

NYM Community Education Activities/Offerings Schedule Beginning January 5th, 2026

We would like to extend our highest gratitude to the New York Mills VFW Post #3289
for their tremendous support of our school activities!!

The times and dates listed here are always subject to change according to the weather, illness and other unforeseen circumstances. For complete information about Community Education offerings and NYM School District activities, check the ISD #553 website @ www.nymills.k12.mn.us, the school Facebook page, the bulletin board by the District Office, or call the school at (218) 385-4203/(218) 385-4201. Unless otherwise noted, call (218) 385-4203 for more information or to register for offerings. NYM Community Education is always looking for individuals to propose and teach/facilitate classes. If you have an expertise or interest in a topic that you could share with others, please contact us!

NYM COMMUNITY EDUCATION ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Please check the school website www.nymills.k12.mn.us or Facebook page for updates regarding activities or meetings that are scheduled.

Monday, January 5th

MTSS Data Meeting in Aud. @ 8:40 am
Elem. Basketball Practice in HS/SC Gyms @ 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 6th

V Boys WR (A) at Morris Area @ TBD
'Just for Kix' Dance Practice in Aud. Foyer @ 4:30 pm
C/JV/V BBB (A) at Menahga @ 4:30 pm
MS Boys WR (A) at Thief River Falls @ 5:00 pm
JV/V GBB (H) with Swanville @ 5:30 pm
Elem. Basketball Practice in AC/HS Gyms @ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 7th

Adult VB League in HS/SC Gyms @ 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 8th

V Boys WR (H) with Barnesville/Walker-H-A @ 5:00 pm
JV/V GBB (A) at Bertha-Hewitt @ 5:30 pm
JV/V BBB (A) at Browerville @ 6:00 pm

Friday, January 9th

Girls WR (A) at Bemidji @ 2:30 pm
V Boys WR Tournament (A) at Casselton, ND @ 3:00 pm
C/JV/V BBB (A) at Pillager @ 5:00 pm

Saturday, January 10th

Elem. GBB Tournament in All Gyms @ 8:00 am
V Boys WR Tournament (A) at Casselton @ 9:00 am

Sunday, January 11th

Open Gym in All Gyms @ 6:00 pm

Monday, January 12th

Elem. BBB Practice in HS/SC Gyms @ 6:00 pm
JV/V BBB (A) at Swanville @ 6:00 pm
Bandwagon Meeting in Room #108 @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 13th

'Just for Kix' Dance Practice in Aud. Foyer @ 4:30 pm
V GBB (A) at Henning @ 6:00 pm
Elem. GBB Practice in AC/HS Gyms @ 6:00 pm
V Boys WR (H) with Park Rapids @ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 14th

Adult VB League in HS/SC Gyms @ 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 15th

7/8 GBB (A) at Wadena-DC @ 4:00 pm
V Boys WR (H) with Frazee/United Clay Becker @ 5:00 pm

Friday, January 16th

JV/V GBB (A) at Verndale @ 6:00 pm
JV Boys WR Tournament (Elem. WR) (H) with TBD @ 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 17th

JV Boys WR Tournament (H) with TBD @ 9:00 am

Sunday, January 18th

Open Gym in All Gyms @ 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 20th

'Just for Kix' Dance Practice in Aud. Foyer @ 4:30 pm
7/8 GBB (H) with Browerville @ 4:30 pm
MS WR Tournament (A) at Alexandria @ 4:30 pm
C/JV/V BBB (A) at Henning @ 5:00 pm
JV/V GBB (H) with Rothsay @ 5:30 pm
Elem. GBB Practice in AC/HS Gyms @ 6:00 pm

NYM COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS SCHEDULE

OPEN GYM

Open Gym is sponsored by Community Education and NYM Booster Club. There will be a \$1 fee for every participant each night including all who come in to walk the hallways on Sunday night during Open Gym. The fee will be used to staff Open Gym and pay for facility and equipment maintenance.

WHO: 12th grade students and adults in our school district and if an elementary student wants to participate, he/she must be accompanied by an adult.

WHEN: Runs from November 2 through March 29 on most Sunday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., (except Super Bowl Sunday 2-8-26).

CPR/AED/1ST AID/EMR/EMT COURSE SCHEDULE

HEARTSAVER CPR, AED AND 1ST AID (Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.)

