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Springtime on the Farm

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Your little sprouts will have fun playing in the spring-themed indoor playground at Lake Metroparks Farmpark. During your visit, be sure to see the newborn spring lambs, goats and piglets in the Well Bred Shed, discover hydroponics and interact with the new exhibits in the Plant Science Center and enjoy all of Farmpark's regular activities.

For more information about Springtime on the Farm, visit lakemetroparks.com/events.

Getting to know American Kestrels

By **Becca Moseley, Wildlife Care Specialist**

If you are ever driving along by an open field and see a small blue-jay sized bird perched atop a fence post or on a telephone wire, stop and take a closer look! It just might be an American kestrel, North America's smallest and most numerous member of the falcon family. Due to its small size, kestrels are often mistaken for larger songbirds from afar. Male kestrels have slate blue wings, while females have cinnamon-colored plumage. Many birders can identify a kestrel by their unique call—they make a distinct “killy-killy-killy” call, as well as a long whine (used during courting or feeding) and a fast chirping sound (typically heard during social interactions).

This delicate-looking falcon is one of nature's great predators. Typically, the American kestrel

hunts “ambush style,” by perching and scanning the ground for small prey (such as a vole or a shrew) and then striking from above. They can also strike prey directly in mid-flight. Like most falcons, they are fast and highly maneuverable. Kestrels can also see ultraviolet light—a spectrum invisible to the human eye. Kestrels are smaller and leaner than their larger falcon cousins and are highly adaptable in terms of where they can live and what they can eat. They nest in cavities in trees, cliffs, buildings and other structures, and eat a variety of small mammals, lizards, snakes, birds and large insects. Their adaptability is one of the reasons kestrels are so numerous and widespread. In Ohio, it is common to see them near large open fields, perched up high, scanning the ground for potential prey.



Plenty to See - Do - Win at the KidShow

Two jam-packed days of resources and fun at Great Lakes Mall on March 23rd & 24th

Each year thousands of families from all over Northeast Ohio visit Great Lakes Mall in late March for the annual KidShow. This year will be no different as the KidShow returns March 23 (10am-6pm) and 24 (12pm-5pm). Families come for the exhibitors and stay for the fun!

What will you see? Some of the best products and services for kids and families at this "one-stop information shop." There will be schools and daycares, sports and entertainment, health and fitness, home and financial, camps and vacations and everything in between at the nearly 85 exhibiting booths. Along with sharing information, many of the exhibitors will also be sharing interactive activities with attending families. A new featured area is for Special Needs, providing parents and caregivers resources and information. A pet area is new as well, showcasing pet services and products.

What can you do? Jam-packed with activities and fun, there is something for everyone! Be creative at the Michaels' booth in front of Build-A-Bear with a craft, participate in vendor offered booth activities, play games and win prizes, shake hands with costume characters, enjoy hours of continuous stage entertainment, check out comedy magic and juggling with Billy Matsumoto (featured on The Ellen DeGeneres Show and Shark Tank), dance with the Rockin Robots and even put yourself in a bubble with Dr. U.R. Awesome. Be on hand on Sunday at 4pm when Dr. U.R. Awesome will attempt to set a Guinness World Record for the biggest bubble blown by hand and the tallest bubble. Join us at the top of the Food Court and be part of history!

There are so many ways to win! Did someone say two flight vouchers? Yes, we

did! The first 250 families daily to register at the Registration Center at the top of the Food Court will get a free KidShow goody bag. One lucky bag will hold a red envelope with (2) \$250 flight vouchers for Frontier Airlines! Play trivia from the stage and take home movie tickets, baseball tickets, prizes and toys. Be around the stage when there is a Snack Attack and enjoy the snack of the hour.

"The opportunity we set out to create with the KidShow is one for parents to spend time with their kids at a free event filled with hours of activities and fun," states Patty Perry, ProMark Enterprises, Inc. President and KidShow Producer. "The outcome we seek is children inspired by others through entertainment and interactive participation and parents gaining a wealth of new knowledge and resources to make good family choices." As you can imagine, the coordination of the KidShow is a large undertaking but for the staff at ProMark, this yearly event is a true labor of love.

For the full entrainment and activity schedule or to get more KidShow details visit www.KidShowInfo.com. To participate as a company or an organization, call Patty Perry at 440-974-1198.

The KidShow is produced by local company, ProMark Enterprises, Inc. and sponsored by Atlas Cinemas, Cleveland Clinic Children's, Cleveland Magazine, Gold 93.7/Mix 97.1, Hulafrog, Ladies & Gentlemen Salon and Spa, Lake County Captains, Lake Health, Lake News, Macaroni Kid Cleveland East, Mimi Magazine, Northeast Ohio Parent/Northeast Ohio Boomer and Beyond, The Lake County Women's Journal, The News-Herald and WINT Integrity Radio 101.5FM/1330AM.

Get Great Ideas at the Home & Lifestyle Expo Saturday, March 2 at Great Lakes Mall

Sooner than you know, spring will be here and home updates will be on the top of the to do list. To help with ideas and vendor choices, the three chambers of commerce in Lake County; Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce, Mentor Area Chamber of Commerce and Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce, will hold the fifth annual Home & Lifestyle Expo on Saturday, March 2 at Great Lakes Mall in Mentor.

The Expo will kick off at 10am and run until 6pm. This popular event provides

attendees ideas, inspiration, innovative products and practical advice in remodeling, home improvement, gardening and lifestyle. Representatives from local companies, contractors, remodelers and designers will all be in one location to answer questions, provide suggestions and explore ideas for all aspects of home improvement needs both inside and out. Come early as the first 300 attendees will receive a free gift bag. Two lucky attendees will take home a \$50 gift card found in their bag!

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Lots of fun and activities at 21st Annual KidShow. See coloring contest on page 14.



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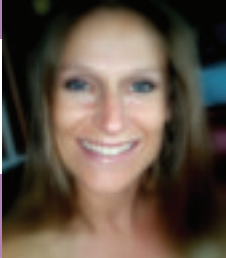
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Family Matters

with Amber

Life Is Short, Be Kind (A Memorial Tribute)

Life is short, especially when you consider how many more people die a day due to accidents, illness, suicide and random acts of violence. Smithsonian.com recently published an article about a three-year decline in life expectancy. It included some reports from the AP, NPR and The NYTimes, regarding recent statistics from studies done. It also talked about the nation's current drug overdose issue. We were already aware tomorrow wasn't guaranteed, and that we're all going to die sooner or later, however, it can be a much shorter picture than we imagine, and more abrupt and unexpected than history has become used to.

As a parent, sending a kid off to school today can be a worrisome experience; more than it was when we were kids ourselves. There is an opioid epidemic, there are hate crimes that aren't limited to within inner city walls anymore (they happen in movie theatres, restaurants and even our own workplaces). The world is getting more and more unpredictable. For some people, this prevents the desire to pro-



A gift from her Snow Baby collection. Makes me think about her at peace in heaven, in good health doing handy work again.

create. For others, it doesn't deter, but surely causes more concern. The world has become a scary place.

Whether we're overly sensitive or under sensitive to what's happening right now, it can affect the way we parent. If we're too desensitized, we might have no regard about what we say or do, taking time for granted and leaving behind hurt, resentment and torn relationships, never allowing an open door for repair. If we let ourselves become oversensitive, we could wind up indulging our kids without realizing it, living fear based, and creating many issues our children will bring into their adulthood; offering them the opportunity to run us, and themselves, into the ground.

The key is perspective. There are many ways my children could pass. There are many things I or my kids could do, right now, or in the future, which could shorten their lives; just getting into a car could do it. However, I will not waiver in parenting; I will not walk on eggshells. I will parent fearlessly; unafraid to make necessary disciplinary decisions when need be.

My son was incredibly close to dying when he was just an infant (read it on our Family Matters blog: *He Almost Died*), but I have still spanked him, told him *no*, and refused to accept any amount of backtalk or rudeness from him for the last 14 years. My way works, and just because his little life almost came to an end before his first birthday, does not change how I want to raise him or how I would like him to be as an adult. I don't dwell on that event, or the events going on in the world which could take him. I just parent.

Life is short, but we must be focused on now, but also the long-term goal. Having a fight with our teen, losing our cool and saying what we don't mean, then getting a tragic call from school later that day is not what we want. But we also don't want that same teen to believe we are so concerned with losing them that they can do and have whatever they want. Neither is okay, and it doesn't end with our kids. It extends to other relationships and people in our lives.

