Cortland Youth Bureau

Park-A-Roo

Our Mission

The Cortland Youth Bureau will provide our community the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of recreational and educational programs. We will strive to provide the highest quality programs and facilities that meet the needs of the diverse communities it serves. It is our desire to combine a positive environment with a rewarding experience.

Our Vision

We will enhance healthy and active lifestyles while connecting more people to parks, programs and youth services. We will do this through stewardship of public resources and by providing programs and spaces to fulfill unmet needs.

SPRING/SUMMER 2026

Included in this program guide is information about registration dates, program dates, and everything else you need to plan some fun in the community this spring/summer. Detailed information for each program can be found on the CYB website *cortlandyb.recdesk.com* and our social media pages: @cortlandyouthbureau.

Program Registration & Facility Reservations

All CYB program registration and facility reservations take place online at *cortlandyb.recdesk.com.* To register or reserve a facility, log on (first time users must create an account), select your program or facility and follow the steps listed on the screen. RecDesk accepts all major credit cards and is available on any PC, tablet, or smartphone. View all facility availability calendars and reserve online.

Scholarships

The Jim Partigianoni Scholarship is available for participants who, for financial reasons, would otherwise be unable to participate in CYB programs. Scholarships apply only to in-house programs, not including field trips.Applications are available at the CYB office.

Photo Disclaimer

Registrants and participants of programs and special events automatically permit taking photos and videos of themselves and their children during any and all CYB activities for publication in the program guide, website, social media, and additional promotional users as the Youth Bureau deems necessary.

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Facility Reservations

Reservations must be completed for picnic facilities, buildings, and athletic fields by completing the on-line reservation form. For your outdoor event, consider one of the Youth Bureau's picnic facilities:

YAMAN, SUGGETT, & BEAUDRY PARK FACILITIES:
- Can accommodate 100-150 people
- Equipped with tables, grills, chairs, and rest rooms
- Price: $150 for city residents, $250 for non-city residents

*A security deposit of $100 is required for all rentals

DEXTER PARK, BEAUDRY PARK, YAMAN PARK CABANAS:
- Smaller shelters. First come, first serve basis

Gymnasium Reservations

Located off Greenbush Street, this facility is available for recreational use, mainly basketball and volleyball. Reservations must be made on the City Youth Bureau website by a responsible individual at least 21 years of age. Cost: $50 for a two hour time slot. A $100 deposit is required for the key.

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Late Fee Policy
Any registration after the start of the program will incur a $10 late fee charge.

Refund Policy
Any refund requested before the program begins will be granted a full refund, minus a $5 processing fee.
Any refund requested after the program begins will be granted half the program fee, minus a $5 processing fee.

Security Deposit
A security deposit of $100, cash or check only, is required for all facility key sign-outs. The only exception will be granted by the Director or Assistant Director and written on the key sign out form.

Facility Rentals
You may not enter the building (for set up, bringing items over, etc) until the day of your reservation.

aquatics

SPLASH PAD • YAMAN BEACH • WICKWIRE POOL

SPLASH PAD
June 6 - Sept. 13
10:00AM TO 7:00PM

YAMAN BEACH
June 13 - August 16
11:00AM TO 7:00PM

WICKWIRE POOL
June 20 - August 16
Noon TO 7:00PM

POOL MEMBERSHIP INFO

Patrons can register for their Wickwire Pool membership at **cortlandyb.recdesk.com > Pool Memberships.** All patrons 11 and older will be required to show an ID card upon entrance to the pool. Youth 10 and younger must have an adult 18 or older with a valid pool ID with them. Pool members must reside in Cortland County. Guest passes are available for those visiting, a member must be present at the pool with their guests. Missing ID cards should be reported to a lifeguard or Youth Bureau staff as soon as possible. City residents are free - non city resident fees will be annouced on April 1st.

EARLY BIRD SWIM Early risers can participate in our 6:00AM to 8:00AM session Monday through Saturday. The fee to participate is $50 for a City resident season pass. $100 for non City.All participants must register online starting May 1, lap swim and exercise only.

SWIM LESSONS Free swim lessons for youth age 7-17 will be offered at Wickwire Pool from July 13 thourgh July 31 between 9:00am and 11:30am. Registration will begin May 1 online, and will run until June 30 or until 75 youth are registered. Free for City residents, $50 for non City.

