

BACK TO SCHOOL 2024

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



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NEENAH, WI 54956



SEE WHAT'S NEW



OUR ONLY REQUIREMENT IS YOUR FASHIONABLE STYLE AND FOOTWEAR...

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 or Menasha Middle School. The red Youth Go vans will be parked in the parking lot outside door number 3, for Neenah students and in the pickup line for Maplewood students. 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](#) (click) must be on file at Youth Go for youth to partake in these services.

CENTER CLOSED DATES

No Transportation will be provided.

- SEPTEMBER 2ND, 26TH-27TH
- OCTOBER 3RD-4TH, 10-11TH, 31ST
- NOVEMBER 4TH, 27TH-29TH
- DECEMBER 24TH-25TH, 31ST
- JANUARY 1ST, 20TH,-21ST
- FEBRUARY 17TH
- APRIL 18TH
- MAY 23RD, 26TH

THE HALLOWS

Three Weekends!!

- September 27th & 28th
- October 4th, 5th, 11th & 12th
- 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.

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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 25th February 14th
November 1st February 21st
January 17th

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.

SAFE GROUP & CAFE

SAFE Group continues on Tuesdays from 6-7pm. SAFE Cafe continues on the Second Saturday of each month 9-11am.



COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB



It's the start of the school year! You know what that means? Community Service Club is here again! Interested in volunteering? Need hours? Or just want to give back to your community? Sign up with Angie for opportunities to give back. Some of the locations where we volunteer are Orphan Animal Rescue Sanctuary, J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue, Harbor House, and more. CSC meets on Wednesdays at Youth Go. We depart between 3:30pm and 3:45pm and return between 5:15pm and 5:30pm. Permission slips are required for the school year. Once a youth has turned in their slip, they just need to sign up weekly in the center for the different opportunities that they are interested in. [Click for link to form.](#)



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
 Uncooperative weather caused this fun event to move to February



February
 Let's Glow with glow perler beads & makeup, glow in the dark games and scavenger hunt



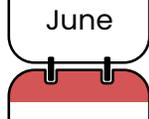
March
 Among Us on iPads, shrinky dinks and Real Life Among Us game of social deduction



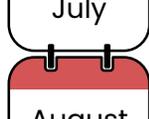
April
 Spring Fling Night with Peep marshmallow race, chocolate factory game and egg hunt



May
 Escape Room with Rebus puzzles, Virtual escape room and YouthGo Escape Room



June
 Disney Night with Disney movie hunt, Disney trivia and All Tangled Up Pictionary



July
 Field Day with Kickball, Torpedo, Capture the Flag and Dodgeball



August
 Carnival Chaos with Face painting, Funnel cake and Carnival games



NEXT FRENZY...
SEPTEMBER 13TH
 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 13th, and keep a lookout on Youth Go's Facebook page for our next theme and plans for the night!



THE HALLOWS



**NOW 3
WEEKENDS!**



We are beyond excited to offer "The Hallows," a haunted trail walk for 2024. The event will be offered on September 27th & 28th, October 4th & 5th and October 11th & 12th from 6:30-10pm in the woods of Memorial Park in Neenah. Tickets in 2024 will be \$10 per person, \$5 for students with a valid student ID. We had another fantastic show of support from the community in 2023. In spite of a rainy night that limited the turnout to just over 150, we entertained over 1300 people during our four night event - including 511 on night #4!

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. [Click for link to form.](#)



Even

Even though school was out, Youth Go staff still planned amazing outings to help make summer break the most fun anyone could possibly imagine. In addition to Badges for Baseball, every day of the week included something interesting. YouthGOlympics on Mondays, SAFE Group on Tuesdays, Adventure Club on Wednesdays, Cooking Club on Thursdays and Book Club on Fridays. Don't worry If you missed out, you can join us next summer! Keep scrolling to see more fun the summer had in store for us!

LEADERSHIP EMPOWERMENT RETREAT



Youth Go was able to head back into the woods for this year's Youth Empowerment Retreat! This was the first time in five years (before COVID), that we were able to bring youth on a 3 day overnight camping trip. Thanks to the Sawyer Family Fund and Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, we were able to have a true summer camp experience at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station. During the trip, youth tried tree climbing, kayaking, and canoeing, all facilitated by the wonderful CWES staff. This was a first for a lot of our youth! Youth Go staff coordinated and facilitated some team building and leadership challenges as well. We even brought back my favorite camping trip night time activity, the staff hunt! On the final night we enjoyed a bonfire and s'mores. During the bonfire, there seemed to be a little magic that happened amongst everyone. We asked questions, some silly and some serious, to take the time to get to know each other and dig a little deeper. It was really a great way to end the trip.

When I was a youth the camping trip was one of my favorite activities. I created bonds with others that have lasted 20 years and I experienced things that I may not have otherwise had the opportunity to. Getting the chance to head back into the woods and see our youth grow, learn, bond and experience new opportunities is a really beautiful experience!- Angie



This summer Youth Go tried something different. We hosted our first YouthGoOlympics! But the challenges were different from your average Olympic sports. Many may know that my favorite show of all time is The Office. There is an episode where the employees get bored and decide to design their own version of the Olympics, so I drew some inspiration from that and a few other sources. The youth participated in Giant Pacman, Flonkerton, Giant Bowling, and many more. At the end of the 6 weeks, the top contenders earned bronze, silver, and gold medals. Thanks to everyone who participated! It was a lot of fun. -Angie

