



OSSINING YOUTH BUREAU

SUMMER REPORT 2023

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Reader,

The Ossining Youth Bureau is a place where all youth and young adults are welcome. We strive to provide positive youth development and opportunities. We aim to target the youth of Ossining so that we may inspire them to be great. The Youth Bureau is an ideal location for the youth to discover their true potential.



At the Ossining Youth Bureau, we understand that the youth of today need guidance, support, and a positive environment to thrive. Our programs are designed to help young people gain confidence and self-esteem, develop leadership skills, and achieve their goals. We offer a range of services, including job training, educational support, and recreational activities. Our staff is dedicated to creating a safe and welcoming space for all youth, regardless of their background or circumstances.

If you are a youth or young adult in Ossining, looking for employment, leadership, or enrichment, please stop by the Joseph G. Caputo Recreation Center at 95 Broadway. Otherwise, you may find the information for these programs at our website:
<https://www.villageofossining.org/ossining-youth-bureau-oyb>

Best,
Chima Monday
Director

As a person who started my journey in Ossining in 2nd grade, I have experienced being a young person in this community firsthand.

I know how important it is to have positive things to do in your own community. I am proud to be working with Chima, his staff, and the Youth Advisory Board to help bring these services to Ossining for our young people during this important time in their lives.

Harry L. Campbell
Youth Advisory Board Chair



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Ossining Youth Bureau is to connect youth to positive services and programs that will help promote education, physical and emotional health, civic engagement, economic security, healthy choices, and a sense of belonging to the community.

OUR VISION

Ossining Youth Bureau's vision is to create a community where all young people, particularly those from lower socioeconomic and marginalized populations, have the opportunity to thrive, reach their full potential, and have a strong sense of cultural identity. We envision a world where all youth have access to the resources and support they need to succeed academically, personally, and in their communities, and where they are valued, respected, and celebrated for their unique talents and contributions.

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2023 SUMMER PROGRAM RECAP

Water Safety Program: Splash into fun!



The OYB's Water Safety Program is a unique experience that provides youth with free swimming instruction.

250+ kids have gotten the experience they need to enjoy activities not only in the Ossining pool but also at the beautiful **Hudson River Waterfront**



Did you know?
The Ossining Youth Bureau serves **460+** youth.

The Summer STEM Program serves **20 youths** who are interested in getting hands-on experience in technology and innovation through a variety of projects

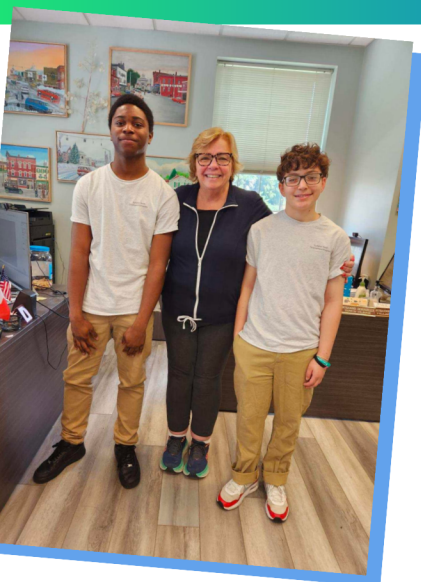
It is an entrance to **STEM curriculum** and provides opportunities to get excited about fields that they are not exposed to in school.

Summer STEM Program: Young Innovators



Summer STEM Instructor Veronica Larson teaches a group of youth about various forms of structural engineering.

Summer Youth Employment Program



The Summer Youth Employment program employs **25+ youth** during the summer in a variety of positions.

The program also provides the youth the opportunity to gain skills and resources for healthy lifestyle choices, physical and emotional well-being and risk avoidance skills and resources.

Overall, the Summer Youth Employment program is an excellent opportunity for young people to gain experience, develop skills, and explore their interests while earning a paycheck during the summer months. It sets them on a path towards success and empowers them to become productive members of their communities.

The Summer Youth Employment program provides young people with work experience, industry insights, and professional networking opportunities, along with training on important topics such as financial literacy and job readiness. The program promotes skill development and creates positive impacts for both participants and the community.

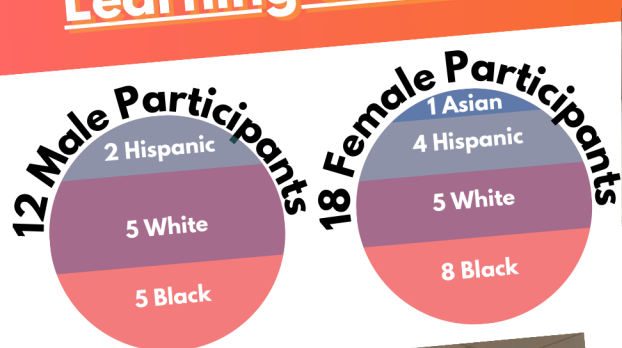
Statement from the Office of the Assessor

Thanks to the Summer Youth Employment Program, the office was able to scan historical records and clean out unnecessary paper. It is no exaggeration to say that our experience with the Summer Youth Employment Program was **highly productive**.