WATER BABIES This program is intended to allow newborns and children 3 and under the opportunity to become comfortable in the water and swim with parents without the worry of splashes from other patrons. Water Babies will meet on Sunday's 11am-noon at Wickwire Pool. $30 per child for City residents, $60 for non City. An adult must be in the water at all times with the child. Registration begins May 1.

weather policy All aquatics facilities will close immediately for thunder and lighting. They will remain closed for 30 minutes after the last sight of lightning or sounds of thunder. The facilities will also close in the event of heavy rain which impedes the lifeguards sight.

parks & playgrounds

SUMMER CAMP We will be offering the CYB's first Summer Camp this summer! Campers will be grouped by age: ages 6-9 and 10-12 all based out of Suggett Park/Burch Building. It will run Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, with optional early drop-off and late pick-up. The program follows our popular park-style format but will required registration and fee. Each week includes themed activities, kickball, arts & crafts, swimming at the pool, splash pad, and bus trips to Yaman. Camp Dates: July 13-17, July 27-31, August 3-7 & 17-21. More details to come!

ART CAMP Miss Molly is back for another year of art camp at the Rotary Shelter and she's cooking up tons of art projects for the 8th year! Canvas paintings, drawing bootcamp, fabric dying, mystical creatures, portraits, and much more! We will be walking around town for artistic inspiration and natural materials, swimming at Wickwire Pool to cool off, goofing around with games, hands-on activities, learning, and art, art, art! Art camp will be offered for two weeks again this summer. Week 1 begining June 29 and week 2 begining July 6. Camps run 10am to 3:30pm at the Rotary Shelter. Registration opens April 1st for City residents and April 6th for non City residents. Register at cortlandyb.recdesk.com.

POLICE DEMO Meet our local K9's and officers from the CPD. Watch K9 Kort and K9 Max train, discuss bike safety, and check out a police car! All demos will be held at Suggett Park. Dates TBA!

FIRE DEMO Come and sit in the drivers seat of a fire truck and hook a hose up to the hydrant and spray water. All demos will be held at Suggett Park. Dates TBA!

In the event of an emergency or weather, demo's will be rescheduled. Check our Facebook page for updates.

arts, parks & books

10:30am, Tuesdays
July 7, 14, 21 & 28
Performers will be announced in May.

movie under the stars

July 10, July 17, July 31 & August 6
The movie schedule will be released in May!

summer concert series

- 7/9 Sydney Irving at Suggett Park
- 7/16 Old Timers Band at Court House park
- 7/30 Clint Bush at Suggett Park
- 8/6. Tailor Made at Yaman Park
- 8/13 Molly & the Ringwalds at Suggett Park

All shows begin at 7pm!

sports & programming

ULA SUMMER LEAGUE The upstate lacrosse association is one of the largest youth lacrosse leagues in the United States. The league provides an excellent opportunity for its youth to learn and develop their skills, play organized competitive games and have fun playing lacrosse with their peers. There will be a six week registration from February 1st to May 19th on our website. The Home-Cort Youth Lacrosse Association will be fielding teams for boys and girls in each of the following grade divisions: 3rd and 4th, 5th and 6th, & 7th and 8th. Preseason practices begin in early May.

LITTLE STICKS LACROSSE HCYLA will sponsor a youth lacrosse program targeting boys and girls in 1st and 2nd grades from July 6th through July 31st. The instructional program will introduce players to the basic fundamentals of the game. There will be a major emphasis on having fun and playing lacrosse with their peers. Players must provide their own sticks and mouth pieces. Register on our website June 1st.

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CATHY STAGE SOFTBALL The CYB softball program is part of the Cathy Stage and Cortland County softball leagues. All teams that play in the Cathy Stage league abides by the leagues local rules and play against local townships. These leagues provide an opportunity for participants to learn the basic fundamentals, play organized games and to have fun playing softball. The CYB will field teams for 10U and 12U divisions. Play begins in early May for the Cathy Stage League and ends in late June. 10U will practice and play games on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 12U will practice and play games on Mondays and Wednesdays. Registration begins February 3rd.

