
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Good things happen at the Williamstown Youth Center After-School Program. In addition to our programs and classes, we offer a learning center (open every day), a game room, art classes and dance opportunities for anyone enrolled in the After-School Program.

Snowshoeing and Cross-Country Skiing

Wednesday afternoons, starting in December, look for **Snowshoeing & Cross-Country Ski trips** from the Youth Center. These trips are FREE. Dress warmly, equipment and transportation are provided. Call the Youth Center for more information or to sign up. Limit 10 per trip. CHAPERONES AND SNOW NEEDED!

The Learning Center and Homework Support

Homework support is available every day after school at the WYC. Students can expect: a quiet place to work; supervision by a professional teacher and/or Williams College or High School student; free use of school supplies and learning resources (including computers and printer); limited assistance with work that is difficult; and, most important, an atmosphere of respect and enthusiasm for school work, creativity and learning. The learning center has become a very popular area of the Youth Center.

After-School Art

Come to the WYC art classes, where students use a variety of media such as paint, plaster, found objects, paper mache and more! There will be fun projects that will result in art works to take home, masks, group murals, and holiday gifts. Taught by Diane Sullivan, our own professional artist-in-residence, After School Art is free to anyone enrolled in the regular after school program. **Any Youth Center member may attend 12 of these art classes at no additional charge.**



PERFORMING ARTS (STUDIO WYC!)

Garage Band

Kids 12 and up are invited to bring guitars, drums, keyboards – and amps! – to the WYC for one weekly ninety-minute session of learning songs, as well as the basics of being in a band. These will be safe, well-supervised sessions taught by local performers and WYC Assistant Director Mike Williams.

Knowing some basic rock chords – or basic drum experience - is required.

WYC, 6-7:30 p.m. Nights and start date to be scheduled.

Fee: Membership + \$35

Drama

Using the facilities here at the WYC kids, will learn the basics of drama as an art form. There will be opportunities to create sets, as well as cast, rehearse, and stage a play. Depending on the interests of participants, the class will either write their own work or select a play to perform.

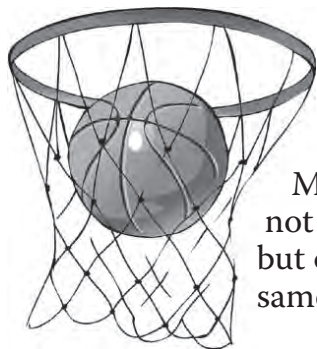
Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Play Production, gr. 3-8

January 25 - March 26

Fee: Membership + \$60

WYC In-House Basketball Program



The Youth Center is proud to announce that the Williamstown Youth Basketball Association is now a program of the WYC. This year, the WYBA/WYC partnership will provide basketball programming out of our own WES gym for youth of all ages. Additionally, we are working in combination with our MGRHS partner, Lanesborough Youth Basketball. By combining programming, not only are we increasing numbers which will allow us to improve our offerings, but our kids will have the added benefit of socializing and making friends with the same kids they will very shortly be joining in the middle school.

This year, we are also able to offer online registration (for basketball only!) through the existing WYBA site: <http://www.williamstownyba.org>.

IN OTHER NEWS...

2nd Annual 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament is back! For boys and girls in grades 3-8. Register your 3- or 4-player team online now! Saturday, November 21st at MGRHS.

The Programming:

-K and grade 1/2 clinic and short-sided games: Continuation of the program that has been run through the WYC with Williams College assistant coaches, Sundays. Williamstown only. There will be an additional day during the week for grades 1/2 boys and girls.

-Grades 3/4 girls and boys in house leagues. Gender-specific teams from Williamstown will play teams from Lanesborough. Practices held in each town's respective gyms. Games will alternate weekly between LES and WES. One practice and one game/week. ALL skill and experience levels encouraged to play.

-Grades 5/6 girls and boys in house leagues: Players from Lanesborough and Williamstown will be integrated together onto gender-specific teams. Practices and games will alternate between the 2 town gyms. One practice/one game/week. ALL skill and experience levels encouraged to play.

-Grades 7/8 girls and boys in house leagues: At MGRHS. In-house program determined by # registrations
There will be a travel option available for boys and girls in grades 3-8.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Please see our website for updates on the following events as info becomes available

11/4/09 Wednesday

7/8 girls and boys skills assessment/registration at MGRHS

11/9/09 Monday

Online and paper registration deadline for team 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament.

