

# M.A.Y Mentoring Newsletter

November 2024



*Happy  
Thanksgiving*



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# Nelson Acres Pumpkin Patch

*October 20, 2024*

Nelson Acres Pumpkin patch was a fun adventure to collaborate with Eric and Molly Nelson. We had several mentors/mentees and families attend the event. They had a corn maze, pumpkin painting, face painting, corn hole area, and a few fun cutouts to stick your head in and take pictures. The best surprise of the day was the Hayrack ride that Eric and Molly had put together. The weather was beautiful and so many memories were made. We are already looking forward to next year.



## Campin' with the Cops- Fall Fishing

*October 23, 2024*

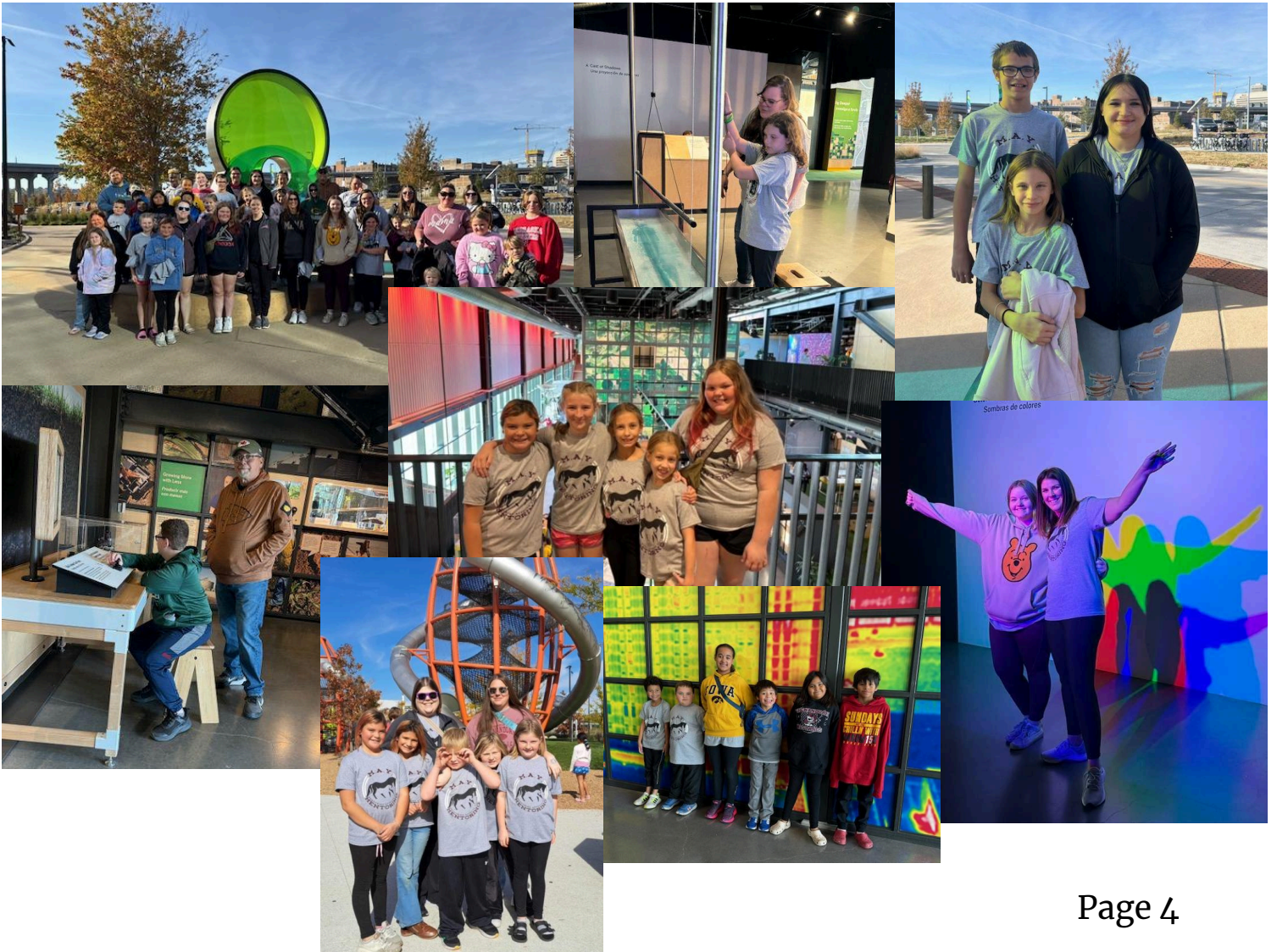
We held a fishing event for any kids who went on the Campin with the Cops trip this last summer. We gathered all the kids together for a fishing evening at Rapp Park. The Conservation office had recently loaded one of the ponds at Rapp Park with lots of trout. Officer Dave Erickson came out and helped show the kids how to fish, how to bait their hooks and that patience was the key to catching fish. The kids had a wonderful time, we caught several little fish and had lots of laughs.



