



What's Up @ PYW?

“Empowering youth in the Pittsfield area since 1986”
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Quarterly newsletter of the Pittsfield Youth Workshop— Winter 2023



Great things are happening here @PYW!

If you've passed by PYW this fall, you may have noticed the changes happening in front of the building. Part of PYW's mission is to create a comfortable and safe place for the youth in our community to come afterschool; this outdoor space is becoming the center piece to that. With a generous donation made to PYW by Maxfield's Hardware, we have comfy and colorful chairs that are helping make our outdoor space more welcoming.

We enjoyed the brisk fall days with trips to Beech Hill Farm to explore the corn mazes, and our visit to Squam Lake Science Center to learn about native animals and their habitats.

We have more trips planned in the coming months, so keep an eye out for announcements on our Facebook page for when permission slips will be available.

It seems like as soon as we all get into our autumn routine, it turns to winter and the clocks fall back. Daylight hours may be shorter now, but we still have a calendar full of trips and activities made for the chilly winter weather!



Have you been searching for an opportunity to get involved in your community and see what the youth are up to these days? Consider coming to

volunteer with us here at PYW and become a positive influence on our local youth. We're recruiting volunteers to help at our drop-in center and would love to chat with you! If you think you're a good fit, stop by PYW for a tour, come and meet our staff, and see what's happening here in our drop-in center. We can't wait to meet you!

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

GINGERBREAD HOUSES: Nov. 30th-Dec. 2nd
Come bake, build and decorate a gingerbread house that will be raffled off at tree lighting on December 3rd from 4-6PM.

PYW IS CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS: Dec. 26th-Dec 30th
We hope you all have a happy and healthy holiday break!

PYW SPIRIT WEEK: Jan. 9th-13th
Come show your PYW spirit by dressing in the daily color. Colors are listed on the calendar, posted inside PYW, and they will also be on our social media.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, JAN 16TH: PYW Trip TBA soon!

WINTER BREAK FEB. 27TH-MAR. 3RD: Drop-in hours this week are Mon-Wed-Fri from 1-5PM. PYW will have trips on Tues. & Thurs. and will be CLOSED for drop-in on these days. (Trips TBA)

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS



Do you enjoy the art of storytelling and have a passion for Dungeons & Dragons? We are

in the process of creating a regularly scheduled D&D group and if you would like to be part of it stop by and chat with us! Maybe you're a beginner or more advanced and have some skills to share or are ready to learn more about DM'ing your own game here. We would love for you to get involved with us!