In 2005 I asked my children's father for a

divorce, he obliged. It was one of the longest and messy years of my life. After resolving that matter, it was on to an even messier one...so I could leave the state and come to Ohio to start my life over (with my children). He fought me tooth and nail, sadly not for the right reasons. Then unfortunately, my in-laws would end up fighting me too. I was, at that time, THE single most-worst person, and mother, in the entire world. I knew I wasn't, yet they just wanted me to think it. As it would so happen, at some point during that time, I would find myself in my mother-in-law's driveway; me by my car, my ex in the middle, and my mother in law standing in her front doorway. The words she hurled at me cut like a knife and came out of nowhere. The allegations, the threats, the lies...the *hate*. If I hadn't been strong enough, I would have been physically incapable of standing; I could've just fallen over. Instead, my mouth opened, and the rebuttal and protection of my self-preservation and my children began. Thank the good Lord my children were in my truck with the windows up and the air conditioning on full blast, or else I'd have some apologizing to do, and some coins to put in the cuss jar.

After that day, we did not speak much, and I moved away. However, for years I would keep visiting my home state where my family and friends still lived, and when I did so, I would call my in-laws ahead and arrange to drop off my children for an overnight visit or two. Once even for Thanksgiving, and again for Easter. For a long time after the divorce, they would continue to receive updated annual photos of my children to put on their walls to replace last year's, and they would always have the freedom to call their grandchildren whenever they wished...which was always on their birthdays and almost all the other holidays or in between. A few times I attended their summer picnic or holiday dinner. It's been twelve years.

It was one year ago this month that I received the call from my father in law, informing me that my mother in-law had passed

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It's A Matter of Processing

by Carole Richards

Not all learners with processing difficulties qualify for learning disability services (an IEP) in school. Therefore, teachers need to be aware of his students' learning styles so ALL students can learn more easily.

ALL LEARNERS benefit from **multi-sensory instruction** ... visual (eyes), auditory (ears) and kinesthetic (touch and muscle movement) experiences. *By teaching with all senses, the needs of all of students are met.*

None of these suggestions require tremendous effort or change for the teacher but can make the lives of many students less stressful and successful!

Visual Processing

Learners with visual processing disabilities have varying degrees of a language learning disability or dyslexia. The teacher can incorporate auditory and kinesthetic (*touch and muscle movement*) activities into lessons so the student uses his stronger senses to learn concepts.

Some effective teaching techniques include:

Learning letter sounds: Teach students the consonant and short vowel sounds with the learners:

- Writing in the sand
- Tracing glued letters (black lettered alphabet cards traced with dried white glue)
- Skywriting

Following written directions: Have a good oral reader read written directions to the class. Then, learners with poor visual processing can repeat the instructions to the class. (*Learners with poor visual skills may have stronger auditory skills.*) This also allows the teacher to know that the student understands the instructions.

Use books on tape: Students with visual difficulties may need to hear information in order to assimilate complex ideas.

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Visual-Motor Processing

These students struggle with neatly reproducing written information on a printed page. They may also struggle with gross motor skills.

Some helpful accommodations include:

Copying from the board:

- Have another student make a carbon copy of the assignment.

- Assign the student a shorter assignment.
- Give the student a printed copy of the assignment to complete.

Math assignments: The student turns a lined sheet of paper sideways. The vertical lines will help the learner keep his math problem lined up and spaced correctly.

Practice throwing and catching.

When my son he was a young boy, he constantly manipulated a Nerf® soccer ball (*it's quiet*) with his feet in our home. This improved his poor foot-eye coordination and gross motor skills.

Play video games ... at home!

Allow learners planned time (*not limitless time*) playing video games. These games build hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills.

Accept less than perfect papers.

For short periods-of-time, students with a visual-motor processing disability can produce written work that is "neat." However, this "neat work" requires enormous amounts of their energy that cannot be sustained throughout the school day. Emphasize student's work being correct rather than fitting your standards for being "neat." Neatness does not need to be close

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First 1000 Books Finisher of 2019 at Morley Library!

Katrina Severa is the first child of 2019 to finish the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program at Morley Library, and she did it just one day shy of her 2nd birthday! Happy birthday to Katrina and congratulations on being a young super-reader! Every week Katrina and her mother visit the Children's Room at Morley Library and check out dozens of books, instilling a life-long love of reading and the library. For more information about the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program at Morley Library, visit <https://www.morleylibrary.org/children/1000-books>.

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Camp Happiness is a fun-filled 6-week program, which provides summer day camp experiences to children and young adults, ages 5-21, with cognitive and other developmental disabilities. Camp is Monday to Friday, 9:30am-3:00pm, from June 17 – July 26, 2019. We offer two sites in the greater Cleveland area. Transportation may be provided for those in Cuyahoga County.

Each site provides and enhances social, spiritual, recreational and educational opportunities. Participants have the opportunity to learn new things, make new friends, swim, go on community field trips, play fun games and create exciting arts and crafts!

Camp Happiness is operated by Catholic Charities Disability Services, Diocese of Cleveland. All faith traditions are welcome.

Want a great experience this summer? Consider Camp Happiness!

Locations include:

Camp Happiness, Parma – St. Francis de Sales, 3434 George Ave., Parma. Campers at this site enjoy fun activities and swim locally at the Brooklyn Recreation Center twice a week!

Camp Happiness, Wickliffe - the Center for Pastoral Leadership (CPL), 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe. Campers enjoy fun activities and swim at the on-site pool at this beautiful 48 acre campus!

For further information on Camp Happiness contact Lauren Mailey at 216-334-2963 / lmmailey@ccdole.org

Visit our website to download a registration packet – www.ccdole.org/disability



Summer Fun at Rabbit Run!

Kids of all ages will have tons of fun discovering hidden talents all summer long in many different fine arts camps available at Rabbit Run Community Arts Association (RRCOA) in Madison.

Youth Art Camp is for anyone who likes to be creative and maybe make a mess in the process. For one or two weeks, campers ages seven to 16 get elbow deep in paint, clay and other mediums as they create original two- and three-dimensional works of art.

Art Camp for ages 11 through 16 meets Monday through Friday, June 24 through June 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. Art Camp for ages 7 through 11 meets July 1 through July 5, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon. Preschool Art Camp meets Aug. 5 through Aug. 9, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Pop Star Camp gets youth ages five through 10 up and moving as they learn to sing and dance like their favorite pop star. This one-week day camp is from 9:30

a.m. to noon and runs June 10 through June 14.

Campers delve into all areas of the theater arts including drama, music, dance, costumes, make-up, and stage craft in four theater camps. Combining the best of both worlds, campers have access to the professional-quality stage with state-of-the-art theatrical equipment at Rabbit Run, as well as access to the fresh air and beauty of Stanton Park where many traditional camp activities take place.

Campers also participate in arts and crafts and age-appropriate games. At the end of each theater camp, actors share their talents with parents in an end-of-week program.

Explorer’s Camp, July 15 through July 19 for youth ages 7 to 15, is for those who are new to theater and are looking for a great introduction to the world of drama. The camp meets 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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What's new with Geauga Park District's Adventure Day Camps this summer?

"We got a new set of fishing poles!" said Naturalist Karie Wheaton. "Also, campers will be fishing and hiking at Big Creek Park this year. They were at Beartown Lakes Reservation last year and didn't do the hiking portion. I think it will be a popular addition."

Plus, all biking this year will begin at Headwaters Park, allowing campers to explore the newly paved section of The Maple Highlands Trail that stretches to Middlefield.

Gauga Park District's 7th annual camps will be offered in week-long form for youth entering grades 5-7 the weeks

of June 10, July 8, July 15, July 29 and August 5. The week of June 24, a Junior Naturalist Camp for this age group will also direct the focus to streams, lakes and forests for discovery of insects, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, astronomy and more.

For teens entering grades 8-10, week-long experiences will be the weeks of June 17 and July 22. Both of these weeks will include the popular high ropes course fun at Claridon Woodlands. Plus, single-day "X-Treme Adventures" will be held July 1 (the all-new Wilderness Skills), July 2 (Kayak Challenge), July 3 (Natural History) and July 5 (Adventure Day, which includes the

high ropes course).

Every camper parent who replied to last year's survey said their child would return this year – with the exception of three who were aging out.

"Both my kids had a great time," one wrote. "The counselors are great with the kids, and everyone seemed to have fun."

