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YOUTH SUBMISSION:

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Criteria four can be described as; youth are able to obtain easy access to information about different programs and activities within their community, through the use of various media and social outlets provided within the city of Mississauga.

There are many ways that youth could gain information on the various programs that are being held across the city of Mississauga.

Websites:

By visiting organization and community websites youth, are able to gain a wealth of knowledge regarding program information. The City of Mississauga website gives access to all of the community centres situated in the city, their phone numbers, locations and what registered programs as well as drop in activities are offered in these specific facilities. The City of Mississauga provides youth with a great deal of information on their website for in their youth area (Ref 4-1). This area of the website provides links to a number of other organizations which would be of interest to youth as well as provides youth with information regarding drop-in programs and registered programs found within the city of Mississauga in their community centres (Ref 4-1). Another vital feature for youth on the City of Mississauga's website is the "**Connect2rec**" program (Ref 4-2). Youth are able to go on this program and specifically search for youth drop in activities on a specific date and at a conveniently located community centre (Ref 4-2). The Connect2Rec feature provides youth with information regarding the cost of the program as well as directions to the community centre using the public Mississauga transit system (Ref 4-3). Youth are also conveniently able to register for programs online using the "connect2rec" website.

The youth organization "The Dam" also offers youth a comprehensive website to learn about their services, programs and events. By visiting the organizations website youth are able to access the Dam's "Youth Drop-in" schedule (Ref 3-7). This schedule makes it easy for youth to find out about the events and activities taking place within the organization and ultimately can assist in promoting more active participation among youth.

In addition, the Mississauga Arts Council offers a youth friendly site, which contains a great deal of information that youth can access in order to learn about various events and programs. On their website the Mississauga Arts Council has a "youth" tab which can easily direct young people to a location which concisely outlines everything that might be of interest to them that the council offers (Ref 4-4). On their website they also include their "Mactivities" weekly E- newsletter which has a designated youth information area (Ref 4-5).

Furthermore, by visiting websites of private corporations youth are able to learn about different programs and special rates that are offered to youth. Brunswick Bowl located within Mississauga posts a schedule of their website and from Monday to Friday they offer an "After School Blast" program where they provide youth with a special rate to bowl and eat. Thus, youth are able to acquire information about the different programs and rates that private facilities offer by visiting their websites.

Social Media Networks:

Social media networks are a vital means for youth to stay in contact with friends as well as acquire information about different events, groups and organizations located within their communities. In the City of Mississauga a number of community centres, youth groups and organizations have **Facebook** pages where they submit up-to-date information regarding events and programs. The Meadowvale Youth Freeway, which is a youth council in the Meadowvale community centre, has a Facebook page where they post updated information regarding their programs, youth meetings and other events (Ref 4-7). Therefore, such social media sites such as Facebook help to facilitate youth's ability to locate information about current youth play programs within the city of Mississauga. By localizing the information for such programs on a site that is familiar to youth it could potentially increase the chance that youth will access such information.

Word of Mouth:

Youth are also able to access information on play activities through word of mouth. Throughout their daily life youth communicate with various people from different backgrounds and who have a number of interests. By speaking to different people such as their parents, families, friends and acquaintances, youth in Mississauga are able to find out about a number of activities and programs, which they might otherwise not have known about. Through contact with Stephanie Willson, Recreation Programmer of Aquatics at Meadowvale Community Centre, she mentioned that the Meadowvale Youth Freeway committee is mainly promoted to youth through word of mouth and also within neighbourhood high schools during **announcements** (Ref 4-8). Therefore, finding out information about Mississauga events and programs, through word of mouth, is an ideal method for youth to learn about play activities because it does not require effort on their part.

Moreover, by visiting local community centres within Mississauga, youth can easily find out about different programs and events directed to them. Information can readily be found through an array of **brochures, catalogues, advertisements, and bulletin boards** located within the community centre. There is a **program guide (over 300,000 Active Mississauga Guides available at community centres and libraries across Mississauga)**, called "Active Mississauga" which shows all the programs and activities that all the community centres offer. This book is conveniently located in all community centres, libraries, city hall, and Living Arts Centre. Within the "Active" program guide there are specific sections dedicated to youth programs, which cover a range of interests youth might have. The "Active" program guide provides youth with a concise document that contains all of the activities available for them to register for within the City of Mississauga. Bulletin boards, located within community centres, are another important way in which youth can learn information about programs and events directed to them within Mississauga.

Within the South Common Community Centre had a bulletin board, which contained a great deal of information regarding programs that the centre offers. On the bulletin board there was a poster promoting their Walmart at Play program for youth (Ref 4-10). This board was easily accessible for youth to gain information. Moreover, in the Central Library there was a bulletin board, which contained information about upcoming events and activities for youth at the library. For example, they had a poster for an upcoming author meet and greet called "Vampires and Victorians" (Ref 3-8). By having this bulletin board in the library it provides youth with the opportunity to learn about events that they may otherwise not be engaged in. Furthermore, the YMCA also facilitates in how youth are able to acquire information about their activities and councils through the numerous brochures they have available in their facility. The YMCA offers a **newsletter** that is specifically directed to youth activities, events and groups (Ref 4-12). Therefore, one can see that visiting these facilities assist in gaining vital information on activities that expand their knowledge and experiences.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

Message boards and Electronic Newsletters (voluntary subscription)

- Recreation and Parks Enews (over 1200 people subscribe to this bi-annual newsletter)
- Community Centre newsletters (Ref 4-11)
- City of Mississauga, access to Community Message Board/Calendar through the City of Mississauga homepage
- Mississauga Orchestra Newsletter (Ref 4-13)
- Rogers Cable TV online message board (free to post events taking place in the community)

Email

-youth.plan@mississauga.ca

-general@asc-group.org

-info@missingdrop.org

Electronic Mailing Lists

-MYAC mailing list (MSN group-access from website)

-youth.plan@ Mississauga.ca

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- A regional telephone service connecting individuals with most appropriate services to their needs.

Visual Media

- Rogers TV Community Show (eclipse is a weekly show geared toward youth, promoting local entertainment with a youth focus)
- Mobile Street signs
- Bus Tails, vehicle wraps
- Digital display signs out front of the city facilities
- City facility signs
- Floor decals on community centre floors

Print Media

-Flyers (internal and external) (Ref 4-15)

-Posters (Ref 4-9)

-Newspapers (Mississauga News, The Booster, National Post, Toronto Star, Globe & Mail)

-Banners (internal, external, displayed at events)

-Wallet sized cards

Other

-Suggestion boxes/ Comment Cards (Ref 4-16)

-Swag (promotional products i.e. erasers, mugs, magnets)

-Event displays (My Mississauga, South Side Shuffle, Waterfront festival, Rib Fest, Mosaic, Can Sikh Festival, Kalayaan, Canada Day and other cultural events and neighbourhood events)

-School Presentations

-Mall Displays and demonstrations (i.e Square One, Erin Mills Town Centre)

Example of Specific Events to spread awareness:

Somali Family Drop in Centre

- With this partnership between City of Mississauga, the Peel Newcomer Strategy Group and the Social Planning Council of Peel a social network has been created to spread information about what is offered in the City of Mississauga to the Somali community in Peel. This program is offered once a month on Saturday afternoons at a public school within the community where children are able to participate in sport/art drop-ins and/or listen to guest speakers. The main goal of this program is to create awareness about the services available in peel and to build networks within the community (Ref 4-6) .

