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EASTERSEALS CAMP FAIRLEE

Leaving a child with special needs at camp for the first time



Tina was reluctant to leave her youngest son, Kyle, for the first time at Easterseals Camp Fairlee. Thanks to some gentle nudging from her daughter-in-law, she was finally persuaded to give it a chance. All that worry went away as soon as she opened the car door and saw Kyle's smiling face.

"My son and his wife worked at the camp for a couple of summers. They always talked about how nice it was and how Kyle would have a great time. I was very nervous leaving him at camp overnight for the first time but also out of state and with people I had never met until the first day of camp," Tina says.

"Kyle, on the other hand, was not nervous at all. He was excited as we got out of the car and he saw all of the other campers and the swimming pool. He was all smiles."

While it can be nerve wracking to leave a child for the first time, Tina learned that Kyle, who has cerebral palsy, was not only completely safe at Camp Fairlee's fully accessible camp but also that he was having the time of his life. Camp Fairlee's summer sessions are available for both children and adults of varying disabilities, including specialized sessions for those with autism. The summer sessions include some of Kyle's favorite activities, such as swimming, arts and

crafts, horseback riding, canoeing and so much more.

"Kyle had the best time being outside having cookouts and camp fires. He also loved the art projects, music and singing," Tina says. "But I know his favorite activity was swimming. He can move more freely in the water, and I am sure that is one of the reasons he loves it so much."

"I am so happy that my daughter-in-law convinced me to let Kyle go to camp. I may have dragged my feet because of my fear of leaving Kyle with people I do not know. What a mistake that would have been."

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Conveniently located in the heart of West Chester, WCStudio is proud to continue to explore with and educate students at the state-of-the-art facilities of the Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center. Young performing artists from ages 4 to 17 work with teaching artists who are professionals in the field, developing practical theatre skills in a fun and encouraging environment.


WCStudio follows the mantra of "exploration and connection leads to authenticity." By exploring the imagination and engaging in creative play, as well as connecting to the inner voice, students

are able to arrive at an authentic character that brings truth to any performance. WCStudio maintains small groups (with a student/teacher ratio of 9-to-1) to allow each camper the opportunity to hone their skills and let them shine. The experienced teaching artists introduce key theatre games and exercises to support the techniques they learn, fostering skills they will continue to use both on and off-stage for years to come. Each camp culminates in a show that campers have developed and rehearsed throughout the camp, performed for friends and family in one of Uptown!'s many renowned theatre spaces.

WCStudio camps are offered from June 10 to Aug. 16 to accommodate busy summer schedules. Camps are typically one week long, with specialty camps running a bit longer; Triple Threat runs for two weeks, and Show Camps (in which students perform a full-length production) run for three weeks. Each camp is specifically designed with a certain age

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WCStudio at Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center is located near parking, restaurants and shopping at 226 N. High S., West Chester.

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Explore nature, get dirty and have fun. That's what campers can expect when they spend their summer days at Riverbend.

Campers embark on outdoor adventures that spark curiosity, encourage exploration and inspire scientific investigation and discovery.

Riverbend's summer camp was established in 1982 with a two-week program for children ages 4 to 11 that hosted a grand total of seven campers. Thirty-seven years later, Riverbend welcomes nearly 600 campers each summer for programs at its preserve in Gladwyne and locations across the region.

Summer campers are not only having fun; they are also learning. Research shows that when children spend time in nature, they are more receptive to learning about the task at hand and learning in general. Riverbend educators use this opportunity to encourage campers to practice 21st century skills like resiliency, self-reflection and problem-solving. Most importantly, Riverbend campers fall in love with nature and carry those memories through life!

Kids ages 3 to 14 will experience fun camp activities, including pond and stream exploration, science experiments, hiking, animal encounters, games and crafts and much more.

Riverbend campers ages 7 and up will at-

tend weekly field trips and an evening campfire program on Thursday evenings. Campers ages 9 and up can bring their own tent and camp out under the stars at Riverbend on Thursday evenings.

Each camp week focuses on a theme. Themes include Messy Science, Caring for Creatures, Wilderness Survival and Watery Wonders.

New this season, Riverbend has added a program for older campers called Navigators Leadership Academy. This two-week session for kids ages 11 to 14 will allow campers to enjoy nature excursions and overnight camping. Campers will meet scientific experts, build leadership and teamwork skills and earn volunteer service hours. Navigator Leaders will also have the opportunity to mentor younger campers.

Older teens ages 15 to 18 can apply for Riverbend's EIT Program. Educators-In-Training will assist with camp activities, develop leadership skills and gain valuable experiences. Applications are being accepted. Space is limited.

