

EWYC Sponsors NFL Flag Football

The *Ellenville-Wawarsing Youth Commission* will be sponsoring a fall NFL Flag Football League on Tuesday nights from September 13th to November 22nd.

The program is open to the first 48 children who sign-up; registration is free and open to both boys and girls. All participants will receive a free NFL flag football jersey, along with three months of exposure to teamwork, instruction, and, most importantly, fun!



Interested youth, parents, and coaches are invited to attend a league organizational meeting on **Tuesday, September 6th** in the *Ellenville Central School District*. If you have any questions, please contact *EWYC* Program Director Kristopher

Kiernan at 647-0200 ext. 541.

On **Thursday, September 8th**, at 6:00 PM there will be a preliminary presentation at the *Ellenville Elementary School Music Assembly Room* concerning establishing a Gus Macker Basketball Event next summer in Ellenville, involving thousands of participants and spectators. This major event will raise thousands in funds for local projects; the *EWYC* is acting as the lead agency to get the ball rolling but will need the cooperation of local individuals and businesses to pull it off successfully.

Ellenville-Wawarsing Youth Commission: What We Did on Your Summer Vacation

The *Ellenville-Wawarsing Youth Commission* wishes to report on the overwhelming success of its free summer programs, specifically the *Drop-By Program* and our weekly trips.

DROP-BY PROGRAM

Every Thursday during the months of July and August, the *EWYC* hosted its *Drop-By Program* from 1:00 to 5:00 PM at **Lippman Park** (photo, page X, top left). Average attendance was approximately 30 children per week between the ages of 6 and 14.

Drop-By Program participants enjoyed an array of



activities, including arts and crafts, board games, nature walks, fishing, and ping pong, along with sports activities, such as kickball, basketball, and volleyball; the *EWYC* capped off the summer at its last *Drop-By* session on August 26th by hosting a field day, a barbecue, and a special session of arts and crafts that included tie-dyeing. Special thanks go out to the Ellenville *ShopRite*, which donated a 6-foot-long sub to help the *EWYC* celebrate the end of summer.

WEEKLY TRIPS

Kids' Kruiise on the Hudson

The *Ellenville-Wawarsing Youth Commission* kicked off its Summer Program by sponsoring a trip to the Kids' Kruiise on the Hudson, which was held on the boat Rip Van Winkle (photo, bottom left) from Kingston on July 8th.

Approximately 25 youths between the ages of 7 and 14 marveled at the scenic views of the Hudson River and learned about its history. Participants were also treated to a live DJ and a dance contest, along with a magician. In spite of the rainy weather, all *EWYC* youth had a wonderful time and came away with a new appreciation of the history and the beauty of the larger Ulster County area.



Hudson Valley Renegades

The *EWYC* followed up the success of its first summer trip almost immediately on the following Monday, July 11th. On that day, the *Youth Commission* brought out the baseball fan in local area youth by sponsoring a trip to a Hudson Valley Renegades' game in Fishkill.

About 25 youths cheered on the Renegades and received free baseballs; some even met with the Renegades' mascot, Rookie Renegade (photo above), and his family. The *EWYC* group had a wonderful time and came away with a new appreciation of baseball and, more importantly, the tenets of teamwork.

New York State Museum & Capitol Tour

The *EWYC* switched gears from recreation to education in its next field trip on July 22nd at the New York State Museum and the New York State Capitol in Albany.

Close to 25 youths between the ages of 7 and 15 learned about the historically and culturally rich evolution of New York State through the many exhibits the museum has to offer; particularly noteworthy were the exhibits on the Native Peoples of New York, Ancient Life of New York: A Billion Years of Earth History (photo, next page, top left), and a moving tribute to the victims of September 11th, entitled "The World Trade Center: A Timeline at Ground Zero." The museum also allowed the kids to