

Hey! Listen up, fellow teens!

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Last year, GYOC (Golden Youth Opportunities Council) got funds from CBT to start remaking and upgrading the empty portable building next to the high school into a youth center. We bought a projector and screen along with a great sound system. There is also some super comfy furniture and computers in there now. The space has previously already been used for youth related events organized by Monica De such as creative writing workshops and computer classes, plus the homework club. Eventually, we hope the portable will become a place where kids can go after school, and relax, do homework, or just hang out with their friends. Since nothing quite like this existed in Golden until now, the new and improved portable is perfect!

We will be having an reopening event for the portable on June 2nd, from 7-ish till 9 p.m. This games night will be free and there will be some snacks, too. You can show up with your favourite board/card/other game or just come to play.

GYOC is still a young organization, so to speak, and it's just developing in the town. Next year, we hope to have an even larger group of teenagers working to build opportunities for their peers and themselves. Volunteering on the board has many advantages as well, since many schools and scholarship applications look at volunteer experience as a definite asset, as well as future employers. Members also get the chance to take part in bettering the community for youth, and, yes, build leadership skills. If you are interested in joining GYOC next year, or are just looking forward to a fun Wednesday night out, come to the portable on Wednesday, June 2 at 7 p.m.

We are writing on behalf of the Golden Youth Opportunities Council (GYOC), an organization for youth. GYOC, with the support of the Golden and District Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Council, provides an opportunity for Golden's youth to become involved in community projects that improve the quality of life for youth. The goals and objectives of the GYOC are to foster the growth of the YAC Fund, to make granting recommendations to the Golden and District Community Foundation for worthwhile youth projects in the Golden area, and to promote awareness and recognition of GYOC and the GDCF in the community.

~ with files from Kay and Claire DeBoer

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