Riverbend Summer Camp runs throughout the summer from June 10 to Aug. 30 and offers extended day options to help with busy parent schedules.

To learn more about how campers can enjoy adventure, make memories and have fun, visit www.riverbendec.org.

**Summer Exploration Camps for Ages 3 - 14**

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TWIN SPRING FARM DAY CAMP

Day camp founder celebrates her 75th camp season

Twin Spring Farm Day Camp was founded in 1945 by Beatrice H. Randal and Richard (Dick) N. Hood.

By 1947, their successful camp program had quickly outgrown its Blue Bell home and settled into its current location in Ambler, Pa. After college graduation, Bea and Dick were married. Twin Spring Farm Day Camp continued, while from autumn to spring, Mrs. Hood pursued her educational profession, teaching at William Penn Charter School, and Dick joined his family business, Thomas B. Meehan Nursery, where the Fort Washington Industrial Park stands today.

Beatrice realized the great need for early development and

socialization for children. Using her years of summer camp and teaching experience, Bea constructed the foundation of early childhood education on which Twin Spring Farm Day School was built and continues to thrive. The facilities continued to expand to accommodate the growing school and camp enrollment, and Richard was able to join his wife at Twin Spring Farm Day Camp and School full time.

They nurtured Twin Spring Farm Day Camp and School as it became a year-round setting where children safely played, grew and learned to adopt the six pillars of character: caring, responsibility, trustworthiness, respect, fairness and citi-

zenship. Because of their dedication and continued guidance for over seven decades, Twin Spring Farm has impacted through experiences and development the lives of thousands of children.

Bea expressed her amazement as she explained that third and fourth successive generations have attended Twin Spring Farm.

The summer of 2019 will mark the 75th consecutive summer as founder and owner that Beatrice will begin. Under her guidance, along with her children and administration, they will continue the contemporary camp program while keeping the traditional values that Bea founded the



camp and school on. This rare achievement will be celebrated throughout the summer with many special events highlight-

ing the accomplishments of Beatrice and Richard. Kudos to both!

WHALE CAMP

Whale Camp hopes for the 'right' kind of news in 2019

In the summer of 2018, Whale Campers had the opportunity to observe something special: a right whale in the Bay of Fundy.

Campers celebrated from the research vessel as they identified the whale.

While humpbacks, fin whales and minke are common visitors to the bay, right whales are a rarer sight. The northern right whale is one of the most endangered of the great whales, with just 411 individuals left in their population. Until December, no new right whale calves had been spotted for over a year.

However, the end of 2018 brought good news for these whales. A new calf was spotted on Dec. 28, 2018, off the coast of Florida. With luck, this might mean that conditions are favorable for more mothers to bear and raise calves this year. Calves are born in the waters off Florida and Georgia from December to March; the whales stay in these warmer waters then move up to the Bay of Fundy for the summer, much to the delight of Whale Campers.

At Whale Camp, the focus is on the positive. Field lessons showcase local

ecosystems, and campers learn through hands-on activities, exploration and first-hand experiences. Environmental science instructors highlight local wildlife and what makes each ecosystem unique. Learning about natural systems often comes with the discussion of human impacts on wildlife and the environment. While these impacts do become points of discussion at times, the camp's goal is for campers to leave feeling inspired to effect change.

Many campers go on to attend post-secondary programs in marine biology, oceanography or environmental science. Other camp alumni work in conservation or science education.

Regardless of their field, campers pass on what they learn to family, friends and their community. Not only is good news appreciated when receiving a call home from camp; it can also act as a conservation tool, generating awareness, empathy and optimism.

The Whale Camp is excited to see what good news 2019 brings, both for right whales and for the upcoming camp season. Sea you there!



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SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

Five reasons why summer camp is a good choice for kids

Summer vacation offers students a respite from lessons and the routine of school. Children might once have eagerly awaited those final days of classes so they could lounge pool-side, skip rocks across ponds and spend the long days of the season playing with friends. But many of today's youngsters spend much of their summer vacations indoors playing with their digital devices.

Perhaps that's why one of the last vestiges of the classic summer vacation escape — summer camp — remains such a viable option for parents who want their children to get outdoors once the school year ends.

Although kids needn't be in camp all summer long, a week or two can

benefit campers of all ages. The following are five reasons why summer camp might be the right fit this year.

1. Explore talents. Summer camps help young people explore their unique interests and talents. Under an organized, yet often easygoing, camp schedule, kids can dabble in sports, arts and crafts, leadership, community support, and so many other activities that may not be fully available to them elsewhere.

