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**NASCAR K&N PRO SERIES EAST DRIVER BEN RHODES  
VISITS LAURA RICHARDSON HOUGHTON CORNING YOUTH CENTER**

CORNING, NY - August 12, 2014 - The Laura Richardson Houghton Corning Youth Center received a visit from NASCAR K&N Pro Series East driver Ben Rhodes last week. Ben is currently racing for Rookie of the Year honors as well as the championship in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East. Ben was in town to compete in the Bully Hill 125 at Watkins Glen International, but took the time to surprise the children at the Youth Center with a visit. Ben participated in a question and answer session with the children. He also took the time to pose for photos, sign autographs, and talk with each child.

Ben Rhodes, age 17, is the driver of the #41 Alpha Energy Solutions Chevrolet for Turner Scott Motorsports. In addition to a full time racing career, Rhodes is entering his senior year of high school at Holy Cross High School in Louisville, Kentucky. He has had a 4.0 GPA throughout all high school and is a member of the National Honor Society. Ben spoke to the youth about his racing career, balance of school with his career choice, and the K&N series.

The Laura Richardson Houghton Corning Youth Center is a free after-school drop-in facility for youth ages 8-18 located on Flint Ave. in Corning. The Youth Center offers a safe, nurturing atmosphere with activities such as recreational games, field trips, arts & crafts, homework help, community service, board games, pool, ping pong and educational forums. The Kid's Café provides youth with free snacks and nutritious meals. The Youth Center is a program of Family Service Society. For more information, call 962-3148.



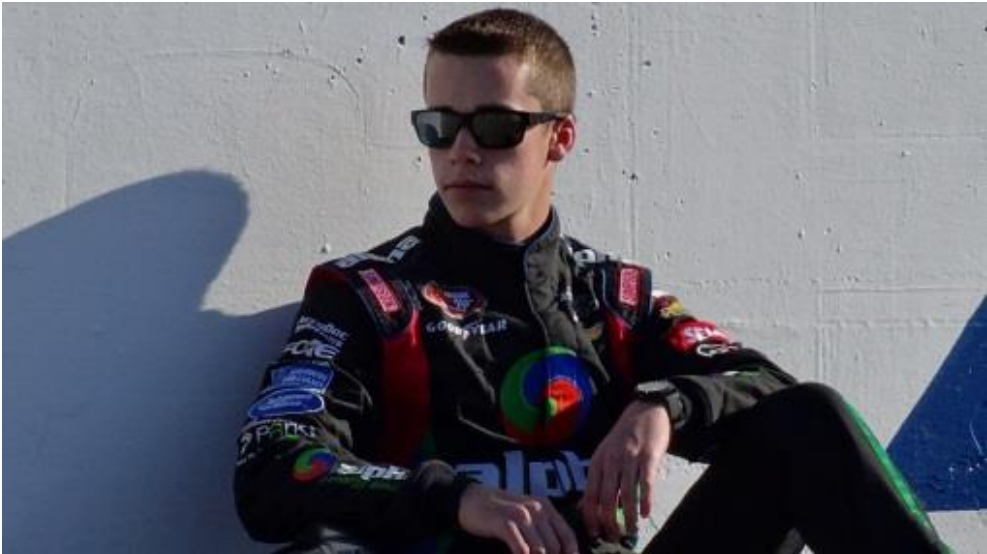
Youth Center attendees wait in line to meet Ben Rhodes (on right)



Youth Center attendees & staff pose with Ben Rhodes (center in black polo shirt)



K&N driver Ben Rhodes stopped by the Laura Richardson Houghton Corning Youth Center while he was in the area for the Bully Hill 125 at Watkins Glen International



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