



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.

AUTUMN IS HERE!

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 fall and winter. 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 or camps. Applications are available at our 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, \$175 for non-city residents

*A security deposit of \$100 is required for Suggett & Beaudry

DEXTER PARK, BEAUDRY PARK, YAMAN PARK CABANAS:

- Smaller shelters. First come, first serve basis



Find us on social media!

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CYB Policies

Late Fee Policy

Any registration after the start, 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.



YOUTH SPORTS & PROGRAMS



John Tobin Youth Basketball League

The program will be offered to boys and girls in grades 1st - 6th. Grades 1st and 2nd will have an instructional clinic, grades 3rd through 6th will include instructional skills and league games. Competition of league play will include games against surrounding communities. Registration for the basketball program is on RecDesk and will be held from September 15th through October 20th. The program fee is **\$60** and will include a t-shirt or uniform. Practice sessions will begin in December and games will start in January 2026. Practices will be held at local elementary schools and games will be played at the Cortland YMCA, Parker School, and Cortland High School. The league is seeking knowledgeable basketball coaches and officials. Applications and background check forms are available at the CYB office.

Wrestling

Learn basic techniques and the fundamentals of wrestling! Our practice sessions will be held on Monday and Thursdays for grades K-6 (starting 1/5) at the Cortland High School wrestling room. Grades K-2 will practice 6:00-6:45 and grades 3-6 will practice 6:00-7:30pm. Matches with other local wrestling clubs will be scheduled, and wrestlers can participate in the end of the year League Tournament. Cost: **\$35** city residents and **\$45** non city residents. Practices will begin early January through mid-March, dates are TBA. Registration starts on-line November 1st through December 31st.



Fun For Tots Fall Session

Fun For Tots is a program for children 4 and under and their parents/caregivers to meet and interact with other children their age and other parents in the community. Children under the age of one are welcome to come with their siblings free of charge. The group meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00am-11:30am and often meets the County Office Building Gym to play with a wide variety of toys supplied by the CYB. The group also does arts and crafts, meets at local parks, goes on field trips to different places in the community, and much more. The program begins Monday September 15th and will run through December. Cost: **\$20** per child for city residents, **\$25** per child for non-city residents. Registration will be open throughout the length of the program.

Greek Peak Ski & Snowboard Club

Skiers and snowboarders in grades 3-6 can join the after school ski club and enjoy Central New York's largest ski center. To register, go to greekpeak.snowcloud.shop. Select desired pass option from tabs. Enter skier information, complete waivers, and check out. Transportation is provided, but you must register on CYB website. No cost for bus. Grade: 3rd-6th. Dates: 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18. Time: 4:00pm-7pm. Equipment rental \$99 for 6 uses w/helmet (\$110 after 10/8). Access code: 6KDAP Pin: 7237

2026 Ski Club Rates:

Before October 8, 2025

3 hour pass, 4 weeks of lessons **\$200**
3 hour pass, 4 weeks of lessons and rentals **\$299**

After October 8, 2025

3 hour pass, 4 weeks of lessons **\$230**
3 hour pass, 4 weeks of lessons, rentals **\$340**

Meal plan option:

\$85 per person for 6 meals



More information about the shown events will be posted to our website and social medias in November!

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Our 2025 youth football and cheerleading programs are participating in the Route 81 travel league. Tackle football is for grades 3rd- 6th. Cheerleading has divisions for junior (grade 3 and 4) and senior (grade 5 and 6). Flag football is for grades 1st-6th that is held locally. More information about game schedules, practice, cancelations and more can be found on our website or facebook page. Registration has now ended, but you can still support our teams!

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Pumpkinfest

The Great Cortland Pumpkinfest, is an anual tradition celebrating its 25th year. With a wide range of activities that appeal to the whole family, it is a celebration of community spirit, and highlights the best Cortland County has to offer. From live music to kid's activities, arts and crafts vendors to a beer tent, the weekend event offers something for everyone. Located in historic downtown Cortland at Courthouse Park, October 4th & 5th.



9/11 Ceremony

This years ceremony will take place on September 11, at 8:30AM. Cortland City Police Chaplain Pastor Matthew Smith will be speaking along with retired Colonel Kevin Forney. Colonel Forney was a task force commander for over 800 soldiers deployed immediately after the attack on NYC. Colonel Forney was also in charge of providing security to nine airports and three power plants on top of all other key areas in the city.



To reserve field time for games, tournaments or events at Gutches Lumber Sports Complex, please complete a facility request application. Facility request forms must be emailed to jmcnerney@cortlandville.org. Complex fees and calendars can be viewed on the CYB website.



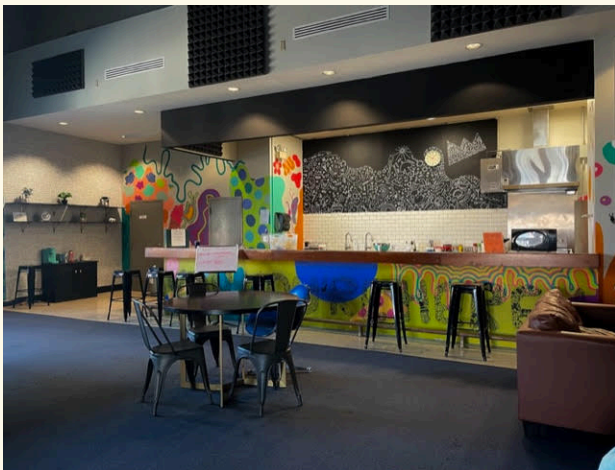
Fall/Winter 2025 Rec. Center & Youth Services

Rec. Center

Located in downtown Cortland at 35 Port Watson Street, the Youth Rec 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, 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 607-753-3580

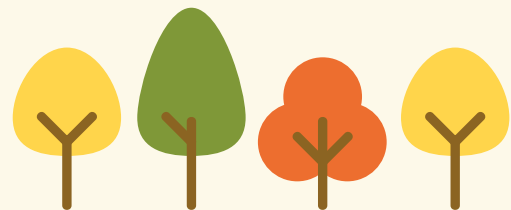
Age Requirements

The Center welcomes 11-12 year olds 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.



Hours

Monday-Friday
3-8pm



Fall/Winter 2025

Any School Newsletter

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.

Cortland Prom Closet

Prom season is just around the corner. The CYB Youth Center is proud to announce that we are continuing our immensely successful prom dress collection and donation effort. Gowns are available for students with a valid high school ID. Community members interested in donating formal wear or accessories can drop items off during regular business hours at the CYB main office or the CYB Rec Center. We thank local community member and businesses for their generous donations to this program. To donate to the program or to setup an appointment to select a dress for an upcoming semi-formal or formal event contact 753-3021.

Check out our Facebook page. It is updated daily with our current events, field trips and programs.
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Volunteer Incentive Program

Kids who do community service or help with tasks at the Rec Center can earn discounts on the Center's field trip and program fees. For every hour a youth spends volunteering, the Center will take \$5.00 off the price of a field trip or program. Kids can use their service credits immediately or save them up for later use. Credits earned and used are recorded in a logbook. Rec Center staff can help place teens with businesses and agencies who need volunteers.

Rec Center Kitchen

If you like to cook (or if you just like to eat), then stop by the Rec Center on weeknights around supertime. 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 Rec Center kitchen operates under strict Health Department guidelines and is regularly cleaned and inspected.