Youth Exchange Mississauga

-Series of community based activities that targets youth and families that are new to Canada. This program assists youth between the ages of 13-24 that have arrived to Canada within the past 3 years. The main goal is to help youth feel fully integrated in their new community.

Give 2 Gain at Peel Youth Village

-Youth Ambassadors held an event called "Give 2 Gain" at Peel Youth Village on March 18th, 2011 to network, celebrate and raise awareness of programs that currently exist for youth. Nexus, Boys and Girls Club of Mississauga, REACHOUT, Gateway and the City of Mississauga were a few of the organizations that came out to support this event (Ref 4-14).



**Youth Friendly Application Information Gathering
Agency Survey Responses
Supporting Criteria 4**

Agency Name	How do you promote your programs and services to you in the community?
Mississauga Credit Valley Lions Club	We have no programs.
Credit Valley Conservation / Conservation Youth Corps	internet, in-school visits, fairs, symposiums, local media, word or mouth
Safe City Mississauga	Currently, we promote our programs in the following ways for youth: Newspapers, Websites, Twitter, Word of Mouth, Brochures & Posters, Campaigns (in partnership with Malls, businesses), and Community events
Peel Children and Youth Initiative	Through our website, youth advisory council networks, and social media.
Youth Ministry - Mississauga City Baptist Church	Our promotion is left with those who attend - word of mouth
Cross of Life Lutheran Church	yes. via snail mail, email, website, posters, door to door flyers, and internet search engines.
Camilla Road Sr. P.S.	Announcements, newsletters to school community only.
Churchill Meadows Christian Church	In the past, we have done door hangers and flyers. For now, it is through word of mouth.
MiWay the new Mississauga Transit/ City of Mississauga	Through Secondary schools and Community events
Nexus Youth Services	Our services are promoted through referral from our community partners, pamphlets & flyers are mailed out to schools on a quarterly basis, peer outreach, tables at community resource fairs.
Mississauga Business Enterprise Centre	We promote the Summer Company program online, we also send flyers for youth organizations, high schools, universities, youth related events around the city, information session and some parents related events as well.
The Delour Youth Drop-In Center	We have signs that put out on our lawn, and we put posters up in local schools.
Citizens For The Advancement Of Community Development	Cacd promotes our programs through posting flyers around the Mississauga, as well as community outreach through a variety of middle school and high schools. We also have an add in the Mississauga Snap Community news paper.
St. Teresa of Avila Elementary School	Make them aware that they are available through public announcements, poster media or newsletter
City Centre Baptist Church	Through our youth website and church website, also through our property sign, and word of mouth.
Newcomer Information Centre, Youth	- word of mouth - newsletters -networking meetings
United Way of Peel Region	Facebook, Website
St. Elizabeth's Anglican Church	Through the word of mouth, invitation cards and flyers.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel	Our programs are regularly promoted in the community through newspaper ads and stories, community events, volunteer fairs, Rogers television programs and road signage. Word of mouth is one of our strongest promotion for volunteer, family and youth engagement. Our volunteer opportunities for youth are regularly promoted with displays and booths in the secondary schools involved. Current youth mentors assist us in the schools with recruitment and training of new youth volunteers to the programs.
Art of Living - Youth Empowerment Seminar (YES!)	word of mouth, flyering, website
Volunteer MBC	-online (database) - presentations/displays to schools and community groups in the community - presentations to parent councils - Change the World - Personalized consultations with youth/students - partnerships with youth serving organizations - partnerships with local schools, such as PAS West

Nahani Way Public School	In addition to the school board advertizements in local media, we have a monthly newsletter and a webpage. Additionally, we post information posters in the community to inform families of registration etc. We work with our settlement worker to provide information in the languages of our community.
Art of Living Foundation	through referral from other kids and parents and frequent introductory sessions etc..
Canadian Martyrs Catholic School	Through ads in schools
Peel Regional Police	Promotion for the most part takes place within the schools. Officers are in attendance on a daily basis interacting with both students and school administrators to identify service needs, requirements and initiatives. Public awareness is also facilitated through our Public Affairs Unit, the Police Show and our internet site.
Clarkson Secondary School - Modern Batik Art Club - www.clubmodernbatik.com	The students have art displays and use the computer media on www.clubmodernbatik.com.
Canadian Association of Multicultural People. Our website is www.camp-on.com	Social media, word of mouth, our newsletter, Facebook and our website. We also use media and public libraries to do the same.
Region of Peel Public Health	Through our community partners
Mississauga Arts Council	We promote our events to youth in the community through email, social media tools such as FaceBook and Twitter and our website. We also post posters up in libraries and community centers. We also do school visits where we promote our services to youth directly.
YMCA Peel Youth Village	teen outreach/promotion using various communication tools i.e social media, word of mouth, peer recruiters, flyer in the centre and apartment buildings
Art Gallery of Mississauga	On a reservation basis, the AGM is able to provide good leadership in learning about visual art and artists with students and youth. Group ranges should be from 10 – 20 participants. Advance planning can assist with providing a cohesive experience, learning, participation, and activation centered around current exhibits.
Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (project of EcoSource)	We use social media (Facebook, Twitter, Youtube). We also send out a monthly e-newsletter, which goes out to our network, which contains over 550 people.
REACHOUT COMMITTEE	Reachout promote our services by flyers, newsletters, socila media, word of mouth and newspapers
The Works/Core at Erindale Bible Chapel	Word of mouth. Social media.
Gateway Centre for New Canadians	We promote our programs through word of mouth, other organizations, social media, performances and at different events.



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Youth



What's the plan?

Mississauga City Council officially endorsed the new Youth Plan that aims to make Mississauga a youth-friendly city. The Youth Plan links to the City's strategic plan under the pillar of "Ensuring Youth, Older Adults and New Immigrants Thrive." The plan targets youth aged 12-24 years.

