

Mission Statement

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop is a nonprofit organization committed to providing programs and services that empower youth by helping them to develop useful skills, self-esteem and meaningful friendships, by involving them in activities that are interesting, challenging, and healthy avenues to self discovery.

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Membership Fees - Good or Bad?

As funding sources slowly decrease or disappear, PYW will need to fill budget deficits with new and different means of fundraising, grant programs, and from other funding sources. One suggestion that has created some discussion is whether or not PYW should charge a yearly membership fee to the youth who participate in our programs and activities.

There is currently no charge to become a member of PYW, the only family costs are associated with trips and excursions. In the near future, we may need to implement a small membership fee at the beginning of each fiscal year. It has also been suggested that PYW staff increase trip fees by a small percentage - PYW currently pays about half of the typical trip cost.

We are looking for input from youth, families and community members. Would a membership fee discourage you from sending your teen to PYW? What amount would be considered too much or not worth it? Are you willing to pay a small fee in order to help PYW continue its mission of empowering youth in town? **Please visit our website to fill out a quick survey!**

The PYW Board of Directors would like to wish everyone a successful end to the school year - and we hope that everyone will have a fun filled and safe summer vacation!

~ PYW Board of Directors

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WHAT'S UP AT PYW?

"Empowering youth in the Pittsfield area since 1986"

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What The Pittsfield Teen Mentor Program means to me

By: Kelsey Wrye

"The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves." ~ Helen Keller. This quote has been the definition of my sophomore year. As a first year mentor in the Pittsfield Teen Mentoring Program, I have faced and overcome many obstacles. When I first started, I was afraid that it wasn't going to work out, or worse; I wouldn't be able to commit to the program. As I got more and more into the program though, I realized that it would be much easier than I imagined, it was not a task, more of a get-away from it all.

I had the assumption that my time with my mentee would be me teaching her, and helping her develop and maintain social skills, and someone to go to. I learned quickly though, that I wasn't going to be the only one teaching. I learned more from my mentee that I think she has learned from me. I never would have thought that I could have such a close connection with an eleven year old girl. Sometimes when we go places together, people compliment on our relationship, they often think that we are related, mentor and mentee never crosses their minds.

It's funny how a program can really become such a big part of someone's life. I have not only made friends with a girl that I never imagined being possible, I also made many friends within my peers. The Teen Mentors have a really close bond. Many of the people in my group, I had never talked to before, now though, I feel as though I can go to any one of them when I need help or advice.



With the year coming to a close, it's hard to think about what the group will be like next year. But I'm also excited to make friends with more of my peers. Also, I'm excited to see the relationship with my mentee grow even more, throughout the years. I believe that the Pittsfield Teen Mentoring Group is something that every student should have a part in, because it has truly impacted my life, as well as the people around me.

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PYW YOUTH SPOTLIGHT



Name: Melodie Hudgens

Age: 16

Grade: 10th

Fun fact about you: I'm hyper all the time - I like to talk a lot and socialize!

Favorite thing to do: Hang out with all my friends.

Favorite thing about PYW: All the people that come to PYW, they are respectful and not mean.



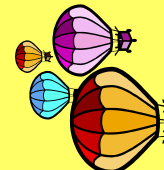
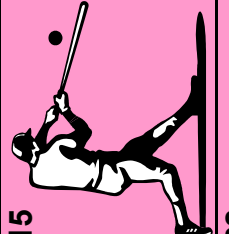
Most memorable moment at PYW: Going to Six Flags. My sister made me ride the Superman rollercoaster.

How long have you been a member of PYW: I've moved around a lot - but have been involved with PYW for a few years (maybe four).

How often do you go to PYW: Almost everyday - whenever I can!

What is your favorite time of year: Definitely summer - there are so many activities to do outside. I enjoy the school year because I'm able to see all my friends - sometimes that's harder during the summer.

