed in 2020. The number of participants who signed up for the program in Menasha and Neenah reached 70, the highest combined total since 2019. I was able to bring three very deserving participants to the end of summer camp in Maryland – the first time since 2018. There were also elements of 2023 that set it apart from the previous 13 years. I had the help of 10 high school assistants; two of whom helped at both locations. There were 13 different law enforcement volunteers (from Fox Crossing, Menasha, and Neenah police departments) who spent parts of their Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and one Friday throughout the summer out on the field making a difference in the lives of these youth. Three adult volunteers also got acquainted with the kids from Menasha and Neenah, and shared their knowledge of baseball and life experiences. The Wisconsin Timber Rattlers maintained their consistent support of our program, and helped put a bow on the season with a visit from three current members of the roster. Let's see what 2024 can do to top what was a fantastic 2023. –Timothy

## FAMILY NIGHT

Our August Family Night at Riverside Park was a fun evening from beginning to end. The night began with a delicious meal cooked and served by volunteers from the Appleton Kiwanis Club for over 140 members of the Youth Go family. After dinner, nine different families got the call to "Come on Down" during the Family Night edition of The Price is Right, and there were some exciting wins. Elijah and his mom won \$125 in gift cards on Plinko. Noah and his mom walked away with a \$100 gift card after a roller coaster win on Lucky \$even. A personal highlight for me was Ayderik and his dad pulling off an incredible, well played victory on 10 Chances and went home with \$125 in gift cards. Jarran and his dad took home the big prize, a \$300 gift card, with their win in the showcase round. In total, I gave away \$1010 in gift cards and I want to thank everyone who had a hand in making this a special night!







# THE HALLOWS



We are beyond excited to offer "The Hallows," a haunted trail walk for 2023. The event will be offered on September 29th & 30th and, October 6th & 7th from 6:30-10pm in the woods of Memorial Park in Neenah. Tickets in 2023 will continue to be just \$5 per person. This event was an incredible success in 2022 as we welcomed over 1700 customers in our four open nights, we had 62 youth scareactors, and 15 past participants returned to volunteer.

We are excited to welcome back Community First Credit Union as our Presenting Sponsor, Miller Electric as our Ticket Sponsor, and Fox Valley CPAs, Morton Pharmacy LTC, and Galloway Company as Nightly Sponsors. We still have space for one more Nightly Sponsor – so please reach out if your company is interested!

Youth who are interested in helping act in the woods can find all the necessary information on the permission slip (click link below). Adult volunteers who want to help act in the woods, at our ticket booth, or as event security, can reach out to Timothy at [timothy@youthgo.org](mailto:timothy@youthgo.org). [Click for link to form.](#)

## LEADERSHIP EMPOWERMENT RETREAT



Youth Go's August youth leadership retreats were a lot of fun this year! We had some inward reflection and explored our creativity on Emma's Art Bus with yarn painting on Tuesday morning, and took some time to give back to our community by volunteering at Feeding America that afternoon. For day two, we learned how important it is to keep control of ourselves and our actions through the experience of horseback riding at Lucky Stables, and wrapped up an awesome two days at Plamann Park lake to swim and enjoy the inflatable water park! Among all of the cool things we don't normally get to do, the staff also sprinkled in some fun leadership and team building activities. The Youth Leadership and Empowerment Retreats were something different and definitely something to remember! – Angie



## SUMMER FIELD TRIPS

Youth Go had 9 field trip opportunities for our participants this summer. Well, the Brewer game happened in May, but summer equals baseball so I'll wave the formalities for that field trip. Other than that, we took 71 different youth to Odyssey Climbing and Bay Beach in Green Bay, Discovery World and a tour of American Family Field in Milwaukee, Mt. Olympus in the Dells, the Madison Zoo and Goodman pool in our state capital, Six Flags in Gurnee, and wrapped things up with a Timber Rattler game. It's been a great run, but this was my final summer organizing the field trips. The reins have been handed over to Charlie, Youth Go's new Recreation Coordinator, and they will have the pleasure of setting up this summertime fun. -Timothy



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## ADVENTURE TRIPS

This summer, thanks to funding from the Sawyer Family Fund, we were able to offer a full week of five Adventure Trips! We were so excited to try out a week's worth of new adventures. Many of the activities planned were things that the kids have never done before. Youth Go staff and youth tried their hand at golf of all forms. We enjoyed mini golf, hitting balls at the driving range and playing a virtual round on the golf simulators. The kids also had a great time enjoying slides, both at Riverside Park and the YMCA pool. We took Youth Go to new heights. At the adventure park, kids zipped through the trees on the zipline and maneuvered their way through the ropes course. -Megan

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# FRIDAY NIGHT FRENZY



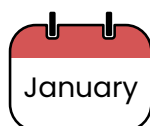
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We continued a new program designed to create an activity packed night from start to finish where youth would be excited to play awesome games, taste snacks that they might not have had before, win awesome prizes, and enjoy it all while bonding with other youth around the center. We call them Friday Night Frenzies, and each one is themed. Here are some highlights from each month.



## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



January

Ultimate Pizza Party including designing your own chef hat, make your own pizza and pizza toss game



February

Trick Shot Night with Ping Pong and Tiles Trick Shots, walking tacos and root beer floats



March

BINGO Night with Bingo Cookies, Bingo Scavenger Hunt, a huge Bingo game, and several games of Mafia/Werewolf



April

Spring Fling Night with carrots and dip, 4 on a Couch, and a giant candy egg hunt



May

Survivor Night with fruit kabobs & dirt cake, as well as Survivor Challenges including guessing baby food flavors



June

Taste of Summer Night with a huge sundae bar, stained-glass sidewalk chalk group mural, and dodgeball



July

We brought back the famous Lock-In, where kids were able to spend the night in the center. There was a Nerf Gun Battle, a fire with smores, and so much more!!!



August

Beach Party with footprint painting, beach ball relay, towel beach volleyball, and sand pudding cups



**NEXT  
FRENZY...**

**SEPTEMBER 8TH**

Stay tuned to  
Youth Go's  
Facebook page  
for next month's  
theme!

This is just a small sampling of the activities each night holds. There is so much more fun that happens throughout the night including themed dinners and a door prize just for joining in on the action! If youth are uninterested in any activities or themes, the center is fully open, but why miss out on all the excitement? Wanting to join for our next Friday Night Frenzy (FNF)? Join us the second Friday of each month. Hope to see you on September 8th, and keep a lookout on Youth Go's Facebook page for our next theme and plans for the night!