Related Links:

- Mississauga Youth Plan Final Report Recommendations Recommendation Costs Environmental Scan Engagement Report Social Risk Index Report 2008

YOUTH PROGRAMS



Programs include Arts, Dance, Drama, Recreational/Instructional Skating, Gym Exploration Programs, Swimming, Instructional Sports Programs, Special Interest and Youth Drop-In Programs. Youth Drop-In Programs All Youth Programs

OTHER YOUTH RESOURCES



Other Youth Resources

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Be Heard

If you have any ideas, comments or thoughts about anything 'youth' in Mississauga, we really want to hear from you! Tell us things that work well in Mississauga (or other places you've been), what doesn't work for you and anything else that's on your mind.

Click here to complete the survey and have your say

Make It Happen

We are currently looking for dedicated youth to assist with implementing the plan through a Youth Advisory Team. If you're interested in being involved in this exciting initiative, please complete the application form and send it to youth.plan@mississauga.ca.

- Youth Advisory Application Form

What's Going On

Looking for something to do in Mississauga? Check back regularly for a listing of what's available in your community!

- Mississauga Recreation & Parks Drop-In Programs Mississauga Recreation & Parks Registered Programs

Other Links

- City of Mississauga - Volunteer Opportunities Mississauga Library Teen Zone Mississauga Business Enterprise Centre Nexus Youth Centre The Dam Youth Drop In Centre Mississauga Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee The Living Arts Centre Youth Zone YMCA



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Youth Drop-In

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11:30 AM to 01:30 PM	Youth Lincoln Sports Jam	Malton CC	M,Tu,W,Th,F
03:00 PM to 05:00 PM	Youth WalMart At Play	Frank McKechnie CC and Library	F
FREE after school activities include basketball, volleyball, floor hockey, soccer and more... 10Y - 15Y			
\$0 310 Bristol RD E - L4Z 3V5 Phone: 905-615-4660 Fax: 905-615-4661 Take the Bus			
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03:00 PM to 05:00 PM	Youth WalMart At Play Youth Jam	Burnhamthorpe CC	F
FREE after school activities include table tennis, foosball, board games, assistance with homework and a 'choose your own adventure' themed activity. 10Y - 14Y			
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			Full Schedule
03:30 PM to 05:30 PM	Youth WalMart At Play	Mississauga Valley Gymnasium	F
03:30 PM to 05:30 PM	Youth WalMart At Play	Cawthra CC	F
03:30 PM to 05:30 PM	Youth WalMart At Play (14Y18Y)	Malton CC	M,W,F
04:00 PM to 05:30 PM	Youth Sport Slam Nights For Grades 5 to 8	Clarkson CC	F
04:30 PM to 05:30 PM	Yoga Youth	Erin Meadows CC	F
05:30 PM to 07:30 PM	Chill Zone	Cawthra CC	F
05:30 PM to 07:00 PM	Youth Sport Slam Nights For Grades 9 to 12	Clarkson CC	F
05:30 PM to 07:30 PM	Youth WalMart At Play (14Y18Y)	Cawthra CC	F
05:30 PM to 07:00 PM	Youth Basketball For Grades 5 to 8	River Grove CC	F
06:30 PM to 09:00 PM	Youth Pre Teen Dances	Meadowvale CC	F
07:00 PM to 09:30 PM	Youth Dance Jam	Huron Park CC	F
07:00 PM to 08:30 PM	Youth Basketball For Grades 5 to 8	Courtneypark	F
07:00 PM to 09:00 PM	Youth Basketball for Grades 9 to 12	River Grove CC	F
07:00 PM to 09:00 PM	Youth Games Night	River Grove CC	F
07:00 PM to 10:00 PM	Chill Zone	Clarkson CC	F

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Open Mic Night

Don't miss our next Open Mic taking place on October 28, 2011 at Rehearsal Pro Studios in Mississauga. Rehearsal Pro is located at 2359 Royal Windsor Dr. in unit 19. Open Mic sign-up is at 6:30pm with the show beginning at 7pm. Open MIC Nights bring together artists from across the city for a relaxed, fun evening of performing. Each night is hosted by a veteran musician from the Mississauga community. Past hosts have included Chris Graham, THE iDENTITY CRISIS and Mike Celia. Please call the Mississauga Arts Council office at 905-615-4278 to sign up to perform today! All artists must RSVP their participation in order to perform.

Media Arts Mash-Up

Are you a filmmaker, videographer, media artist, or an avid cinefile? Are you interested in meeting and networking with your peers? The Mississauga Arts Council will host a networking gathering for our talented media arts community. Come one, come all as we find out what is going on in our community, the opportunities that are available, and discuss the challenges of being a filmmaker in Mississauga. Come to the Mississauga Arts Council's Media Arts Mash-Up to be held on October 27, 2011 from 7pm to 9pm at the Art Gallery of Mississauga located at 300 City Centre Dr. Admission is free, please call 905-615-4278 for additional information.

Mississauga Future Star

JAKE ROBERTSON WINS MISSISSAUGA FUTURE STAR TITLE

The 2011 Mississauga Future Star Finals featured an incredible batch of up-and-coming singers ranging in age from 15 to 25. From unbelievable rock singers to original singer/songwriters, the competition held on June 19, 2011 during the Mississauga Waterfront Festival was intense!

Under a sunny suburban sky, the top ten vocalists belted it out for a chance to win the coveted title. There were sweeping renditions of "I will always love you." Pop-versions of "Stairway to Heaven" and catchy original tunes performed by the finalists. Finalist Khadijah Lopez dazzled the audience as she performed her original composition titled, "Who I am." The stunning artist sat at the piano to perform her creative song which showcased her mature sound and insightful lyrics.

Our local celebrity judges including Bluesman Johnny Max, vocalist Carolyn Lykkemark and singer/model Sean Jones had a difficult job selecting the winner. Taking home the title of 2011 Mississauga Future Star was singer/songwriter Jake Robertson. The multi-talented singer/songwriter wowed the judges with his transcendent song "Humble Hero." The young artist effortlessly accompanied himself on the acoustic guitar.

Following behind in second place was country singer Sarah Rideout who dazzled with her cover version of Carry Underwood's "Crazy Dreams." Coming in third place was vocalist Gabriela Rogers whose incredible vocal range and flexibility were a delight to hear.

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Artene Paculan: Open Mic Nights
Friday, October 28

Celebrating Friendship: An Exhibit Commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Twinning of Mississauga and Kariya, Japan by Museums of Mississauga
Friday, October 28

Exhibit: The Urban/Rural Divide
Friday, October 28

Heritage Mississauga: "Out of the Woods" art exhibit
Friday, October 28

Living Arts Centre: Wood Working Classes
Friday, October 28

Mississauga Art Society Exhibit
Friday, October 28

Music Theory Classes
Friday, October 28

The Living Arts Centre: SAVING FACE Exhibit
Friday, October 28

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Friday, October 28

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LOLLIPOP ART LOUNGE 905-849-1711 www.lollipopartlounge.com Lollipop Art Lounge is a unique boutique style space, located in downtown Oakville, that encompasses both retail and kids art and music programs. This fall the lounge is offering a fabulous assortment of classes including Kindermusik programs, mixed media classes, arts fusion, imagination station, little artist, open studio, fine arts and more! Please contact the Lollipop Art Lounge for detailed information today!