P Y W S U M M E R C A L E N D A R 2 0 1 0

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 MAY MENTOR: Canoe Trip 8:30 - 6PM	31 MEMORIAL DAY PYW CLOSED	1 JUNE DROP-IN 3-6PM	2 DROP-IN 3-6PM JUMP ROPES!!!	3 DROP-IN 3-6PM Relay For Life 5PM GUITAR LESSONS	4 DROP-IN 3-6PM Game Night: Cribbage	5 TOWN WIDE YARD SALE 8-3PM
6 Mentor: Family BBQ 12-5:30 PM	7 DROP-IN 3-6PM	8 DROP-IN 3-6PM SUMMER SIGN-UP 4-6PM	9 DROP-IN 3-6PM	10 DROP-IN 1-6PM	11 DROP-IN 1-6PM	12 RELAY FOR LIFE CONCORD 1PM - 10AM (SUN)
13 	14 DROP-IN 1-6PM Card Games	15 DROP-IN 1-6PM DANCE, DANCE REVOLUTION	16 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! DROP-IN 1-6PM BUBBLES!!!	17 DROP-IN 2-6PM Father's Day Crafts GUITAR LESSONS	18 GIRLS ONLY: TRIP TO THE MALL 1-5PM	19
20 Happy Father's Day!	21 DROP-IN 2-6PM Rock Climbing Info Meeting 2PM	22 TRIP: Hilltop Fun Center 10:30-4:30PM	23 DROP-IN 2-6PM	24 Rock Climbing Session 1 9-5PM	25 BIKE CLUB 11-2PM DROP-IN 2-6PM	26
27	28 DROP-IN 2-6PM FRISBEEES!!!	29 TRIP: Isles of Shoals & Portsmouth 12-7:30PM	30 FOOS 12-2PM DROP-IN 2-6PM Basketball Shootout	1 JULY Rock Climbing Session 1 9-5PM	2 PYW CLOSED	3 
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 PYW CLOSED	6 TRIP: Movies - Eclipse (TBA)	7 FOOS 12-2PM DROP-IN 2-6PM Make Ice Cream	8 Rock Climbing Session 1 9-5PM	9 BIKE CLUB 11-2PM DROP-IN 2-6PM	10
11	12 Wise Guys 12-2 DROP-IN 2-6PM HULA HOOPS!!!	13 TRIP: Canobie Lake Park 10-7PM	14 FOOS 12-2PM DROP-IN 2-6PM	15 Rock Climbing Session 1 9-6PM	16 DROP-IN 2-6PM Old Home Prep	17 OLD HOME DAY "School Days"
18	19 Wise Guys 12-2 DROP-IN 2-6PM Rock Climbing Info Meeting 2PM	20 TRIP: Polar Caves 10-5PM	21 FOOS 12-2PM DROP-IN 2-6PM WATER BALLOONS!!!	22 Rock Climbing Session 2 9-5PM	23 BIKE CLUB 11-2PM DROP-IN 2-6PM	24
25	26 Wise Guys 12-2 DROP-IN 2-6PM TIE-DYE ANYTHING	27 FOOS 12-2PM DROP-IN 2-6PM	28 TRIP: Fisher Cats Baseball 10:30-5PM	29 Rock Climbing Session 2 9-5PM	30 BOYS ONLY DROP-IN 2-6PM	31 
1 AUGUST	2 Wise Guys 12-2 DROP-IN 2-6PM	3 National Night Out TRIP: Water Country 9-6PM	4 FOOS 12-2PM DROP-IN 2-6PM Pool Tournament	5 Rock Climbing Session 2 9-5PM	6 PYW CLOSED	7 BALLOON RALLY WEEKEND
8	9 Wise Guys 12-2 DROP-IN 2-6PM GUITAR HERO!!!	10 TRIP: Kayaking 9:30-5:30PM	11 FOOS 12-2PM DROP-IN 2-6PM Ice Cream Sundae	12 Rock Climbing Session 2 9-6PM	13 BIKE CLUB Bear Brook 10-4PM	14
15 	16 Wise Guys & FOOS 9-2PM DROP-IN 2-6PM	17 TRIP: Salem, MA 10-6PM	18 DROP-IN 2-6PM	19 DROP-IN 2-6PM	20 FAMILY BBQ 5-8PM Town Pool	21
22 TRIP: RED SOX GAME! 10:30-7PM	23 PYW CLOSED ALL WEEK - BACK TO SCHOOL AUGUST 30TH ENJOY THE LAST WEEK OF SUMMER!	24	25	26	27	28

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If you own a business and would like to sponsor PYW programs and activities please contact Zach at 435-8272 or at ZachPowers@PittsfieldYouthWorkshop.org.