11/12 Thursday

On-site registration and skills assessment/clinic/team placement or all grades 5/6 boys and girls at WES
girls: 5:30-6:30 boys: 6:30-7:30

NOTE: Players must attend. Equal in house teams will be determined from this assessment.

11/21 Saturday

2nd Annual WYBA 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament Fundraiser; for boys and girls in grades 3-8 Mount Greylock Regional High School.
All Day.

SCHEDULE (WEEKDAY SCHEDULE TENTATIVE)

GRADE	BOY/GIRL	DAY(S)	TIME
Kindergarten	Coed	Sunday	12:00 - 1:00
1-2	Girls	Sunday	1:00 - 2:00
		Tuesday	3:00 - 4:15
1-2	Boys	Sunday	2:00 - 3:00
		Thursday	3:00 - 4:15
3-8	Boys & Girls	*	*

* Please check the dedicated Williamstown Youth Basketball Association website (<http://www.williamstownyba.org/>) for game and practice schedule. This information will be available shortly.

Mark Your Calendars!

Start: In-house basketball will begin on Tuesday, Dec. 8

End: Last day of the program will be Thursday, Feb. 11

Holiday Break: There will be no Youth Center basketball from Dec. 21 through Jan. 3

Registration: Open enrollment is underway. Last day to register is Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Cost of the program is membership +\$45 (grades 1-4), \$25 (k)

Williamstown Youth Center Code of Conduct

- *Respect the other children who use this facility. Be kind to other children and help each other out so that everyone who uses the Youth Center may enjoy it.*
- *Respect the staff by listening and following along when you are asked to do something.*
- *Observe the rules of the Williamstown Youth Center.*
- *Respect the equipment, furniture and the facilities at the Youth Center. If you use equipment, return it to its proper place. If you make a mess, clean it up. If something is broken, or missing pieces, let a member of the staff know.*

Your Youth Center

The Williamstown Youth Center is here for you. We want the Youth Center to be fun and comfortable for everyone. By following the rules and the Code of Conduct, you can help to make the Youth Center a great place for all. Sports programming is also governed by our Sports Philosophy Statement – see page 5.



Ice Skating / Ice Hockey Program

Once again, the WYC and Williams College present a blend of instruction and free game times for beginner and intermediate skaters and hockey players. The program will meet Saturday mornings and Wednesday afternoons at the Williams College rink. Saturday mornings we divide the rink into learn to skate, learn to play, and 3 on 3 hockey areas, with supervision and instruction from Youth Center staff, adult volunteers, and Williams College hockey players. Wednesday afternoons are an opportunity for children of all levels to practice skating and participate in the fun of pick-up hockey.

PLEASE NOTE: The Youth Center has 20 sets of new hockey equipment for rent for \$25 for the season. A \$ 25 deposit will need to be included with the rental.

Also note that because the four Wednesdays in January conflict with our ski program, we offer a special discounted price of \$45 for the skating program for those families wanting to do both.

TIMES	DATES
Wednesdays: 2:15 - 3:15 Saturdays: 8:00 - 9:00	November 18, December 2, 9, 16 January 6, 13, 20 and 27 November 21, December 5, 12, 19, January 23, 30
<p>(There will be no skating/hockey on Wednesday, November 25, December 23, December 30, and Saturday, November 28, December 26, and January 2, 9 and 16.)</p> <p>Fee: \$60 (Saturday & Wednesdays); \$30 (Saturday or Wednesday); \$45 (ski discount)</p>	

Williamstown Youth Center Sports Philosophy Statement

Adopted by the Board of Directors, March 2004

At the Williamstown Youth Center, the most important goals for our young athletes are:

- *To have fun*
- *To improve playing skills*
- *To be a responsible team member*
- *To learn to love to play*

To achieve these goals, the Williamstown Youth Center will:

- *Recruit coaches who put children's safety and needs first*
- *Design programs that are age-appropriate*
- *Create challenges and opportunities for the different skill levels of all players*
- *Use professional coaches in our region as resources in the development of our programs*

Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding at Jiminy Peak



Wednesdays, January 6 – February 24 (7 weeks)
Make-Up Date: March 3

This program is open to all members of the community. A current WYC membership (\$35) is required for children participating in this program. We urge all participants to wear a helmet.