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YOUTH ARTS AGAINST VIOLENCE Eclipse Drop-In Centre, 71 West Drive, Unit 21, Brampton 905-796-5665. Youth Arts Against Violence (YAAV) is an arts program for youth ages 12-24 living in Peel Region. We promote anti-violence messaging through artistic expression We offer free workshops in fine arts, photography and digital media every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4-7 pm. To book your spot, call now @ 905-796-5665.

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LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Centre benefits Somalis

Amy McDonald
November 21, 2010

Sadia Dirie may be petite, but she has the energy of five people. For the past two years, the Somali-born longtime Mississauga resident has worked tirelessly to create a social network for the Somali community in Peel.

"I knew families who needed assistance, but didn't know how to access the programs and services available," Dirie said. "And there were no programs specifically for Somalis. The community was continually falling through the cracks."

In October, 2009, with help from the City of Mississauga, the Peel Newcomer Strategy Group and the Social Planning Council of Peel, Dirie was able to start a once-a-month Somali family drop-in centre on Saturday afternoons at Brian W. Fleming Public School.

"We expected 20 to 40 people to come that first day, but 133 people came out," she said.

"During the drop-ins, the children play basketball or do crafts in the gym. Adults can listen to guest speakers on subjects like health and nutrition," she continued. "Our main goals are to create awareness of services available in Peel and to build networks within our community, as well as to provide youth with a safe place to go to gain leadership skills and build self-confidence."

Yesterday, over 100 members of the Somali community and representatives from the involved agencies, gathered at the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre to celebrate the successful first year of the drop-in centre with traditional Somali singing and food. Dirie handed out awards of appreciation to the many people who helped make the centre possible.

The party was also a celebration of the achievements of the community's youth. Seven young people completed the City of Mississauga's Recreation and Parks Leader-In-Training program this year. They have now been hired to run the children's programs for the drop-in centre.

At Saturday's celebration, each young leader received a certificate and had their photo taken with Mayor McCallion.

"I cried when I was able to give them the jobs at the drop-in centre," said Dirie proudly, "This is good progress for us."

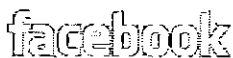
The drop-in centre has become so popular it now runs twice a month. But Dirie is just getting started. She recently founded a non-profit organization called Gar-Gaar Somali Community Services in order to create more services, including a drop-in program for seniors, and a Somali language program for children.

"Sometimes I work 16 hours in a day with Gar-Gaar and I am exhausted. But then something materializes, like approval for the language program, and it's all worth it," Dirie said. "From nothing to this feels great."



Speaking out. Zahra Jama and Ardo Koshin speaks during the Somali Community New Social Development Services celebration held at Burnhamthorpe Community Centre last night. *Photo by Claudio Cugliari*

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Meadowvale Youth Freeway

Want to work out at Meadowvale but not sure where to start? Try our new Weight Training for Youth program starting November 19. Open to ages 13-16, a trainer will guide you while you develop a routine to meet your personal goals.

Weight Training for Youth

www1.city.mississauga.on.ca

Learn how to perform various weight training exercises using machines and free weights. The trainer will teach proper progression, allowing participants to develop their own personal weight training routine.

Like · Comment · 17 hours ago ·



Meadowvale Youth Freeway

One more way to have your voice heard - visit the Voice Your Opinion Mississauga Youth Page, the best pic/video/story/answer will win a Square One gift certificate!



Voice your opinion Mississauga youth

Hi youth of mississauga (ages 13-19) Voice your opinion about the city of Mississauga. Tell us whether or not you feel the City of Mississauga is Youth friendly. Post pics, videos, and stories about...

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Meadowvale Youth Freeway created an event.



Youth Freeway Meeting

Yesterday at 4:00pm
Meadowvale Community Centre, Mississauga, ON

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Meadowvale Youth Freeway

Did you know that you can swim on Sunday afternoons for only \$1? Only available until November 11.



Meadowvale Community Centre

Loonie Swims and Skates are back! From now until November 11, 2011, enjoy swimming or skating for only \$1 at participating pools and arenas. Meadowvale Pool's Loonie Swim is on Sundays from 2:45-4:10pm, see www.loonieswim.ca for full schedules.

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Meadowvale Youth Freeway created an event.



Youth Freeway Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 3:30pm
Meadowvale Community Centre, Mississauga, ON

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Meadowvale Youth Freeway



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Date: Sat, 22 Oct 2011 16:11:32 -0400 [10/22/2011 04:11:32 PM EDT]

From: Stephanie Willson

To:

Cc: Sandy Duggan Alyssa Acorn Joanne Foote

Subject: RE: youth committee enquiries

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Hi Kathleen,

Our group is part of the larger Mississauga Youth Movement so there is a youth committee at each of the Community Centres in Mississauga. If you have not done so already I would suggest you contact Alyssa Acorn and Joanne Foote as they can help give you information about what is going on City-wide. I have included them on this email so you will have their contact information, as well as Sandy Duggan who is the other full-time staff member working with our group.

To answer some of your questions:

Where the committee meets: At Meadowvale Community Centre. Depending on what we are working on at the time we meet anywhere from once a month to once a week.

How many youth are on the committee (or actively participate): We currently have 10 active members and are focusing on recruiting new youth for this year.

Ages of the youth on the committee: Most of our members are 16 or 17 years old. We have had a few members who were 14 and a couple in their early 20s. We will accept members from age 12 to 24.

What the committee is about: So far we have been focused mainly on casual, fun events. Some of the activities we have planned include movie nights, video game tournaments, free access to our fitness centre, a youth carnival with a live band and sport drop-in times. We are currently working on our priorities for this year, some of the additional activities we have discussed are an improv club, a community art or photography exhibition, a career skills day and some fun sport tournaments.

