



Cortland County Family YMCA

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State Farm New Year's Eve Lock-In at the Y

CORTLAND— The Cortland County Family YMCA, Cortland City Youth Bureau and State Farm are hosting a New Year's Eve Lock-In December 31 for boys and girls ages 12-18 from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. The event is free to everyone who signs up in advance at the Y, Tompkins Street or the Youth Bureau on Port Watson Street. There will be a nominal charge for "night of" registrants.

The teenagers will be supervised by staff from the City Youth Bureau and the YMCA. Parents are welcome to assist if they would like to volunteer for the night.

YMCA Program Director, David Burnette said there will be games, giveaways, music, food (late dinner and snacks), swimming and plenty of "safe" New Year's Fun.

"Thanks to State Farm and agent Al Myers who are sponsoring this year's Lock-In, the Y is able to offer event at NO COST to parents who register their 12 to 18 year old in advance."

Burnette said that having a lock in would be a great addition to the First Night Festivities Cortland is already offering on New Year's Eve. "The Lock-In at the Y will give parents the ease of mind that their kids are celebrating in a safe environment and provide teens a special event just for them this New Year's Eve"

said Burnette.

John McNerney, Director of the Cortland City Youth Bureau, said combined forces of the Y and the Youth Bureau is a definite benefit to the community. “I think it is a great partnership and anytime we can combine resources it helps the community as a whole.” McNerney added, the Lock-In will offer teens a “safe, positive place” to be this New Years Eve, especially because the teen center will be closing at 5 p.m. to accommodate for the First Night celebration.

Doors to the Y will be “locked” at 11 p.m. New Year’s Eve and reopened at 8 a.m. Saturday morning. Parents can also arrange to pick up their kids at any time during the night.

Pillows and blankets can be brought to the Y if kids desire to sleep. Separate supervised sleeping areas will be available for boys and girls.

For more information about the Lock-In, please contact the Cortland County Family YMCA

The Cortland County Family YMCA has proudly been serving the Cortland Community for the past 142 years. We are for youth development, for healthy living and for social responsibility.

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To put Christian
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through programs that
build healthy body,
mind and spirit for all