2. Physical activity: Lots of camps build their itineraries around physical activities that takes place outdoors. Campers may spend their time swimming, running, hiking, playing sports, climbing, and so much more. This

can be a welcome change for kids accustomed to living sedentary lifestyles. Regular physical activity has many health benefits and can set a foundation for healthy habits as an adult.

3. Gain confidence. Day and sleepaway camps offer campers the opportunity to get comfortable in their own skin. Camps can foster activities in self-esteem by removing the academic measures of success and fill in with non-competitive opportunities to succeed. Campers learn independence, decision-making skills and the ability to thrive outside of the shadow of their parents, siblings or other students.

4. Try new things. Camp gives children the chance to try new things, whether

that's learning to cook, exploring new environments or embracing a new sport or leisure activity. Opening oneself up to new opportunities can build character and prove enlightening for children.

5. Make new friends. Camp is a great place to meet new people and

make lifelong friends. Campers flood in from areas near and far. This provides kids with a chance to expand their social circles beyond their immediate neighborhoods and schools.

Camps benefit children in a variety of ways. Lessons learned in camp can

strengthen values, build confidence, develop coping mechanisms when adversity strikes, and enable campers to make lifelong friends.

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SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

Get prepared for summer camp season

Summer camp season is just around the corner. Each summer, millions of children depart for campsites around the country to swim, hike, craft and enjoy the companionship of friends.

Summer camps in North America were first established in the 1880s and were attended by children without their parents for overnight stays. By the 20th century, summer camps had become an international phenomenon, and various organizations hosted traditional summer camps or camps geared toward religion, sports, music and other subjects and activities. According to the American Camp Association, each year more than 14 million children and adults in the United States attend camp. America is home to more than 14,000 day and resident camps (8,400 are overnight camps and 5,600 are day camps). Nonprofit groups are the largest sponsors of summer camps.

Many people put off summer camp planning until it is too late. Parents should keep in mind that camps begin registration early in the year and have specific cutoff dates for enrollment. Parents who want to beat the crowds this year can use this guide to help plan a summer camp agenda.

▪ Attend an orientation seminar. Take the time to visit prospective camps for a tour, and use this open house as an opportunity to learn more about the programs offered. If available, find a camp employee to discuss your child's eligibility for enrollment. Some camps may offer webinars for convenience.



▪ Fill out the enrollment package completely. Each camp has their own requirements for registration. Expect to submit some personal information, including a medical background and proof of insurance, names and numbers of emergency contacts and any other pertinent information as it applies to the camper. This may include allergies, fears, physical or mental disabilities or even preferences in camp courses.

▪ Establish payment schedules. Summer camps vary in price. The ACA says camp costs range from \$100 to more than \$1,500 per week. However, many accredited camps offer some sort of financial assistance for children from families with limited financial means. If cost is a factor, be sure to broach the subject.

▪ Prepare children for the physical challenges a camp may present. Summer camp activities may be rigorous, and campers may need to be cleared by a physician before starting. Be sure to

schedule your child a physical and bring along any pertinent forms. Children also can increase their levels of physical activity compared to the often sedentary nature of winter. Such preparation can prevent injuries when engaging in outdoor and physical activities.

▪ Shop for supplies. Camps are likely to provide a list of requirements with regard to clothing and other equipment campers will need. Make sure kids have enough shorts, T-shirts, socks, athletic shoes, swimsuits, toiletries and other camp necessities before they leave.

▪ Keep children in the loop. Engage children in the planning process to help alleviate their fears and get them excited about summer camp.

Summer camp can foster lifelong memories. Parents can help kids prepare in advance for the fun that's soon to arrive.

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The Academy of Notre Dame de Namur is located at 560 Sproul Road, Villanova.

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Camp is divided into age groups with low teacher-to-student ratios to ensure individualized, hands-on learning. The vibe is supportive, social, encouraging ... and, most of all, fun! It is summer, after all!

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Strategy Instruction: Executive Function Skills & Self-Knowledge

Campers are introduced to strategies that will help them become more successful learners by developing executive function skills such as time management, flexibility, persistence, active involvement, reflectivity and organization.

Small classes composed of a teacher and a teaching assistant work with six to nine students, tailoring instruction to meet each child's needs. In addition, the teachers are guided throughout the camp session by Benchmark's experienced supervisors who teach, observe instruction and meet with teachers to discuss each child's needs.

Campers are introduced to strategies that will help them become more successful readers, writers and learners. Our trained faculty places an emphasis on helping children understand those characteristics of their learning styles that either impede or enhance their reading, writing and learning. Explicit instruction, goal setting, goal review and reinforcement are ways teachers begin to help children develop awareness of successful learning strategies.

