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FALL 2019 Volunteer and Participant Newsletter * Program Registration VOLUME 43 ISSUE 3



Dates to Note

September 21

Superhero Dash!
8am - 11:30 am @
Lakewood Park

October 16

Football Finale
4 pm-6 pm @ YC

October 17

Reel Abilities Film Festival:
"The R Word"
6 pm-8 pm @ YC

October 20

Ice Breaker Hockey
4 pm-6:30 pm @ Thornton Park
Ice Rink, Shaker Heights

November 2

Casino Night
6 pm-9 pm @ YC
**planned and run by YC's
Volunteer Committee*

November 22

Parent's Night Out
6 pm-9 pm @ YC
**planned and run by YC's
Volunteer Committee*

December 7

Holiday Show
Time and Location TBD

Youth Challenge brings together young people with physical disabilities and teen volunteers who inspire each other through adapted sports, recreation, and social growth activities.

PARTICIPANTS VS. STAFF

Participants, volunteers, and staff went head-to-head in the battle of the century this past summer. "Participants vs. Staff," a brand new program, took place at Upper Edgewater Park- the perfect public space for a humiliating defeat. After a round or two of smack talk, participants and volunteers were split into three teams with a singular goal in mind...to beat the staff at their own game. The day consisted of a series of challenges picked by YC staff members to showcase some of their many talents.



Mackenzie hula hooped the staff team to a victory in a game of "Shark Bait." But, participants and volunteers got back on track when they defeated the staff in Sean's "Chicken Run." Staff dug themselves out of a hole after sweeping the board in Jimmy's game of corn hole and orchestrated another W in



Sarah's marching band competition. After losing to the participants in Laurel's ASL challenge, staff took that as a sign to really step up their game. Megan's "Broadway Pictionary" was the final curtain call for participants and volunteers when staff crushed them in each round. In the end, the participants and volunteers had a blast, but didn't stand a chance! Better luck next time! Who thinks this should be an annual summer program?!?



Participants & staff perform their original marching band songs / The looks of defeat on Bradley & Charlie's faces

LOOKING BACK

FUN IN THE SUN



A YC summer wouldn't be complete without Sports & "SPLASH"!
Caitlin & Ryan / Jack & George / Hannah & K'yona / Alijah & Sean / Sarah & Sean



It's the best day of the year! YC's 2019 Summer's End Bash was a SMASH! Rena, Liz, Adam & Logan / Megan, Zach, Mackenzie, Matt, & Gabby / Jimmy, Brynn, Sean & Barbara as human sundaes!



Everyone loves a good theme day! Ja'Niyah & Clare @ Music Mania / Maddie & Seneca @ Edible Engineering / Elias, Abi, Lauren, & Kiana @ All Boxed Up
Bottom: Jimmy, Levi, & Sean @ Disney Day / Celeste, Luther, & Jim @ Farm to Table / Melina & Logan @ YC WOO-au Prom Night

Hello, Goodbye

At the Summer's End Bash on August 3, we had the sad task of saying thank you and goodbye to three VAN-tastic program staffers- Levi, Gaby, and Sean. I'm not crying, *YOU'RE* crying!

Levi started as an intern from BW in May 2018, but we loved him so much that we asked him to join our staff!

His passion and knowledge for all things active stepped up our athletics and med kit game a lot this year. He will be moving to Utah for graduate school at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions to get his doctorate in Physical Therapy. Have a rocking time out West, Levi!



Gaby's history with YC goes deep. Originally starting out as a volunteer in 2007, Gaby joined our program staff in 2016. Whether volunteer or staff member, Gaby was always eager to share her enthusiasm, love of dance, and ASL skills with YC. She will be pursuing a masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from the Adler Professional School of Psychology in Chicago! Keep on dancing through life, Gaby!

Sean may be leaving YC as our JV, but don't get too excited...you'll still see him around as a part-time staff member this fall! After serving for a year as our Jesuit Volunteer, Sean just couldn't get enough of Cleveland and YC, so he decided to stay here! Sean will also be working with our neighbors down the street at the Achievement Center for Children as a Teacher Assistant in the middle school. Sean was a huge champion of YELP this season and helped foster a space where YELPers and volunteers alike made lasting friendships. His capital "Z" Zest for life and overall loudness will be fondly remembered by all. We're so happy to **STILL** have Sean on Team YC, just in a new way!



Enough with the goodbyes, let's say **HELLO** to our newest Jesuit Volunteer, **ABBIE HAIR!** Abbie is from Kansas City, Missouri and attended Benedictine College for Elementary and Special Education. She was a member of the Women's Soccer Team and her favorite food is bacon!

When you see Abbie this fall, give her a big YC WOO-elcome!

PEOPLE OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following participants and volunteers for their positive contributions to YC!

Volunteers and Participants of the Week are chosen for their dedication to YC and outstanding attitudes. They are featured each week on our Facebook page and Instagram. **These names reflect honorees from June 17 through August 5, 2019.**

VOLUNTEERS

Gerry Schirmer
Bryan Cundiff
Clare Fox
Nina Ross
Charlie Grooff
Jack Williams
Maddie Kowalski
Ian Carlisle

PARTICIPANTS

Bradley Compton
RJ Sullivan
Jalen Sandvick
Autumn Burns
Jaxon Berenda
Jennifer Kasunick
Luther Watts



Check out our Facebook and Instagram for posts featuring these WOO-onderful participants and volunteers!



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Gerry & Bre @ YELP Party in the Park / Ira & Jaxon @ Summer School / Autumn wins "Most Likely to Become an Instagram Influencer @ Summer School / Sarah & Nina take a stroll and roll @ YELP Party in the Park

THE YC GANG

Three WOO's for Terry!



In June, YC said a big THANK WOO and goodbye to our office manager, Terry Borecky at West Side Sports & Swim. For over 24 years, Terry was the face and voice of YC, at the front desk and on the phone. She is now enjoying blissful retirement and spending lots of quality time with her family.