

SPRING & SUMMER 2022

# Cortland Youth Bureau

## Program Guide



## BRINGING IT ALL BACK IN 2022

After two summers with no or limited programming, the CYB staff is committed to bringing back your favorite summertime activities and events. Included in this program guide is information about registration dates, program dates, and everything else you need to plan a great summer in Cortland. Detailed information for each program can be found on the CYB website [cortlandyb.recdesk.com](http://cortlandyb.recdesk.com) and our Facebook page: @ Cortland Youth Bureau.

As always, our park buildings at Suggett and Beaudry are available to rent along with park pavilions at Yaman and Suggett. The County Office Building gym is open for online reservations. To make a reservation or view facility calendars visit [cortlandyb.recdesk.com](http://cortlandyb.recdesk.com) or call 607-753-3021 for assistance.

### 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.

### Parents & participants

Our programs and facilities are provided for the fun and enjoyment of all who participate. Parents and participants are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. It is the expectation of the CYB that participants and spectators will show respect to all.

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## AQUATICS

**Yaman Beach:** 11am to 7pm, daily  
May 28 through August 21

**Wickwire Pool:** 12pm to 7pm, daily  
June 25 through August 21

**Suggett Splash Pad:** 10am to 7pm, daily  
May 28 through August 21

### Swim Lessons

Program details about swim lessons at Wickwire will be posted on the CYB website and Facebook when finalized.

### Swim Diapers

Any child not completely potty trained must wear an approved swim diaper while swimming at our facilities. To avoid pool closures please remind your child to visit the restroom periodically.

Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by someone 18 years of age or older. If there is a child 10 years or older that is not able to act appropriately without an adult, that child will be asked to leave and may only return with adult supervision. The lifeguards at each facility have the primary responsibility of making sure those that are in the water are safe and should not be distracted for any reason that is not an emergency. There will always be a lifeguard or other staff members in the guard room area for non emergency issues.

Wickwire Pool, Yaman Beach, and the splash pad will close immediately at the sound of thunder or the sight of lightning. The facilities will remain closed for 30 minutes after the last sounds of thunder or the sight of lightning. The facility will also close in the event of heavy rain which impedes the lifeguards sight of the swimmers

### Early Bird Lap Swim

We invite early risers to participate in our 6am to 8am swim session Monday through Saturday. The fee is \$40 for a season pass, and all participants must register on the CYB website. Lap swim and water exercise only during this time.

### Adult Swim at Wickwire

Lap swimming will be offered Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8pm beginning June 27. Minimum of 5 swimmers for the program to be offered, no children under the age of 18 in the facility during adult swim.







# PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Playground buildings at Suggett and Beaudry will be open Monday through Friday 10am to 5pm starting June 27 until August 19. The park buildings are open to youth 7 to 14, and are supervised by a park leader who prepares daily activities. Each building is equipped with table games, board games, arts and craft supplies, and athletic equipment. Youth are welcome to come and go as they please throughout the day.

## Arts, Parks, and Books

In collaboration with the Cortland Free Library, family oriented shows are held at Court House Park every Tuesday in July starting at 10:30am.

**July 5, 12, 19, 26**

Shows will be listed on our website and Facebook when details are finalized. Make sure to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at the library for weekly drawings at each performance.

## Movie Under the Stars

Weekly movies held under the stars at Court House Park starting at dusk. Movies will be listed on the CYB website and Facebook page.

**July 13, 20, 27, and August 3**

## Summer Concert Series

Thursday night concerts held at Court House Park. Schedule on CYB website and Facebook.

## Library at Lunch

Join Miss Tammy from the Cortland Free Library for story time in the park! Storytime will be held in the shade near the Burch Building at Suggett Park every Monday in July at 11:45am. No July 4 story date. No rain location.



## Police & Fire Demonstrations

Meet McGruff the Crime Dog, K9 Lummel, and sit in the drivers seat of a fire truck! Officers from the Cortland Police Department will talk about bike and helmet safety and firefighters from the Cortland Fire Department will talk about fire safety while showing off all their gear. In the event of an emergency or rain, demonstrations will be rescheduled. Please check the CYB website and Facebook for day of updates. All demonstrations are held at Suggett Park.

**Police Demos: 7/18 at 10am, 8/11 at 2pm**

**Fire Demos: 7/14 at 10am, 8/1 at 2pm**

## Arts & Crafts Camp

Molly Reagan is cooking up tons of art projects for our 5th art camp this summer! Painting on canvases, the famous drawing bootcamp, fabric dying, mystical creatures, portraits, and much more await you during this week long day camp. You will be walking around Suggett Park for artistic inspiration and natural materials, cooling off at Wickwire Pool, goofing around with games, hands-on activities, and art, art, ART! Art camp will be offered for two weeks: June 27 - July 1, and July 5 - July 8 both 10am to 3:30pm at the Rotary Shelter at Suggett Park. Register on the CYB website starting May 1.



