

PALMETTO YOUTH CENTER

THE TROJAN TIMES



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TROJAN DANCE TEAMS ADVANCE TO REGIONALS!



Both of the PYC's competitive teams placed first in their divisions at the Foundation for Youth Development (Pop Warner) "Best of the Bay Cheer and Dance Competition". The 2011 Cheer Jam was held on Sunday, October 23, 2011 at the Manatee County Civic Center in Palmetto, and drew teams from all over Tampa Bay. Both of our



Trojan competitive teams have advanced to the Regional Competition, which will be held Thanksgiving weekend in Orlando, Florida.

Congratulate our girls when you see them.....GO TROJANS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The hard work is not over! The teams will, of course, continue to practice for Regionals, and will remain focused on their academics as the holiday break approaches. Additionally, fundraising activities are underway, to offset the cost of transportation and lodging for this prestigious opportunity. Let's get together to help our local youth to represent Manatee County while showcasing their talent and team work.



PYC PARTNERS WITH FLORIDA STUDIO THEATRE

The Palmetto Youth Center has entered into a new partnership with Florida Studio Theatre in Sarasota, with a commitment to bring the cultural arts to PYC Youth. On Saturday, November 12th, nearly a dozen children were able to visit Florida Studio Theatre. After a tour of the facilities (including dressing rooms and backstage), we saw an excellent presentation of "Jack and the Enchanted Beanstalk". Then, we were treated to a cookie and ice cream social with the actors and producers of the play. It was a great morning!



Keep your eyes open for upcoming arts opportunities. A limited number of PYC youth will be able to participate in a Kids Comedy Club – an interactive comedy show for kids of all ages. We also expect to have a young actors workshop during spring break, and may get a few scholarships to other camps and classes.



FROM CHRIS LUKOWIAK, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

There is so much to report to our families and friends! We've had a great season of football and cheerleading, and have entered into a few new partnerships that will allow us to provide a wider variety of programs. In addition to the opportunities to work with Florida Studio Theatre, we have received a grant from Ms. Marilyn Helfenbein that will allow for a new golf program. In January, we will also begin a new tennis program at the Center with the Panda Foundation. These new activities provide life-long fun, earning opportunities, and, often, an avenue to college! But, it's not all about the extra activities —life skills workshops are still presented every day. And, our Trojans keep up their grades and have good school attendance, as a requirement of participating in all of the fun. We are there to help our children grow in productive ways—and we all have a great time getting there! Join me in welcoming "Youth for Christ" to the Palmetto Youth Center—another group of teens that wants to do good things, and needs a safe place to hang out. Finally, we are gearing up for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration weekend. We'd love for you to be involved. Please visit the website for more information about our programs, to donate, or to contact us.

Don't miss out!

- Before & After School Care
- Life Skills Classes
- Field Trips
- Football
- Basketball
- Golf
- Tennis
- Theater/Acting

Chris