



Special points of interest:

- HAVERSTRAW CENTER offers many programs free of charge
- COUNSELING for help with: alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, family problems, boyfriends/girlfriends, school
- RECREATION and homework help
- FAMILY ACTIVITIES
- PROJECT SHIFT



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VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp begins on July 7th in the Village of Haverstraw. Campers meet at the Haverstraw Center Monday through Friday where they are served a light breakfast in preparation for the day's activities. Mondays: Rockland Lake. Most Tuesdays: in-house at the Center with a variety of exciting activities planned. Every other Tuesday or Wednesday: trip to The Castle, the Boulders, Splash-down Beach and Rye Playland. Thursdays are mixed days: some campers go to Hi Tor Bowling and others go to Bowline Park. A trip to the movies rounds out the campers week on Friday with alternating age groups attending alternating weeks. FREE lunch is served daily.

The entire camp will enjoy a BBQ at Bowline on Thursday, August 14th, where the campers show off their talents on the fabulous Town of Haverstraw stage.

For those parents who are new to camp this year, an orientation will be held on July 7th. T-shirts will be distributed, as well as any additional or new information parents may need to know for a successful camp season for your children.

All of the camp counselors go through a comprehensive screening, training and orientation. Our returning camp director, Esteban Diaz is highly qualified and certified in CPR and First Aid for the Healthcare Provider. Assisting him are Frankie

Vazquez and Tim Sanders, very familiar faces at the Haverstraw Center who also have their certification.

The camp day runs from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Childcare, snacks and fun activities are available from 3-5:30 pm four days a week (on "non-trip" camp days) during the camp season. This fee is in addition to the camp fee and is \$180/child for six weeks. That works out to just \$3.00/hour!! The fee is \$100/child for free/reduced lunch participants. Call 845-429-0300 for more information.



A Taste of Storytelling

On June 22, 2014 youth from the Haverstraw Center participated in "A Taste of Storytelling" fundraiser at Union Restaurant. Elise Krakower, retired librarian from North Rockland High School worked with girls from the Center on their storytelling techniques. Elise, a master storyteller herself engaged the girls in lively conversations and practice sessions as they prepared to share with the delighted audience at Union Restaurant.

The advertisement read, "Dine at Union and sample the flavors of Storytelling!"

Union Restaurant donated 20% of their proceeds to the 19th Annual Rockland County Storytelling Festival to be held on Sunday November 16, 2014 at the Garnerville branch of the Haverstraw King's Daughters Library.

Chelani Rivera and Tattianna Wallace presented Aesop's Fables to the diners. Chelani kicked off the fundraiser with her wonderful retelling of the fable "The Bundle of Sticks" emphasizing the message that when people stand together, they are strong. Tattianna's retelling of the

"Dancing Monkeys" related that not everything you see is what it appears to be. An additional fable told by Chelani was the story of the "Bear and Two Travelers" which advised that misfortune can test the sincerity of friends.

Pamela Schembri and Elsie Krakower, professional storytellers, rounded out the afternoon with their humorous and enlightening stories.

For more information contact the RTC Institute at 845.553.9516 or email dstudnitzer@optonline.net.

A Taste of Storytelling Photo Gallery



Spanish-speaking Parent's Group Year End Celebration



The Haverstraw Center Spanish Parent's Group coordinated by Tanya Soto and Myriam Saravia ended in a very successful first year. Our goal of bringing the families of our community to use The Center, was accomplished with much thanks to Marion Breland, RC YMCA and every one that helped or contributed for a great year!

GRADUATION

Marlene Avril, an intern for the Haverstraw Center, graduated from the masters degree program in Social Work at Fordham University. The staff at the Center wish Marlene much success.

Many who attend the Center or who work at the Center graduated from North Rockland High School on June 27, 2014. We especially wish to recognize Krystle Torres who will be attending RCC and who has been a wonderful asset to our staff both as a youth worker and a volunteer.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!!

