

2020



# Summer Camp Guide

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## Fine art fun at Rabbit Run

It's not too soon to think about plans for the summer. Kids of all ages will have tons of fun discovering hidden talents all summer long in many different fine arts camps available at Rabbit

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Run Community Arts Association (RRCAA) in Madison.

**Youth Art Camp** is for anyone who likes to be creative and maybe make a mess in the process. In these one-week camps, 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 22 through June 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. Art Camp for ages 7 through 11 meets June 29 through July 3, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon. Preschool Art Camp meets July 27 through July 31, 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 15 through June 19.

Campers delve into all areas of the theater arts including drama, music, dance, costumes, make-up, and stage craft in both Junior Theater Camp for ages 4 through 8 and Explorer's Camp for ages 8 through 15. Campers get plenty of fresh air as the theater camps are held at Stanton Park in Madison Township.

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**, June 8 through June 12 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 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Just for Juniors Camp**, for children ages four through eight, runs from 9



a.m. to noon, June 8 through June 12. Just for Juniors is a one-week camp which introduces young children to the world of theater through song, dance and lots of imagination.

To register or for more information, call RRCAA at 440-428-5913 or visit [www.rabbitrunonline.org](http://www.rabbitrunonline.org).

Rabbit Run Community Arts As-

sociation 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.

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- For specific programs and dates, please visit:  
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## Here's why working parents love Lakeland's summer camps

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Lakeland's summer camps are fun and educational! Parents and campers can choose from two types:

**College for Kids** – Science, art, music, technology and more - this academic-based camp is so much fun that they won't realize that they're learning! 8-week, 4-week, 3 or 5-day-a-week options. Designed for children entering grades 1-6 in the fall, 2020.

**Musical Theater and Production Camp** – this is designed for children interested in theater and acting, sets and props. Learning to produce a show

on stage and in the spotlight has never been more fun! Appropriate for children entering grades 5-12 in the fall, 2020.

*Here's what parents love about our camps:*

### Drop off early – pick up late

A drop off time of 7:30 a.m. is great for parents who need to get to the office early. Pick up can be as late as 6 p.m.

### Academic setting

All programs are expertly developed by credentialed staff to be age appropriate and fun!

These camps fill quickly.

*Request a 2020 brochure by emailing [lakelandcc.edu/camps](mailto:lakelandcc.edu/camps).*



## Summer at Laurel

### Adventure, Art, Theatre, Sports Camps and More!

Campers and parents rave about Summer at Laurel. The dedicated Laurel School faculty members bring their passion and creativity to each program to ensure an energetic and caring environment where the potential of every camper is nurtured and developed. Laurel's summer offerings reflect the School's expertise and include opportunities for girls and boys

age 24 months through Grade 12, including art, STEM, theatre, academic courses, sports and adventure programs. In addition, Laurel has partnered with the Cleveland Museum of Art, Heights Youth Theatre, Little Medical School and Drobots Company to take advantage of the expertise these organizations have in delivering high-quality programs for campers.

Laurel's specialized programs are the perfect way to explore new interests or delve deeper into an existing passion. Day campers will enjoy days filled with nature exploration, crafts, field trips, creek-walking, games, making new friends and much more.

Flexible one-week sessions with half- or full-day options, shuttle service



between campuses, lunch, plus before-and after-camp care, make this an ideal camp for parents and campers alike. Laurel's Lyman Campus is conveniently located in Shaker Heights, Ohio. The beautiful 150-acre Butler Campus is situated in Russell Township featuring a 1,600-square-foot Magic Tree House, state-of-the-art fitness center, Project Adventure Ropes Course, spectacular fields, tennis courts, creeks and trails for exploring.

Register online at [www.LaurelSchool.org/Summer](http://www.LaurelSchool.org/Summer). Questions? Contact the Summer at Laurel Office: [Summer@LaurelSchool.org](mailto:Summer@LaurelSchool.org) or 216-455-3065.

**Laurel's Lyman Campus**, One Lyman Circle, Russell Township, Ohio

**Laurel's Butler Campus**, 7420 Fairmount Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio

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## CAMP HO MITA KODA

### Summer Camp for Children with Type 1 Diabetes

Founded in 1929, Camp Ho Mita Koda is the very first and oldest operating summer camp in the country for kids with T1D!



Camp Ho Mita Koda is a coed summer camp for kids and teens with Type 1 Diabetes. Located in Newbury, Ohio, our overnight and day camp program welcomes boys and girls in grades K-11 for one-week adventure filled sessions. Activities include canoeing, kayaking, paintball, challenge course, rock climbing, drama, swimming, archery, hiking, and so much more!