How you advertise the committee: Our main promotion has been through word of mouth and announcements at the local high schools. We are planning to do more outreach to other local

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Working With Youth



YOURSELF

be your authentic self

OVERCOME

overcome fears, misconceptions & stereotypes

UNDERSTAND

try to understand where they are coming from

TREAT W/ **R**ESPECT

treat youth how you would want to be treated

HELP

help them out like you would any other customer



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South Common CC
Ages 10 - 15 years

**Drop-in Basketball starts
Tuesday,
September 12th to
December 13th.**

**Bring your friends, keep active
and have fun!**

Note:
Please contact South Common CC
at 905-515-4776 for more
information.
www.mississauga.ca

EXCLUSIVES

South Common CC
2723 South Millway
Tuesdays
4:00 - 6:00pm
Sept. 12 to Dec. 13
For more information
please call 905-515-4776

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River Grove Community Centre

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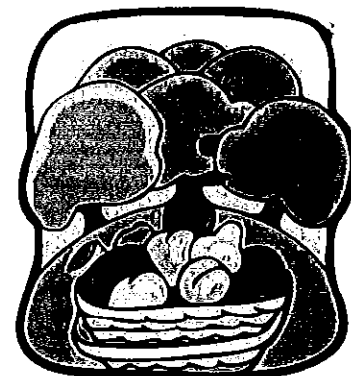


Get Active



Important Reminders

- You can register online for summer programs now!
www.mississauga.ca/connect2rec
- Fall/Winter Brochures are available for pick-up at local Community Centres
- We will be closed Labour Day (Sept 5) & Thanksgiving Monday (Oct 10)
- Programs begin September 17
- ALL programs are subject to minimum and maximum capacities so reserve your spot early to avoid disappointment.



Volunteer

Want to get involved in your community? River Grove CC offers plenty of volunteer opportunities in our programs. To apply, please visit www.mississauga.ca/volunteer to download an application form. Volunteers must be at least 14 years of age.

Youth Advisory Committee: Our youth advisory committee, The Currents are currently seeking more youth to join the committee. This opportunity is for youth 12-24 years of age who are interested in getting involved in the community and earning hours towards the high school volunteer requirements. Meetings are held twice per month. For more information please call 905-615-4780 x 2318

Check this out!



River Grove CC offers a themed Birthday Party package for children ages 3-14! Call our Birthday Party Coordinator at 905-615-4780 x 2344 for more details.

Dance for Special Occasions

This program will get you grooving to great tunes while learning new dance styles. Each program is 3 classes long.

Sept 20: Waltz
Oct 11: Salsa
Nov 1: Tango
Nov 22: Rumba

Featured Program

Fall Fitness Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8am Toning	9:10am Step/Upper Body Tone	9:10am 4Step®	8am Torture	9:10am The Edge	8:45am HI Low Tone	8:45am Low Tone
9:10am HI Low & Abs	10:15am Power Yoga	10:15am Pilates	9:10am Step Low Tone	10:15am Yoga	9am Mega Zumba	10:00am Pilates
10:15pm Lower Body/ Core	5:00pm Toning	5:30pm Power Yoga	10:15am C.B.S.®	5:15pm Zumba	10:00am Step Tone	11:00am Step
5:30pm Zumba	6pm Power Yoga	6:30pm Step Interval	5:15pm Step	6:15pm Zumba	11am Power Yoga	
6:30pm Low Tone	7pm HI Low	7:30pm Circuit Toning	6:15pm Zumba	7:15pm Yoga	12pm Toning	
7:30pm Step Stretch	8pm Step Tone	8:30pm Klckbox	7:15pm Low Tone			
8:30pm Pilates			8:15pm Toning			



4Step® will alternate weekly as follows; Classic Step, Athletic Step, Step Pilates and Double Step
C.B.S.® is Core, Balance and Stability



Swim & Skate tickets make a great Halloween treat!



Youth Drop-In Schedule

Walmart At Play Sports Drop-In	Tuesdays	10-15 yrs	3pm-4:30pm	FREE
Youth Sports Drop-In	Fridays	10-14 yrs	5:30pm-7pm	\$1.88
Youth Games Night	Fridays	10-14 yrs	7pm-9pm	\$2.50
Youth Basketball Drop-In	Fridays	15-17 yrs	7pm-9pm	FREE



Fall 1 Session, 2011

New Program Changes starting in the Fall...

- Consistent exception dates
- more affordable sessions
- shorter breaks between sessions

The Fall 2011 Session is now divided into 2 sessions:

- **Fall 1:** 9 week session (begins the week of Sept. 17th runs until the week of Nov. 18th)
- **Fall 2:** 9 week session (begins the week of Nov. 19th runs until the week of Feb 3rd)



Room Rentals

To book a facility or for information about rental rates and availability, please call :

905-615-4100.



Message from the Manager

Welcome to the Mississauga Valley Community Centre, hope you enjoy this edition of the Valley Voice!

With children back at school and some relief from our hot summer days we look forward to a full range of fall programs, something for everyone. Our Fall/Winter Active Guide is now available in the lobby or can be accessed from the comfort of your own home at www.mississauga.ca/rec&parks.

The first phase of construction has begun on our new Therapeutic Pool addition. Terry Fox pool will remain opened with a complete program menu until November 25th, 2011. Our aquatic team is currently developing a very exciting program menu for our spring 2012 grand reopening. We will continue to communicate on important dates as the project progresses.

Best wishes from the Mississauga Valley Community Centre Team for a fun and fit Fall.

Bev Litman,
Manager, Mississauga Valley CC

Join Terry Fox Fitness Centre!

Try out our weight room, cardio equipment, exercise classes, squash courts and recreational swim times. We offer Adult, Older Adult (60yrs+), Youth (14-17 yrs), Disability and Student memberships.

Call 905 615-4670 or go to :
www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/fitnesscentres

Public Skating
Sunday
September
25th!
2:30-4:00PM



Don't Miss
Our FREE
Tim Horton's
Skating
Schedule!

Did You Know?

The City of Mississauga won Gold in the category of "Best Fitness Club" awarded by the Mississauga News Readers Choice Awards!



Computer Classes!

Available For Adults and Seniors!

This introduction to computer course is designed for those individuals who have limited experience using a computer and who would like to start with the basics. Microsoft Word and Windows Explorer will be covered in the course.

MVCC Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/mississaugavalleycc

Check the MVCC page regularly for news and events happening at your community centre.



Mississauga Valley Community Centre
1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd, L5A3R8
905-615-4670

<http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/mississaugavalley>



At the Gymnasium

Preschool Programs

Little Tykes Basketball
Ages: 3 to 4 yrs
Fee: \$40.23/9 Weeks
Starts: Sept 17th 9:00-9:45
Code: 517988

Little Tykes Soccer
Ages: 3 to 4 yrs
Fee: \$40.23/9 Weeks
Starts: Sept 18th 9:30-10:15
Code: 518012

Mini Basketball
Ages: 4 to 5 yrs
Fee: \$53.64/9 Weeks
Starts: Sept 17th 10:30-11:30am
Code: 518049

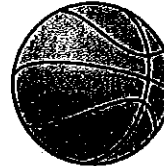
Mini Soccer Indoor
Ages: 4 to 5 yrs
Fee: \$53.64/9 Weeks
Starts: Sept 22nd 5:00-6:00pm

Youth Programs

Badminton
Ages: 6 to 8 yrs
Fee: \$53.64/9 Weeks
Starts: Sept 18th 1:30-2:30pm
Code: 517470