"Great program!" wrote another. "Kept our daughter active."

"Keep up the good work!"

Again, registration begins March 20 at 440-286-9516 or www.geaugaparkdistrict.org. For fees and additional details, please visit www.geaugaparkdistrict.org under Activities, then Naturalist-Led Experiences.



HAWKEN SUMMER PROGRAMS

Hawken Day Camps provide a variety of exciting activities led by experienced professionals. While your child is enrolled, you'll rest assured knowing he or she is in a safe, nurturing environment that includes daily hot lunches, optional transportation, and pre- and after-care services. Camp offerings include Hawkings (ages 4-5), Boys or Girls Day Camps (prekindergarten – grade 5), Boys Sports Camp (grades 4-8), and Girls Lifetime Adventure Camp (Grades 4-8 Passport Camps offer

week-long, full and half-day opportunities to learn, create, and explore. Camp topics include science, the performing and visual arts, world language and cultural experiences, leadership, design and construction, culinary, legos, technology, mythology, and games and physical fitness.

Hawken Performing Arts focus on practical skill-building and experiential learning, these joyful and unique weeklong immersions will take students on-stage, into the TV studio, out into Northeast Ohio, and

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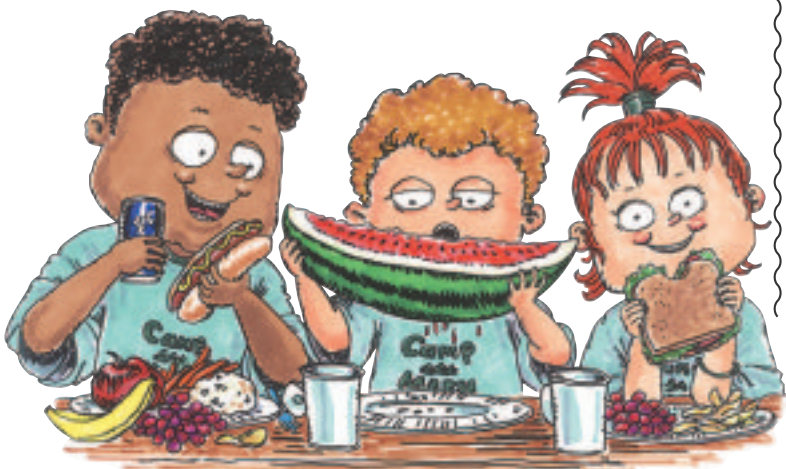
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Just for Juniors Camp, for children ages four through eight, runs from 9 a.m. to noon, July 22 through July 26. Just for Juniors is a one-week camp which introduces young children to the world of theater through song, dance and lots of imagination.

The Master Class Theater Camp, ages 10 to 15, for the serious young actor, meets week days from 1 to 4 p. m. and runs the week of July 22.

To register or for more information, call RRCAA at 440-428-5913 or visit www.rabbitrunonline.org.

Rabbit Run Community Arts Association is a non-profit organization offering year-round instruction in all the major disciplines of the fine and performing arts. RRCAA also operates Rabbit Run Theater, one of the few barn theaters still in operation in Ohio. The theater is located at 5648 W. Chapel Rd., Madison. Stanton Park is located at 5585 Chapel Rd., Madison.



Lake Metroparks Summer Day Camps

Join at Lake Metroparks as we prepare for another fun-filled and adventure-packed summer camp season! Whether your child is 4 or 16, we have a summer day camp experience for them! A week in the woods, at the beach or on the farm is a great way for kids to explore the natural world. It is proven that being outdoors and experiencing nature is beneficial to our health. Children who have direct access to nature are better learners, have increased attention spans and have lower stress levels. Lake Metroparks offers extended care for many of its camp offerings. Sign up for a camp today and let Lake Metroparks help your children have fun in the parks this summer!

At new camps offered this summer, campers can experience the connection between nature and literature, discover the wonders of the universe, explore different types of engineering, and learn the science behind archaeology. They can also learn more about the fantastic living animals that surround us in our parks and backyards and provide plenty of opportunities to be outside and active.

Lake Metroparks offers extended care for many of its camp offerings. Sign up for a camp today and let Lake Metroparks help your children have fun in the parks this summer!

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Hawken Summer Studies Program, open to public and private school students, is a six-week program of credit and enrichment for students entering grades 6-12. Subject offerings include courses in the humanities, science, history, SAT strategies, mathematics, and health studies.

Camps run at varying intervals between June and August. For more information, contact summerprograms@hawken.edu, 440-423-2940, or visit www.hawken.edu/summer



Entertainment is a big part of the Expo with WINT Integrity Radio 101.5FM/1330 AM serving as emcee on the entertainment stage located in front of Macy's. Entertainment includes a demonstration from Auburn Career Center Culinary Arts at noon, Willoughby Eastlake High School's Hair Demo & Prom Fashion Show at 1:30pm, Leadership Lake County Fashion Show at 3pm, Fairport Dance Academy performing at 4pm and "The Gift of Power" sponsored by Generator Pros/Shepp Electric at 5pm. Students from area high schools who are participating in Leadership Lake County's Junior Leadership Program this year, will be in front of JCPenney with supplies for attendees to make a terrarium. The fee to participate is \$5.00 and the funds raised will go towards their service project in April which is coordinating and putting on a prom for the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

New this year is an Upcycle Repurpose Contest. All items entered will be on display during the Expo hours. Suggested items for entry into the contest were furniture, accessories/home decor, clothing or jewelry. The contest was designed to inspire others to enhance their home and lifestyle with items they may already own or would have thrown away. Votes will be cast and the item with the majority votes will win "Best of the Expo" and a \$100 cash prize.

The Home & Lifestyle Expo is a free event, hosted by Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce,



Mentor Area Chamber of Commerce and Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by many local companies which include premiere sponsor, Generator Pros/Shepp Electric and sponsors A-1 Concrete Leveling of Cleveland-East, Carpet One Mentor, Digging Dogs Training Center, Floor Coverings International, Howard Hanna-Stacy Marinelli Group, Keller Williams Greater Cleveland Northeast -Natalie J Antosh, Keller Williams Greater Cleveland Northeast-Bissett Team, Lake County Women's Journal, Leadership Lake County, Massoudi State Farm, McDowell Homes Real Estate Services, Mimi Magazine, Mix 97.1/Gold 93.7, NovaCare Rehabilitation - NE Ohio, Streb Electric, The News-Herald, and WINT Integrity Radio 101.5 FM/1330 AM.

For more information about the Home & Lifestyle Expo contact Linda Reed at the Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce at 440-357-7572.

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Maple Sugaring Weekends

Lake Metroparks Farmpark • March 2 & 3 and 9 & 10 • 9 am to 5 pm



When the maple sap flows and is boiled into maple syrup, it's a sure sign that spring is on its way to northeast Ohio.

Discover the history and technology of maple syrup and learn the maple sugaring process. Tap a tree and taste fresh maple syrup as you tap into the fun of Maple Sugaring Weekends 9 am to 5 pm March 2 & 3 and 9 & 10 at Lake Metroparks Farmpark.

Kids learn how to tap a tree and every-one family gets involved collecting sap contained in collection buckets hung on the maple trees. Move indoors to see how the water-like substance processed into pure maple syrup and other naturally-sweet products.

Sample pure maple syrup and maple candy, whip up your own tasty treat with



maple stirs (additional fee applies), make a maple craft and learn how to make maple syrup in your own backyard.

Farmpark's very own pure maple syrup and other maple items are available for sale in both the Woodland Center and gift shop. A pancake breakfast is available in the J & J Café (additional fee applies).

It's the season when lambs and kid goats are born. Meet the babies in the arena. Maybe you'll see piglets and a calf too!

Enjoy beautiful quilted works from national and regional quilters, including traditional bed quilts, contemporary wall art, and apparel, on display throughout the Visitors Center.

All of the regular Farmpark activities are included in admission to Maple Sugaring Weekend. Farmpark admission or membership applies. For more information about Maple Sugaring Weekends, visit lakemetroparks.com/events.

PROCESSING FROM PAGE 5 to godliness!

Never destroy a child's work because it is messy. It makes the student feel discouraged and less motivated.

Encourage computer skills

Teach keyboarding and allow computer completed work as soon as the student can manipulate a computer keyboard.

Next Month ... helpful auditory processing ideas for your struggling student.