New This Year: The Innovation Lab Experience

All of our campers will have the opportunity to experience our new state-of-the-art, \$2 million Innovation Lab where they will en-

gage in projects designed to reinforce divergent thinking and create high-quality collaboration with their peers while constructing knowledge through experience.

In the Innovation Lab, campers will encounter new and traditional technologies, encouraging them to find a pathway to their own approach to learning, gravitating toward their interests and strengths.

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The success of the Benchmark Camp program directly correlates to the knowledge, experience and dedication of its staff. Our counselors are a dedicated group of college students and young professionals who provide campers with a positive, nurturing and supportive environment. As campers cycle through Arts Adventure, Science Discovery, the Confidence Ropes Course, Sports and Swimming, the counselors help them build new skills, perfect ones they already possess and encourage team building and cooperation.

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Science Explorers offers camps for children at many participating schools, universities, museums, parks department facilities, botanical gardens, libraries and other facilities. We align our teaching principles with national science standards, so your child can gain a deeper understanding of diverse topics such as biology, oceanography, an-

cient civilizations and more. Your child will have fun while learning more than you ever thought possible!

Enroll your child in a STEM summer camp, and watch their excitement grow. Keep your child's mind alive with discovery through STEM camp for children by Science Explorers today!

2019 Camp Topics**Slime of My Life ... and more!**

We've taken our after-school club programs from 2018-19 and turned them into a fun-filled, week-long camp that features a new slime every day, in addition to exploring an array of amazing science!

In the half-day morning camp, we will make chalkboard slime and all new color-changing slime and magnetic slime! In addition, we'll build inventions

like catapults, discover how electricity and circuits work by making conductive dough and explore biology as we extract DNA from a banana and dissect an owl pellet.

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Whether students wish to sharpen their writing skills, earn high school credits, prepare for the various high school and scholarship exams, try a new sport or learn a new skill, there's surely a summer activity at Merion Mercy that matches their interests.

"There really is something for everyone," said Director of Summer Programs Barbara Harrison. "We are proud to have strong instructors and to utilize our facilities to offer students a productive and unique summer experience. This summer, we look forward to using our expansive and versatile art studios and innovation lab where all of our 'STEAM in the Summer' courses will be held."

Close to 100 high school students take part in the Summer Programs, while elementary school students and incoming freshmen are also eager to explore MMA's welcoming campus. In addition to several co-ed options, many of the summer offerings are just for girls and



MMA Summer Programs' students become fast friends.

allow prospective students the chance to get to know MMA's campus, meet faculty members and/or coaches and experience the school's programs first hand.

Most notably, the all-girls academic enrichment option is a pre-eighth grade program called the Summer Academy. Summer Academy is a full-day, four-week program designed specifically for girls entering grade eight. The Summer Academy helps students begin the transition from an elementary school to a college preparatory high school program. Students take courses, such as pre-algebra, language arts, study skills and public speaking. There is also a fitness class built in that includes options such as volleyball, dance and yoga.

As one happy Summer Academy parent noted, "My daughter loved the program, learned a lot and made great new friends.

For our family, MMA's Summer Academy was a perfect mix of learning and fun."

"Our Summer Academy is a great way for young girls to spend their summer days. They receive unparalleled preparation for eighth and ninth grades and beyond, prepare for the entrance exams for high school and learn various skills, such as time management and effective study skills. Plus there is a healthy living component, where students utilize MMA's new (air-conditioned) gymnasium and other fitness amenities," said Harrison.

Whether families are looking for an all-day camp experience or would like the freedom to select half-day programs that focus on a particular area of interest, Merion Mercy has something for everyone! Visit www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms for more information.

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Physically, tennis promotes cardiovascular fitness, coordination, motor control and flexibility. This can translate into improved stress management, problem-solving skills and coping skills. Because competitive and recreational opportunities exist in tennis at all ages, learning the game while young

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The North Penn YMCA, with branches in Lansdale and Harleysville, is offering day camp to give kids and teens in the North Penn, Indian Valley and Perkiomen communities an adventurous, active and healthy summer — one that will surely be described as “the best summer ever” for years to come.

Camping, like many Y programs, is about learning skills, developing character and making friends. But few environments are as special as camp, where kids become a community as they learn both how to be more independent and how to contribute to a group as they engage in physical, social and educational activities. Camping teaches self-reliance, a love for nature and the outdoors and the development of attitudes and practices that build character and leadership — all amidst the fun of campfires, bugle calls, canoeing, archery, talent shows and meaningful relationships. Y counselors are dedicated to making sure camp is an amazing experience for every camper.