14040 Auburn Road, Newbury, OH 44141

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## Vacation Camps

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Co-ed, Preschool - Grade 8

## Summer Programs

JUNE 1-JULY 31

Co-ed, Infant through College

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Located in Shaker Heights, HB offers a wide array of summer programming for boys and girls, infants through college.

Visit [hb.edu/summer](http://hb.edu/summer) to browse through academic, athletics, adventure, theatre, and specialty camp options to create your own one-of-a-kind experience.

We offer flexible scheduling. Call 216.320.8085 for details.

## Experience fun at Camp Whitewood

For over 75 years, Camp Whitewood has been committed to fostering a safe, fun, engaging, and positive environment for children to learn and grow. Our goal is to provide the highest quality Summer Camp experience at an economical price. At Camp Whitewood, we believe every child should be given the opportunity to experience the magic of Camp. As an American Camping Association accredited camp, Camp Whitewood is held to the highest national standards for camping. Camp Whitewood is a safe and welcoming place for all children and we constantly strive to be a bully-free zone. Any child can attend Whitewood, regardless of 4-H membership.

We also offer Day Camp for children ages 6-11. This gives your young adventurer the chance to experience everything Camp has to offer without spending the night.

Call today to schedule your personal tour or speak with the camp registrar.

### Activities

Here are just some of the incredible activities your camper will enjoy while at camp:

Archery  
Canoeing/Kayaking  
Stand-up Paddle Boards  
Swimming  
Water Trampoline  
Arts & Crafts  
Sports  
Atl-atls  
Riflery  
Nature Hikes  
Campfires  
Songs  
Skits  
Stories

Right is a list of our camp sessions and dates. A description of each session can be found at our website. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have. We look forward to an incredible summer. Happy camping!

**Camp Whitewood**  
7983 S. Wiswell Rd.  
Windsor, OH 44099  
440-272-5275

campwhitewood1940@gmail.com  
Website: 4hcampwhitewood.com

Week	Resident Camp 2020	Dates	Ages	Camp Fee
1	Presented by Lake/Columbiana/Stark Counties 4-H Camp	June 7-13	8-14	\$330
1	Explorer Camp 1	June 10-13	7-12	\$185
2	Geauga & Trumbull Counties 4-H Camp (Sun-Fri)	June 14-19	8-14	\$305
2	Level 1 Wilderness Camp (co-ed)	June 14-17	9-14	\$200
3	Presented by Ashtabula County 4-H Camp	June 21-27	8-14	\$330
4	Level 2 Wilderness Camp (co-ed)	June 28-July 1	13-17	TBD
5	Portage & Mahoning Counties 4-H Camp (Sun-Fri)	June 28-July 3	8-14	\$305
6	Junior Camp	July 12-18	7-12	\$340
6	Senior Camp	July 12-18	13-16	\$340
6	Leader-In-Training	July 12-18	16-18	\$175
7	Junior Camp	July 19-25	7-12	\$340
7	Senior Camp	July 19-25	13-16	\$340
7	Leader-In-Training	July 19-25	16-18	\$175

### Day Camp Sessions \$180 per week, \$30 additional for overnight

Day Camp Dates	Overnight	Description
June 8-12	6/11	Our Young Adventurers Day Camp offers children ages
June 15-19	6/18	6 to 11 the opportunity to experience the endless possibilities
June 22-26	6/25	of Camp Whitewood without spending the night. Day Campers
June 28- July 3	No Overnight	will spend their days doing all sorts of exciting camp activities
July 6-10	7/9	including swimming, boating, crafts, hiking, fishing, creek
July 13-17	7/16	walking, archery, and so much more! Drop-off is at 8 am and
July 20-24	7/23	pick up is at 5 pm. Campers must pack their own lunch.
July 27- July 31	7/30	An afternoon snack is provided. You may also pick up at 3 pm
August 3-7	8/6	if necessary. Overnights are optional and include dinner that
August 10-14	8/13	evening and breakfast and lunch the following day.





# LAKE METROPARKS SUMMER DAY CAMPS



## Spend this summer in the parks!

- Extended care available for most camps
- Camps for ages 4 to 16
- Complete camp listings online and in *Parks Plus!* activity guide





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**Register at lakemetroparks.com or call 440-358-7275.**



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## Camp Ho Mita Koda!

Ho Mita Koda! That's Sioux for "Welcome my friend!" Founded in 1929 by Dr. Henry and Betty John, pioneers in the use of insulin to treat diabetes, Camp Ho Mita Koda stands as the oldest and longest running summer camp for Type 1 Diabetes in the U.S.