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away. I had just talked to her a few weeks prior. She was not well, but I told her she would be okay. I believed she would be. I was absolutely devastated. I regretted not calling more often or forcing the kids to (teens for some reason hate using the phone and calling grandparents). I regretted telling her she'd be okay if she was not. I took it hard. She and my father in law, and their daughter, helped teach me all I know about gardening. She taught me how to prune back my roses to make them healthy, told me what to put on them to keep the aphids from killing them. She showed me how to swaddle my first baby and why it was important. She taught me how to needlepoint, paint on wood, sweatshirts and more. Although she thought I crazy to homeschool, and thought breastfeeding unconventional, we loved each other...until the end.

She passed away way too early, but she battled with several health issues revolving around years of smoking which resulted in emphysema. I miss her. But my love of birds and bird feeders, knowing what *Salvia* and *Clematis* is, understanding the difference between annuals and perennials, will always be with me, and it's because of her. She is with me in my backyard, she is with me when I shop for and plant *Vinca Vine* in all my pots, and she is here saying, "I'm as busy as a one ahmmed papaah hangah", while holding a cup of coffee with both hands, looking at me through her glasses, with her biggest smile.

I'll never forget the last time I saw her in person. It was a few years ago when I was visiting friends and family during spring break when my kids were with their dad down south. She asked me to come by while I was there. We were at her kitchen table having coffee (what else would we be doing), and she said to me: "You have done the absolute best job we could have ever asked for with these kids...and I'm sorry". I was stunned, it brought immediate tears to my eyes. You know I could have never heard those words, or felt the appreciation of that moment, *or the pain of this loss*, without keeping that one door open. My Nanny always said, 'You never hate anyone; you can dislike them, but you don't hate them'. I agree, because life is too short for hate... just try leaving the doors open. My mother in law loved Elvis Presley. I found this quote to be perfect: "Love had surely made us all and hate would surely make us fall". R.I.P. Selma L. Gluck 3-13-18. She accepted everyone, rejected no one, and her table always had room for one more.

For more real-life stories and lessons, visit: www.familymatterswithamber.blogspot.com

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March 2 & 3, 9 & 10



See the entire maple process as sap is collected, boiled and turned into maple syrup and other products.

Pancake breakfasts in Farmpark's J&J Café

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Mentor Public Library is celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2019, and there are lots of ways to join the party. Win prizes for reading along with us. Donate to local nonprofits during our Year of Giving. Get those pesky fines forgiven. For more information, visit www.mentorpl.org/200th.

Snappy Little Story Time Mondays at 10 a.m. at Main Branch, starting March 11 Main Branch in the Children's Story Room

This story time is a combination of Tiddlywinks and Family Story Time. There will be songs, rhymes, books, and flannel stories all geared to the little listener. Please note there will be no craft. Open to ages birth to age 5. No registration is necessary.

Pajama Story Time Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Main Branch, starting March 11 Main Branch in the Children's Story Room

The library's newest story time is a pajama jam! Kids can wear their snuggly pajamas while they enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, a craft and snack. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Tiddlywinks Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at Main Branch, starting March 12 Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch, starting March 14 Come and enjoy an interactive story time filled with stories, songs and rhymes just right for little listeners. For children 36 months and younger with an adult. No registration is necessary.

Storytime Stars Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., starting March 12 Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Children, ages six months to five years, can enjoy stories, music, rhymes and a craft to take home. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Preschool Story Time Tuesday and Wednesday at 11 a.m., starting March 12 Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Children attend without an adult and enjoy a fun-filled session of stories, songs and rhymes. A responsible adult must remain on the children's floor during the story time session. For children ages three to five years old.

Tyke Time Thursdays from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Mentor Headlands Branch A weekly, interactive story time for children from six months to four years old at the Mentor Headlands Branch. Kids will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and, perhaps, a craft. An adult must remain with the child during story time. No registration is necessary.

Mother Goose on the Loose Fridays at 10 a.m.,



starting March 15 The Read House

A 4-week interactive program for children up to 30 months. The program uses rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more to stimulate the learning process in babies and toddlers. Registration is necessary and opens two weeks before the beginning of the next session.

Family Story Time Fridays at 11 a.m., starting March 11 Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Take a little time for some great stories and family time. Families with children of all ages will enjoy stories, music, rhymes and crafts together. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday Crafty Pop-Up Saturdays (except March 16) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mentor Headlands Branch Make a craft to take home. No registration is necessary.

Read Across America with Dr. Seuss Friday, March 1 From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Main Branch in the Children's Area From noon to 4 p.m. at Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch

Join the children's staff in observing Dr. Seuss's birthday with crafts, games and birthday cake (while it lasts.) No registration is necessary.

Countdown to Kindergarten Saturday, March 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room

Is your child gearing up to enter kindergarten? The library's Kindergarten Readiness program helps prepare little ones for their transition into the school environment by practicing essential skills with fun challenges and activities. Each Saturday, during MPL's winter story-time session, the library will offer a different set of activities for children to try. The activities focus on key areas including language and early literacy, math skills, shapes and colors, gross motor skills, and essential life skills. Children who attend all six sessions will receive a congratulatory prize. No registration required.

Make a Craft Monday, March 4 Main Branch in the Children's Department

Kid can stop by the Children's Department any time throughout the day (while supplies last) and get creative with one of the library's monthly crafts. No registration is necessary.

Make-It Monday: Perler Bead Coasters Monday, March 4, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The HUB at Mentor High School Teens in sixth through 12th grade can come to The HUB and get crafty. This month, they'll make chic coasters with Perler Beads.

Coding Club at The HUB Tuesday, March 5, at 4:30 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School Learn how to animate drawings and design websites every first Tuesday of the month at The HUB. In this self-paced club, kids earn badges as they reach certain milestones. Earn all the badges to become a Programming Wizard. Participants must bring their own laptop and headphones. An account at KhanAcademy.org is recommended, but not required. For kids in fourth grade and higher.

Comics Club Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Children, eight to 12 years old, are invited to join the Comics Club to read, discuss, and make their own comics. Club members will meet the first Tuesday of every month. Registration is required.

American Girl Book Club Wednesday, March 6, at 4 p.m. Meet Josefina. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Girls between the ages of six and 12 years old meet once a month for a craft and a snack for each of the historical American Girl dolls. Each month will focus on a different doll. Be sure to read "Meet Josefina before this program. Registration is necessary each month.

Wiggle & Play Club Wednesday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Lake Branch offers a simplified story time for busy bodies. Each month, kids of all ages will listen to one story, along with rhymes and songs. Then there will be a themed activity for little listeners. Finally, each session ends with 15 minutes of play time with educational toys.

Minecraft Club Thursday, March 7, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Join the library's Minecraft Club where you can mine, explore and share strategies in the wide world of Minecraft. Each session will feature a new challenge. Kids must bring their own charged laptop, tablet or mobile device and have an active Minecraft account. The club is

for children from ages eight to 12. Registration is required.

What's Cooking? Friday, March 8, at 1 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room If the kids are off from school, bring them to library to learn how to make a few non-cooked snacks. Kids (ages six to 12) can don their chef hats and concoct a few edible marvels. Registration is necessary and begins Feb. 15 and ends March 5.

Family Afternoon Movie Saturday, March 9, at 1 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Bring the whole family to the library for an afternoon movie. On the second Saturday of each month, the library will show a family movie and provide popcorn. All movies will be rated G or PG. Find out which movie will be playing each month in the Children's Department. This event is for families with children 13 and younger. Ages eight and younger must have parent supervision. No registration required.

Paws to Read Saturday, March 9 First session starts at 1:30 p.m. Second session starts at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids who are able to read independently are invited to sign up for a 30-minute session. Children will be paired with a gentle dog that is licensed and trained to be a good listener. This event will fill quickly. Registration begins two weeks before each session.

Sew Much Fun Monday, March 11, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room March is National Craft Month so it's time to get crafty. Kids (ages eight to 12) can learn how to sew a pillow that they can take home. Pick from two exciting patterns. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required and begins Feb. 25.

Tree Tale Tellers Preschool Story Time Tuesday, March 12, and Wednesday, March 13, at 11 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room A volunteer from the Holden Arboretum will lead a tree-themed story time. Children attend without an adult and enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Open to ages three through six. No registration necessary.

LEGO Movie 2 Party Monday, March 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Everything is awesome with LEGO-themed activities, games, crafts and snacks. For kids of all ages. Walk in. No registration required.

