



Museum Camp Program Proposal

The Finger Lakes Museum is seeking \$5,000 to create and deliver a new and innovate program for Yates County this summer. **Museum Camp** is an original collaboration between The Finger Lakes Museum and the Penn Yan Central School District that will provide educational and recreational experiences for local students enrolled in summer programs through Penn Yan Elementary School. The goals for **Museum Camp** are:

- 1) To provide quality summer programs that are fun, recreational, and educational
- 2) To compliment ongoing summer programs at PYE
- 3) To build a model for hands-on programs with PYCSD and other school districts in the region, not only for the summer but during the academic calendar, as well
- 4) To grow the relationship between TFLM and PYCSD and to strengthen opportunities for seeking collaborative funding in the future

Camp Activities by Week:

- 1) July 8th *Dirt-ology*
Hands-on activities in geology, archeology, paleontology, and earth science. Coincides with the Library's "Dig Into Reading" summer campaign.
- 2) July 15th *What a Waterful World*
An afternoon full of canoeing, kayaking, fishing, swimming, stand-up paddleboarding, and sailing. Miniature boat races with found items handmade on-site. Additional lessons in freshwater conservation issues around the region and world. Hands-on, boots-on activities in Stream Ecology and Lake Science
- 3) July 22nd *"DIY, dude!" [Do It Yourself]*
An introduction to and exploration of the history and practice of various skills such as shelter-building, fire-starting, archery, cheese-making, sewing, carpentry, fish-cleaning, soap-making, basket weaving, cooking over an open fire, maple syruping, pottery, wood-splitting, carving, flintknapping, and leatherwork.
- 4) July 29th *All About Animals*
Wildlife encounters, animal tracking, biological adaptations, and explorations of human roles, connections, and impacts throughout the ecosystem
- 5) August 5th *Team Challenge Adventure Day*
Group challenge games, ropes-course activities, geo-caching, and scavenger hunts.

Schedule	9AM to 12PM	1PM to 4PM
<i>Mondays</i>	Penn Yan "Playground" kids	PYE Summer School students
<i>Tuesdays</i>	Jerusalem Town Camp kids	PYE Enrichment students
<i>Wednesday</i>	Penn Yan "Playground" kids	PYE Summer School students
<i>Thursday</i>	Jerusalem Town Camp kids	PYE Enrichment students

* All Museum Camp programs will take place in the State Park.

Demographics

Yates County remains one of the poorest counties in New York State. It is also the most agricultural county in New York. The average age in Yates County is skewing older as young families are no longer able to be supported by the short supply of employment in the local economy. (Recent details about Yates County can be read [here](#).) The summer programs of the past served twice as many children as in current years, but the current programs charge no cost for their services. Expected numbers for the 2013 summer programs are:

Penn Yan "Playground" kids	20-30	PYE Summer School students	30-40
Jerusalem Town Camp kids	40-50	PYE Enrichment students	50-60

Target ages: 6 - 12
Total kids served: 140 - 180
Total experience hours: 8,400 – 10,800

The **Museum Camp** program is designed to compliment and augment the programs long underway in the local community. Having grown up in Penn Yan, the largest town in Yates County and the County Seat, Mike Sullivan, the Finger Lakes Museum's new Education Director, is taking great advantage of his contacts in the area, many of whom are former teachers and friends who are also now in leadership positions. Still, Sullivan has been careful to be too cavalier in launching new programs and initiatives even his hometown. For a program to be well-received and sustained throughout future years, the local community must be involved and engaged, rather than pushed aside, and this is exactly why the **Museum Camp** program has been built-in to the ongoing youth activities in Yates County. Sullivan has met closely with his program partners: PYCSD Superintendent David Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent Howard Dennis, PYE Principal Marcie Ware, Village Recreation Supervisor Daniel Doyle, and Jerusalem Camp Director Bev Egelston.

Budget

The **Museum Camp** program compliments the other four summer programs in that it will be free of charge to the students. The PYCSD will be able to provide bus transportation for the PYE groups and the other two groups are making arrangements for parents to drop off and pick up their children in the State Park in accordance with the schedule. Students will also be bringing their own lunches, as usual (or they are provided by Milly's Pantry, the local food bank). Lastly, materials and supplies from the other programs will be available for use at **Museum Camp** programs, which will also save money. However, to the following costs remain:

1. Staff
 1. Program Leader: Pat Atkinson (4th Grade Teacher at PYE) \$2,000
 2. Program Staff Workshare (3) \$1000
 2. Visiting Scholars (\$100 each, per session)
 1. Adventure \$400
 2. Science \$400
 3. Art \$400
 4. Entertainment \$300
 3. Supplies \$250
 4. Administration \$150
 5. Miscellaneous \$100
- TOTAL \$5,000.00**

