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#### WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR WATERTOWN FAMILY YMCA

## 33<sup>RD</sup> SHAMROCK RUN GREAT SUCCESS



#### Enjoying a little family fun at the Annual Shamrock Run

Despite blustery and wet weather, the 33rd Annual Shamrock Run had a GREAT turn out! Staff, volunteers, members and their families braved the wind and cold to show how tough the North Country truly is!

The Top Overall Female was Annabelle Renzi, who is only 12 years old! Her time was 21 minutes and 22 seconds. The Top Overall Male was James Brady, with a time of 19 minutes and 42 seconds. Congratulations to them both!

We are so grateful to all our sponsors, participants and volunteers for coming out this weekend!



**James Brady** 



**Annabelle Renzi** 

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Prince and Princess Ballet Camp Fairgrounds YMCA Ages 3-6 April 11th-April 15th 9:00AM-10:30AM
- Avalanche Camp Fairgrounds YMCA Ages 5-15 April 11th-April 15th 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
- Spring Break Sports Camp Fairgrounds YMCA Ages 5-12 April 11th-April 15th 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
- Intro to Archery/Club Archery
  Fairgrounds YMCA
  Ages 8-16
  April 19th-May 24th, Tuesdays
  5:00PM-6:30PM, Intro
  6:30PM-7:30PM, Club
- Beginner's Baseball Fairgrounds YMCA Ages 3-10 April 18th-May 23rd, Mondays 3/4 Years 4:15 PM-5:00 PM 5-7 Years 5:00 PM-6:00 PM 8-10 Years 6:00PM-7:00PM
- STEM Camp Fairgrounds YMCA Ages 7–10 April 11th–April 14th 1:00PM–3:00PM
- Archery Camp Fairgrounds YMCA Ages 8-16 April 11th-14th 9:30AM-11:00AM, Intro 11:00AM-12:30PM, Advanced

Check out watertownymca.org to see everything we have to offer!

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#### **MEMBER TESTIMONIAL: JOHNATHON GAINES**



**HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR BREAKS?** 



If you're looking to keep your child off screens while keeping them active and engaged, check out holiday break camps!

Whether your child enjoys sports, dance, gymnastics, or more STEM based activities, we have something that'll spark interest for all! YMCA camps allow children to create and try new skills, make friends, and stay active during breaks!

If you're interested in what we have to offer, check out watertownymca.org.

I have been around the YMCA in Watertown most of my life. My dad had a Corporate Family Membership through the Papermill where he worked. My family would go quite regularly, especially for open swim in what is now the lap pool. We enrolled in many programs over the years, track and field, basketball, and summer camps at the YMCA building to name a few.

As an adult myself I got the membership back several years ago. I am a Volunteer Firefighter and EMT in my hometown of Black River, and I wanted a way to be able to stay in shape so I can better serve my community. I unfortunately had to take a hiatus during the height of the pandemic when everything closed down and continued for a couple years as I was working a lot of hours in emergency services. I just restarted my membership a week ago and have been back at the YMCA several times now.

I enjoy the friendly atmosphere, as well as the variety of equipment that the YMCA offers. My step son is enrolled in swim lessons, and my 13 year old step son enjoys going with me to work out to "bulk up" for school sports. We look forward to enjoying many more programs and opportunities that the YMCA has to offer.

> Want to share your Y Story? Email us at marketing@nnyymca.org **Pictures encouraged!**

#### A LOOK BACK

**MARCH 14, 1994** 



Runners leave the starting line for the Shamrock Run Saturday morning in Watertown. The race was part of the Watertown Goes Green Irish Festival, which continues today at the Dulles State Office Building from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Featured will be music, craft items, souvenirs and a variety of refreshments. Other festival highlights are an Irish Mass at 10 this morning which continues today at the Dulles State Office Building from 10:30 a.m.

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WATERTOWN FAMILY YMCA
SALUTE TO THE TROOPS
GYMNASTICS INVITATIONAL

March 26th & 27th , 2022

GIRLS & BOYS
INDIVIDUAL & ALL-AROUND
EVENTS





Donations / Gate Fees Will Benefit GUITARS FOR VETS WATERTOWN FIREFIGHTERS BENEVOLENT









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#### **STAFF PROFILE: MALIA MARVIN**



Hi! I'm Malia, I'm work with the YMCA Member Services team as part of the

administrations for the Fairgrounds location. You will most likely see me at the front desk in the mornings Monday-Fridays.

I have worked at the Fairground's Y for 5 months. I'm originally from the Poconos in Pennsylvania and moved to the North Country a little over 4 years ago.

I'm currently enrolled at JCC for

Physical Education. When I'm not at work, you will most likely find me in the gym working out for my upcoming powerlifting competition or hiking in the Adirondacks with my dog. Thanks for taking the time to get to know me, hope to see your smiling faces at the Y!



















### A MONTH DEDICATED TO HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

March is a month FULL of holidays highlighting your health! For example, the first Friday of every March is "National Unplugging Day." Why not take an hour out of your day to "unplug" and check in with your health without the distraction of electronics?

March 23rd is "American Diabetes Alert Day." If you or a loved one is a risk for Type 2 Diabetes, the YMCA hosts a Diabetes Prevention Program. Research by the National Institutes of Health has proven that programs like the YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program can reduce the risk for Type 2 Diabetes by 58%.

March 30th is "Take a Walk in the Park Day." Walking is an incredible way to improve both physical and mental health. People who walk regularly report increased levels of energy, improved mood, and eased joint pain. If you're interested in starting a walking routine, but are hindered by arthritis or joint pain, the YMCA hosts a Walk with Ease program which aids participants in building flexibility, strength, and stamina.

If you or you think a loved one would be interested in participating in one of these programs, please reach out to:

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