



Inner City Youth Opportunities

Helping *struggling* students...

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August, 2020 Newsletter

COVID-19 UPDATE, August 13, 2020

ICYO will be looking at CPS for the first school quarter and the Covid-19 stats to determine when ICYO can safely open our after-school tutoring program at the Learning Center in the fall of September 2020. Our first assessment will be happening during the first school quarter from August 24 – October 16, 2020. Assessments will be based on OHIO CDC guidelines and what the Covid numbers look like around the state and country at other schools.

The ICYO staff hope that our volunteer tutors will join us in this new adventure of Remote Homework Assistance and Tutoring. ICYO is set up with Google Classroom where volunteer tutors will receive the log in information so they can record the progress of their student's progress and receive tutoring lesson plans created especially for their child.

ICYO will implement a reward system of students earning virtual stickers and then for so many stickers that student will receive a Walmart gift card.

School backpacks and school supplies for all our students have been ordered so they have them for home and when they physically can return to their schools and the ICYO Learning Center in Roselawn. These items will be delivered to the students' homes the week of August 17, 2020 by staff members Nick Lazaro, Jeanne & Philip Bell. Backpacks will also include Scholastic grade level reading books and Scholastic Newsletters.

Please contact Jeanne Bell with any questions at jeanne@icyocincinnati.org

Thank you and Stay Tuned!!

Western & Southern Pro-Am Tennis Tournament

For 23 years ICYO has been the benefactor of the Western & Southern Pro-Am Tennis Tournament held at the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason Ohio. Due to Covid - 19, the Western & Southern Open has moved to New York this year. With the help of Tony Fanning, our tennis event director, and board member, ICYO decided to hold their own Pro-Am tournament fundraiser here in Cincinnati.

The event will be held at the Kenwood Country Club on August 20, 2020 from 4-6pm, followed by the trophy presentation, dinner, and drinks. Nine of the top pros in the



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Check out what ICYO did at New Day Ranch July 27 - 31.

article submitted by Nick Lazaro

Recently Inner City Youth Opportunities had the amazing opportunity to visit the New Day Ranch due to the generosity of Tony Schmidt, owner and Beth Long, CEO.

We had 5 kids graciously sponsored to attend, and we could not be more thankful. The New Day Ranch is located in Verona KY, and specializes in equestrian therapy and youth developmental skills, however, to say that is a surface level description would be an understatement.

The experiences that our student and staff were blessed to have could not be replicated but any place but the aforementioned.

From the jump the staff at the ranch had our kids hooked, with a hands-on explanation of cleaning/greeting the horses.

In a total switch of demeanor and moods our kids snapped into a tentative and focused mindset and held onto every word they were saying. When it came time to interact with animals you could instantly see the excitement, yet nervousness in their eyes. With the staff guiding them, you could see those insecurities and anxieties slowly start to fade away, however, some more than others. As the week progressed, we got to see different kids challenged by different obstacles.

From fishing, to creeking, to tending to our equestrian friends, and all things in between, there is no denying that there is a natural comfortability to a good bit of nature for the inexperienced.

It was remarkably interesting to see each of our kids and the difference in things that would trigger that reaction for them. It was truly a sight to see to get to see our students conquer and overcome fears, as well as totally welcome and adopt a lifestyle quite different than that of the urban style we are accustomed to.

Whether it was baiting their own hooks, getting down to business cleaning, or wading through creeks each student had their own adversity to defeat.

We are extremely grateful for the Opportunity we were given to attend the New Day Ranch, and greatly appreciate the New Day Ranch staff, volunteers, Tony Schmidt, owner, Beth Long, CEO who made our trip possible. Kuddos to ICYO staff Nick Lazaro, Public Outreach & Assistant Tutoring Director and ICYO Treasurer, Philip Bell for providing transportation.

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