LITERACY ZONE SCHEDULE

FREE English for Speakers of Other Languages Monday and Wednesday 6—9 pm HAVERSTRAW CENTER Begins June 30; ends August 6, 2014

FREE Citizenship Preparation Class Tuesday and Thursday 6—9 pm HAVERSTRAW CENTER Begins July 1; ends August 7, 2014

FREE English for Speakers of Other Languages Tuesday and Thursday 6—9 pm RCC Ext 37 West Broad Street Begins July 1; ends August 7, 2014

Gricelda Serrano (914) 325-8224 or Ana Diaz (917) 520-1736 for information or to register

EEL MIGRATION

The 11—14 Boys' Club was given a wonderful opportunity again this year to help out with the conservation of local wildlife. The boys assisted in collecting valuable data on the "glass eel", as well as clean and reset the nets. This experience was very beneficial and exhilarating, the members are eager to continue with these nature based outings! A special thank you to Laurie Seamon and staff from Strawtown Studios!



Caught Being Good

March 27 Maliek Crowder, Aayana Feria, Angie Hemmings, Kenneth Nazario, Chelani Rivera, Gabriel Rivera, Jamel Roché, Chris Sand, Kiarra Toussaint, Christian Veras, Tattianna Wallace

April 3 Attila Abellard, Amauri Alcantara, Ariel Encarnacion, Edison Henriquez, Marcus Rodriguez, Tattianna Wallace, Nigel Williams

April 10 Carmen Gil, Liliana Gomez, Allison Hernandez, Trelissa Matthers, Mekei McCrae, Leslie Ramos, Chelani Rivera, Jade Roché, Tattianna Wallace, Nigel Williams

MAY Liana Encarnacion, Paul Facciola, Carmen Gil, Liliana Gomez, Allison Hernandez, Edison Henriquez, Edwendy Lopez, Mekei McCrae, Valenti Mendez, Kenie Nazario, Maliek Paterson, Lesley Ramos, Malik Rattigan, Laura Ravel, Chelani Rivera, Donte Roché, Chris Sand, Darleny Taveras, Wanda Taveras, Kiarra Toussaint, Cindy Vargas, Juliana Velez, Christian Veras, Jisel Wallace, Tattianna Wallace, Nigel Williams

Eight prizes awarded to those present whose name was drawn! Congratulations!

LITERACY ZONE ESOL GRADUATION



STRAIGHT TO THE TOP GRADUATION



Fifty-six youth received a certificate of participation for going "Straight to the Top", a Haverstraw Center initiative to encourage reading, and raise their reading comprehension, as well as develop positive & efficient study habits that promote growth. The program's mission is to help youth appreciate education at an early age!

Haverstraw Center's Got Talent

The Haverstraw Center celebrated the end of the school year showcasing the talents of many of the youth who attend the Center activities. Hot dogs, iced tea and chips were provided to all who attended. DJ services were provided gratis from DJ Steve Diaz (who is also our *a-one* camp director!). A demonstration of martial arts was impressive as Wilkin Abreu of Independent Institute of Tae Kwon-Do led his students through various drills. Kids danced, sang and had a great time showing off their talents on the stage provided by the Town of Haverstraw Parks and Recreation Department. Volunteers received certificates of gratitude. The homework help program presented certificates of achievement to those who went "Straight to the Top" and those youth "Caught Being Good" at the Haverstraw Center received their recognition and prizes. A gospel choir provided an uplifting performance to end this evening of appreciation and entertainment.

Volunteer Recognition

At the "End of the School Year" celebration and talent show, the following people received certificates of recognition for their outstanding volunteer efforts at the Haverstraw Center:

Christina Abraham, Rudy Arias, Bruce Bortniker, Janelle Colon, Maliek Crowder, Wayne Ford, Carmen Gil, Liliana Gomez, Cristi Gonzalez, Efrain Graulau, Nakwon Harris, Angie Hemmings, Edison Henriquez, Elise Krakwoer, Edwendy Lopez, Cincere McMurrin, Matthew Miceus, Pamela Miceus, Kayla Nash, Kenneth Nazario, Kenie Jon Nazario, Kiara Polanco, Lesley Ramos, Laura Ravel, Chelani Rivera, Chris Sand, Glenn Sungela, Darlery Taveras, Wanda Taveras, Cindy Vargas, Arielis Vega, Christian Veras, Darlene Villegas, Tattianna Wallace, Nigel Williams

Kevin Rodriguez was recognized as volunteer of the year for his dedication and hard work in homework help, Strengthening Families Program and the Spanish speaking parents' group.

