

Oneida County Youth Bureau News

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As a new school year begins it's a good time to highlight free after-school hours and leisure time programs both structured and drop-in. Call or visit one in your neighborhood for complete information about days, times and any registration requirements. These programs are supported in part by New York State Office of Children & Family Services funding administered by the Oneida County Youth Bureau.

- Thea Bowman **Kids with Promise** at DeSales Neighborhood Center, Park Avenue, Utica accommodates 12 to 18 year olds from inner city families. Tutoring and homework help along with physical and creative development activities are available from 2:30 to 6PM on school days. Enrollment is limited. For information 797-0748.
- Johnson Park Center **Children's Center** provides an enrichment drop-in program for youth ages 3 to 20 who reside in the Johnson Park area of Utica. Hours are 6-9PM, Tuesdays-Thursdays during the school year. For information call Rev. Scates, 734-9608 Ext 221 or Rev. Meier, Ext 242.
- Boys & Girls Club facilities are located at 755 Lansing Street and in the Parkway Recreation Center, Utica. The **Reach One, Teach One** program of athletic, academic and leadership components specifically address the developmental needs of teens ages 13 - 18. Call 724-2524 for complete schedule/hours information.
- **Center City Recreation** at MLK.Jr. School, Square Street, Utica is open for leisure time activities in a safe environment for youth ages 10-18. Hours are 3-PM, Monday through Thursday and activities include team sports, arts & crafts, discussion groups, help with homework and swimming at the YWCA.
- Call Mohawk Valley Community Action at 624-9930 for information.
- The Neighborhood Center at 615 Mary Street, Utica **Outreach and Prevention Program** offers group work and after-school recreational activities M-F from 3:15 to 5:15PM for children ages 5-12. One week night evening 5:30-7:30PM is reserved for teens and several special events for families take place throughout the year. Call 272-2600 for specifics.
- **Ygirls** sponsored by the YWCA of the Mohawk Valley, Cornelia Street, Utica builds communication, leadership and life skills in girls ages 6-18. Programming is scheduled twice weekly from 5-8PM at the Y plus attendance at special events and community functions. For complete information call Brenda Fudge, 732-2159 Ext 224.
- Teens in the Camden and surrounding rural areas are welcome at the **Sgt. Eli Parker Community Youth Center** on Friday evenings, 7-10PM. The Center is located just outside the village on Mexico Street, Camden. It provides a safe and fun environment where youth can interact in activities and socialize in the snack shop and lounge areas. For information 315-245-4957.
- Thea Bowman House invites you to celebrate the **Peace Garden Dedication** and **Annual Autumn Concert** on September 16 at 731 Lafayette Street, Utica. The dedication begins at 6PM followed by the concert at 7PM in St. Joseph St. Patrick Church. A reception will follow in the Parish Center. For information, 797-0748.

- The deadline for submitting proposals to the County Youth Bureau for 2010 New York State Office of Children & Family Services funding has been extended to September 25. Resource allocation decisions will support the Youth Bureau outcomes set forth in the Oneida County Child & Family Services Plan. Interested non-profit organizations may pick up a proposal packet at our office 209 Elizabeth Street, Utica or call Barb, 798-5670 for information/mailing.
- Anyone wanting to increase their knowledge and acquire specific intervention skills related to ADHD, Autism and related disorders is invited to attend a local conference on October 2&3 sponsored by ADHD & Autism Advocates, 258 Genesee Street, Utica. For complete details/location/registration call 732-3431 or visit www.ADHDAutismAdvocates.com.
- High School juniors and seniors in the Oneida, Madison and Herkimer county area will have the opportunity to learn more about the construction industry at the **Industry Career Day** on October 15. Students will be able to engage in hands-on activities including carpentry, masonry, welding, electrical, plumbing and heavy equipment. This annual event is sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Builders Exchange and will take place at the Oneida County DPW facility in Oriskany. For information contact Jack Endryck, 315-624-0276.