“YMCA summer camp supports the social-emotional growth, cognitive

development and physical well-being of kids,” says Bob Gallagher, CEO. “In our day camps, kids are in a welcoming environment where they can belong; they’re building relationships, developing character and discovering their potential. We really encourage parents to give their kids the gift of camp to keep their kids active and engaged throughout the summer.”

Gallagher says there are five reasons why children and teens should attend summer camp:

1. **Adventure:** Summer camp is all about a wide variety of new experiences and exploring the outdoors. YMCA camps have a new adventure for every child and teen. Visit www.northpennymca.org for details.

2. **Healthy Fun:** Day camps offer fun, stimulating activities that engage the body and mind and also help children and teens learn the importance of nutrition to help improve their healthy eating habits.

3. **Personal Growth:** While in the welcoming environment of camp, youths have a chance to learn new skills and develop confidence and independence by taking on new responsibilities

and challenges. Camps offer cognitive learning and social-emotional development opportunities for achievement.

4. **Friendships:** Amidst the fun of camp games, songs, swimming and talent shows, campers meet new friends and strengthen existing friendships. The bonds formed at camp are important and lasting for many youths.

5. **Memories:** Summer camp is an unforgettable experience that will give each camper memories (and camp traditions) that will last a lifetime. Youths return to school with plenty of camp stories to share!

The North Penn YMCA offers preschool camp, day camp with flexible full and part-time options, enrichment and sports camps. And, to ensure that all youths have the chance to experience camp, the North Penn YMCA offers financial assistance to those in need. If you’re interested in helping send kids to camp this summer, you can donate to the Y at www.northpennymca.org/donate.

A leading nonprofit committed to nurturing the potential of youth, the Y has been a leader in providing summer camp for over 132 years. The North Penn YMCA continues to give youth an enriching, safe experience with caring staff and volunteers who model positive values that help build their kids’ character.

For more information, visit NorthPennYMCA.org or contact Laura McMahon at 215-723-3569, Bob Varga at 215-368-1601 or Diane Manus at 215-256-0767.

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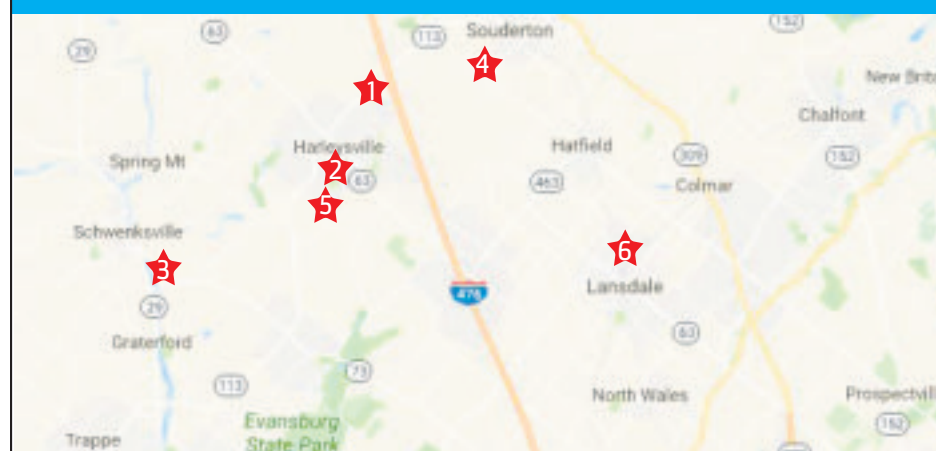
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WAYNE ART CENTER

Wayne Art Center turns to nature for inspiration

Summer is the perfect time to disconnect from devices and reconnect with the outdoors.

Now in its 35th year, Wayne Art Center's 2019 Summer Arts Camp offers a wide range of classes to do just that!

This year's theme, Nature and Art: Connecting with Our World, invites artists ages 3 to 16 to explore the world around them for creative inspiration. Each week, campers investigate new habitats and the art they have inspired to create their own unique pieces that reflect their discoveries.

With nearly 200 classes to choose from, parents can tailor the camp experience for their child.

Grouped by age, campers are presented with a

variety of media as they build skills in drawing and painting, ceramics, collage, sculpture, jewelry making, fashion design, photography and more!

Nestled in Wayne along the Radnor Trail and home to seven of its own gardens, Wayne Art Center offers an ideal location for outdoor exploration, while light-filled, air-conditioned classrooms provide safe and comfortable surroundings for campers.

There is no limit to the exciting opportunities students can expect. Campers enrolled in Welcome to the Jungle week might learn about rainforests and study works by Henri Rousseau before sculpting an elephant from clay or painting a trio of tropical birds. During Magnificent

Mountains, jewelry students might study precious gems and stones before creating their own wearable art, while younger students explore Paul Cézanne's work before constructing their own volcanoes.

