



THE ITHACA YOUTH BUREAU

HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

March 2023

Upcoming Events

- Online registration for Cass and Stewart Park summer camps opens at noon on Friday, March 31.
- Registration is currently open for spring recreation programs including pottery, softball and baseball, track, theater, fishing, tennis, lacrosse, and more!
- Ithaca Bike rental opens on May 5! Scroll down for details.
- Save the date: Cass Park Pool is scheduled to open on INSERT DATE. We will update details about hours and swimming passes on our web site later this spring.



From the director's desk

It feels like we are finally rounding the corner into spring! We've got blue skies, warmer temperatures and a whole slate of spring recreation programs open. We are gearing up for summer programming and recruiting seasonal staff to help us make this the best summer ever for kids.

This year we are celebrating 75 years of the IYB. The festivities kick off in May with activities that will last throughout the summer. We'll end our 75th summer with a birthday bash on August 5 that will include discounted swimming at Cass Park Pool (which is celebrating 50 years in Ithaca this year!), roller-skating, a special ice cream flavor created by Purity, and cake! Stay tuned for details.

We look forward to seeing you and celebrating with you this year.

~ Liz Klohmann, IYB Director

Out and About

The College Discovery Program discovers science!

College Discovery Program has been visiting the Cornell Center for Material Research (CCMR), a lab that investigates fundamental challenges in materials research. The kids know it as the place we go to do cool science activities and meet scientists!



Our 6th graders have done hands-on activities with magnets, made slime and learned about it's properties, and visited a range of laboratories and heard from researchers and scientists.

Get ready for summer camps!

Registration opens on March 31 for our summer camp programs: Cass Park Camp for youth ages 5 to 8 and Stewart Park Camp for youth ages 8 to 13. Camp will run in one- and two-week sessions from Monday, July 3 to Friday, August 18. [Check out our web site](#) for all of the details.



Financial assistance is available for summer camp through DSS Childcare Assistance with expanded income guidelines. For more information or to apply, please contact Jody Hallett-Harris at (607) 273-8364 or jharris@cityofithaca.org.

Volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters

IN CELEBRATION OF THE ITHACA YOUTH BUREAU'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

WE'RE RECRUITING 75 NEW MENTORS IN 2023!

TO MEET FAMILY PREFERENCES, WE HAVE A HIGH NEED FOR BIGS WHO:

- Are male identified
- Are people of color
- Have a car and are willing to drive to rural locations in Tompkins County.
- Want to work with kids with special needs

DEFENDING POTENTIAL

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In honor of the IYB's 75th anniversary, Big Brothers Big Sisters has a BIG goal of recruiting 75 new mentors in 2023.

All our encouraged to apply, but we have a particularly high need for Bigs who are male identified, people of color, have a car and are willing to drive to rural locations, and want to work with kids who have

special needs. Interested? Call us at (607) 273-8364.

Want to try Rugby?

IYB Rec

is



considering a offering a rugby program for kids ages 8 to 11 in late spring or early summer. Kids would develop skills and learn the rules of the game.

Is this something your child would enjoy? If so, reach out to Gordy Begent, IYB Rec Program Coordinator, at gbegent@cityofithaca.org or (607) 273-8364 xxt. 2128

Sign up: Recreation programs for everyone

IYB Rec is offering a full slate of spring and summer recreation programs to get kids of all ages involved in fun activities. Spring programs open now include lacrosse, baseball, softball, track, pottery, theater, Tae Kwon Do, theater, and nature programs. Register at the [Community Pass web site](#).

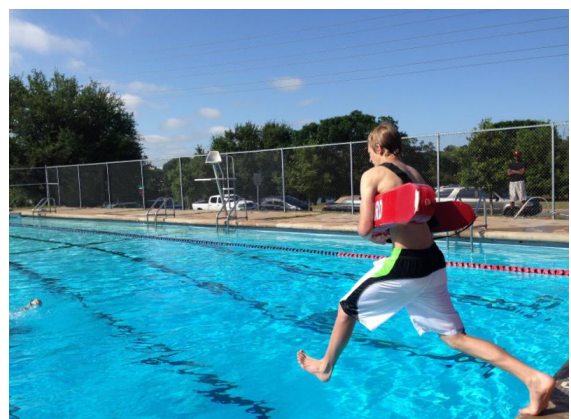
Important Note: the IYB is looking for volunteers to help with lacrosse, baseball, softball, and track. To volunteer, email Gorby Begent at gbgent@cityofithaca.org.

Programs coming this summer will include art, theater, pottery, band, orchestra, tennis, and airborne adventures. Follow our [Facebook page](#) for details and registration information.

Work with us!

The Youth Bureau is hiring seasonal staff for the summer including camp directors, camp nurses, counselors, swim instructors, and life guards.

We offer flexible hours and a supportive working environment. To learn more or apply, check out our



Get ready to ride!

The Ithaca Bike Rental will be opening on Friday, May 5, as long as the weather cooperates.

We offer the best bicycles and accessories possible for rent at a competitive price. Enjoy Fuji



Crosstowns, an adult comfort bike that are a joy to ride anywhere with 7 or 21 speeds. The kids will have fun and look good on our Diamondback BMX style rides or Treks.

If you are looking for a comfortable, more stable ride, we have Torker Adult Trikes and Recumbent Trikes available. Our bikes are the perfect transport to the Farmers Market or to take a self guided tour of the Ithaca Commons.

This year, we will also be offering waterfront bike tours with our experienced staff! Quality child seats are available, as well as a Burley child trailers. Or try out our bicycle built for two.

You can find all of the details at www.ithacabikerental.com. We hope to see you this biking season!

FIYB: Friends of the Ithaca Youth Bureau



We Appreciate You!

In this heartwarming video, IYB staff and program participants express thanks to the Friends of the IYB and the many community members who contribute to FIYB.

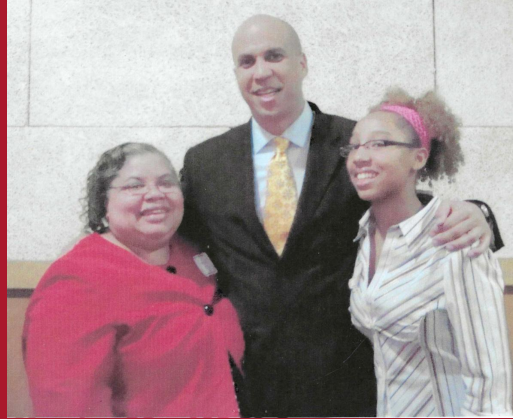
Join us in supporting IYB

As the Ithaca Youth Bureau celebrates its 75th birthday and the 50th season of Cass Park Rink and Pool, our organization is reflecting on why it's so important to ensure our community's youth have access to safe and healthy recreational and development opportunities.



"What an exciting time it is to be part of the wonderful group of people, programming and facilities that make up the Ithaca Youth Bureau!" said Jeff Love, current chair of the Friends. "In celebrating this special time, I can reflect on the many great experiences and impactful memories I have had as a result of IYB programs. These experiences have helped shape my life for the better."

It is also time to look to the future and, in doing so, commit what we can of ourselves to ensure that the next generation of youth in need, aspiring students, coaches, job seekers, and advocates will have the opportunities and support they need to succeed. To learn more, to donate, or to volunteer, visit friendsiyb.org or email us at friendsiyb@gmail.com.



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