CCYSA SUMMER SOCCER The Cortland County Youth Soccer Association, in partnership with the CYB, is offering an instructional and recreational league to introduce and develop soccer skills. Designed for ages 5-12, sign ups begin in early May and close early June. Teams will be formed and league play will begin mid-July. Separate boys and girls divisions are available.

ESPORTS Our eSports program is designed for youth interested in gaming, streaming and exploring career options in this rapidly growing field. Stop down at the Rec Center to jump in on the fun! The Beaudry and Burch Park buildings will also have games systems as well during summer park program hours.

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CORTLAND YOUTH CHEER AND FOOTBALL Our 2026 youth football and cheerleading programs will participate in the Route 81 travel league. The travel football league has divisions for flag (grades K-2), junior (grades), and senior (grades 5-6) and requires registration to be held on our website starting June 1st. Cheerleading has divisions for junior (grades 3-4) and senior (grades 5-6). Practice sessions will begin in mid-August at Suggett Park. Games will be held weekends in September and October at various sites in CNY.

CROWN CITY LITTLE LEAGUE CCLL's opening day for the 2026 season is scheduled for April 28th. Visit the leagues website at crdwncityll.com for current news, updated team rosters, game recaps, great photographs and much more! Paid umpiring opportunities for young adults ages 13 and over are available. Be sure to join us for our annual SUNDAY FUNDAY - date TBA that includes a hit-a-thon, coach dunking booth, door prizes and different bounce houses. Money raised helps offset the cost of player clinics, uniforms, new team equipment and other league operating costs.

EASTER EGG HUNT The CYB and the Easter bunny will host this years egg hunt at Suggett Park on Saturday March 28th beginning at 10am SHARP. Any youth up to and including 10 are welcome to join the hunt. Suggett Park will be split into sections for children of different age groups. There will be a grand prize egg in each section for a new scooter or bike! Visit the easter bunny, have your face painted, and enjoy the pony rides. This event is co-sponsored by the YMCA and CAPCO. Rain date Sunday March 29th at 2pm. Check our Facebook page for a map of the age groups and where to go.

JEFF STEWART FISHING DERBY Come out and enjoy an exciting, fun-filled day outdoors and get hooked on fishing! Youngsters 15 and younger are invited to test their fishing skills and win available prizes at the annual fisging derby sponsored by Izaak Walton League, and the Cortland Youth Bureau. Stop out to Durkee Pond on Route 11 in Homer on Saturday June 6th from 8:30am-11am. Participants can register on site throughout the derby. There will be three divisions: 8 and under, 11 and under, and 15 and under. Prizes will be awarded to the longest fish in each division.

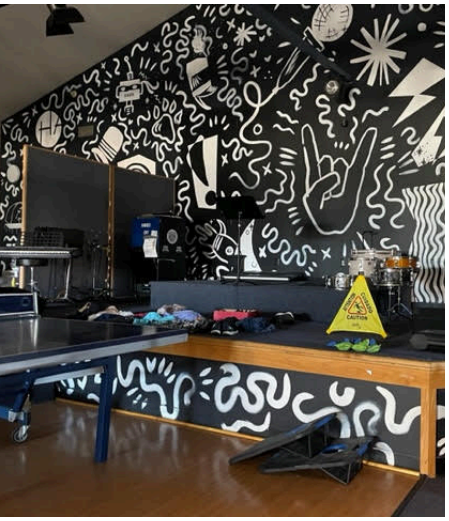
TOUCH A TRUCK Bring the kids for a hands-on day of fun at our annual Touch-A-Truck event that will be held on on June 7th from 10am-1pm at the Cortland County Office building parking lot. Children can climb on, explore, and experience a variety of trucks and vehicles from across the area. Sensory-Friendly Quiet Hour: 12:00-1:00pm. During this time, lights and sirens will be turned off to create a more comfortable environment for children with sensory sensitivities. A fun, interactive event for families and kids of all ages!