"Our team of educators establishes the weekly themes, then each teacher applies his or her expertise and vision to develop unique projects that encourage students to experiment, take creative risks and enjoy the art process while engaging their imaginations," says Nancy Campbell, executive director for Wayne Art Center. "Offering so many classes throughout summer inspires our faculty to dig deep as they work to keep repeat campers engaged

and differentiate projects to meet each artist at their individual level."

Additional options like Creative Drama and Summer Stage allow campers to develop confidence, enhance reading skills and practice public speaking. Culinary classes emphasize hands-on learning through engaging activities such as storytelling and games and educate students about healthy food choices, nutritional facts and food hygiene.

"In addition to learning how to cook and handle food, students strengthen math skills through measurement, as well as reading and time management skills as they follow and prepare various recipes," explains Chef Birgit Eichinger. "Cooking is one of the most important life skills a child can develop, and to do it in a fun, relaxed environment is a wonderful gift parents can provide their children."

On Friday each week,

campers are encouraged to invite friends and family to an exhibition at Wayne Art Center, where the artists share their work from the week and celebrate their accomplishments.

For more information about Wayne Art Center's 2019 Summer Art Camp, visit www.wayneart.org or call Tessa Downs, children's programming director, at 610-688-3553 ext. 208.




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CHESTER COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

STEM Your Future with the Chester County Intermediate Unit

The Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) recently launched a new enrichment opportunity for all home-schooled and cyber school students in grades six to nine. STEM Your Future, a student-centered activities program, features two-hour sessions that highlight a specific career path, an industry guest speaker and a STEM-related activity that aligns with the featured career.

During the program's four sessions, students engage with like-minded peers, bring their at-home studies to life and strengthen collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity skills, all while integrating

STEM.

In the first session, students heard from industry guest speaker Gerald Damon, computer information systems (CIS) instructor at the Technical College High School (TCHS) Brandywine Campus, and learned how to code Sphero robots. During their hands-on activity, students used the robots to play shuffleboard and navigate through a maze.

Laura Harris, language arts teacher at the CCIU's Brandywine Virtual Academy (BVA) and lead for the STEM Your Future program, explained, "The goal of the program is to provide students with the opportunity to develop career awareness in STEM-re-

lated fields. It is the ability to collaborate, communicate effectively and think critically in order to problem solve that is the basis of STEM education."

Upcoming sessions will include escape-the-room problem-solving with a criminal justice focus, a hands-on health care simulation and a coding drone mission.

For more information and to register for any of our STEM Your Future sessions, visit www.cciu.org/STEMYourFuture.

Looking for more enrichment opportunities this summer? The Brandywine Virtual Academy (BVA), a CCIU program, offers online summer courses for

students to get ahead or to recover lost credits. With the BVA True Summer program, students can complete an entire course in just nine short weeks. Offering an assortment of online courses, including honors and Advanced Placement (AP), True Summer allows students to work at their own pace with the personal support and guidance of our BVA teachers.

Can't wait? BVA's Jump Start program offers the same extensive course offerings, the same flexibility and the same personalized support but allows students to start their summer courses in April.

To learn more about these programs, review

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Begin planning kids' summer recreation now

Many families spend winter figuring out how to chase away cabin fever and endure frigid temperatures until spring and summer mercifully return. Parents thinking ahead to swimming pools and days lounging on the beach can put their daydreams to

practical use by planning ahead for their youngsters' summer vacations.

Youth recreational programs and summer camps can bridge the gap in care between the end of school and the day when classes resume. Due in part to high demand, parents who

want to place their kids in summer rec programs or summer camps should be vetting such programs and camps well in advance of summer. The following are a handful of tips for moms and dads who want their kids to have fun and fulfilling summers.

- Ask for recommendations. Speak with fellow parents and trusted friends about where they send their children. Personal recommendations can be very helpful, providing firsthand insight into a particular camp or program. Schedule appointments to visit camps that fall within your budget. Take your son or daughter along so he or she can get a sense of what camp will be like.

- Explore all options.

Camps come in more flavors than ever before. Certain camps may be faith-based ministries while others may focus on particular sports. Band camps and art camps may appeal to creative kids. Also, there are plenty of general-interest camps that offer various activities without narrowing in on any particular one. Parents may need to choose between a sleepaway camp or day camps, depending on which camp experience they want for their children.

- Inquire about camp schedules. While many camps are flexible, day camps do not have the same level of flexibility as after-school programs. Arrangements will need to be made if care is required

after regular camp hours. Speak with camp staff to see which types of after-hours programs, if any, are available.