Ages: 9 to 11 yrs
Fee: \$53.64/9 Weeks
Starts: Sept 18th 1:30- 2:30pm
Code: 517472

Basketball League For Youth
Ages: 10 to 14 yrs
Fee: \$101.53/13 Weeks
Starts: Sept 23rd 5:30pm-7:30pm
Code: 517541



Basketball
Ages: 6 to 8 yrs
Fee: \$41.72/ 7 Weeks
Starts: Sept 19th 5:00-6:00pm
Code: 517505

Ages: 9 to 11 yrs
Fee: \$41.72/7 Weeks
Starts: Sept 19th 6:00-7:00pm
Code: 517517
Fee: \$53.64/9 Weeks
Starts: Sept 17th 1:00-2:00pm
Code: 517522

Ages: 12 to 14 yrs
Fee: \$53.64/9 Weeks
Starts: Sept 19th 7:00-8:00pm
Code: 517498
Sept 21st 7:00-8:00pm
Code: 543014

Adult Leagues

Recreational Basketball League
Ages: 18 yrs+
Fee: \$206.70/17 Weeks
Starts: Sept 20th 6:50pm-12:00am
Code: 517532

Co-ed Volleyball League
Ages: 18 yrs+
Fee: \$139.06/14 Weeks
Starts: Sept 22nd 7:00pm-11:00pm

Personal Training

Reach your goals quickly and effectively by working with our qualified personal trainers. Our reasonably priced training packages are designed for individuals or small groups.



For more information contact the Recreation Programmer at 905 615-4670 ext 2458 or speak with our customer service staff.

At the Fitness Centre

Fitness Programs:

- Cycle & Lift
- Step Interval
- Gentle Low Impact
- Low Impact Fitness
- Squash Lessons
- Karate Classes (Beg & Adv)
- Latin American Dance
- Boot Camp
- Yoga
- Pilates

- NEW Outdoor Boot Camp for Youth and for Adults
- NEW Gentle Yoga
- NEW Older Adult Pilates
- NEW Nordic Walking
- NEW Keep Moving



The Biggest Winner

Individuals with similar weight loss goals will motivate each other to reach their personal objectives. Lose weight and have fun in a professionally monitored setting. Participants will work with Personal Trainers who will help monitor their success. Each week of the program will include one hour of nutritional education, and a circuit training workout.

Mon 7-8pm, Wed 7:30-8:30pm

NEW Keep Moving

The class is specifically designed for those diagnosed with physical limitations due to aging or injury and will improve your mobility, strength and daily movement. It includes a longer warm-up, cardio -conditioning, controlled toning exercises and an extended cool down/relaxation component.

Tues 1:30-2:30pm

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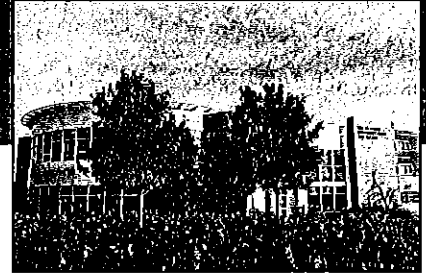
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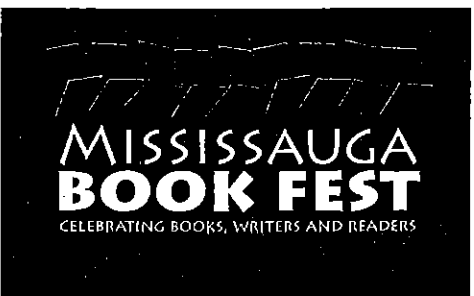
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AT THE LIBRARY



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MISSISSAUGA BOOK FEST 2011

Celebrating books, authors and readers



This year, the Mississauga Book Fest coincides with other major events in the City- Doors Open Mississauga and Culture Days. The entire downtown area will be buzzing with activity on Celebration Square and in the Mississauga Central Library.

Visit the Local Authors' Lounge in the Outdoor Reading Room where you can meet and talk with local authors who call Mississauga home and add to the vibrant literary scene in the city.

Saturday, October 1, 2011
Mississauga Central Library and Celebration Square
301 Burnhamthorpe Road West
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Admission is free.

Play all day in the Kids' Zone, located in the Library's Children's Department, where you just might meet the Queen of Hearts, Spiderman or even a ROBOT! At 3 p.m., Jeremy Tankard, author of the Boo Hoo Bird books, visits for a presentation that kids will not want to miss.

Walk Exhibitors' Alley buzzing with book sellers, comics, community groups, publishers and illustrators, walk in the book truck parade and buy a book bargain at the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale.

Take a tour of the Library's closed-to-the public areas by joining The Path of the Book walk; check out the award-winning Canadiana Reading Room in the Arts & History Department; and find out All About Your Central Library on a building-wide tour. The Library's Tech Rovers will be on-hand to answer questions about e-readers and downloadable audio books.

Relax and catch a show in Noel Ryan Auditorium! Take in the special exhibit on the Library's fourth floor, "Mississauga: the 'Cinderella Township' to 'Canada's Sixth Largest City' by Marco Veltri.

Watch the Book Fest website regularly at www.mississauga.ca/library for up to the minute news! Book Fest is co-sponsored by the Mississauga Library System and the Friends of the Library. Media Sponsor: Mississauga News.

Holiday Closures

Labour Day
All libraries will be closed
Sunday, September 4 and
Monday, September 5.

Thanksgiving
All libraries will be closed
Sunday, October 9 and
Monday, October 10.

Access your account and the Library's on-line services 24/7 at www.mississauga.ca/library

Back to Regular Hours

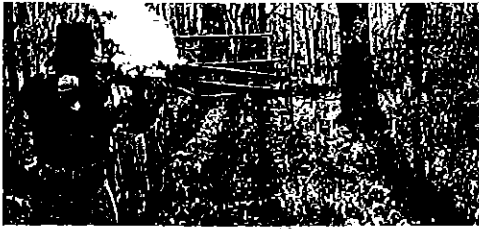
All libraries return to regular Friday and Sunday hours the week of October 10, 2011.

For map and hours, visit www.mississauga.ca/library

Kathleen A Hicks Historical Writing Award

Join the presentation of awards for the teen local history writing contest featuring local history author Kathleen Hicks and judges Jan Noel, UTM and Matthew Wilkinson, Heritage Mississauga. Hear the winning work!

Mississauga Central Library
Canadiana Reading Room
Arts and History Department, 3rd floor
Saturday, October 1, 2011
2 - 3 p.m.
Admission and parking are free.



Heritage Speaker Series: The War of 1812: Why Canada is Not a U.S. State featuring Professor Ken Weber, Professor Emeritus of the University of Toronto and best-selling author of more than 40 educational and general interest books. Most Canadians know very little about the War of 1812 and Americans even less, yet it can be argued that for Canada, this conflict was the first important step in becoming a nation.