Rec Center

CORTLAND REC CENTER Located in downtown Cortland at 35 Port Watson Street, the Rec Center offers a huge variety of programs and events for young people: Field trips, game tournaments, tutoring, guest speakers, music lessons, artwork, craft projects, cooking classes, free dinners, job-search assistance, volunteer opportunities, and more. The facility itself is equipped with pool, ping-pong, air hockey, and foosball tables; a full kitchen; a music room with guitars, amps, and a full drum-kit; a sound stage and DJ booth; and closets full of board games and craft supplies. There are always responsible, caring staff members on the premises to play games with you, help with your homework, or connect you with other service agencies if you need them. For more information, give the Center staff a call at 753-3580.

AGE REQUIREMENTS The Center welcomes 11-12 year old or those in 5th and 6th grades to attend from 3-6pm on weeknights. Those 13-18 or in 7th-12th grades are welcome to attend the Center during all open hours.

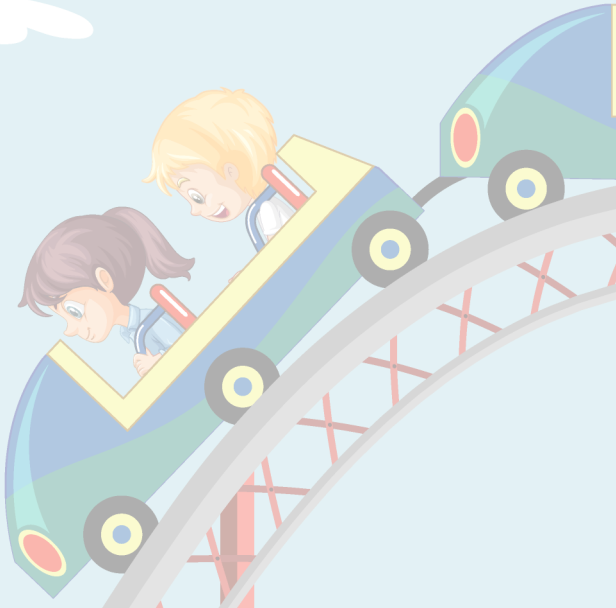
REC CENTER HOURS Monday-Friday 3:00-8:00pm. Summer hours 1:00pm-8:00pm. Check our monthly calendar for Saturday hours/events!



WE ARE HERE FOR EVERYONE All of the Youth Services programs and activities can accommodate people with special needs. Staff members are prepared to offer extra assistance if needed. On field trips, every effort will be made to include all youths in activities, and open spots can be added to accommodate a trained professional assistant or caseworker. Parents should feel free to discuss their child's needs with Youth Center staff members.

KITCHEN PROGRAM If you like to cook (or if you just like to eat), then stop by the Rec Center on weeknights around suppertime. Two or three nights per week, we cook up a full dinner for all to enjoy. The meals are always free. Kids are welcome to help with the cooking under the supervision of staff. We also offer periodic cooking classes and theme nights, so keep your eye on the calendar. The Youth Center kitchen operates under strict Health Department guidelines and is regularly cleaned and inspected.

2026 rec center trips!



July 8th: Darien Lake Amusement Park
City resident: $60.00 (includes dinner)
Non city resident: $70.00 (includes dinner)
Leave Rec Center: 8:30am
Return: 10:30pm
Registration deadline: July 1st

July 15th: Silver Canoe & Whitewater Rafting
City resident: $50.00 (includes lunch & dinner)
Non city resident: $60.00 (includes lunch & dinner)
Leave Rec Center: 9:00am
Return: 9:30pm
Registration deadline: July 8th

July 22nd: Thousand Islands - Boat cruise & museum in Clayton NY
City resident: $40.00 (includes lunch & dinner)
Non city resident: $50.00 (includes lunch & dinner)
Leave Rec Center: 9:00am
Return: 9:30pm
Registration deadline: July 15th

August 5th: Enchanted Forest Water Safari
City resident: $50.00 (includes dinner)
Non city: $60.00 (includes dinner)
Leave Rec Center: 8:30am
Return: 9:30pm
Registration deadline: July 29th

August 12th: Watkins Glen & the Corning Museum of Glass
City resident: $30.00 (includes lunch & dinner)
Non city: $40.00 (includes lunch & dinner)
Leave rec Center: 9:30am
Return: 9:30pm
Registration deadline: August 12th

More information will be provided in each trip's registration packet. Sign ups are first-come, first serve. CYB staff cannot hold spots for anyone, and cash payment must be made at the time of registration