

Our Village Voice

News and information for and
from the kids of our community!



New York City is in the future for the Youth Village kids!

The students will be able to visit the Big Apple June 4-8, 2012 via a contest conducted by Southwest Airlines. Forty (40) round-trip airline tickets have been awarded to Youth Village to take their kids on the trip as part of the airline's 40th anniversary celebration.

Executive Director Nellie Bogar heard about the ticket giveaway from Events Manager Lauren Magli of The Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation. The contest, which was open for only 48 hours, asked applicants to explain in 200 words or less what their organization was about and what educationally-gearred trip they would take if awarded the tickets.

After consulting with the children, Nellie eventually decided to try for tickets to New York City to further their education and to expose them to powerful learning opportunities and diversity that are unique to New York.

The children will visit such places as Ground Zero Museum, The American Museum of Natural History, The Museum of Modern Art, Madame Tussauds Wax Museum Chinatown, Central Park Zoo and ... Nellie's sister MaeRetta, who lives in New Jersey, recently informed Nellie that she was purchasing tickets for ALL the children to see the Broadway musical *The Lion King!*

Additional funding is needed for hotel accommodations, food, ground transportation and admission fees to attractions.

To make a donation, please check out the Youth Village website and click on "Youth Village is going to New York City" to donate via Paypal or major credit cards. Or to donate via "snail-mail", make checks payable to Youth Village and mail to Youth Village, P.O. Box 307, Niceville, FL 32588-0307. Youth Village is a 501C3 non-profit organization.

For more information, give us a call and drop by for a visit to our program!

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INSIGHT...a local show about local happenings with a youthful slant!

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Showing now on *INSIGHT*

“Conversations Between Us Girls Part 1”

We talk about peer pressure, media pressure and its effect on girls and women...check us out and let us know what you think via website, email or Facebook...thanks!

And coming on *INSIGHT* in December...“Conversations Between Us Girls Part 2” ... when we address the VERY real and continuing problem of bullying.

Youth Village student MaryElla says...

I'm MaryElla Torry and I've been a member of Youth Village for over 5 years. My younger sisters Madison and Marcella are also enrolled here. Next September I'll be 17 and will age out of the program...but I'm coming back as a volunteer! Besides getting help with homework, I've learned many things over the years here at Youth Village, such as how to deal with

peer pressure, bullying prevention techniques, fitness and nutrition education, The Performing Arts and so much more! I love this place and I intend to continue to be a positive role model for the younger kids now and in the future.





Calling all volunteers!

We are actively seeking volunteers in the following areas:

1. After school help with math, science and language arts for mostly Elementary School students. Times: 3:30-4:30 Monday-Thursday.
2. Manning tables at special events (training available)
3. Typing the hand-written essays
4. High School Juniors/Seniors to assist the Director of our Cub Room (ages 5-7)...great for Community Service hours!
5. Adults 21 + to assist with Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation events.
6. Grant researchers/writers

written by the children who are traveling to New York in June.

“Love cannot remain by itself -- it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service”...Mother Teresa



Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation

Campaign for Kids

Friday & Saturday, April 27-28, 2012

The 7th Annual Destin Charity Wine Auction Weekend is our largest annual event drawing wine aficionados, gourmet chefs and celebrity vintners from around the world to enjoy world-class wines in the picture-perfect setting of the Emerald Coast. Funds raised through this weekend benefit local children's charities that make a strong impact on the lives of children in need in our local area.

For more information check out: www.dcwaf.org

Eat Right! *Yeah, I know, it's almost holiday time and I'm a "kill-joy", but listen up, you'll thank me later...ok?*

Staying a healthy weight is about making sure that you and your family keep an energy balance. Energy is another word for "calories." What you eat and drink is ENERGY IN.

What you burn through physical activity is ENERGY OUT.

The same amount of ENERGY IN (calories consumed) and ENERGY OUT (calories burned) over time = weight stays the same

More IN than OUT over time = weight gain

More OUT than IN over time = weight loss

The best way to make sure your energy equation is *balanced* is to make better choices *before* you or your family even picks up that fork! OK...I'm not saying another word...here's hoping I follow my own advice!

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Are you new to the area and looking for a church home? Or perhaps you're *not* new to the area...but still looking for a church home? Please come and visit:

Striving for Perfection Ministries
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Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548
Larry N. Boldin, Pastor
(850) 862-3899
Website: www.strivinghome.org

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- S4P Synergy
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- Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation

**Youth Village has a year-round program component that teaches anti-bullying techniques and assertive, *not aggressive*, behavior.
Contact us for more information...thanks!**

Afterschool programs that provide access to caring adults and offer a more informal environment that is distinct from the school day allow children to feel safe from peer pressure, build confidence and learn how to deal with bullies. Beneficial programs across the country are aiding in the fight against bullying and teaching children that aggressive and detrimental behaviors are not something to be taken lightly. President Obama noted in a video earlier this year: “For a long time, bullying was treated as an unavoidable part of growing up, but more and more, we’re seeing how harmful it can be for our kids – especially when it follows them from their school to their phone to their computer screen.”

Afterschool programs, with their unique position as a less formal and more open learning environment, can provide middle school youth with the knowledge and attitudes necessary to combat bullying both in school and online, leading to healthy youth development and a happier generation of students.

While offering children a more open environment in which to express their feelings regarding relationships with peers both inside and outside of school, afterschool programs also offer a host of other benefits that improve children’s self-concepts, behavior and ability to deal with bullies. The research shows that afterschool programs keep kids safe, have a positive impact on self-concept and decision making, and help improve behavior in school.

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For more information on this and other after school facts and figures, check out www.AfterschoolAlliance.org