- Determine your camp budget. As varied as program offerings may be, camps also can vary greatly with regard to cost. Government-run camps may be less expensive than those offered by private companies. Day camps typically cost less than those that provide room and board. Find out if a particular organization subsidizes a portion of camp costs. Scouting programs often have a dedicated camp and may offer affordable options for Scouts. Martial arts schools and dance centers frequently offer camp schedules.

If camp seems out of reach, look into local summer recreation programs at parks or schools. Such programs may not be as extensive as those offered by camps, but they can quell kids' boredom and keep children occupied during the day.

In addition to camp, remember to plan for some free days so children can just enjoy some downtime. Such days can break up the monotony of a routine and provide kids and families time to relax together.

Summer recreation may be far off, but it is never too early to start making summer plans, including finding camps and other activities for kids.

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SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

Keep in touch with kids at camp

Summer camp is an exciting way for children to spend their extended vacations from the classroom. Camps cater to various interests, including sports, crafts and even technological hobbies.

Children who attend overnight camps may spend several nights away from home. Some kids take this in stride, while others, possibly away from home for the first time, may experience some homesickness. Staying in touch while the kids are at camp can help alleviate fears and show children their parents care.

Camps now handle communication issues differently than they might have when today's parents were

campers. While it once was common for campers to send handwritten letters or short missives home to mom and dad, technology has changed that. Today's campers may have access to email accounts, or they even may be allowed to bring mobile phones along. This can facilitate communication, but it also may take away from the camping experience.

Parents need to find a balance between what might be too little or too much contact with campers. After all, camp is kids' chance to grow independent for a few days or weeks.

▪ Learn camp rules. The camp will likely provide information regarding corre-

spondence. Camps may permit parents to send one-way emails and regular mail but limit campers to handwritten letters only. Determine if mobile phones are allowed or should be left at home. Knowing the rules can help parents and kids plan accordingly.

▪ Pack correspondence supplies. Send kids to camp with fun papers, stickers, pens and other crafty items. This way they'll be inspired to write home once or twice. Provide brief lessons on how to address an envelope for campers who may not know how.

▪ Check blogs and texts. Some camps may blog about campers' progress, post information on social media or send out mass texts. These messages can reassure parents that their youngsters are doing just fine. Figure out which tech options are available from camp administrators.

▪ Send a care package. Treat the campers to some supplies from home. Pack camp-approved snacks and other reminders of home. Be sure to include enough for the entire cabin, and your son or daughter will be the camp star.

▪ Expect some silence. If camp is going well and campers' days are fun-filled, they may be too busy for daily correspondence. Parents may get nervous when they don't routinely see or hear from their children, but chances are everything is going swimmingly.

The camp experience is often harder on parents than children, as campers have their friends and activities to keep them busy. Brief communication helps campers grow more confident and independent.

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There is mounting evidence to support what we've always known: kids benefit from spending time in nature. Science has shown us that kids who spend time outdoors are happier and healthier. They are more creative and confident and less anxious and stressed. For decades, Tyler has been providing summer camp experiences for children in Delaware County to help them connect with nature and develop a sense of wonder. Weekly campfires and daily Morning Madness activities give campers a chance to be silly, build community and bond with their counselor role models.

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SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

Fun summer activities for the whole family

Summer and fun — while these words aren't technically synonyms, they probably should be. School is out for the children, you have summer vacation time from work stocked up, and the nice weather across the

country is beckoning.

Are you in search of some fun ideas for your summer activities? Check out these family friendly ideas everyone will love!

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You can plan plenty of fun and kid-friendly activities to keep you busy all summer long. Hiking, cooking over the campfire, fishing, swimming, catching

fireflies, telling ghost stories and toasting marshmallows all add to the fun.

· Ride the trails — Taking the family for an ATV ride is an adventure all in itself. You get to see the country in a new way, plus you'll have fun trekking across the countryside. If you've never tried off-roading before, the new Polaris ACE gives you the opportunity.

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· Develop a family project — It's always fun to spend time together as a family working on a project. Let

your imagination run wild and see where it takes you. If you want to explore your creative talents, consider producing a short play or movie.

Everyone can get involved in writing the script, the acting, set creation and finding the perfect costumes. Or consider participating in a community service project. Maybe you have an organization close to your heart you could raise money to help support.

· Road trip — A themed road trip can create a lot of excitement for your family members.

For example, maybe you want to create a theme of seeing all the odd tourist attractions like the world's largest ball of twine or the country's biggest collection

of autographed baseballs.

Perhaps you want to visit as many national parks as you can. Have your children help with the planning and you'll have a very interesting road trip adventure.