Fun With Art Tuesday, March 12, at 1 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Kids (ages seven to 12) can try you're their hands at painting famous masterpieces from Monet, Van Gogh, Picasso and more. Wear an old shirt and get ready to get creative. Registration is required.

Laser Engraved Accessories Tuesday, March 12, at 5 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School (6477 Center St., Mentor) Teens can give their accessories a personal touch with The HUB's laser engraver. Design a unique keychain, bookmark or necklace, and then turn it into a reality.

Wordplay Creative Writing Club Wednesday, March 13, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Young writers can get creative with words at Wordplay. Kids from third through sixth grade will write, share stories and play word games. Bring your imagination. The

library supplies paper, pens and snacks. Registration required.

Over the Moon Story Time Wednesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School (6477 Center St., Mentor) Families can come to a special moon-themed story time at The HUB. There will be stories, songs and rhymes about the moon. At the end, children will make their own moon sand.

Masterpieces at Main: Art Club for Kids

Thursday, March 14, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Kids don't need to paint like Picasso or sculpt like Michelangelo to enjoy the library's new art club. All they need is a desire to learn something new, fun and creative. For kids, ages eight through 12. (In order to fully enjoy this club, the library asks that the children be able to work independently.) Please dress for a mess and registration is required.

St. Patrick's Day Saturday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids can make a fun craft and search the Headlands Branch for leprechaun gold. Walk in; no registration required.

Let's Go LEGO Club Saturday, March 16, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Families can drop in and build with the library's LEGO blocks.

Laser Engraver Basics Monday, March 18, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School (6477 Center St., Mentor) Learn the basics of using The HUB's laser engraver at one of these informative presentations. Makers of all ages can get inspired for their next project and walk away with an engraved souvenir.

Studio MPL Art Club Monday, March 18, at 4 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Studio MPL returns—now at the Lake Branch! Kids in second through fifth grade can come to the library for fun art projects. Children need to be able to work independently and responsibly with art supplies for a successful studio experience. Please dress for mess.

Firehouse Friends Thursday, March 21, at 10:30 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Join our friends from the Mentor Fire Department for stories and songs. Meet the local firemen. Find out what it's really like to be a fireman. Open to all ages. Each time kids attend the "Firehouse Friends" story time will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win lunch with the firemen in December.

MPL Arcade: Video Game Club Thursday, March 21, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Enjoy an afternoon of gaming with the library's video game club, MPL Arcade. The library will have age-appropriate games available to play on the Wii U, as well as fun board and tabletop games. For kids in third through sixth grade. Registration is required.

Marshmallow 'Snowball' Catapults Saturday, March 23, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids (ages nine to 12) can create mini catapults. They will launch "snowballs" at targets and accumulate points. The kid with the most points wins a prize

Vinyl Cutter Basics Monday, March 25, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m. The HUB at Men-

tor High School (6477 Center St., Mentor) Learn the basics of using The HUB's vinyl cutter at one of these informative presentations. Makers of all ages can get inspired for their next project and leave with a vinyl keepsake.

Green Kids Craft Lab Wednesday, March 27, at 6 p.m. The HUB at Mentor High School What can kids make with recycled material? Kids from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade can come by The HUB on the fourth Wednesday of the month to see what their imaginations can bring to life. Discover how to make new objects and art from items typically tossed away with the Green Kids Craft Lab. This month's theme is Superheroes.

Color Me—Headlands Wednesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Looking for some quiet time? Bring the family to a calm evening of coloring at the Headlands branch. Supplies provided.

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March 2019 Children's Room Programs

Storytimes & Weekly Programs:

The Spring Storytime Session runs for 7 weeks: Monday, March 11th through Friday, April 26th, 2019. Registration begins Monday, March 4th, online or by phone at 440-352-3383. Many of our storytimes are drop-in and require no registration.

Toddler Tales (3 and under) Mondays: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Stories, rhymes, & fingerplays for little ones! Child attends with caregiver. Drop-in, no registration needed.

Books at Bedtime (18 months - 5 years) Mondays: 6:30 – 7:00 PM Pajama storytime while cuddling your favorite stuffed animal. Child attends with caregiver. Drop-in, no registration needed.

Baby Bookworms (for babies not yet walking) Tuesdays: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

For babies who are not yet walking and their caregivers. Enjoy one-on-one lap time engaging in stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays and more. 20 minutes of stories, songs, etc. followed by 10 minutes of playtime and caregiver interaction. Drop-in, no registration needed.

Music in Motion (2 - 5 years) Wednesdays: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM and Stories, rhythm, music, and instruments! Child attends with caregiver. Drop-in, no registration needed.

Preschool/Kindergarten Storytime (3 - 6 years) Wednesdays: 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM or Thursdays: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

An exciting and engaging storytime with a focus on early literacy skills. Child attend with-out caregiver. Registration is required. Please choose Wednesday or Thursday.

Parachute Playtime (2 - 5 years) Thursdays: 11:00 – 11:30 AM A fun-filled 30-minute parachute playtime for walking toddlers through 5 years old. Child attends with caregiver. Music, rhymes, games, and lots of fun shakin' the 'chute! Drop-in, no registration needed.

Preschool S.T.E.A.M. Stations (2 – 6 years)

March 13th, 21st, & 27th: 10:30 – 11:00 AM Explore various activities that will build your child's early literacy skills. This drop-in program is designed for children ages 2-6 and their caregivers and takes place in the Project Room on the Children's Floor. Discover how everyday household items can become learning tools for your child. No registration needed.

Stories & S.T.E.A.M. (6 – 8 years) Fridays: 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM Kids ages 6-8 can explore stories and more with science, technology, engineering, art, and math in this fun after-school program. Caregiver must stay in the building but does not attend with the child. Registration is required.

N B TWEEN (9 - 12 years) Wednesdays: 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM Crafts, games, and activities geared specifically towards tweens. Tweens attend without caregiver. Drop-in, no registration needed.

Homeschool Passport: Around the World at Morley Library (6-9 years) Tuesday, March 12th: 11:00 – 11:45 AM ~ Project Room Calling all homeschoolers ages 6-9! Join Miss Joya for an adventure through a different country each month. Learn about the country's culture, traditions, and foods. Each child will receive their own passport, which will be stamped upon entering each country! March 12th is Inquiring About Ireland

Kids Scavenger Hunt: Friday, March 1st through Friday, March 15th Kids 12 and under can participate in a fun, FREE picture Scavenger Hunt in the Children's Room. Find all 10 pictures hiding around the Children's Room, then turn in your sheet for a free, small prize from the treasure chest. Limit once per child, please.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! ~ Saturday, March 2nd ~ 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Help us celebrate the birthday of the late, great Dr. Seuss! Enjoy a 30-minute storytime from 11 - 11:30 am. Participate in a fun, free scavenger hunt to win a small prize, make a Seuss-tastic craft, play a candy guessing game, and enjoy a free minicupcake! No registration needed. This celebration is for families with children ages 12 and under.

KIDS CRAFTAFTERNOON! Thursday, March 7th ~ 3:00 - 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Story Room to make a free DIY foam bookmark craft. As supplies last; small children may need help. No registration needed.

Just Sparkle! (A Unicorn Party) ~ Saturday, March 9th ~ 11:00 - 11:45 AM Come and have a magical time crafting and playing games that involve these beautiful creatures! We will make unicorn headbands, have a delicious treat, and play a fun game. Add some sparkle to your day by coming to this mystical program! This program is for children in grades K-3. Registration is required.

St. Patrick's Day Crafts & Scavenger Hunt ~ Saturday, March 16th ~ 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the library! Families can drop by any time between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM to make some fun St. Patrick's Day crafts and do a scavenger hunt. Kids who participate in the scavenger hunt get to pick a free

small prize from the treasure chest. No registration needed.

KIDS CRAFTAFTERNOON! ~ Thursday, March 21st ~ 3:00 – 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Story Room to make a fun, free color-your-own sports ball key chain craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

Holi: Festival of Colors ~ Saturday, March 23rd ~ 11:00 – 11:45 AM Come celebrate the Hindu Festival of Colors, Holi, at Morley Library! We will enjoy all the colors of love, family and friendship through crafts, music and activities. This program is for families with children 12 and younger. No registration needed.

Marble Run Madness! ~ Tuesday, March 26th ~ 4:00 – 5:30 PM It's Marble Run Madness at Morley Library! Test your wits to see what you can build, and then have fun speed testing your marble race track against other kids' creations! The sky is the limit! This is a drop-in program with no registration needed, but parents must stay with children 8 and younger.

