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Hanover Township Summer Open Gym program schedule set

The Hanover Township Summer Open Gym program kicks off June 6 and runs until August 5. Township youth ages 5 -18 are eligible to participate in a wide variety of free recreational, educational, and social activities in School District U-46 gyms as well as the Township's Izaak Walton Center & Reserve in Elgin.

At the reserve youth will experience the outdoors with nature walks, team building exercises, cookouts, scavenger hunts and other outdoor activities in the sprawling 11 acres of green space offered at the Izaak Walton Center and Reserve.

The Open Gym summer schedule is: Mondays from 12:00PM to 4:00PM (ages 5-14) at Bartlett Elementary, 111 North Avenue, in Bartlett; Tuesdays from 12:00PM to 4:00PM (ages 5-18) at Tefft Middle School, 1100 Shirley Avenue, in Streamwood; Wednesdays from 12:00PM to 4:00PM (ages 5-16) at the Hanover Township Izaak Walton Center, 899 Jay Street, in Elgin; Thursdays from 12:00PM to 4:00PM (ages 5-18) at Tefft Middle School, 1100 Shirley Avenue, in Streamwood. Fridays are Field Trip Fridays and locations and times will vary.

Open Gym will be extended an additional week at the Hanover Township Izaak Walton Center and Reserve, from August 1 - August 5, 12:00PM to 4:00PM; ages 5-16 are welcome to attend.

“The Township’s Summer Open Gym Program is one of our most popular programs at the Township,” said Hanover Township Supervisor Brian P. McGuire. “For over 20 years, the Township’s youth outreach programs have provided a fun and safe environment to enrich the lives of thousands of kids.”

Last year, over 14,100 youth participated in the Open Gym program.



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Open Gym began in the summer of 1995 and quickly expanded to winter and spring breaks. In 2009 the Open Gym program expanded to every day after school until 6:00PM. Two years ago, Open Gym grew from five after school schools to nine. After School Open Gym, youth participate in physical fitness, homework help, skill building activities and more. Open Gym continues to be, as it was since its inception, a free program designed to give youth a safe, fun and positive place to go. The program was first developed as a prevention program for kids of all ages; however, the program's atmosphere also promotes a sense of belonging and respect.

For more information and to inquire about volunteering, please contact James Mix at Hanover Township Youth and Family Services at (630) 483-5799.

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