Further Info: www.youthgo.org



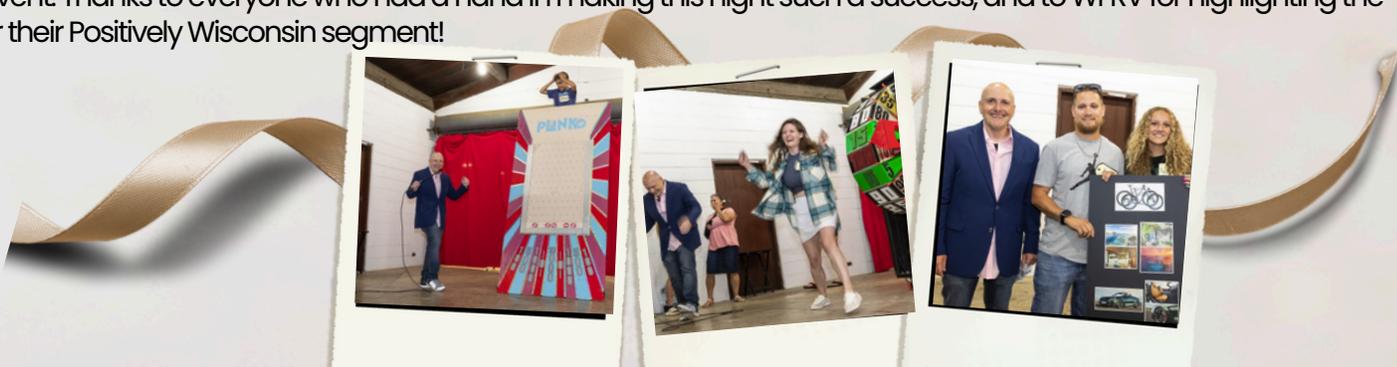
BADGES FOR BASEBALL



The 2024 Badges for Baseball season came to an end as quickly as it seemed to arrive just a couple of months ago. In between, though, were a lot of fun moments and cool experiences. The word of the summer could have been “adaptability”, especially for the Menasha group. With construction taking place at Jefferson Park, we relocated to Koslo Park for ‘24. However, the Koslo experiment wasn’t meant to be. With all of the rain, and Koslo Park’s ability to retain water, the program could have been renamed “Badges for Snorkeling.” Since that name doesn’t have the same ring to it, I figured it was best to inquire about a return to our usual location. Koslo Park did provide one of those “cool experiences” I mentioned earlier, though. The participants were able to spend time on a field similar to those the lucky youth who have been chosen to go to Maryland have played on. Between Menasha and Neenah, 70 youth signed up for our 15th season of facilitating the program. I had a lot of help this summer, as well. Eight law enforcement volunteers from Menasha, Fox Crossing, and Neenah stepped up to lend their support; including two who have been by my side since day one: Chris Groeschel and Jason Feucht. Four adult volunteers (Todd, Dayton, Alex, and Maddie) and nine high school assistants certainly made my job a lot easier. The Wisconsin Timber Rattlers continued their partnership and gave us another Friday event. It was another one of those “adaptability” moments, though. Mother Nature saw fit to dump some rain on us the night before, which made the field at Jefferson Park unplayable. Menasha Park and Rec did their best to work a miracle, but it wasn’t meant to be. So, what was supposed to be a scrimmage turned into a luncheon with the Timber Rattlers instead. Finally, thanks to the Cal Ripken Sr Foundation for making this program possible and Neenah and Menasha Park and Recreation Departments for providing us with fields to play on. I can’t wait to see what season 16 brings in 2025. -Timothy

FAMILY NIGHT

Our August family night on Monday, August 19th marked the 20th time Timothy Chappa has put together a Price is Right event at Youth Go. It was an entertaining night filled with good food, good times, and good company. Volunteers from Appleton Kiwanis Club served food to over 140 members of the Youth Go family. Once their stomachs were full, 9 of those families heard former Youth Go employee, Josh Escher, call their names to “Come on Down!” The night began with the debut of the pricing game “Temptation”, and was followed by five more TPIR classics (Bonkers, Danger Price, Any Number, Vend-O-Price, and Plinko). Several youth put some miles on the Big Wheel during the two Showcase Showdowns, and one family managed to spin \$1.00 during a spin-off! In the end, though, the Flenz family went home the big winners in the Showcase round. 4 out of 6 pricing games were won, and because of the \$1.00 spin on the wheel it meant 5 families who didn’t get called to bidder’s row each took home a bonus prize. Blake and his mom, Kelly, set the standard for the staff prize guessing game, and received a \$100 gift card. In total, over \$2,000 in cash and prizes were given out, setting a new record for this event. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in making this night such a success, and to WFRV for highlighting the event for their Positively Wisconsin segment!



SUMMER FIELD TRIPS

This summer was packed with some really awesome field trips! June had us doing it all, from mini golf and chill at the Waupaca beach to exploring Mount Olympus and blasting off at the Barlow Planetarium. Caving in July was nice (and damp), then we did the inflatable obstacle course at the Sheboygan Quarry, and had a roller coaster of a fun time at Six Flags. In August we tried out golf simulators, toured UW Madison, and wrapped it all up at Bay Beach. What a great summer! Hope to see you all again next year :) -Charlie



ADVENTURE TRIPS

What's the best way to finish out the summer fun? Adventure trips all week long! We were so fortunate to get this opportunity again this year. We took advantage of the hot weather on Monday and enjoyed kayaking on the Fox River. We also enjoyed some time in nature picnicing at Fritse Park and hiking at 1000 Islands Environmental Center. We finished out our week and prepared to roll into the school year with a few rounds of bowling. -Megan

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