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."
~Elizabeth Andrew

PYW Winter Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
NOVEMBER 27	28 DROP-IN 3-6PM Pictionary Decorate PYW for the holidays!	29 DROP-IN 3-6PM Card Tricks Continue to decorate!	Early Release 30 DROP-IN 1-6PM Bake	DECEMBER 1 DROP-IN 3-6PM Build	2 DROP-IN 3-6PM Decorate	TREE LIGHTING 3 4-6PM
4	5 DROP-IN 3-6PM Watercolor Jars ART STUDIO	6 DROP-IN 3-6PM Paper Snowflakes	7 Early Release DROP-IN 1-6PM PYW Chopped 2-5:30 PM	8 Store Meeting 3:30PM DROP-IN 3-6PM Build the Eiffel Tower	9	10 DROP-IN 3-6PM Homemade Stress Orbs
11	12 STEM DROP-IN 3-6PM Making Rock Candy	13 DROP-IN 3-6PM Make a Snow Globe	14 Early Release DROP-IN 1-6PM Make a Stocking Fill M.O.W Bags SERVICE LEARNING DAY	15	16	17 DROP-IN 3-6PM Friendly Feud
18	19 DROP-IN 3-6PM Cage Ornaments	20 DROP-IN 3-6PM Pompom Launchers	21 Early Release DROP-IN 1-6PM Cookie bake-a-thon Visit Historical Society 2-4PM	22	23 YANKEE SWAP! DROP-IN 3-6PM Holiday Celebration!	24
25 	26	27	28	29	30	31
Closed for Vacation!						
JANUARY 1 	2 DROP-IN 3-6PM Looming	3 DROP-IN 3-6PM Cards For Troops SERVICE LEARNING DAY	4 Early Release DROP-IN 1-6PM Gumdrop Bridge Challenge	5 DROP-IN 3-6PM Modeling Clay ART STUDIO	6	7 DROP-IN 3-6PM QUELF
8 SHOW YOUR PYW-SPIRIT WEEK!	9 RED DROP-IN 3-6PM Hands Free Volleyball	10 ORANGE DROP-IN 3-6PM LEGOS	11 YELLOW Early Release DROP-IN 1-6PM Movie, popcorn & cocoa	12 GREEN Store Meeting 3:30PM DROP-IN 3-6PM SELFIE WALL	13 BLUE/INDIGO/VIOLET DROP-IN 3-6PM Paper Airplanes	HIGH SCHOOL ONLY NIGHT 6-8PM 14
15	16 MLK DAY NO SCHOOL TRIP TBA	17 DROP-IN 3-6PM Friendship Bracelets	18 Early Release DROP-IN 1-6PM Snow Sculpture Competition & Cocoa	19	20	21 DROP-IN 3-6PM Minute to Win It
22	23 DROP-IN 3-6PM Hide-n-Seek	24 DROP-IN 3-6PM JENGA	25 Early Release DROP-IN 1-6PM Sculpting with Sculpey Clay	26 STEM DROP-IN 3-6PM Snap Circuits	27	28 DROP-IN 3-6PM Pool
29	30 DROP-IN 3-6PM Rainbow Pretzels	31 DROP-IN 3-6PM Potion Bottles	FEBRUARY 1 Early Release DROP-IN 1-6PM Yarn Art	2	3	4 DROP-IN 3-6PM Slime
5	6 DROP-IN 3-6PM Lollipops	7 DROP-IN 3-6PM PYW Collage	8 Early Release DROP-IN 1-6PM Homemade Conversation Hearts	9 Store Meeting 3:30PM DROP-IN 3-6PM Conversation Hearts Continued	10 HIGH SCHOOL ONLY NIGHT 6-8PM	11 DROP-IN 3-6PM Ping Pong
12	13 DROP-IN 3-6PM Sugar Cookies For Valentine's Day	14 DROP-IN 3-6PM Decorate Cookies	15 Early Release DROP-IN 1-6PM Watercolor & Oil ART STUDIO	16	17	18 DROP-IN 3-6PM WOULD YOU RATHER
19	20 DROP-IN 3-6PM Oil Pastels ART STUDIO	21 DROP-IN 3-6PM CARD GAMES	22 Early Release DROP-IN 1-6PM Polar Bear Igloos	23	24	25 DROP-IN 3-6PM Jeopardy
26	27 1-5PM Obstacle Course	28	MARCH 1 1-5PM Balloon Rockets	2	3	4 1-5PM Snowman Painting



Those of you who braved the long line on the chilly Halloween night to come out and support our youth and all of their hard work, thank you! From the planning stages to the finishing touches, the PYW

youth had fun creating this year's haunted house into a Haunted Asylum. We heard a lot of positive feedback from community members of all ages, and it was a successful night. Thanks again for your support!

The PYW Store has been open for several months now, and we're looking for new members to join the store committee to help make it even more successful. There are a lot of learning opportunities while working at the store: having a voice in how the store operates, items available to purchase, learning the responsibility of making deposits, and becoming a part of the PYW community. If you would like more information on how to get your youth involved in the store committee, stop by and check us out. Our next meeting will be at 3:30 on Thursday, December 8th.

PYW is open for drop-in Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri from 3-6 PM and Wed from 1-6 PM for youth in 6-12th grade. Memberships are free and include: our daily scheduled activity, all out-of-town excursions, and access to our drop-in center for a safe and warm place to hang out with friends. We also have daily meals and a food pantry available stocked with basic necessities and pantry staples.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Keep up to date with everything happening at PYW by following us on Facebook: Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW) & Instagram: @PittsfieldYouthWorkshop. We post pictures of activities, you'll know about special events happening here first, and we'll keep you updated on information about special trips, service learning opportunities, and everything happening here at PYW.

Mission Statement

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW) 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.

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PYW SPOTLIGHT PRESENTS

Name: Skylar Nickname- Sky 16 y/o

How long have you been coming to PYW?-"Since I was in 7th grade, so four years."

What do you like about PYW?-"I like having a safe place to be with my friends afterschool."

What made you start to come to PYW?-"My friends convinced me, and since they were coming here I started, too."

Favorite memory so far?-"The hike up Pine Mountain that we went on a couple years ago."

Favorite thing to do at PYW?-"I kinda use it as a safe space to go hangout and chat with friends afterschool."

What do you want to see happen @PYW in the future?-"I would like to see the PYW community grow and have more people come and join."

PYW Spirit Week!

Come show your PYW Spirit by wearing the color of the day, and earn yourself raffle tickets towards the prize drawing on Friday, January 13th. We'll be holding special events each day to celebrate those participating and helping us show PYW spirit. Bring a new member, and earn double the raffle entries! We'll be posting more about the special daily activities as we get closer to this week, so stay tuned for the exciting news!

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