



### 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.

## Title

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](http://cortlandyb.recdesk.com) and our social media pages: [@cortlandyouthbureau](https://www.instagram.com/cortlandyouthbureau).

### Program Registration & Facility Reservations

All CYB program registration and facility reservations take place online at [cortlandyb.recdesk.com](http://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: \$75 for city residents, \$100 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

## 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: \$30 for a two hour time slot.  
A \$25 deposit is required for the key.



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## CYB Policies

### 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

10am-7pm Daily

Opening/Closing Day: TBA Weather Dependent

## Wickwire Pool

12pm-7pm Daily

Opening Day: Saturday, June 24

Closing Day: Sunday, August 20

- Early Bird Swim --- 6am-8am, Monday-Saturday June 26-August 19th. Register online.
- Water Babies --- 11am-12pm, Sundays June 25-August 13. Register online.



## Yaman Beach

11am-7pm Daily

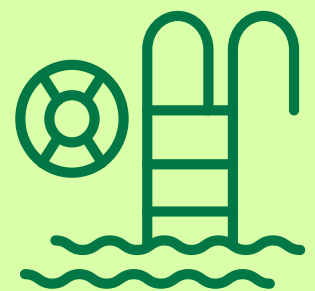
Opening Day: Saturday, May 27

Closing Day: Sunday, August 20

## 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.

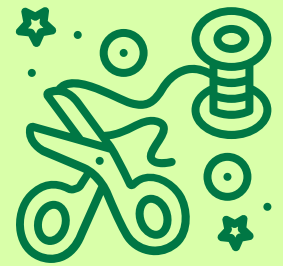


Wickwire Pool, Yaman Beach, and the splash pad will close immediately at the sound of thunder or the sight of lightning. The facilities will remain closed for 30 minutes after the last sounds of thunder or the sight of lightning. The facility will also close in the event of heavy rain which impedes the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





# PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS



Playground buildings at Suggett and Beaudry will be open Monday through Friday 10am to 5pm starting June 26 until August 18. The park buildings are open to youth ages 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! Dexter Park is located on the corner of Elm Street and Franklin Street.

## 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 11, 18, 25

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 every Wednesday starting at dusk. Movies will be listed on the CYB website and Facebook page.

July 12, 19, 26

August 2

## 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 4th story date. No rain location.



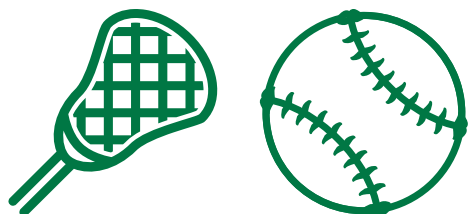
## Police & Fire Demonstrations

Meet McGruff the Crime Dog, K9 Kort, 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. Dates and times TBA.



## 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 26 - 30, and July 3 - July , with no camp on 7/4. Both 10am to 3:30pm at the Rotary Shelter at Suggett Park. Register on the CYB website starting May 1.



# ATHLETICS

Youth & Adult Sports

## 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 1.

## 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 April 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. CC Select travel info and all other league details can be found at [ccysasoccer.org](https://ccysasoccer.org).

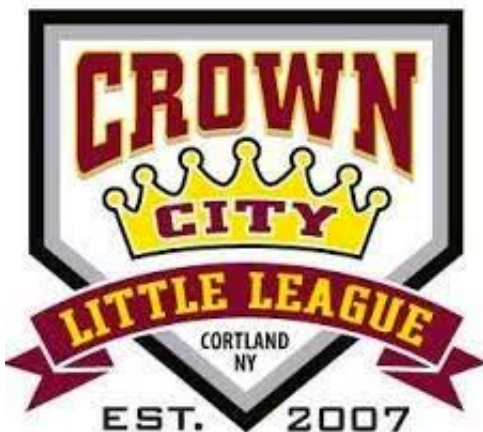
## Crown City Little League

Visit the league's website [crowncityll.com](https://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 2023 season. Use the age calculator on the CCLL website for eligibility.