1-28-26, 3-25-26, 5-27-26, 7-22-26, 9-23-26, 11-25-26, 1-27-27, 3-24-27, 5-26-27, 7-28-27, 9-22-27, 11-24-27

BLS PROVIDER CPR (Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.)

2-25-26, 4-22-26, 6-24-26, 8-26-26, 10-28-26, 12-23-26, 2-24-27, 4-28-27, 6-23-27, 8-25-27, 10-27-27, 12-22-27

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN/EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER (EMT/EMR COURSE) (Mondays at 6:00 p.m.)

9-14-26, 9-13-27

COSTS:

Heart Saver CPR/AED & 1st Aid	\$ 125
BLS Provider CPR.....	\$ 100
EMT (base fee plus books/fees)	\$ 1300
EMR (base fee plus books/fees)	\$ 500

WHERE: Perham Area EMS Training Room
525 West Main, Perham, MN 56573

REGISTRATION: **Classes are post board certified**
Register for a class by call/text 218.298.2482 or email lakescountryedu@gmail.com

CONTACT: Barb Felt at Lakes Country Emergency Education and Consulting

WEBSITE: www.lakescountryedu.com

SCHOOL-AGED CHILD CARE

If you need before and/or after school child care on a regular or drop-in basis, we have before and/or after school child care available at the school.

WHO: PreKindergarten through sixth grade

WHEN: During school days, childcare hours in the morning are 6:00-8:10 am, and after school is 3:00-5:30 pm.

REGISTER: To register, email childcare@nymills.k12.mn.us or call (218) 385-4209 or (218) 385-4203 (Comm. Ed. Office).

ON-GOING WALKING

For those who would like to get exercise by walking through the 2329 feet of hallways in NYM School. (This is FREE except during Sunday night at Open Gym times when it will be a \$1 fee.)

WHO: Open to all

WHEN: School days from 6:30-8:00 a.m. and 4:00-8:00 p.m.

NEW YORK MILLS FOOD SHELF 2025-2026

The New York Mills Food Shelf is available to anyone in need in the New York Mills School District. Food Shelf is located at 400 S. Walker Avenue, New York Mills. Donations of food and money are always welcome. For more information, contact Connie at (218) 385-3669. Open from 9-12 and 4:30-6:30 on Mondays -- December 22, January 26, February 23, March 30, April 27, May 18, June 29, July 27 and August 31.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENINGS ~ 'ECS'

As of January 2014, the Early Childhood Screenings will be conducted by the Lakes Country Service Coop. The Community Education office will be doing the scheduling and the screenings will be completed at the New York Mills School. This screening is required by the school for entrance into PreKindergarten and required by Minnesota Statute 121A.17 for entrance into Kindergarten unless an Exemption form is filled out. It is an opportunity for you to review your child's growth and development and to follow up on any health or learning concerns. The Early Childhood Screening is a FREE screening and includes a developmental assessment, vision and hearing test, height and weight measurements, immunization and health history review and a parent visit. It is NOT an examination to determine readiness for school. Its purpose is to identify conditions that might interfere with your child's ability to learn and to assist parents in developing strategies to help their child succeed. Please call Deb in the Community Education office to schedule an appointment at (218) 385-4203. Please leave a message if there is no answer and she will get back to you as soon as an appointment is available.

55+ DRIVER DISCOUNT PROGRAM (2025-2026)

This Driver Discount Program is put on by the Precision Driving Center of Minnesota through St. Cloud State University. You can check out their website at www.driverdiscountprogram.com.

Complete this course to get a 10% discount on your auto insurance premiums! Taught as a presentation from a certified instructor, you'll discuss challenges we face as drivers, new road designs, vehicle technology, and updates on current laws. Best of all, there are no written or behind the wheel tests! Certificate will be provided at the end of class. The 8-hour initial course requirement has been removed as of July 1st, 2024. Participants must take the 4-hour course to initially earn the discount and then repeat the 4-hour course every three years to maintain the discount. Pre-registration required.

The following 55+ Driver Discount Program courses are currently set up for you at the New York Mills School. Also for your convenience, we always have waiting lists if you missed a course and want to be notified of the next course.