Junior Jeopardy! ~ Saturday, March 30th ~ 11:00 – 11:45 AM Did you know that the very first episode of Jeopardy aired 55 years ago today? In honor of this classic TV game show's 55th birthday we are turning our story time room into a Jeopardy Show! All of the categories will be designed for children 12 and under with one special category geared towards the parents and guardians in the room. Unfortunately we can't give money to our Junior Jeopardy winner but there will be prizes! No registration needed.

Teen DIY Stress Ball – Tuesday, March 5, 6:30pm – 8pm. It's easy and fun to make a super squishy stress ball with the incredibly weird liquid (or solid) known as oobleck! Or, choose to make your stress ball with the equally odd water beads called Orbeez. Please register for this program.

Teens: Live Long & Prosper Day – Tuesday, March 26, 6:30pm. This day is celebrated annually on Leonard Nimoy's birthday and encourages everyone to contemplate Spock's Vulcan blessing to live long and prosper. Consider how these words apply to your life by creating your very own decoupage Gratitude Journal with modge podge, colorful paper, and inspirational quotes. Studies show that being grateful can make us healthier by reducing stress and improving sleep. Live long and journal! Please register for this program.

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Birth-2 Year Old Story Time

Wednesdays at 10:00 am: March 6-13

Thursdays at 6:30 pm: March 7-14

Children and their caregivers enjoy stories, songs and more! Registration requested.

3-6 Year Old Story Time Mondays at 6:30 pm: March 4-11 Children and their caregivers enjoy stories, songs and more! Registration requested.

Book Bugs Fridays at 10:00 am: March 1-April

20 Children, birth up to age 6 with a caregiver, join us for stories, activities and fun! Drop-in!

Tales for a Dog First Saturday of every month @ 9:30 or 10:00 am: 3/2, 4/6

Readers completed Kindergarten and older, come share a story with a certified therapy dog. Pre-register or drop-in.

Lego Club Second Saturday of every month at 12:00 pm: 3/9, 4/13 Children Kindergarten and older, stop by for some building challenges and fun! Drop-in.

Family Reads On-the-Go! 3rd week of the Month, during open hours: March 18, April 15 Pick-up a copy of next month's family friendly book (to be read at home together) and activity packet. Call to pre-register.

Globetrotters First Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 3/5, 4/2, 5/7 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, discover a new country each month and get a stamp in your passport. Registration requested.

Masterpiece! 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 3/12, 4/9, 5/14 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, explore famous artists and create your own masterpieces. Registration requested.

STEAM Ahead!

Third Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 4/16, 5/21 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, join us and explore science fun. Registration requested.

Garden Gnomes & Forest Friends

Fourth Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 3/26, 4/23 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, will learn about their surroundings through nature based activities. We will explore animals, plants, and more! Registration requested.

Make & Take Craft March 16-24 during open hours Kids 12 and under, stop by, use our supplies, make a craft, take it home! Crafts will change throughout the week.

Tween Time (5th-8th grades) Wednesdays @ 2:30 pm: March 6, 13, 27 Join us after school for fun activities and socializing! Check the website for weekly themes and information. Registration requested. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE: Register for programs beginning the first of the month for the next month by calling the Library and asking for the Children's Department.

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Special Needs LEGO Club This LEGO club is specifically for children with special needs. We provide the LEGOs, you provide your imagination. All ages welcome! Saturday, March 2, 10:30 am-12 pm Willowick Library

LEGO Club We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination in our LEGO club! All ages welcome!

Saturday, March 2, 2-3:30 pm Willowick Library

Saturday, March 16, 1:30-3 pm Eastlake Library

Saturday, March 16, 2-3:30 pm Willowoughby Hills Library

Unicorns vs. Dragons Whose side are you on? Join us for exciting activities and crafts that highlight your favorite fantastical creature! All ages welcome. Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library

Teen Art Club at Willoughby Do you love to create art but never get the chance? Join other art-loving teens for Art Club where we will focus on a different artist or style each session. Ages 12-18. **Teens must register for each session separately** Tuesday, March 5, 7-8 pm Willowoughby Library

Homeschool Travelers Take a trip around the world without leaving the library! Each month features a different location, complete with facts & fun activities! Wednesdays, March 6, 2:30 pm Eastlake Library

Stitch Together Tweens and a favorite adult learn to sew matching fleece scarves in two easy lessons. Ages 8 and over (with a partner over the age of 18). Sewing machines, fabric and tools provided. Wednesday, March 6, 6-7:30 pm Willowoughby Hills Library

Homeschool Art Adventures Each month we will explore art with hands-on activities. Ages 5 and over. Thursday, March 7, 1 or 2:30 pm Willowoughby Library

Willoughby Otaku Anime Club Join fellow Otaku at the Willoughby Library to watch anime, discuss anime and manga and draw our own characters. You can even cosplay if you want. Refreshments will be served. Ages 13 & over. Saturday, March 9, 1-4 pm Willowoughby Library 440-942-3200

Video Game Club Come make friends and play our Xbox One and Wii-U! Grades 6-12. Saturday, March 9, 2-4 pm Willowick Library

Homeschool Parent Support Group Experienced educator and homeschool mom Sara Williams will moderate monthly discussions about homeschooling. Join us for support, answers and guidance. Monday, March 11, 6:30 pm Willowoughby Library

Tween Crafts & More Children are invited to create a variety of different projects together. We'll make slime, scarves, art and have a special breakout adventure! Register for each month you plan to attend. Ages 9-12. Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 pm Willowoughby Library

Homeschool Technology Each month we will explore different facets of technology. Ages 10 and over only please. Thursday, March 14, 1:30 or 3pm

Willoughby Hills Library

Sensory Toy Playgroup Get out of the cold and play! Children with varying learning styles and abilities play together in a safe, supportive environment. A variety of toys from our Toy Library will be available to play with and check out. Everyone is welcome! Friday, March 15, 10 am-12 pm Willowoughby Library

Toy Swap: LOL Dolls, Shopkins, Hatchimals, Num Noms, Doorables and More!

Did you get a double of your favorite toy brand? Want a chance to trade them for ones you don't have? Join our monthly swap meet with your toys and any accessories they came with to trade them with other kids! Saturday, March 16, 2-3:30 pm Willowoughby Library

BREAKOUT ADVENTURES Explore our newest program: Breakout EDU at the Willoughby Library! This is an educational and fun adventure in clue finding, decoding and mystery solving. Working as a team, children will find and solve clues to open several locks to solve the mystery!

Breakout Adventure (Ages 8-12)
Monday, March 18, 6:30 pm Willowoughby Library

Homeschool Breakout Adventure (Ages 8-12) Thursday, March 21, 1 or 2:30 pm Willowoughby Library

Teens Create a Fairy Garden Teens can learn how to create a fairy garden. Supplies will be provided for guys and girls to make their own fairy garden to take home. Monday, March 18, 6-7 pm Willowoughby Hills Library

Police Officer Storytime Patrolman Bruce Fedor from the Willoughby Police Department will present storytime at the library. A craft will also be included. Please register for each class you will attend. Monday, March 18, 10 am Willowoughby Library

Adapted Storytime Children with varying learning styles and abilities learn together in a safe, supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences is encouraged. This storytime, followed by a time for socialization, is designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared toward ages 3 to 7 years, but all ages are welcome. Siblings may also attend, but must register separately. Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library

Tree Tales Storytime with Holden Arboretum Join us for a special Tree Tales storytime with the Holden Arboretum. All ages welcome. Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 pm Willowick Library

Open Sew Bring your sewing project (fabric, pattern & accessories) to this class and we will provide assistance. Sewing machines and tools are provided, but you may bring your own sewing machine if you like. Attend one, two or all three sessions. Wednesdays, March 20, March 27, 6-7:30 pm Willowoughby Hills Library

Barks for Books Practice your reading skills

by reading to a therapy dog! (Grades K-5). Saturday, March 23, 9:30 or 10 am (Choose one time slot) Eastlake Library

Pokémon Club Bring your cards, Pokémon Ultra Sun/Moon, Pokémon Let's Go Eevee/Pikachu or Pokémon Go to meet fellow trainers. Trainers (or their parents) are responsible for all trades. Ages 5 and over. Saturday, March 23, 2-3:30 pm Willowoughby Library



