



throughout his lifetime. The children were also able to view the grounds of Springwood, including the rose garden, the stables, and the gravesite of FDR and Eleanor. Throughout this trip, the group learned what a significant and positive impact an individual or a family can have on the communities in which they live.

Hiking at Minnewaska State Park

The EWYC finished off its summer trips by taking around 20 kids hiking at **Minnewaska State Park**.

The day began with cold and rainy weather, but the kids bravely endured the inclement weather and began hiking to **Lake Minnewaska**. After stopping for an early lunch, the weather cleared up and allowed the kids to enjoy swimming in the lake.

Once the kids had their fill of the clear **Minnewaska** water, the group began hiking once more. During this longer hike, participants were able to see beautiful views of the region that extended to the **Catskills**. At the end of the day, the kids and staff all felt the effects of a long day of hiking, but all felt a sense of accomplishment at having hiked several miles in one of the state's most stunning parks.

ABOUT THE EWYC

From January to August 2005, the **EWYC** has provided more than 130 children with an array of free programs, including trips, sports clinics, holiday events, basketball tournaments, and open recreation events. This fall, the fun will continue with NFL Flag Football, Ellenville Idol, Art in the Park, The Pros of Poetry, and even more trips.

Our mission, as always, is to nurture and support the youth of our community by providing accessible programs and activities that empower our young people while promoting unity and cooperation. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for any of our free programs, please pick up a copy of our newsletter or contact Program Director Kristopher Kiernan at **845-647-0200 ext. 541**. 🌟

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