

NEWSLETTER

March 2022

2022-2023 Afterschool Program

The Nauset Youth Alliance Board of Directors met earlier this month to consider the budget for the 2022-23 school year. Anyone who has filled their gas tank or shopped for groceries recently knows that items are costing more than a year ago. The



pandemic has created supply chain issues and people have more discretionary funds creating a higher demand for items than what is available, further driving prices higher. As we have seen in the last few days there are also geopolitical factors in play. In fact, inflation is currently running at 7.5%, a

figure not seen since the 1970s (does anyone besides me remember Gerald Ford's "Whip Inflation Now" initiative? Or Gerald Ford?). NYA is not immune to these pressures.

While addressing rising costs in terms of fixed expenses as well as staff salaries we strive to keep increases to a minimum through diligent financial stewardship and control of expenses. Some examples of this includes a change of insurance coverage, securing a new food service provider, and the sale of the program's 12-passenger van.

The rate for 2022-23 school year for 3, 4, or 5 days a week will be \$22 per day and for 1 or 2 days it will be \$24 per day for an average increase of 4.5%. The fee for the first hour only will increase to \$8.50, a 6.5% increase although it is the first increase in five years for that option. The registration fee will remain at \$50 and the student supply fee at \$25.

The fact is that tuition and fees do not fully cover the cost of a child attending NYA. We close this gap through fundraising, offering enrichment classes, and grants. We have been aggressively seeking grants and have secured a number that allows us to minimize the tuition increase.

2022 Summer Program

Rates for the 2022 Summer Program have also been set by the Board. The full-day cost will be \$50, and the afternoon option will be \$32.50. The hours will remain 8:30 am – 4 pm. Due to the late end of the school year necessitated by five snow days the program will run from July 5th until August 19th. We will be reintroducing the weekly full-day, full-program field trip (the day of the week has not been determined)

Important Dates

Early Release

Wed. Mar. 16th & Fri. Mar. 25th

NYA begins at 11 AM following early dismissal. If your child is attending NYA on an early release day, please be sure to send a lunch or request the bag lunch offered by the schools prior to dismissal time.

Interested in becoming a NYA Board Member?

If you are interested in being a NYA Board Member please be in touch with David Rost. The NYA Board meets monthly to discuss and guide NYA. New Board members will be elected at the Annual Meeting in May.

featuring trips to Scusset Beach State Reservation, Water Wizz, and other sites still to be decided. If you have any thoughts, please share them with David Rost. These trips costs are included in the daily fee and feature no additional charges. The portal to enroll for the summer will open on April 1st.

If you have any questions or concerns, please be in touch with David Rost, Executive Director, or a Board Member. The Board members are Susie Barker, President; Phil Burt, Vice-President; Pat Sylvia, Treasurer; Michelle Donahue, Secretary; Melissa Carter, Donna Cormier, Rebecca Harrison, and Birgit Weisshuhn.



Dependent Care Expenses

Instructions for your 2020 child care costs can be found using this link.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1no1gJPTBEltIFYEA136uPMLNqpbh5T9Y/view?usp=sharing

Please be in touch with David with any questions.

Please put your child's name in clothing they might remove while at NYA, i.e., coats, sweatshirts, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, winter boots, etc. If there is a name in them, we can reunite the clothing with your child. Use a marker to write their name on a label, get preprinted labels and iron them in, etc. It would be a shame if a child were to lose a holiday gift from Santa, parents, grandparents... We also request that you put their name on water bottles. We would love to have a completely empty lost and found basket. Thank you!



Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 17th from 5:30 - 6:30 at Stony Brook. A pizza dinner with dessert will be provided and there will be a performance by students. Bring the whole family, enjoy watching your child(ren) perform, and let someone else cook and clean for a night!