Congratulations and Thank You!



Haverstraw Collaborative

The Haverstraw Collaborative consists of organizations who meet the first Wednesday of every month from 12:00 noon until 2:00 PM to discuss issues and ideas that affect the North Rockland Community and the Village of Haverstraw in particular. The Haverstraw Collaborative was founded in 2001 for the purpose of all community-based organizations serving the children, youth, elders, adults and families of Haverstraw to meet monthly in a spirit of non-partisanship and cooperation which is reflected in the Mission Statement.

The June agenda included a delightful reading of thoughts about fathers, a delicious lunch, introductions, welcome, presenta-

tions and updates. There were thirty-three in attendance.

Representatives from Rockland County Department of Social Services spoke to the group about SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) and other eligibility related programs.

Co-chairs of the Senior, Senior Prom Dina Nejman and Peggy Koval talked about the very successful event held on May 2nd at the Central Presbyterian Church with special thanks to all the Collaborative agencies that participated.

Ann Alves gave an overview and update on Children's Village.

Subcommittees on Immigration Advocacy, Drug Prevention, Food and Nutrition, Parental Involvement and Teen Pregnancy gave their updates.

Literacy Zone also provided all with information about their services including the new schedule of programs being offered in Haverstraw.

Agencies offered their updates and continued to network. The July meeting will be held on July 2, 2014 at 12:00 noon. Please call 845.429.5731 x 32 to confirm your attendance.

The Senior /Senior Prom committee will meet Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 1:00 pm for anyone who is interested in helping with the third annual event. This meeting is at the Central Presbyterian Church, Haverstraw.



Haverstraw Center's Got Talent

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The Haverstraw Center Mission Statement

The Haverstraw Center serves all residents of the Village of Haverstraw by providing and hosting high-quality, comprehensive services for youth, families, adults and elders, promoting the health, safety, and well-being of community residents of all ages, and raising the quality of life for all people of our diverse community in a spirit of non-partisanship and cooperation.



We're on the WEB!
http://www.voh-ny.com/dept_youth.htm



Haverstraw Center Schedule/JULY SUMMER CAMP—Please take note that schedule is subject to change

July Special Events and Notable Days

- 7/2 Haverstraw Collaborative NOON
- 7/2 RCDOH FREE HIV Testing
- 7/3 FIREWORKS at Bowline
- 7/4 Haverstraw Center Closed
HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!
- 7/5 FIREWORKS at Bowline (raindate)
- 7/7 Haverstraw Day Camp Starts
- 7/9 Ramadan
- 7/11 World Population Day
- 7/18 RCDOH FREE HIV Testing
- 7/22 Hammock Day

- National Ice Cream Month
- National Blueberry Month
- National Cell Phone Courtesy Month

Monday	July 7th First Day Orientation for parents and campers	July 14th Rockland Lake	July 21st Rockland Lake	July 28th Rockland Lake	August 4th Rockland Lake
Tuesday	July 8th Rockland Lake	July 15th Activities Day	July 22nd Activities Day	July 29th Rye Playland	August 5th Splashdown Beach
Wednesday	July 9th Activities Day	July 16th	July 23rd Rockland Boulders	July 30th Activities Day	August 6th Activities Day
Thursday	July 10th 10—11 am 6-8 year olds Bowline 12 -2 pm 9-14 year olds Bowling	July 17th 10-11 am 6-8 year olds Bowline 12-2 pm 9-14 year olds Bowling	July 24th 10-11 am 6-8 year olds Bowline 12-2 pm 9-14 year olds Bowling	July 31st 10-11 am 6-8 year olds Bowline 12-2 pm 9-14 year olds Bowling	August 7th 10-11 am 6-8 year olds Bowline 12-2 pm 9-14 year olds Bowling
Friday	July 11th Entire Camp MOVIES	July 18th 6-8 year olds Movies 9-14 year olds Activities	July 25th 6-8 year olds Activities 9-14 year olds Movies	August 1st 6-8 year olds Movies 9-14 year olds Activities	August 8th 6-8 year olds Activities 9-14 year olds Movies