## Suggett Park Chess Club

Learn to play chess or improve your game at Suggett Park this summer. Donald and Diane Chu will be at the Burch Building weekdays 1:00-4:00pm August 1 through August 12 to offer free chess lessons. Kids up to 18 years old are welcome to drop in and play. No registration is required.



# ATHLETICS

## Youth & Adult Sports Leagues

### Cathy Stage Softball

The CYB softball program is part of the Cathy Stage softball league. All teams that play in the league abide by the league's local rules and play against local townships. The CYB will field teams for 8U, 10U, and 12U divisions. Play begins in early May for the Cathy Stage League and ends in late June. Register on the CYB website starting March 14.

### Crown City Little League

Visit the league's website [crowncityll.com](http://crowncityll.com) for registration, current news, schedules, updated team rosters, game recaps, great photos and much more! Show your support for the league by becoming a sponsor or volunteering for a shift at the concession stand. Other volunteer opportunities include coaching, being a team parent and more. Registration closes on March 16 for the 2022 season. Eligible players must be born between 9/1/09 and 8/31/17.



### Upstate Lacrosse Association Summer League

ULA 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 period from mid February through the end of March on the CYB website. The Home-Cort Youth Lacrosse Association will be fielding teams for boys and girls in each of the following divisions: 3rd and 4th grade, 5th and 6th grade, and 7th and 8th grade. Practices start in early May.

### CC Select Soccer Camp

This soccer camp will be one of your favorite parts of summer! If you are entering grades 1st - 9th register by the June 10th deadline. This camp takes place between 8:30AM-11:30AM from Monday, June 27th to Thursday, June 30th. The camp will be held at Barry Elementary School. The cost to participate is \$85.00. Register online using this link: <https://bit.ly/ccselectsocccamp2022>, pay online at: [www.paypal.me/CCSelect](http://www.paypal.me/CCSelect). For additional information call Ilona Ryon at 607-758-4180 or email [iryon@cortlandschools.org](mailto:iryon@cortlandschools.org).

### 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 May 1 and close June 3. Teams will be formed and league play will begin mid July. Separate boys and girls divisions are available. Registration is on the CYB website, all other league details can be found at [ccyasoccer.org](http://ccyasoccer.org).

## Jr. Tiger Baseball Camp

This two week baseball camp is held July 11 through July 14 at the Cortland High School stadium and will run from 9am to noon daily. Players should bring a snack each day. The CHS baseball staff along with local college and high school players will teach this camp. The camp will provide players age 6-12 with a chance to improve their baseball skills in a relaxed, enjoyable setting. The cost for this program is \$80 with a camp t-shirt included. Registration will begin in May, contact CHS Varsity Baseball Coach Ben Albright at [balbright@cortlandschools.org](mailto:balbright@cortlandschools.org) for registration.

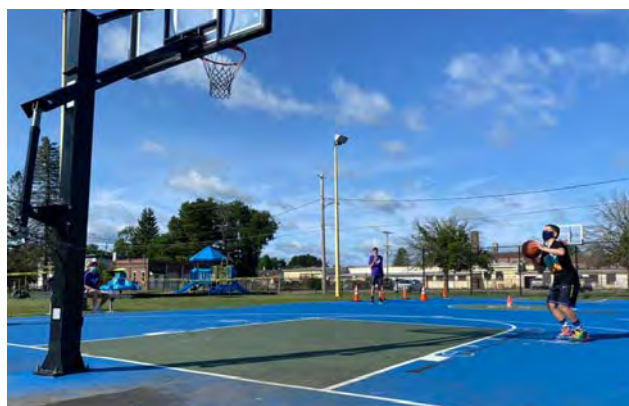
## Scott's Pitch, Hit, and Run Jr. Home Run Derby

Major League Baseball has teamed up with the CYB to offer local youth the opportunity to showcase their skills. Boys and girls ages 7-14 are welcome to participate in a baseball and softball skills competition. Date and time are TBA and will be posted on the CYB website and Facebook page. The kids will be rated on three fundamental skills: batting, pitching, and base running. The CHS team will be facilitating this event.



## SLU Basketball Academy

The SLU basketball academy runs from July 26 through August 7 and is held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. Our staff includes AAU coaches, strength and conditioning coaches, and former college and high school athletes. The academy will provide boys and girls in grades 3-6 and elite camp for boys in 7-11 grade with a chance to work and improve their basketball skills and fundamentals. The cost for the academy is \$50.00 per child and includes a camp shirt and an award ceremony at the end of camp. Contact coach Tariq Macklin or Josh Wright at [slubasketballacademy@gmail.com](mailto:slubasketballacademy@gmail.com) for registration and any other questions.



Our 2022 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 3 and 4), and senior (grades 5 and 6) and requires registration to be completed on our website starting June 1. Practice sessions will begin mid August at Suggett Park and will be held Monday through Friday evenings. Games will be held weekends in September and October at various sites in CNY.



Cheerleading has divisions for junior (grade 3 and 4) and senior (grade 5 and 6). Practice sessions will begin late August at Dexter Park. Registration will begin on the CYB website starting June 1.



# PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS



## Easter egg hunt

The CYB, YMCA, CAPCO, and the Easter Bunny will host this year's Easter egg hunt at Suggett Park on Saturday, April 9 at 10:00am. Any youth 10 and under are welcome to participate. Suggett Park will be split into sections for different age groups (view the map on our Facebook the week of the event). Visit the Easter Bunny, get your face painted, and enjoy pony rides after the hunt. The hunt starts at 10am sharp so arrive early!

## CommonGround Community Garden

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## Jeff Stewart Fishing Derby

Come out and enjoy an exciting, fun-filled day outdoors and get hooked on fishing! Youth 15 and younger are invited to test their fishing skills and win valuable prizes at the annual fishing derby sponsored by the Izaak Walton League, and the Cortland Youth Bureau. Stop over to Durkee Pond on Route 11 in Homer on Saturday, June 4 from 8:30am until 11:00am. Participants can register on site throughout the derby. There are three divisions: 8U, 11U, and 15U and prizes will be awarded to the longest fish in each division.

## Summer Drama Program

The summer drama program offers students of all ages the opportunity to take part in a theatrical production while learning the fundamentals of acting, singing, dancing, and theater tech from our highly qualified and passionate staff. All information for the 2022 program can be found on the drama website: [cybdrama.weebly.com](http://cybdrama.weebly.com) or Facebook at: Cortland Youth Bureau's Summer Drama Program.



Summer Drama Program 2021, James and the Giant Peach



# YOUTH CENTER

The youth services division of the Cortland Youth Bureau promotes positive youth development by providing recreational, cultural, and educational opportunities for teens and preteens. Staff members also offer informal counseling and referrals to other service agencies in the community. Overall, the multi-faceted program encourages kids to engage in productive behaviors, establish healthy beliefs, and maintain clear standards for themselves and their peers. This holistic approach to youth development helps our young people build the assets they need to carry them into adulthood.

The Youth Center is located in downtown Cortland at 35 Port Watson Street. The Youth Center offers a huge variety of programs and events for young people including 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 is equipped with table games, board games, a full kitchen, music room, sound stage and DJ booth, and much more! There are always responsible, caring staff members on the premises to play games with you, help you with homework, or connect you with other service agencies if you need them.

## Calendar and Newsletter

The Youth Center's monthly activity calendar is always posted at the Center, but you can also have it mailed directly to your house. The calendar is printed and mailed around the first of every month and it lists all of the Center's upcoming field trips, tournaments, fundraisers, and more. It also features information about special events, interesting people, and other community agencies that offer services for youth. Give the Center a call to get your name on the mailing list or stop by to grab a copy!

## 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.

## Youth Internship Program

The Youth Center offers a paid 6-month internship program to kids 14 and older. The position involves activity planning, food preparation, clerical tasks, and general assistance with daily operational tasks.

Everyone who applies will be interviewed (applicants 17 and under must have their working papers). The next internship session will begin in May 2022.

Applications will be available at the Center in early April.

## The Kitchen

If you like to cook (or if you just like to eat), then stop by the Youth Center on weeknights around dinner time. Once or twice a 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.

# SUMMER FIELD TRIPS

Due to ongoing Covid-19 concerns, field trip plans are only tentative.  
Check the Youth Center's monthly calendar and Facebook page for updates.

## Wednesday, July 13th: Enchanted Forest Water Safari, Old Forge, NY

Join us for a day at one of New York's best water parks! The cost includes admission to the park and dinner at a pizzeria in Old Forge (participants should plan on packing or buying lunch). Changing rooms and lockers are available at the park (lockers require a small fee, not included in the trip fee).

Cost: \$25.00

Leave Youth Center: 8:00am

Return: 10:00pm

Register by July 6th



## Wednesday, July 27th: Fair Haven State Park, Lake Ontario\*

Visit one of New York State's most beautiful state parks! Fish from the breakwater pier, swim and sunbathe at the sandy beach, and hike through the wooded hills. We'll have a picnic lunch and then grill hot dogs and hamburgers for dinner. The trip fee includes park admission, lunch, dinner, and a stop at the ice cream shop on the way home.

Cost: \$15.00

Leave Youth Center: 8:00am

Return: 10:00pm

Register by July 20th



## Wednesday, August 10th: Thousand Islands – Wellesley Island State Park\*

Visit one of New York State's most beautiful state parks! Fish from the breakwater pier, swim and sunbathe at the sandy beach, and hike through the wooded hills. We'll have a picnic lunch and then grill hot dogs and hamburgers for dinner. The trip fee includes park admission, lunch, dinner, and a stop at the ice cream shop on the way home.

Cost: \$15.00

Leave Youth Center: 8:00am

Return: 10:00pm

Register by July 20th



\*- Kids 16 and over must have a valid NYS fishing license if they plan to fish. The license must be with them while fishing. Licenses are available at the Walmart sporting-goods department, city and town clerk offices, and the DEC's website, [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov). The Youth Center can provide fishing rods, tackle, etc.