## 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 online registration starting March 1 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.



# ATHLETICS

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## Pitch, Hit, & Run

Major League Baseball has teamed up with the CHS varsity team and 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. Date/Time TBA

## Junior Tiger Baseball Camp

This two week baseball camp is held at the Cortland High School stadium and will run from 9am to noon daily. Ran by the CHS varsity team, 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. Date/Time TBA

## Crown City Hoops

Open division men's league starts up again in March! Games will be played at the County Office Building gym on Thursdays through May. Cost per team is \$300 plus \$40 table/referee fee. League provides jerseys, paid scorekeepers, and fully insured. For more info or to register a team, contact Derek Allen, [607-745-588](tel:607-745-588). IG: [@crowncityhoops](https://www.instagram.com/crowncityhoops)

## Adult Softball

We are looking forward to another fun spring & summer hosting adult softball league games! Men's Slow-pitch, Women's Slow-pitch, and Church League are the available options of play. Registration will begin on the CYB website in late March/early April.



Our 2023 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 Dexter 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.





# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS



## 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 CYB. Stop out to Durkee Pond on Route 11 in Homer on Saturday, June 3 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/smallest 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 2023 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.



# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

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To reserve field time for games, tournaments or events at "The Lumber Yard" (Gutchess Lumber Sports Complex), please complete a facility request application. Facility request forms must be emailed to Cortlandville Parks Director John McNerney.

[jmcnerney@cortlandville.org](mailto:jmcnerney@cortlandville.org). Complex fees and calendars can be viewed on the CYB website.



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# YOUTH CENTER & YOUTH SERVICES

## Cortland Youth Bureau Youth Center

Located in downtown Cortland at 35 Port Watson Street, the Youth 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, 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.

## Youth Center Opportunities

Our staff work hard to ensure that we offer something for everyone at the Youth Center. Many of the ideas for our programs come from teens and their parents. If you have an idea of a program or event that you would like to see offered in Cortland please share it with us. We strive to offer relevant and exciting programming for all youth in our community.

## 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.

## Youth Center Hours

Monday-Friday 3:00-8:00pm

Check our monthly calendar for Saturday hours/events!

[www.cortland.org/youth/teenpages](http://www.cortland.org/youth/teenpages).



# YOUTH CENTER & YOUTH SERVICES

## **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 Youth 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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## **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 chores. Everyone who applies will be interviewed (applicants 17 and under must have their working papers). The next internship session will begin in July, 2023. Applications will be available at the Center starting Monday, June 5th.

## **Volunteer Incentive Program**

Kids who do community service or help with tasks at the Youth 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. Youth Center staff can help place teens with businesses and agencies who need volunteers.

## **Youth Center Kitchen**

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



# FIELD TRIPS



*Registration forms for all Summer Field Trips will be available starting Monday, June 5th. Payment is cash only, and registration must be done in person at the Youth Center or the CYB Main Office. Spots are limited and registrations are first-come, first-served. Trips are open to kids age 13 to 18. Field trips are coordinated and chaperoned by full-time CYB staff members.*

## **Wednesday, July 12th: Thousand Islands – Wellesley Island State Park\***

The Thousand Islands region of New York is world-famous for its natural beauty. Join us for a full day of fishing, boat-touring, and sight-seeing. The cost includes a picnic lunch, admission to the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, and dinner on the way home.

Cost: \$25.00

Leave Youth Center: 9:00am

Return: 10:00pm

Register by July 5th



\*- 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.



## **Wednesday, July 19th: Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY**

On this trip we'll visit the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame, tour the village of Cooperstown, and enjoy a picnic at nearby Glimmerglass State Park on Otsego Lake. The trip fee includes admission to the museum, lunch, and dinner.

Cost: \$35.00

Leave Youth Center: 9:00am

Return: 9:00pm

Register by July 12th.

## **Wednesday, July 26th: Enchanted Forest Water Safari in 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: 8:30am

Return: 10:00pm

Register by July 19th