· Museums — Make it an educational summer by planning visits to all the museums in the nearest city.

Include the local zoos and planted gardens on the list, and you'll be sure to pique the interest of every member of your family. Plan for one family museum visit a month or every other week, and combine it with a family dinner out or a picnic in the park.

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For over 50 years, Pathway has been serving students with special education needs. Pathway provides educational and therapeutic services to young people with significant learning, social-emotional and executive functioning needs. The goal is to provide an individualized, structured learning environment that empowers all students to build independence for all students.

Pathway offers a six-week Extended School Year (ESY) program that was created with various tracks that focus on each student's affective, academic, social and functional needs in various structured learning environments in school and in the community. The ESY program supports each student's IEP goals while providing students unique opportunities to increase their interests in educational topics and further develop recreation and leisure skills.

Summer Therapeutic Activities further develop academic skills while providing students an opportunity to choose from a variety of club activities. After some instruction in reading and math, students will participate in theme-based activities that allow them to have fun while build executive functioning and social skills. Clubs are designed to increase a student's repertoire of interests and expose them to differ-



ent types of experiences throughout the summer. Social skills, cooperative teamwork, communication and recreation and leisure skills are embedded in all club activities.

Social & Community Activities — For Life Experiences focuses on providing students with a "hands-on" approach to developing social skills and promoting successful functioning in the community. Students will continue to develop functional academic skills, communication skills, vocational skills and daily living skills. The program will take place both on campus and in community settings to teach social skills and life skills through community outings, preparing menus, grocery shopping, money management and self-care lessons.

Field trips are another fun part of the ESY program. Students will participate in field trips to local points of interest that coordinate with classroom and program themes while promoting social skills in

the community. Trips may include places such as fishing spots, hiking trails, tours of local facilities, historical spots and much more.

The ESY program is offered to Pathway students ages 5 to 21, as well as students with similar needs in nearby school districts.

For students not currently attending the school-year program who are interested in ESY programming, please contact Diana Phifer in the Admissions Department at 610-277-0660 ext. 289 for additional information and a tour of the campus or send a current IEP, Evaluation/Re-evaluation Report to The Pathway School — Attn: Diana Phifer, The Pathway School, 162 Egypt Road, Jeffersonville, PA 19403.

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SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

How to keep kids engaged over school breaks

Children in North America will spend, on average, more than 900 hours attending school in a given year. The average school year in the United States lasts 1,016 hours, the equivalent of 42 continuous days. According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, many developed countries begin their academic years in September and end them in June. Some, like Australia, feature four terms with two-week breaks in between each term. Others go to school for most of the year — with various holiday breaks in between — and then get the bulk of their time off during the summer.

As much time as kids spend in school, there will be times when they are left to their own devices, and during these times it's easy for them to forget classroom lessons. Sometimes called "summer learning loss" or "summer slide," this forgetfulness sees many students fail to retain all of their lessons over prolonged breaks from school. Studies indicate that students score lower on standardized tests at the end of the summer compared to their performance on the same tests at the beginning of summer. Anywhere from between one to three month's worth of educational achievement can dissipate during prolonged breaks from the classroom. To help ensure that those hard-earned lessons are not so easily forgotten, parents can help children remain intellectually engaged in various ways over school breaks.

▪ Learn at camp. Many



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Reading is a great way for students to keep their brains sharp during prolonged school breaks.

children attend camp for a portion of their school breaks. Look for camps that do not simply babysit children but engage them through enrichment activities.

▪ Take a class. Children and families can learn together by exploring new skills. Enroll in something educational and enjoyable, such as a music or dance class, a STEM seminar or something else that engages the mind and body. This gives everyone a chance to learn something new and have a great time together as a family.

▪ Stick to a schedule. Try to maintain a schedule similar to school, with children waking at the same time each day and going to bed at similar hours. This will make it much easier to get back into a routine when a new school year begins.

▪ Encourage reading. Set aside time for reading each day. All it generally takes is 15 to 30 minutes of reading per day for kids to remember their vocabulary lessons and maintain their fluency and com-

prehension skills. Children may enjoy picking their own books rather than having a required reading list.

▪ Keep a math book handy. On long car trips or rainy days, children can do a few math problems to keep their skills sharp. This will help keep learning loss to a minimum. Math workbooks may be available at bookstores, or parents can look online or ask a teacher for a summer to-do packet.

▪ Plan educational trips. Vacations and day trips can be fun, entertaining and educational all at the same time. Science centers, museums and living history locations can bring to life information learned in the classroom, even on family vacations.

Parents and educators can reduce lesson loss over school breaks by encouraging families to remain intellectually engaged in any way they can.

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