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Colchester Youth and Social Services

Register for our programs online at www.colchesterct.gov/youth

Girls Circle

5th grade girls are invited to join our next session of Girls Circle! This session will be focused on skills such as: how to be a friend on social media, positive self-esteem, being included and left out, and more. Girls will have the opportunity to participate in creative and fun activities each week! This group will meet on Thursdays, January 24th, 2019 - March 28th, 2019, from 3:15-4:30 pm. Youth Services will pick up group members after school and bring them to the Youth Center. Girls Circle is free and snack will be provided.

Snowtubing at Powder Ridge- February 19, 2019

No plans on your day off from school? Join Youth Services for 2 hours of snow tubing fun at Powder Ridge followed by lunch at Five Guys. This trip runs from 10 am-3 pm, but Open Youth Center will be available at 9am for drop-off before the trip and until 4pm for pick-up (optional). Open for grades 6-8. Registration fee is \$40. PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF WILL BE AT THE YOUTH CENTER (40 NORWICH AVE)

Sky's the Limit- March 8, 2019

Colchester students in grades 6-8 are invited to join us for 1.5 hours of jumping at Launch Trampoline Park in Hartford followed by a buffet lunch and a \$20 Power Card for the arcade at Dave and Buster's in Manchester. There is no better way to spend a day off from school! This program runs from 9am-4pm. Pick up and Drop off will be at the Town Hall. Registration fee is \$48.

Open Youth Center

Time: 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Grades 7 & 8: Mondays

Grades 6: Wednesdays

Fee: None

In addition to full time Youth Services' staff, 5 part time staff members also help to supervise Open Youth Center. After-school snacks are provided and we also offer air hockey, crafts, pool table, outdoor games, WiiU, Xbox, homework help, and more! Join us for some extra special

themed weeks which give the chance to dress up, compete for prizes, and so much more. You do not need to pre-register to attend the Youth Center. Students will receive instructions for online registration at their first visit, they must be registered online to attend again. Registration can be found at www.colchesterct.gov/youth. Please give us a call if you have any further questions or concerns about Open Youth Center.

Volunteer opportunity for grades 7-12

Teens in Action is a service learning program with the goal of having teens take pride in their community and acknowledging the things that they can do to make change in the world around them. Colchester Youth Services provides several different activities throughout the school year and during school breaks. One of our ongoing projects is taking care of the Colchester Food Bank, which serves residents right here in our own town. Each Tuesday during the school year, we will have students come to the Town Hall after school from 2:30-3:30 to help stock the shelves, clean, and organize the space so that it is ready for shopping days. Students will sign up with the commitment of attending each Tuesday during a 2 month period. Registration is online at www.colchesterct.gov/youth.

*For further information on any of our programs contact:
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