Maja Prentice Theatre (formerly Burnhamthorpe Theatre)
3650 Dixie Road
Thursday, October 6, 2011

7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, please call 905-615-3500, ext. 3660.

This program is presented by the Heritage Advisory Committee, Heritage Mississauga, Mississauga Library System and Museums of Mississauga.

Financial Planning Session

This program provides information regarding budgeting, investing and planning for the future.

Malton Library
Thursday, October 20, 2011

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Admission is free.
No registration is required

Facebook Basics

Meadowvale Library
Fridays, October 21 and November 18, 2011

9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Admission is free.

Customer Appreciation Day

Meadowvale Library
Stories, crafts and more
Saturday, October 22, 2011

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Admission is free.

Inside North Korea

Long closed to foreigners, North Korea has taken slow steps towards opening up to the outside world. Central Library staffer Craig Rowland was in the first group to embark on the longest and most extensive tour of North Korea ever made possible to western visitors. He presents a slide show of his 18 days in North Korea and hosts a Q&A afterward.

Mississauga Central Library
Meeting Room CL3 (Administration Wing)
Monday, October 24, 2011

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Admission is free.
For more information and to pre-register, call 905-615-3500, ext. 3589.

Programs for Older Adults

Computer Buddies

Are you an older adult that would like to learn more about how to use e-mail and navigate the World Wide Web? Then join us for an information session. Refreshments provided.

Burnhamthorpe Library
Saturday, September 10, 2011
10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Admission is free.

Older Adult Program: Getting to know your City Services - transit, recreation & parks, library, fire and more!

Churchill Meadows Library
Thursday, September 29, 2011
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. Admission is free.
To pre-register, please call 905-615-4735.

Reading Club for Older Adults
Woodlands Library
Last Saturday of the month, all year
3 p.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is free.
For more information, call 905-615-4825.

Environment and Nature Week

Learn interesting facts about the natural environment around your neighbourhood. Presented by Credit Valley Conservation, topics include Rich Biodiversity in the Credit River Watershed, Green Cities, Recycling, Fishing Dos and Don'ts and information about Conservation Youth Corps – a volunteer program for high school students.

Courtneypark Library
Monday, October 24 – Thursday, October 27, 2011. 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.
For more information on specific topics covered during each session, please call 905-615-4745.

Murder at the Library
A mystery fiction event featuring book talks, readings, and discussions.

Lorne Park Library
Wednesday, October 26, 2011
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is free.
For more information, please call 905-615-4845.

Internet Training for Adults
Woodlands Library Admission is free.
For more information, call 905-615-4825 starting in September.



Volunteering for Fun, Health and Lifelong Learning: Older Adult Volunteer Fair

Stay Active! Stay Connected! Older adults are invited to come out and talk to voluntary organizations about their projects and programs at work in your community, and how you can join in, help out, meet new people while broadening your horizons and having fun!

Mississauga Central Library, Library Atrium
301 Burnhamthorpe Road West
Saturday, September 17, 2011, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Admission and parking are free.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Lalonde at olderadult@volunteermbc.org or 905-238-2622 ext 229. This program is co-sponsored by Volunteer MBC.



Teen Book Clubs

Churchill Meadows Library
Tuesday, September 13- *Incarceron* by Catherine Fisher
Tuesday, October 11 - TBA
7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Admission is free.
Copies of the books are provided.

For more information, please call 905-615-4735.

Mississauga Central Library
Readers' Den, Ground Floor Program Room
Monday, September 26-

The Agency: A Spy in the House by Y.S. Lee
Monday, October 31-

My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Ages 12Y - 19Y

For more information, please call 905-615-3200, ext. 3544 or email library.readers@mississauga.ca

Teen Advisory Group

Join us for our first Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G.) meeting and help plan a year full of exciting programs for youth, created by youth. Snacks will be provided!

Burnhamthorpe Library
Thursday, September 29, 2011
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Ages 14Y – 18Y Admission is free.

Conquer Your Fear of Speaking.
Nervous about speaking in front of others? Get tongue tied when you have a school presentation? Learn the skills to excel at doing presentations for small or large audiences with the Confidently Speaking Toastmaster Club.

Courtneypark Library
Thursdays, October 13 – December 1, 2011
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Ages 14Y-18Y Admission is free.
For more information and to register, please call 905-615-4745.

Welcome to
Mississauga YMCA
Youth Newsletter
 FALL/Winter /Spring 2011



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YOUTH

WELCOME



Please enjoy the fall edition of the Mississauga YMCA Youth newsletter. As always we welcome your comments and feedback. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at donovan.brown@ymcagta.org

CONDITIONING CLUB

This program is available for athletes from a variety of sports including hockey, soccer, basketball, lacrosse, football, rugby, baseball, tennis and volleyball. We will focus on, speed, agility, reactivity, balance, rotary power, quickness, and more.

Wednesday & Thursday 6:00-7:30
Saturday 12:00-1:30pm

TEEN NIGHT



YMCA Teen Night provides an opportunity for youth ages 13 through 18 to participate in various activities with weekly youth led themes.

Activities will include basketball, soccer, volleyball, water polo tournament, team fitness challenge, Xbox, amazing race challenge, workshops, and guest speakers. Open to members and non members. Bring in a friend for a free teen night membership.

Photo ID is mandatory for entry. Every Friday starting October 14th from 7:00-10:00pm.

CALENDAR

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Youth Conditioning Program

Saturday 12:00-1:30pm
Thursday 5:00- 6:30pm

Youth Conditioning Club

Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm
Thursday 6:00-7:30pm

Youth Forum

October 25, 2011

Teen Night

Every Friday 7:00-10:00pm

Please specify a code for all the programs below



YMCAYOUTH



Everybody wins at the YMCA!

Youth Sports



YLC

YMCA Leader Corps is a great way to learn new leadership skills in a fun and supportive environment. Meet new friends and try new things while becoming more active members of your community. Leader Corps will prepare participants for current and future leadership roles in the community. Activities include skill-building, group challenges, as well as volunteer and fundraising experiences.

LEADERS IN TRAINING

Sundays 12:00-2:00pm
Ages 11-14 years
Joshua Scott 905 897-6801 ext 455
joshua.scott@ymcagta.org

LEADERS

Saturdays 12:30-2:30pm
Ages 15-17 years
Donovan Brown 905 897-6801 ext 453
donovan.brown@ymcagta.org

SPORTS LEAGUES

The youth sport leagues are designed to provide each participant the opportunity to play, grow and lead. Become more knowledgeable about the game, gain self-confidence, foster team development, sportsmanship and fair play. The league includes; team shirts, all-star game, skills competition, Gatorade player of the week, entry draft (pizza party), march madness tournament, over 20 game season plus playoffs, trophies prizes and awards, year end banquet party and much more. The cost for all leagues is \$30.00. The league will run through October to May 2012.