Art Sparks: Loving Literacy Dance Class Join us for a dance class presented by Art Sparks in which students will work at a brisk pace to experience first-hand that literacy can be fun and exciting. Students learn the basic elements of choreography and music while learning how dance can be a vehicle for literacy development. Monday, March 25, 10-10:30 am Ages 4-6; 10:30-11 am Grades 1-5 Willowoughby Library

Basement Writers Bring your writing and ideas to share! Give and receive feedback as well as bounce ideas off of your peers. All writing welcome, fanfiction to original works! New to writing? We have prompts. Grades 7-12. Ages 12-18. Monday, March 25, 7-8 pm Willowick Library

Hour of Code Spend an hour working on different coding projects to get familiar with building a program. Tuesday, March 26, 6-7 pm Willowoughby Hills Library

SciCraft Create and explore with some fun hands-on projects! Grades 3-6. Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library

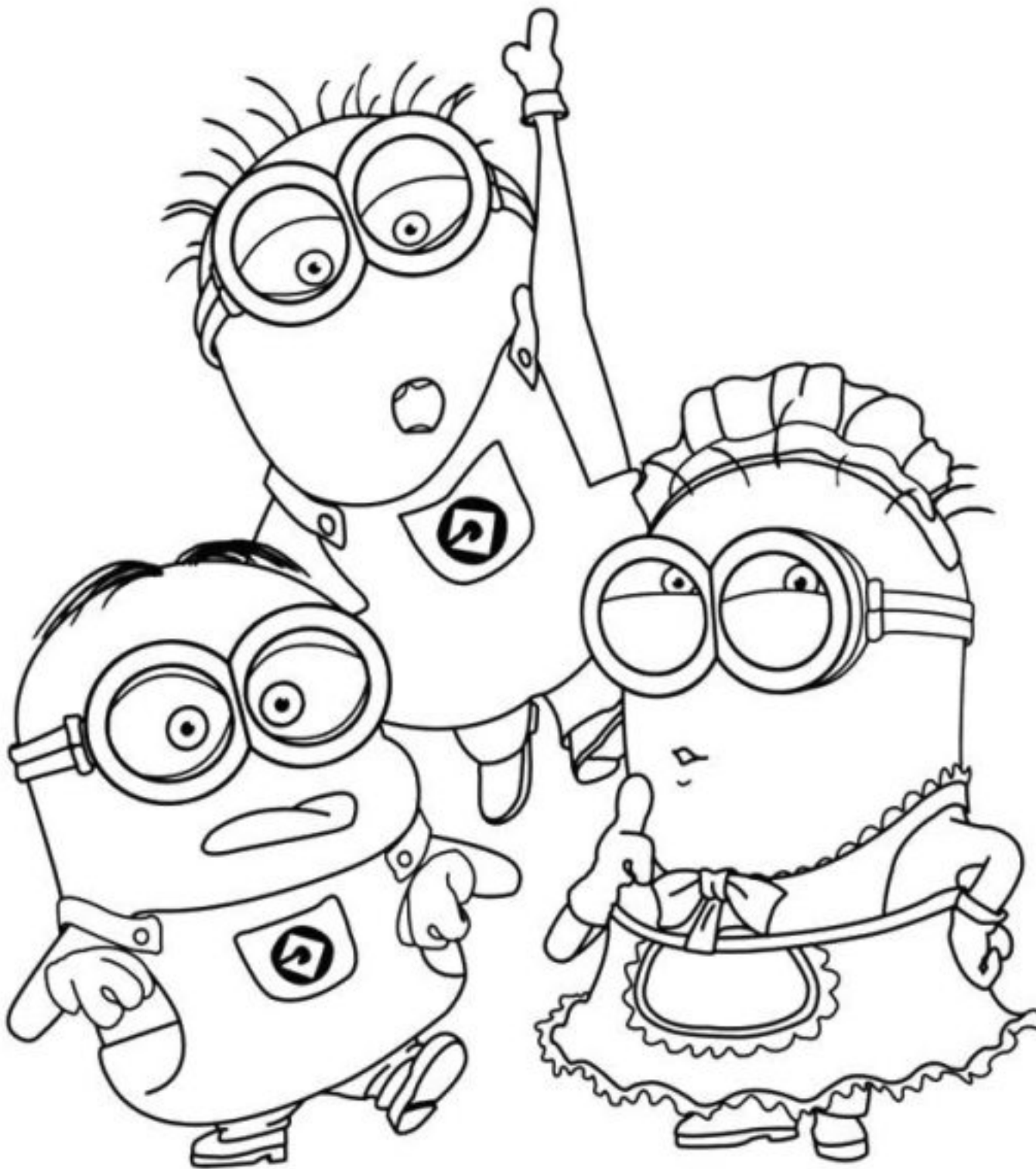
Breakout Adventures for Teens Come explore our newest program: Breakout EDU! This is an educational and fun adventure in clue finding, decoding and mystery solving. Working individually or in teams, teens will find and solve clues to open several locks to solve the mystery! Ages 12-18. **Teens must register for each session separately** Wednesday, March 27, 6:30-8 pm Willowoughby Library

Paper Aeronautics Buckle your seatbelts for an aeronautic adventure using paper airplanes. Fold a printed airplane design and then try out its flying and soaring capability through a series of tests and game contests. Prizes and refreshments will be available. Thursday, March 28, 6:30 pm Willowoughby Hills Library

Game Day for Teens On the last day of spring break, bring your friends to the Willoughby Library and play board games and our PS4. We provide the games-you provide the players! Ages 12-18. Friday, March 29, 10 am-4 pm Willowoughby Library

Learn and Play Chess Club Join us for an informal gathering of chess enthusiasts including instruction and play, fun and refreshments! No registration needed. All ages and chessboards welcome. Saturday, March 30, 12-4 pm Willowoughby Library

I want to go to the KidShow!



Calling All Artists!

COLORING CONTEST

PRIZES

1st Place ages 4-6:

Creatology Color-In Train

2nd Place ages 4-6:

Bunchems Bunch & Build

1st place ages 7-10:

Creatology Art Set

2nd Place ages 7-10:

Rock Paint Kit

Coloring Contest Entry Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Age Group (circle one): 4-6 7-10

Drop off completed entries at the March 23 & 24 KidShow at Great Lakes Mall in Mentor. Entries will be accepted at Michaels' booth in front of Build-A-Bear or can be dropped off at the Michaels store located at 7900 Plaza Blvd./Mentor. Deadline for entries is 5:00pm on March 24, 2019.

Contest Rules

1. One entry per child.
2. Entries can be colored using crayons, markers or colored pencils.
3. All entries must include child's name, address, phone, email and age.
4. All entries must be submitted by 5:00pm on Sunday, March 24, 2019.
5. Winning entries will be displayed at Michaels until April 8, 2019.
6. All entries become the property of Michaels.
7. Winners will be notified by phone on March 27, 2019.
8. Decision of the judges is final.

Sponsors:

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Where Creativity Happens™

COUNTY KIDS

21st Annual KidShow
Anything & Everything About Kids!

March 23 & 24 at Great Lakes Mall
KidShowInfo.com

MARCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOW THROUGH MARCH 10

Quilts 2019

Lake Metroparks Farmpark. Quilts 2019 is the 28th annual Quilt Show at Farmpark, displaying works from a nationally-known featured artist and a juried show of regional quilters. Enjoy more than 200 beautiful quilted works, including traditional bed quilts, contemporary wall art and apparel. Information about the quilts, including artist name, city and story behind their work is posted on each piece. Mark your calendars for the Quilt Vendor Event (Friday-Sunday, March 1 to 3), a jam-packed three days of quilts, demonstrations and shopping for all your quilting needs. Regular Farmpark admission or membership applies. Please leave your pets at home!

MARCH 1

Teen Ignite the Ice DJ NIGHT

8:30 – 10:30pm. Mentor Civic Ice Arena, 8600 Munson Rd, Mentor. Teens ages 12+ Bring your Friends for a fun filled evening of ice skating with the DJ playing your favorite music!!! Tunes provided by All About You Entertainment. Free promotional giveaways and theme nights. Cost \$10 (includes skate rental). You must skate to enter.