Check out the program participants at work!

Summer Leadership Program: Learning about Greatness



Did you know?
The Ossining Youth Bureau offers **10+** programs for all-ages and counting...

Program participants learned how to **voice their message** through digital media such as podcasts.



The Summer Leadership program serves **30 youth** who learn specialized skills to aid in their journeys in being both leaders in and out of the classroom.



Ossining Youth Council: Future Leaders

The Youth Council works to provide a platform for **15 young adults** to voice their opinions, and ideas, and empower them to take action on the issues that affect them in the village.

The council meets regularly to discuss various topics ranging from education, healthcare, employment, and environmental concerns. Through their discussions, they aim to identify areas that require immediate attention and develop strategies to address them.



Check out
the Youth
Council
Application!

Testimony from a Youth Council Member:

The Youth Council has helped develop my leadership skills and collaborate with youth from all different demographics. It is a great opportunity for anybody interested in making a real impact in the community through the legislative process.

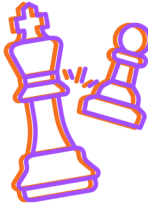
Grandpas United: Generational Lessons



Grandpas United is a group of volunteers at the Ossining Youth Bureau committed to giving back to the young people in our communities. They serve with special events, mentoring and various lessons that only time can teach

Their main mission is to provide guidance and support for the youth, and help them in any way possible. The members of Grandpas United are all retired individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of the younger generation. Their life experiences and wisdom make them a valuable resource for the youth, who benefit greatly from their mentorship.

Ossining Youth Engaging in Success (OYES)



As part of the **Ossining Youth Engaging in Success program (OYES)**, youth had the opportunity to engage in a wide range of programs that allowed them to explore the creative sides of their brains. There were both visual and STEAM based art projects, learned Brazilian martial arts, completed screenwriting and acting in theater class, danced, played the drums, and ended each week in a cooking class



Statement from Jamar Brown, OYES Program Organizer

While the OYES program at the Ossining Youth Bureau offered a wide variety of activities, our goal was to provide a space that allowed participants to learn new skills without the fear of being judged by their peers. The goal of the program was to build an environment where kids learned valuable skill while having fun.

Summer Energy & Environmental Program

The Summer Energy and Environmental Program is an academic summer program that aim to expose young people from marginalized communities to the adverse impact of climate change and their roles in climate solutions

Overall, the Summer Energy and Environmental Program aims to empower young people to become leaders in the fight against climate change. By providing them with the knowledge and skills they need to make a positive impact in their communities, the program helps to create a more just and sustainable future for all.

Keep an eye out for more information regarding sessions of OYES during the school year!



ONGOING YOUTH PROGRAMS

Ossining STEM
Exploration

Ossining Youth Engaging
In Success

Ossining Youth Basketball
Club

Ossining
Youth Council

Ossining Water Safety
Program

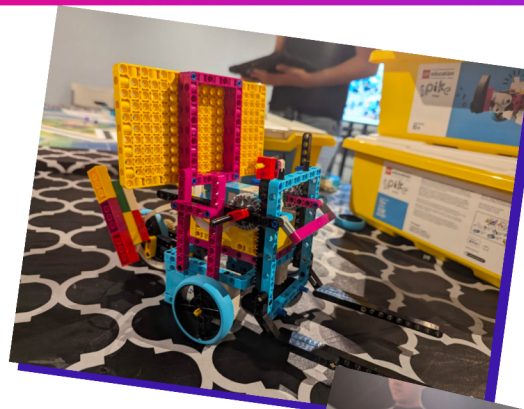
Grandpas United



2023 SUMMER EVENTS

Summer STEM:
Robotics

20 Summer STEM participants engaged in robotics programming for one week, 4 hours a day. They learned technology skills and better understood modern programming, as well as robotics



Village Renovation Tour

The Youth Council members joined Mayor Levin and other members of the Board of Trustees to discuss the Downtown Revitalization Initiative funding that will completely reshape the downtown Ossining



Environmental Program Trip

The Summer Environmental and Energy program participants took a trip to New York City to learn about design and engineering from one of the largest architectural firms in the world



OSSINING YOUTH BUREAU STAFF



From left to right:
Jamar Brown
Jeffrey Santos
Samantha Ferguson

OSSINING YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

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OSSINING YOUTH COUNCIL

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