YouthWork$

Town of Amherst Youth & Recreation Department

Providing year-round help to residents and worthwhile paying job opportunities for teens

Are you a teen looking for a way to earn some extra money?

Are you an Amherst or Williamsville resident in need of assistance with extra work around your home?

Call us at 631-7217

Please call or e-mail the YouthWork$ staff regarding any questions or concerns about the program.
Thank you and we look forward to serving you.

Lorraine Lee, YouthWork$ Coordinator
e-mail: llee@amherst.ny.us
www.amherstyouthandrec.org

Here's How it Works:

For Residents:

1.) YouthWork$ receives calls from residents of Amherst who need assistance in, or around their homes. A youth participant is then contacted about the job possibility. If interested in the job, the youth is given the resident's contact information and then calls the resident to discuss the time the job is to be accomplished and the salary to be earned. Youth are contacted based upon requests made in their neighborhood area.

2.) Our youth do a variety of jobs (see application for examples). We are very concerned about teen safety. **Please do not ask us to send someone to do jobs that require climbing ladders, roof work, carrying heavy/large objects up or down stairs, provide childcare with use of a pool or trampoline, or anything that would require driving, as we will be unable to fill those positions.**

The YouthWork$ staff would like this to be a positive experience for both teens and residents. Our staff is available to answer questions or to take job information from residents during office hours. You may also leave a detailed message after hours and we will return your call promptly. You may also e-mail us at: rerwin@amherst.ny.us

3.) The price paid to the teen by the resident for the work is decided between both parties, but should be at least the minimum wage for the first hour or less, and for each additional hour. Exceptions to this are babysitting, shoveling, and mowing. (These should be decided fairly between the youth, their parent and the resident, before the work is to be done.) We ask that you pay the youth at the end of each day's work, even when the job requires working more than one day.

For Parents/Guardians of YouthWork$ participants:

The Town of Amherst is providing this service as a link between adult residents and teens. We would like involvement in this program to be a positive experience for young people. Although we try to make sure the job is safe for teens to do, **we do not personally interview each adult that calls us**. Adult assistance and encouragement are important aspects of this program. It is up to you as a parent, to make sure your child is safe doing whatever jobs the resident needs done. We encourage you to talk to your child before and after working for a resident. It is important that you are aware of all the details regarding the job. You may also want to consider accompanying your child on the initial visit. Getting to know the resident is an important safeguard. We are sure you would like to meet the resident for whom your child will be working. Please encourage your child to complete the upper part of the application, then check it over and have them make changes as necessary (this is good experience for your child when filling out job applications in the future). Please also fill out the bottom portion completely and sign it. The application can then be mailed to the address listed above. We will be in contact with your child when we have a job in your area that would be of interest to him/her, based on information from his or her application. We cannot provide a job opportunity if there is no signature from a parent or guardian.

For Teens:

1.) If you are an Amherst resident and student age 12-20 interested in working for YouthWork$
2.) Read and discuss this information with your parents so that they understand what is involved. If you decide you are interested in joining the program, complete the application below and mail it to:
Amherst Youth & Recreation Dept., YouthWork$ Program, ATTN: Lorraine Lee, 1615 Amherst Manor Dr., Williamsville, NY 14221.
3.) We will contact you when we have something in your area that you may be interested in.

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Teen Application Form

DATE OF APPLICATION

THIS SECTION TO BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY BY TEEN APPLICANT AND SIGNED BY TEEN APPLICANT

NAME ☐ M ☐ F

ADDRESS ZIP

HOME PHONE | DATE OF BIRTH | AGE | GRADE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

OTHER PHONE NUMBERS—CELL, MOM/DAD, ETC.

SCHOOL

How did your family hear about YouthWork$? Ex: Flyer at Audubon Library, from friend (list name)

CHECK THE TYPE OF JOB(S) YOU ARE MOST INTERESTED IN (*PLEASE CHECK AS MANY AS POSSIBLE):

(1) ☐ Rake Leaves (2) ☐ Shovel Snow (3) ☐ Yard Work (4) ☐ Weeding (5) ☐ Gardening (6) ☐ Mow Lawns
(7) ☐ Pet Care (8) ☐ Child Care (9) ☐ Tutoring Students (10) ☐ Tutor/Use of Computer (11) ☐ Run Errands
(12) ☐ Working/helping with elderly or disabled (13) ☐ Helping with Parties (14) ☐ Light Housework (15) ☐ Cleaning Garage/Basement
(16) ☐ Organizing cupboards/closets (17) ☐ Anything *(Note: If you check anything, you could be called for any job, but may refuse if not interested.)*

List any other interests you may have. (Include hobbies, sports, or type of work that interests you).

IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN ANY ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD MAKE YOU UNABLE TO WORK AT CERTAIN TIMES (Ex. Sports clubs, etc.)

Please list times you are not available here

Did you take a child care course? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Course was taken through: ☐ YMCA ☐ Red Cross ☐ Girl Scouts ☐ Other (Name):

List any experience or training that you might have (or past work history—include volunteer work).

I agree to return e-mails to the YouthWork$ Staff promptly

SIGNATURE OF YOUTH

THIS SECTION MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Does your child have any health limitations that would make him/her unable to do certain jobs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, Please list limits

Would you be willing to drive your child to other Amherst areas if convenient for you? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Child Drives

Amherst Youth & Recreation Department has my permission to use photos, videos and audio recording or other likenesses taken of my child for the purpose of publicizing Youth & Recreation Department programs and activities.

I have read the information contained in this brochure and reviewed my child's information on the above application. I have discussed both with my child. I will strongly encourage my child to return calls to adult residents, and YouthWork$ staff promptly.

I, _____ (Print Parent/Guardian's Name) will permit my child, _____ (Print Child's Name) to participate in the YouthWork$ Program, and have read and agree to all terms of the program stated above.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN DATE