WHO: Anyone, especially 55 and over

WHEN: Saturday, April 11th

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Room #108 HS Media Center @ NYM Public School
(Enter the door by the eagle and look for the sign that will tell you where to go.)

COST: \$24 per participant payable at class with check made out to: PDCM

SIGN UP: In District Office or call (218) 385-4201

CLASS LIMIT: 15 - 30 people

INSTRUCTOR: Bob Swenson

ADULT BASIC ED/ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Adult Basic Education is for anyone 17 years old and older who does not have a high school credential, is preparing for college, or is learning English. Individualized instruction is available for GED, Adult Diploma, Accuplacer Prep, computer literacy, and reading, writing, speaking and understanding English.

DATES/TIMES: Tuesdays from 1:00-6:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

WHERE: New York Mills City Building at 118 North Main Avenue

COST: Class time is free. There is a fee for GED tests.

CLASS LIMIT: None at this time

WHO CAN TAKE: Anyone who is 17 or older and who does not have a high school credential, needs to prep for college, lacks computer skills, and/or is learning English as a second language.

INSTRUCTOR INFO: Leah Hamann, Adult Basic Education Instructor, lhmann@detlakes.k12.mn.us is my email address and (218) 844-5760 is the number for Detroit Lakes ABE. Contact either one for any questions.

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION - ECFE

Happy New Year! A new year means new activities, new classes and new connections. If you haven't attended one of our ECFE classes or events, now is the time!

Maslowski Swim Night

Join us for an ECFE Family Night at the Maslowski Wellness Center in Wadena! Pizza and drinks will be provided in the lobby room (not attached to the pool). All family members are invited...ECFE is funding this event, so no cost to you. Please be sure to sign up by January 26 so we have enough food for all.

Date: Tuesday, February 3

Time: Supper beginning at 5:30 pm, open swim is open 6:00-8:00 pm

Parent & Preschooler

This class is designed for parents and their 2-5 year old child. Class will consist of some parent-child activities & circle time, and then parents will separate from the children for discussion.

Dates: Tuesdays - February 17, 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7

Time: 5:00-6:30 pm

Dad Night

Bring your dad or other important male in your life to our Dad Night to make a wood project! This event is appropriate for ages 2-5. Dad's bring a cordless drill with a T20 bit if you have one.

Date: Tuesday, February 10

Time: 5:30-6:30 pm

Mom Night

Bring your mom or other important lady in your life to our Mom Night. Prepare to spend some quality one on one time together. More details to come!

Date: Tuesday, April 14

Time: 5:30-6:30 pm

All classes will be in Room 42 in the elementary unless otherwise noted. **Sign up for classes on Facebook or by calling 218-385-1172.

Please contact me with any questions. I'd be happy to visit with you!

Kendra Geiser

Early Childhood Coordinator/Teacher

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218-385-1172

NEW YORK MILLS REGIONAL CULTURAL CENTER

GLOW BINGO: 2026 WINTER FUNDRAISER - Saturday, January 24, 2026 from 5:30-10:00 PM at the NYM City Hall Ballroom

This January, we're turning down the lights and turning up the FUN. Join the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center for **GLOW BINGO**, an all-new winter fundraiser packed with neon, glow lights, music, prizes, and community spirit — all in support of the arts in rural Minnesota. Think: **blacklight vibes, bright colors, big laughs, and a room full of neighbors cheering "BINGO!" together.** The Perfect Winter Get-Together Kick off the new year with a night your crew won't forget!

GLOW BINGO is perfect for: Employee appreciation or team building nights ~ Belated **holiday celebrations** (skip the December rush!) ~ **Friends' nights out** or small group get-togethers ~ Clubs, boards, and volunteer groups ~ Anyone who **loves bingo and winning** cash & prizes! ~ Show up in your brightest neon and let us handle the entertainment. The night includes: Glow-in-the-dark & blacklight atmosphere ~ 10 emcee-hosted bingo games with **\$200+ prizes per game** ~ A fun night of neon & glow-themed surprises ~ Full cash bar by **NYM Lions Club** ~ Food available for purchase from **Continental Divide Brew Pub** ~ Complimentary snacks provided by sponsor **KLN Family Brands** ~ Plenty of chances to laugh, connect, WIN, and support the Cultural Center

We're keeping it simple! Cost is \$50 CASH ONLY, paid at the door, for 10 games of bingo. Additional games will be available for purchase for \$5/game. There will also be an optional 50/50 game (or two) available for purchase for \$5/game. Remember to bring your cash! (If you forget, there is an ATM in Mills Liquors, on the first floor of City Hall.)

