WHAT'S UP AT PYW?



Laurie & Hannah, excited to meet you all!

There are a lot of changes ahead at PYW for the new school year. We are excited to announce that we have two new staff members joining our team this fall. Hannah Morin will be joining us as PYW's new part-time Program Assistant, and will be with us most of the week during Drop-In. She is also joined by Archie the service dog, who will be by her side every day. Check out the handy service dog etiquette information included

below. Hannah was an intern at PYW during the summer of 2019, and we are excited to have her back as part of the team.

We will also be joined by PYW's new fulltime Program Director Laurie Sweeney! Laurie is joining us after working in the Northwood school district for many years. Laurie will be taking the lead on programing, volunteer coordination, and promoting PYW in the community. We hope you will stop by

to meet our new team members & welcome them to our community!



WHO CAN JOIN PYW?

We've had a lot of questions recently about how to join PYW, and what paperwork is needed. At this time, PYW is 100% free, thanks to generous donors and grant funding. Anyone in 6-12th grade may join; but a membership packet needs to be filled out beforehand. For special trips, a separate permission slip needs to be signed, and turned back in at least one day before the activity. We cannot guarantee space for youth who show up the day of the trip - and in case of changes in plans, we like to be able to call youth ahead of time. For a full list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) - please check out our website - under the About section. Feel free to give us a call with any additional questions!

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GUIDE & SERVICE DOGE ETIQUETTE SPEAK TO THE HANDLER, NOT THE DOG. DON'T TOUCH, TALK TO, OR FEED THE DOG. DON'T TEASE OR DISTRACT THE DOG. DON'T TEASE OR DISTRACT THE DOG. ALLOW THE DOG TO WORK UNDISTURBED IT HAS A VERY IMPORTANT JOB TO DO! DON'T ALLOW OTHER DOGS TO INTERACT OR INTIMIDATE A WORKING DOG.

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop is a nonprofit organization committed to providing programs and services that empower youth by helping them to develop useful skills, self-esteem and meaningful friendships, by involving them in activities that are interesting, challenging, and healthy avenues to self discovery.

SERVICE DOG TEAMS HAVE THE RIGHT

OF WAY PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL!

PYW Calendar - September 2021



Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
5	6 September	7	8 Early Release	9	10	11
	Labor Day No School PYW Closed	Drop-In 3-6PM	<u>Drop-In</u> 1-6PM	<u>Drop-In</u> 3-6PM	<u>Drop-In</u> 3-6PM	
	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	Welcome Back!	Pool Tournament	Uno	Kan Jam	
12	13	14	15 Early Release	16	17	18
	Drop-In 3-6PM STEM	Drop-In 3-6PM Arts & Crafts:	<u>Drop-In</u> 1-6PM Old School	<u>Drop-In</u> 3-6PM	Drop-In 3-5PM Pittsfield Celebrates:	
	Challenges	Make your own Buttons	Nintendo Day	BINGO	Homecoming 5-7PM	
19	20	21	22 Early Release	23	24	25
	Drop-In 3-6PM Ping	Drop-In 3-6PM Arts & Crafts:	<u>Drop-In</u> 1-6PM Baking with	<u>Drop-In</u> 3-6PM	<u>Drop-In</u> 3-6PM	
	Pong	Rock Painting	Hannah!	Skip-Bo	Corn Hole	
26	27	28	29 Early Release	30	1 October	2
	<u>Drop-In</u> 3-6PM Minute to	Drop-In 3-6PM Arts & Crafts:	<u>Drop-In</u> 1-6PM Baking with	<u>Drop-In</u> 3-6PM	<u>Drop-In</u> 3-6PM	
	Win it	Collage Journals	Laurie!	Bananagrams	Volleyball & Badminton	

COVID Guidelines - Updates for the start of the School Year:

We are closely following the COVID situation and our guidelines will be reviewed again after being open for two weeks. At this time, we will be starting the school year by being cautious. We are asking youth to wear masks indoors when in close distance to others, and when our numbers increase to the point where social distancing is not possible. We will not require masks during outdoor activities. Staff will monitor things daily and make appropriate suggestions on when and where masks should be worn.

As always, please do not visit PYW if are feeling unwell, have recently traveled, or have been in contact with someone who has been sick, or tested positive for COVID - even if you are fully vaccinated. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and willingness to keep everyone safe and healthy. If you have any questions, please let us know!