MARCH 2

Wildwood Micro Con

Wildwood Cultural Center 7645 Little Mountain Rd, Mentor. 10:00 AM - 4:00 P.M. This first annual multi-genre entertainment and comic micro convention event has a to lot offer! This micro con is tightly packed with: appearance and signing by writer David Booher, strolling magic by Dustin Kaiser. Local comic and gaming vendors, kids and adult activities, costume contest, music, food for purchase and much, much more. Resident \$5 / Nonresident \$5

MARCH 2 & 3, 9 & 10, 16 & 17, 23 & 24

Snö Dâys - Winter Weekends

(Sat. & Sun. 10am-8pm) Plan to spend the weekend at the Snö Châlet at Punderson this season for waffles and indoor/outdoor winter fun. Indulge in our featured authentic Belgian Waffles, warm comfort food and espresso drinks

while enjoying FREE snow tubing with tow lift (weather permitting), GIANT board games, WiFi, campfire s'mores, hiking and more. Adult supervision is required. Snö Châlet at Punderson State Park • 440-773-2520

MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Burton is Pancake Town USA

Pancake breakfasts are served in different locations all around town. Maple syrup and candy making demonstrations at the Log Cabin on the square. Burton Chamber of Commerce 440.834.4204 burtonchamberofcommerce.org

MARCH 9

The Lake County Master Gardener 2019 Home Gardener' Workshop

8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lakeland Community College. Master Gardener volunteers from the Ohio State University Lake County office will host the home gardeners workshop. Learn gardening tips on a number of topics. Educational materials will be provided. This year's theme is "The More You Know, The More You'll Grow." The cost of the workshop is \$48, and includes a continental breakfast and buffet lunch. There will be two morning and two afternoon educational sessions. Pre-registration is highly recommended. lake.osu.edu/home

MARCH 9 THROUGH MAY 12

Ebb & Flow: The Magic of Water Spring Art Show

FREE admission The Ebb & Flow: The Magic of Water Spring Art Show opens with a free reception to meet the artists with demonstrations and light refreshments noon to 4 pm Saturday, March 9. The show will then be open 9 am to 5 pm daily through May 12. Artwork is available for purchase. Admission is free. Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road in Kirtland (44094). For more information, visit lakemetroparks.com/events.

MARCH 9

"One World Many Cultures" Benefit

Proceeds from this variety performance benefit FAA's Sarah Weeden Richardson Minority Scholarship Fund.

Corning Auditorium at The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Wil-

loughby 44094 \$10/general admission Call 440-951-7500 or visit www.fineartsassociation.org for tickets and further information.

MARCH 13

"For the Glory of God-in Glass"

The Fine Arts Association Women's Committee Luncheon/Program Series. Dr. Ronald J. Taddeo, M.D. gives the history of man-made, stained glass, dating back to 3500 B.C., using over 100 images of glass creations. Corning Auditorium at The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby 44094 \$15/ Women's Committee members; \$18/ non-members Call 440-951-7500 x103 for reservations and information.

MARCH 15-17

The 47th Annual Lakeland Jazz Festival

The oldest jazz festival in the state of Ohio returns this year for another celebration of this uniquely American art form - jazz. The festival runs March 15-17, 2019, in the Dr. Wayne L. Rodehorst Performing Arts Center in the D-Building. For more information on Lakeland's Jazz Festival, including the schedule of schools, see Lakeland's Jazz Festival website. Tickets can be purchased by calling 440.525.7134 or online at lakelandcc.edu/arts.

MARCH 16 & 17

Railfest 2019 Model Train Show

Lakeland Community College (AFC) 7700 Clocktower Dr. Kirtland. 10 am to 4 pm. National Model Railroad Association MCR Div. 5 Is Celebrating 32 years of Railfest at Lakeland Community College. Admission \$7.00 each, \$12.00 Two Day Pass, \$12.00 Family, Free Parking – Shuttle Bus service available (free) This is the largest two day continuous running ALL Gauge Train Show in Ohio! See 13 Operating Layout in many differ-

ent scales. 110 + Dealers and over 420 tables to view, see exhibitors with all scales of trains and accessories for sell and trade, video tapes, train ride information, and historical displays.

This year we have many new vendors which will add a fresh look to the show. This is the place to look for and find you're hard to find items and your train treasures. Enjoy our Food Service train show specials!

MARCH 30

Painesville's March Madness Skills Zone

Want to really get into college basketball's March Madness? Basketball fans ages 5 to 12 will not want to miss Painesville Recreation's March Madness Skills Zone. Boys and girls will be able to show off their skills at the three-point contest, agility/skills challenge and much more! The event is FREE and open to the public. Questions: 440-392-5912 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Lake Erie College

MARCH 31

Kaleidoscope Concert Series

The Fine Arts Association Community Chorus performs St. Cecilia Mass by Charles Gounod, Sancta Mater and Cantus Lacrimosa by Karl Jenkins from his Stabat Mater. Painesville United Methodist Church, 71 N. Park Place, Painesville. FREE Admission. Call 440-951-7500 or visit www.fineartsassociation.org for further information.

MARCH 31

Family Yoga Hike

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. Holden Arboretum, 9500 Sperry Rd, Kirtland. Cost: \$5 per person, members; \$10 per person, non-members. Get rid of your case of cabin fever by joining Darlene Kelbach for a fusion of hiking and yoga. Awaken your flow and enjoy a refreshing outdoor yoga practice.





Youth Sports Program



AVIATORS BASKETBALL

Spring Season

- April 9 – May 23
- Games played on Sunday afternoon and Monday & Wednesday nights: (5:40, 6:30 & 7:20 PM)
- Registration deadline - March 25, 2018

Summer Season

- TBA
- Games played on Sunday afternoon and Monday & Wednesday nights: (5:40, 6:30 & 7:20 PM)
- Registration deadline - June 1, 2017

League Features:

- 10-game season
- 4 Divisions:
 - ★ Boys Grades 9-12
Players only, no coaches
 - ★ Boys 7th & 8th grade
 - ★ Girls 7th & 8th grade
 - ★ Boys 5th & 6th grade
- Team fee of \$685/team
- Individual player fee of \$85/player
- Roster size of 9-12 players
- Includes mesh reversible game jersey
- Certified OHSAA officials, mandatory playing times
- 12+ years of history – thousands of happy "alumni"

Aviators contact info:

Bob Forrai (Program Director) – (440) 488-4809
Ed Strauss @ (440) 602-4000 ext. 225
E-mail – RMPVJAA7@yahoo.com
or enroll online @ LNSportspark.com



MIKE MORAN BASKETBALL CAMPS

- Most respected basketball camp program in the area
- Mike Moran (Head BB Coach at John Carroll University), plus several HS and college coaches & players comprise a top-notch coaching staff
- Boys' session – Open to boys ages 7-15
Session #1: June 18-June 22
Session #2: June 25-June 29
- Week-long program (M-F) from 8:45 am-3:15 pm
- Weekly tuition fee is \$175.00
- Early registration discount of \$15 to campers who register and pay in full prior to May 15, 2018
- All campers receive T-shirt & basketball

Sign-up early!
Spots fill up quickly!

Call Mike Moran @ (440) 338-8092
or LNSP @ (440) 602-4000 ext. 225

AVIATORS BB SKILLS & DRILLS TRAINING PROGRAM

Skills & Drills training is open to boys and girls (6th-8th grade) who are looking for focused instruction and guidance with individual skill work, athletic development, BB fundamentals, technique, footwork and team drills.

- 12 sessions (18 hours) on Tues & Thurs from 5:30 – 7:00 PM;
- Session runs from April 3 – 26
- Beginners & less experienced players welcome
- Fee of \$85

Contact Bob Forrai at (440) 488-4809
or enroll online @ LNSportspark.com



BASEBALL SKILLS CLINICS:

- 8 Week Session
- 9 U: Sundays 12 - 1 pm
- 10 - 13 yr olds: Thursdays 7 - 8 pm
- March 8 - April 29
- Cost: \$110/Player
- Drills on Pitching, Fielding & Hitting Mechanics
- Director: Russ Herbert



Contact Ed Strauss
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38630 Jet Center Drive, Willoughby
 North of Route 2 off Lost Nation Rd.



LIL SLUGGERS

- Introduction to baseball for kids from 2-5 years of age
- 4-6 kids per instructor



Call Dave Boyza @ (440) 223-6827

LIL KICKERS

- Child development program based on soccer
- 18 months-6 years



Call Dan @ (440) 602-4000 ext. 229

SOCGER 101

- Ages 6 - 10, next level after Lil Kickers
- Foot Skills & Fun Competitive Scrimmages
- Saturdays (11 am), 12 week session (\$168) + registration fee (\$15)

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