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Saturday 1:30-2:30pm (10-13yrs) Boy's
3:30-4:30pm (10-13yrs) Girl's
3:30-5:30pm (14-16yrs) Boy's
4:30-5:30pm (14-17yrs) Girl's

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Sunday 3:30-4:30pm (10-12yrs) Coed
4:30-5:30pm (13-15yrs) Coed

YOUTH HOCKEY LEAGUE

Tuesday 7:30-8:30pm (10-15yrs) Coed

Y-COUNCIL



The youth council is a group of youth volunteers (ages 15 - 18) that strive to preserve and enhance the youth culture within our community. To accomplish this, we plan and implement various special events and activities, engage in leadership training and development, and advocate on behalf of youth in our YMCA. The youth council meets on a monthly basis (Fridays - 5:00 to 6:00 pm) from the beginning of October until the end of June 2012. We are always looking for new members, so if you're interested, please submit an application form at the membership desk.

VOLUNTEERING

No matter what your special talents, interests and schedule, you can help make a difference in someone's life at the YMCA. So, if you share our commitment to the continued well being of our community, please consider becoming a YMCA volunteer.

If you wish to become a YMCA volunteer and receive your 80 hours of community service please see the membership desk.

We look forward to working with you.

YOUTH ROOM



If you are looking for a place to hang out with friends, relax and watch TV, play on the computer or video games, then our youth room is the place for you! Nintendo Wii, air hockey, mini basketball, board games, dance revolution and so much more.
October 25, 2011

YAQUATICS

The aquatics club provides an action-packed challenge for kids who love the water but want more than "lessons". This course combines aquatic sports such as water polo with other items such as first aid and lifesaving skills. Participants must know how to swim. The ages for this program is 9 years and older.

September 24-December 11, 2011 4:00-6:00pm
\$65.00 for members, \$90 for non members

MISSISSAUGA
YOUTH
ORCHESTRA

Our Vision and Mission

The MYO aspires to be a premier youth orchestra, enriching life through music. The MYO mission is to create a dynamic environment for young musicians; to strive for excellence in music and to contribute to the cultural life of our community.



Our Patron
Mayor Hazel McCallion

The Mississauga Youth Orchestra (MYO) was established in February 1984. The MYO offers young musicians an opportunity to participate in performing orchestral music. The orchestra now performs three to four major concerts each year and may participate in some national and provincial youth orchestra festivals. The MYO is proud to be part of Mississauga's vibrant artistic community as it is open to talented musicians aged 10 to 21, in Mississauga and neighbouring communities. Coaching young musicians in the arts through discipline and inspiration has been a proud tradition governed by professional teaching staff.

Our MYO encompasses two separate and distinct groups:

MYO Symphony Orchestra includes the full range of symphonic instruments. It provides opportunities for experienced young musicians to explore a wide choice of orchestral repertoire.

MYO Concert Orchestra was expanded in 2009/2010 season to include strings, brass and winds. The group will provide a full orchestral experience for intermediate members, playing at approximately RCM Grade 4 to 8 levels.



Mississauga Youth Orchestra

Enriching Life through Music

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IN THE PROVINCE

Auditions
2011-2012

INTRODUCTION



The Mississauga Youth Orchestra provides young musicians an opportunity to perform in the symphony orchestra and/or concert orchestra.

Led by a group of First Class Music Directors, sectional coaches, managers and a dedicated volunteer board, our young musicians explore music under professional guidance. MYO is committed to providing our talented players an all-rounded orchestral experience.

2011—2012
Symphony Orchestra Conductor
Music Director
John Barnum
Concert Orchestra Conductor
Ben Bolt-Martin

AUDITION DATES

Monday May 9
6:30 pm

Clarkson Secondary School
2524 Bromsgrove Road Mississauga, ON L5J 1L

Saturday May 14
9:00 am

Christ Church United
700 Mazo Crescent, Mississauga, ON L5J 1Y8

Mon. May 16
6:30 pm

Clarkson Secondary School
2524 Bromsgrove Road Mississauga, ON L5J 1L

Please note that certain time slots are reserved for specific instruments based on conductors availability. MYO appreciates your commitment in accepting the time slot that is assigned to you.

For details and booking of
audition
please send in your request via
myomusic@idirect.ca

*Thank you for your interest in joining the
Mississauga Youth Orchestra*

If you are interested in auditioning for the MYO please send us an email:

1. Indicating which Orchestra you are auditioning for
2. What instrument you will be playing

If you are auditioning for our **Symphony** orchestra, you will be provided with an orchestral excerpt that you will need to prepare for. You will also be asked to play scales and sight read.

If you are auditioning for our **Concert** orchestra, be prepared to play for our conductors a slow and fast piece from your repertoire. You will also be asked to play scales and sight read.

3. A \$30 cheque, marked "Audition fee", is to be sent to MYO by mail to reserve your audition time.


c/o Kathy Grell, MYO Manager
159 Cavendish Court,
Oakville, ON L6J 5S3


(Note: audition fee is non refundable)

4. start practicing for the audition

Once payment is received, you will be informed about date and time for your audition.







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Give 2 Gain at Peel Youth Village

On March 18th, the Youth Ambassadors Helping Charities held "Give 2 Gain" at Peel Youth Village, to network, celebrate and raise awareness of the various charities and groups that support young people. The Youth Ambassadors improve employable skills for youth, from 16 to 30 years of age. Participants at the event included Nexus, whose mission is to create "opportunities for youth by providing high quality services that are inclusive and responsive to the needs and voices of youth"; The Boys and Girls Club of Peel, Reachout Committee, which is dedicated to the elimination of youth violence and the empowerment of youth and community; The City of Mississauga, who supports employment placement, among other services; Higher Ground Music Works, and Gateway Centre for New Canadians. There was food, refreshments and entertainment by Marcos Tolu, Niko Sofianos and others. The Peel Youth Village provides social services, employment, life-skills, counselling and many other opportunities to help "...disadvantaged but motivated young people get their lives on track". For more information about Peel Youth Village and their partners, contact 905-791-5576.



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General Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of Every Month
At City Hall, Comm. Room A

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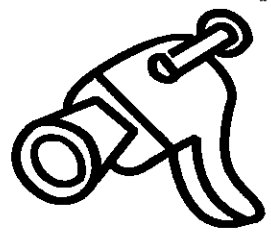


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Newcomer Information Centre

NIC Youth Film Team



- Looking for an unique Volunteer Opportunity? Interested in Film and Media?
- NIC Youth is looking for Volunteers between the ages of 13-24 years of age
- NIC Youth Film Team works together to create ways to share Information and Resources to Youth in Peel Region



For more information
or to get involved call:
(905) 949-0049 ext. 2412
or email: jdavis@tcet.com

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