

## EWYC Sponsors NFL Flag Football

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

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 6<sup>th</sup>** 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 8<sup>th</sup>**, 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>, entitled "The World Trade Center: A Timeline at Ground Zero." The museum also allowed the kids to