For safety’s sake, parents of children in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade must be present on the mountain with them to participate in this program. Parents of these younger children may not be considered Group Chaperones.

Please discuss MOUNTAIN SAFETY with your children. Skiers and Snowboarders are expected to “Know the Code” – a set of rules all skiers must follow on the mountain. **In addition, please advise your children to report any accidents to ski patrol, and to report any individuals who are skiing dangerously, threatening others or in any way behaving inappropriately to ski patrol or to a WYC chaperone immediately.**

We are looking for dedicated Group Chaperones. Group Chaperones are expected to ski with children on the mountain! If you would like to be a Group Chaperone, please contact Mike by November 13. Group Chaperones receive complimentary passes for the program.

<i>Passes</i>	<i>Rentals</i>
Lessons and Ski Pass - \$190 Adult Ski Pass – no lessons - \$165 Lessons only (for season ticket holders) - \$90	Skis, poles, boots, 7 weeks - \$80 Snowboard, boots, 7 weeks - \$96 Note: Many area ski shops provide seasonal rentals of equipment.

Round Trip Bus Transportation will be provided between the Williamstown Elementary School and Jiminy Peak if there are sufficient sign-ups for the bus. The cost for individual riders is **\$60 for the season, \$15 per roundtrip.**

Important Dates

- **Wednesday, November 18, 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Williamstown Youth Center – SIGN-UPS & INFO**
 Register for the program and ask about lessons, levels, chaperoning and rentals. “Know the Code” Cards distributed.
- **Tuesday, December 1, 5:00 pm – Registration Ends. Late registration not guaranteed and subject to a \$15 fee.**
- **Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 pm – Required meeting for Group Chaperones at the WYC.**
 Chaperoning groups will be arranged at this meeting.

WINTER SWIM LESSONS AND SWIM CLUB

The WYC offers 6 more sessions of swimming at the Williams Pool. Lessons will be taught by adult instructors and members of the Williams Swim Team.



- **Beginning Lessons**, 6:30 – 7:15,
- **Intermediate Lessons**, 7:15 – 8:00,
- **Swim Club**, 6:30 – 7:30, open to strong and advanced swimmers who want to work on stroke development, distance swimming, sprints and game skills including water polo. To be eligible for the swim club, participants must be able to swim 100 meters free style with proper rotary breathing, and be able to tread water for at least 2 minutes.

All new swimmers will be tested on Jan 7th, at 6:30 p.m. to determine proper starting level. Swimmers will be assigned to groups following this testing session.

Thursday, January 7 (placement)

**Thursdays, January 14 –
February 11
(5 regular sessions)**

**Swim dates are tentative and subject to change.
Fee: Membership + \$50**



Pre 1st Grade Programming

Recognizing the unique needs of younger children, the WYC offers programming for your PreK or Kindergarten child. Some offerings – such as Learn-to-skate (ice hockey), and skiing (for kindergartners and up; no pre-k children allowed) – include 4 to 6 year-olds with older children.

**Preschool Art
with Sarah Brill
Fridays 10:00 to
11:00 am
January 8 -
February 5**

**Fee:
Membership + \$35**



**Learn to Skate, Learn to Play
Wednesdays 2:15-3:15, Saturdays 8:00 - 9:00 am
Williams College Rink**

Hockey and skating with Youth Center staff and volunteer coaches from the Williams College men's and women's teams. Equipment is available for rental at \$25 for the season.

Fee: Membership + [\$60 (Weds & Sat); \$30 (Weds or Sat); \$45 (ski discount)] see pg 5.

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Family Name _____ Phone Number _____

Registration Form: Complete and Mail in this form to the Williamstown Youth Center along with your payment. Call the WYC at 458-5925 if you have any questions, or to check availability. Valid WYC membership is required for all programs; the membership application is available online at www.williamstownyouthcenter.org. Please complete this application and return it with your registration if your child does not yet have a valid 2009-2010 membership.

<i>Child's Name</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Current Member If not, add \$35</i>	<i>Comments</i>
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Total enclosed (do not send cash): _____

Our Mission: The Williamstown Youth Center is committed to nurturing the recreational, social and emotional well-being of the youth in Williamstown and surrounding communities through quality programs for all. We will accomplish this in a safe and enjoyable environment led by positive role models who provide and adapt programs and activities based on the needs of the community.