Join us for Social Hour at 5:30 p.m.! - Claim your seat (doors open at 5:30 for all, no early entry) - **Live DJ** rocking the tunes - **Full cash bar** by NYM Lions Club - **Food available for purchase** from Continental Divide Brew Pub - Wear your **NEON** to glow in the blacklight! - **GLOW BINGO** begins at 7:00 p.m.!

Enjoy 10 games with \$200 cash prizes per game. Consolation prizes (in the event of a tie) will be Cultural Center event tickets or merchandise. Enjoy and have the chance to WIN fun and silly contests and games of skill throughout the night!

NYMRCC TEEN ART CLUB - All New - 2025 Kick-Off, Open to ALL Teens ages 13-18, Free to Attend, YOU Belong Here! **Hey Teen Artists & Makers!** Looking for a creative crew? Join the **Teen Art Club** at the **New York Mills Regional Cultural Center!** We're launching a fun, welcoming, and safe space for teens to share ideas, learn new skills, and explore open-studio artmaking together. Whether you paint, draw, sculpt, sew, film, or just love to make cool stuff — **you belong here.**

Following our intro meeting held in November 2025, the group decided on the following schedule for 2026. Adjustments may be made as we move forward.

- Thursdays, December 18, 2025 | 4:30-6:00 PM | Guided Workshop/Group Meeting
- Tuesdays, January 6, 2026 | 4:00 - 6:30 PM | Volunteer Hours
- Thursdays, January 15, 2026 | 4:00 - 6:30 PM | Volunteer Hours
- Tuesdays, February 3, 2026 | 4:00 - 6:30 PM | Come + Go Open Studio Hours
- Thursdays, February 19, 2026 | 4:30-6:00 PM | Guided Workshop/Group Meeting
- Tuesdays, March 3, 2026 | 4:00 - 6:30 PM | Come + Go Open Studio Hours
- Thursdays, March 19, 2026 | 4:30-6:00 PM | Guided Workshop/Group Meeting
- Tuesdays, April 7, 2026 | 4:00 - 6:30 PM | Come + Go Open Studio Hours
- Thursdays, April 23, 2026 | 4:30-6:00 PM | Guided Workshop/Group Meeting
- Tuesdays, May 5, 2026 | 4:00 - 6:30 PM | Come + Go Open Studio Hours
- Thursdays, May 21, 2026 | 4:30-6:00 PM | Guided Workshop/Group Meeting

As we work together to establish this group, participants will:

- Review the Community Contract
 - Learn about volunteer opportunities
 - Brainstorm activities and projects they'd like to explore
 - Enjoy FREE snacks
- All teens in the region, ages 13-18, are invited to come and make art, make friends, and help shape a new creative community for teens at the Cultural Center!

NEW YORK MILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

LEGO CLUB - for kids ages 5-12 on Monday, January 12, 2026 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Lots of LEGO's! Lots of fun! Building challenge and time to free build at the New York Mills Public Library. Preregistration at least one week in advance is required. To preregister, please call 218-385-2436 or go to www.nympubliclibrary.org. Limited to 12 participants.

TEEN BOOK CLUB MEETING - All teen readers welcome to the New York Mills Public Library on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. This month's read is 'Ready Player One' by Ernest Cline. If you are interested in joining, please stop by or call 218-385-2436.

COFFEE TALKS - SMART911 - Explore the benefits of Smart911 and learn how to get registered for this free county resource designed to help your family in an emergency. Free and open to the community on Wednesday, January 14 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the NYM Public Library.

COOKBOOK CLUB - Join us on Thursday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall at St. Peter's Lutheran Church for Cookbook Club. Theme: Your Favorite Recipe. Free and open to all but you must be willing to share recipe and food.

COFFEE TALKS - TIPS FOR CARE PARTNERS - Join Rob Hendrickson from Lakes Home Solutions to learn about tips, tricks and strategies to assist in taking care of friends, family and loved ones living with dementia. Free and open to the community on Wednesday, January 28 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the NYM Public Library.