# Luminarium Field Trip

*October 26, 2024*

M.A.Y Mentoring took a field trip to the Kiewit Luminarium in Omaha this month. What a cool experience for all of us that were able to attend with mentors/mentees and families. The children were all so excited to learn about science in a fun, hands-on learning environment. Many of the exhibits were for all ages and fun to try. Some of the students' favorites were the VR walk, the plank, the pulling power, connecting circuits to run fans, learning about food sources, bubble making and the large and very elaborate outdoor playground. It was fun to watch mentors and mentees learning and working together to complete various stations.



# Mentor Recruitment

*October/November 2024*

If you know anyone that might be a good fit for the M.A.Y Mentoring program please encourage them to contact me to become a mentor. The commitment is 4 hours a month for 1 year. The program hosts a 2 hour event every month to engage mentors/mentees so really the mentor and mentee only need to meet 2 hours a month outside the event. We have several waiting students who want to get a mentor and would love to be participating in the program. We thank you in advance for helping spread the word and keep this program strong.



*Make a difference in your community and help us to inspire, connect and encourage our youth.*

**M.A.Y Mentoring requirements:**

- ★ A 1 year commitment
- ★ 1 hour a week or 2 hours every other week contact
- ★ Pre-planned monthly M.A.Y Activities
- ★ Ongoing training and support for mentors

**To Be A Mentor**

★ We have several waiting children

If interested contact:  
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# Upcoming Events

November/December 2024

Thanksgiving Food

Fellowship

Fun

Family Movie

## M.A.Y Mentoring



### Friendsgiving Event

Date: November 17, 2024

Time: 4:00-6:00 pm

Place: PK-8 Building, Commons Building

Sign-up: <https://forms.gle/28EjRcSZB43973wz9>

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## M.A.Y Mentoring Holiday Party

**Date:** December 8, 2024  
**Time:** 3:00-5:00 Pm  
**Place:** PK-8 Building, Commons  
**Info:** We will do our annual Holiday Bingo with prizes, crafts for the nursing home and have dinner.

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## M.A.Y Volunteer Opportunity

# VOLUNTEER



Garden View Care Center

Date: December 14, 2024

Time: 9:30am-11:00am

Place: Garden View Care Center

1200 W. Nishna Road

Shenandoah, Iowa 51601

Info: We will hang door decorations and paint nails for residents.



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# M.A.Y Event Yearly- Calendar

2024-2025

## November

November 11, 2024 (4:00-6:00 pm) Friendsgiving Dinner

## December

December 5, 2024 (4:30-6:00 pm) Online, Mentor Training

December 8, 2024 (3:00-5:00 pm) Christmas Party & Bingo

December 14, 2024 (9:00-11:00 am) Volunteer @ GardenView Nursing Home

## January- National Mentoring Month

January 12, 2025 (2:00-4:00 pm) Skating at Porter's Lake

January 23, 2025 (5:30-7:30 pm) Yogurt, Yoga and You

## February

February 18, 2025 (5:30-7:30 pm) Glow with Kindness

## March

March 11, 2025 (5:30-7:30 pm) Cocoa and Canvas with Miss Liv

March 30, 2025 (TBA) Swimming Party @ Clarinda Lied Library

## April

April 13, 2025 (2:00-4:00 pm) Easter Scavenger Hunt & Kite Flying

April 2025 (TBA) Volunteer at Blessing Room

## May

May 4, 2025 (TBA) Sew a pillowcase with Scrap Happy Quilters

May 31, 2025 (8:30-3:00 pm) M.A.Y Zoo Trip

## **School Events**

Upcoming 2024-2025

## November

November 14, 2025 Bingo for Books

## February

February 6, 2025 Board Game Night

## May

May 16, 2025 End of the Year Carnival

# Early Out Wednesdays

November 2024

This is a reminder that we have held 5 YouthConnect events. The events are on Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Wesley Hall building located 200 Church Street. We provide healthy snacks, fun activities such as art, nature, kindness, healthy mind and body, good citizens and community helpers. If your student is wanting to join please sign up using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/M7SYxFGJPrYTFXRNG> this gives us a head count and knows who we are meeting at the bus stop. You will need to make the changes in SchoolPass for your child to ride the second round SAC and SAVE bus. The bus does actually stop in front of the building.

Join the MAY Mentoring Facebook page for more information.

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## Fall 2024- Topics

October 2: Sunflowers  
October 9 Apples  
October 16 Leaves  
October 23 Acorns  
October 30 Halloween  
November 6 Fall Fun  
November 13 Turkeys  
November 20 Thankfulness  
December 4 Winter Tree  
December 11 Ornaments  
December 18 Holiday

Date: Wednesdays  
Time: 1:45 PM-4:00 PM  
Place: Wesley Hall Building  
200 Church St  
Shenandoah, Iowa

Come join us for fun  
activities, crafts, games,  
and a snack.



## Community Event Opportunities

<b><u>Farragut</u></b>	<b><u>Shenandoah</u></b>	<b><u>Essex</u></b>
Library Every Wednesday 1-3:30pm	Library 11/13/24 Emily Experiments (2pm) 11/20/24 Craft with Carole (2pm) 11/21/24 Magic the Gathering (5pm) 11/27/24 Cooking baking (2pm)  Night the Lights Come on (3-7pm)	Porter's Lake Skating Rink November 15 (6-8pm) November 24 (2-4 pm) November 29 (6-8 pm) November 30 (2-4 pm)



Scan code to become a M.A.Y  
 Mentor...Share with others.