Paula and Zach would also like to thank everyone who helped out during the 8th Annual Pittsfield Fiddle Contest! We truly appreciate the help and generosity from all our supporters!

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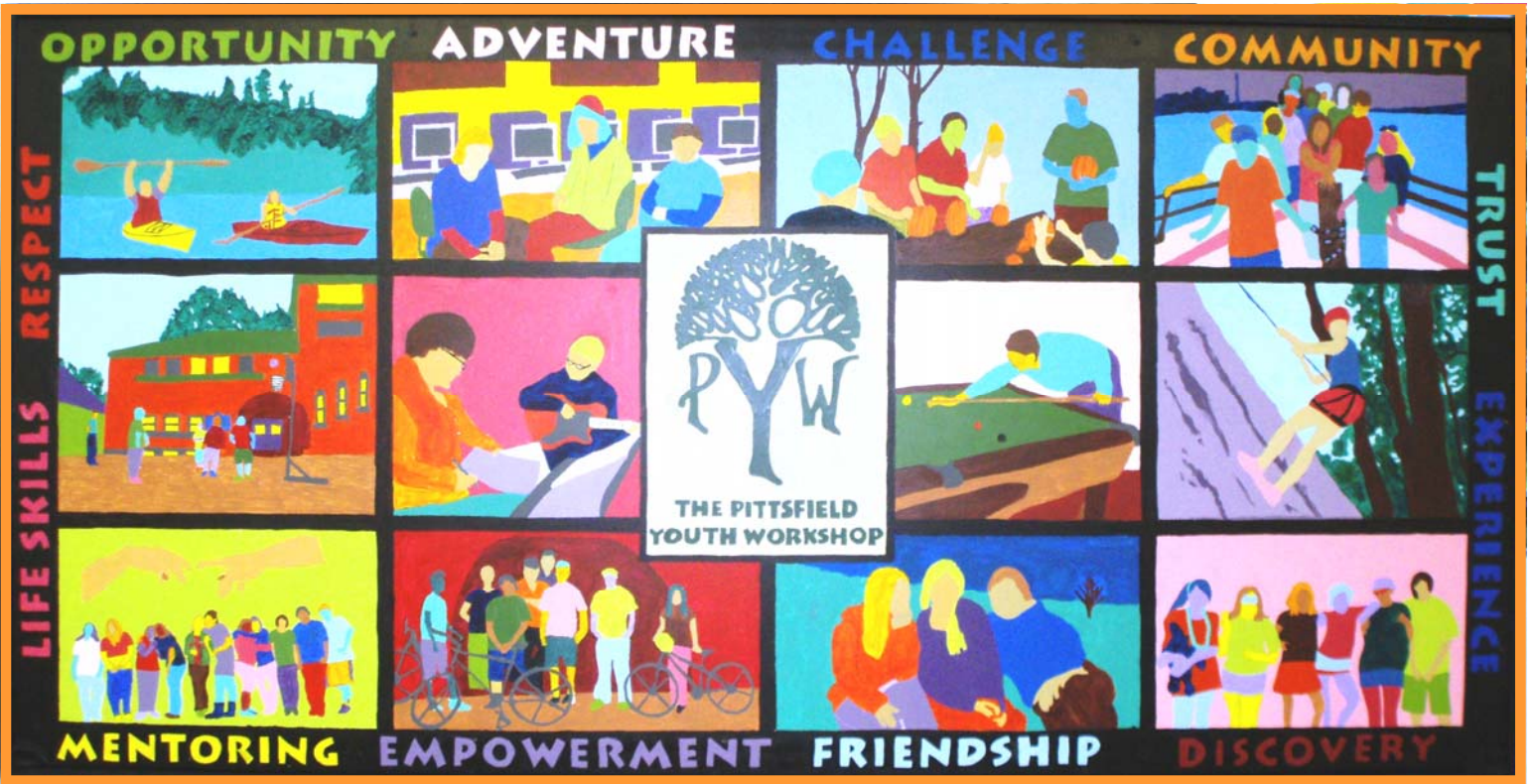
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After four months of hard work and dedication, the youth at PYW have completed an amazing work of art. In collaboration with Mr. Mitchell (PMHS Art Teacher), over one hundred youth spent countless hours completing the masterpiece that now hangs in the PYW Drop-In Center entryway. We invite you all to stop by and check out the mural the youth have created!

