



Current Connections

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Records Were Broken On & Off The Course - DYC River Race is One for the Record Books

With full hearts and tired feet, we want to say thank you for making the 27th Annual Delaware River Race our most successful one yet!

This year, we were blown away by the **record-breaking support of our sponsors**. Thanks to their generous and continued commitment to the Delaware Youth Center, we had the highest number of sponsors ever—both in participation and in financial support. Their belief in our mission and their investment in our community make events like this possible.

To our **racing community**—you showed up in force! With a record number of registrations and participation at an all-time high, you made this year's race feel bigger and better than ever. Whether you ran, walked, cheered, or just came for the vibes—we love that you continue to make this event part of your summer tradition.

A special shout-out goes to **Ed, our incredible race director**, and his tireless team of volunteers. They dedicated countless hours to making sure every detail was accounted for and still managed to roll with the punches. From clearing a fallen tree branch off the course to navigating a last-minute internet outage that delayed results reporting, their quick thinking and calm under pressure kept the race on track. Thank you all for your patience as we worked through the technical difficulties—we appreciate it more than you know.

And we couldn't forget about the many other volunteers who gave their time and energy—whether it was cutting bagels and watermelon, manning water stations, selling raffle tickets and shirts, helping with set-up and clean-up, or keeping the parking lot under control. You are the quiet heroes that keep everything running smoothly, and we are so grateful.

For those looking to review the race results, they can be found here: [Race Results](#)



Get your picture-perfect photo finish from [Jeanne Sager Photography](#)—because crossing the line never looked so frame-worthy!



Meet the Heart of Our Community

Jeanne Sager

Can you tell us a little about yourself and how you got involved in DYC?

I'm the photographer you see behind the camera at most DYC events throughout the year. Raised in Callicoon, I was the second generation of the Eschenberg family to grow up at the Youth Center. My husband Jonathan and I moved back to the area and settled down in Callicoon Center, where we raised the third generation of DYC kids — our daughter Winter. I work as a director of marketing by day and run [Jeanne Sager Photography](#) on nights and weekends, as well as writing a column and taking photos for the Sullivan County Democrat. I began volunteering at the DYC when my daughter was small as a way to give back to the place that's given so much to my family, and over the years it has become a whole family affair. My husband volunteers to play Santa at Christmas and hand out water at the River Run, and our daughter spent many years helping out at events like the Halloween party before graduating from Sullivan West and heading off to college.




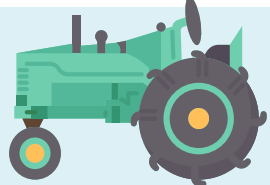
What is your favorite DYC memory?

Between my own childhood memories and those my daughter made, plus all the memories I've captured at the DYC, it's hard to choose just one! I think I'd have to say splashing in the little kid's wading pool that used to be right next to the pool house.

What is your vision for the Center?

I think the magic of the DYC is truly the volunteers who put so much of their time and energy into this community treasure. When I talk to colleagues from around the country, they marvel at what we have right here in our small town! I'd love to see more folks turn up to volunteer at events. I know it's hard with so many people juggling multiple jobs, kids, and more, but I found that volunteering with my husband and daughter only made us closer as a family. And it always feels good seeing the pure joy on the faces of the kids who get to enjoy rites of passage like sitting on Santa's lap thanks to the Youth Center!

The Zerbini Family Circus is coming to town on June 13, 2026—mark your calendars for a night of jaw-dropping thrills, dazzling acts, and big-top fun for the whole family!

Tractor Parade Photo Gallery

Courtesy of [Jeanne Sager Photography](#)

Dive Into Fun!



The Delaware Youth Center pool has been a hub of summer fun and learning! We're in the final session of our youth swim lessons, where the youngest swimmers have been mastering the basics while the older kids work hard to perfect their strokes. We're also excited to offer adult swim lessons on Monday evenings—whether you're hoping to refine your technique or just feel more confident in the water, our instructors are here to help. And new this year, we've introduced water aerobics! Our Sunday morning class kicked off with a splash—full of energy, laughs, and a great workout. There's still plenty of summer left, so dive in and join the fun!



Crafting Chaos & Sunshine Smiles: Summer Fun Starts Here!

The Morning Youth Program has been buzzing with energy and excitement all summer long! Kids have been getting creative with fun crafts, staying active with a variety of sports and games, and enjoying visits from special guests—including some furry and feathered friends. From hands-on projects to animal encounters, every day brings something new and memorable for our young participants.



Game, Set, Match! Tennis, Basketball and Pickleball Courts Now Open for Play!

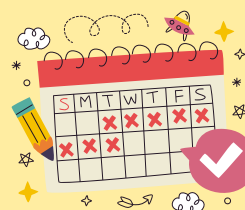
The pickleball courts at the Delaware Youth Center are officially complete and open for play! We're thrilled to welcome players of all levels to come enjoy this exciting new addition. To ensure fair use and a great experience for everyone, please scan the posted QR code at the courts to complete your session payment (\$10 for 2 hours), sign up for a membership (Family: \$150 / Individual: \$80), and sign the required liability waiver. All scheduling for pickleball and tennis is managed through the TEAM REACH app—download it from your app store or email us for the link. Use group code dycpb for pickleball or dyctennis25 for tennis. Be sure to sign up for your time slot, follow proper court etiquette, and review the full court rules posted on-site. For questions, reach out to pickleball@delawareyouthcenter.org. Let's play!



COMMUNITY HUB

The Delaware Youth Center is proud to be a true community hub, but we can only thrive with your continued support. Your memberships, event attendance, and generosity keep our doors open and our programs alive. We want to hear from you—how can we better serve you, your family, and our neighbors? Do you have an idea for a new program, an event you'd love to see, or a way we can improve? Interested in volunteering and lending your talents? We'd love to collaborate!

Reach out to us at info@delawareyouthcenter.org and let's dream, plan, and build something new together. After all, the DYC is here for you—because of you.



SAVE THE DATE

Halloween Parade & Party 10/25/25
Holiday Craft Fair 11/28/25
Children's Holiday Party 12/6/25

The Chuckle Corner

Why did the scarecrow win an award?
Because he was *outstanding* in his field!

