
Police Appreciation



Members of the Youth Empowerment Task Force pose with Officer Burns of the Herkimer Police Department, back. Group facilitators Allysa of the Domestic Violence Program and Teira of Runaway and Homeless Youth Program stand right.



Members of the Youth Empowerment Task Force made thank you bags for the Herkimer Police Department.

The Youth Empowerment Task Force of Herkimer County welcomed Officer James Burns of the Herkimer Police Department, who spoke to the youth on May 30th, 2019. He brought riot gear including bullet proof vests, gas masks, and helmets, which the teens eagerly tried on. Officer Burns also brought in his fingerprint kit and taught the kids how to dust for prints using magnetic dust. The youth also fired off many questions for Burns, who was very informative. The youth then showed their appreciation for the Herkimer police department by making thank you gift bags for the unit. The gift bags were full of sweet treats and included a hand written note from a group member.

Year End Summer Picnic

The Youth Empowerment Task Force held an end of the school year picnic celebration in Ilion's Russel Park. The sun was shining while members of the group played outdoor games, participated in activities, and had plenty of food and fun!



Left: Group members of the Youth Empowerment Task Force played ladder ball and yard Yahtzee

Right: Briana, a member of the Youth Empowerment Task Force, got creative with art supplies at the picnic celebration