Located on 72 beautiful wooded acres in Newbury, OH (25 miles east of Cleveland), Camp Ho Mita Koda is home to 400 children each summer and over 30 unique activities and programs. Campers learn lifelong diabetes management skills in a fun, interactive, and age-appropriate setting. Our lifestyle enhancing programs empower campers to manage their diabetes, make healthy choices, take personal responsibility, and build self-esteem, friendships, and a life-long support network.

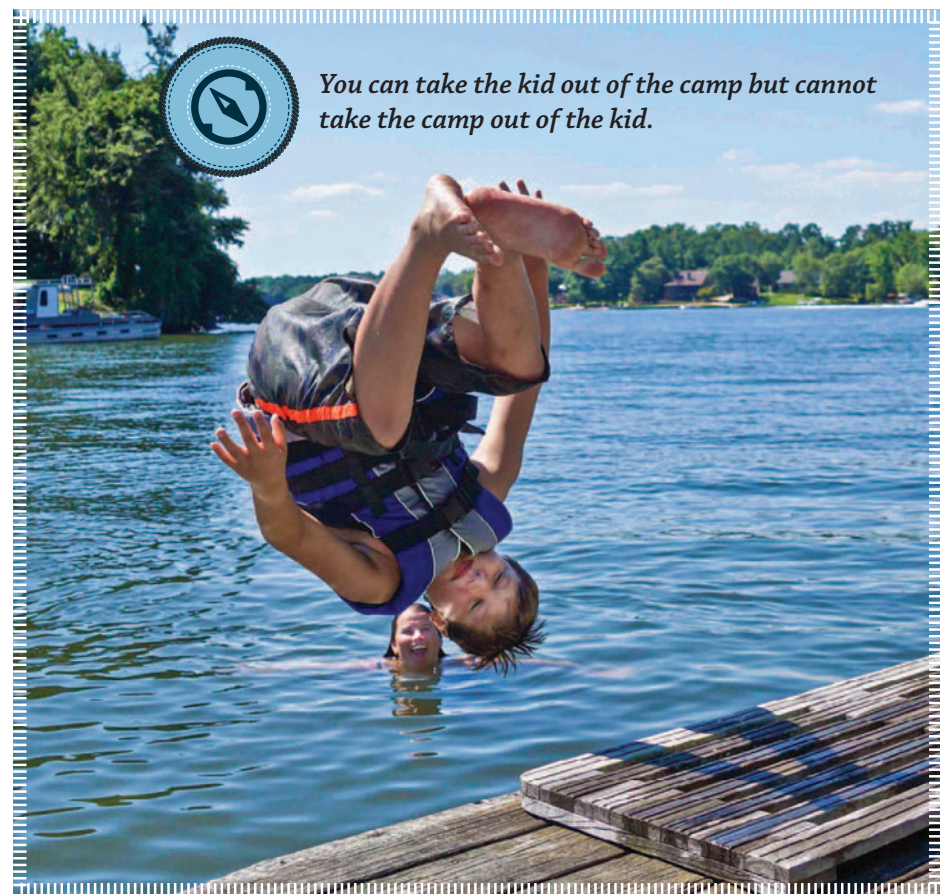
Around-the-clock supervision is provided by experienced, licensed physicians and nurses from northeast Ohio's top-ranked medical institu-

tions; trained counselors - many of whom have diabetes and are camp alumni; registered dietitians attending to menus and camper nutrition needs; program specialists at each camp activity; certified lifeguards; and a Camp Director in charge of all camp operations. Minimum staff to camper ratio is 1 to 5.

Surrounded by friends and a world-class staff, every camper learns to 'stretch'...spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially. Self-assured in these new skills, campers come away with a strong foundation for living their best life, increased capabilities and newfound independence in managing their own personal T1D journey.

**For more information on current dates, rates, programs, events, and more, please visit us at [www.camphomitakoda.org](http://www.camphomitakoda.org) or reach out at [info@camphomitakoda.org](mailto:info@camphomitakoda.org) or 440-739-4095.**

Camp Ho Mita Koda 14040 Auburn Road Newbury, OH 44065



*You can take the kid out of the camp but cannot take the camp out of the kid.*

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# Falcon Camp “Ohio’s Coolest Camp”

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schedule within a general framework, and daily activities are separate with planned coed events. Riding, sailing, swimming, riflery, crafts, tennis, drama, archery and so many more activities are offered. Instruction from beginner to advanced is offered in each activity.

We have a strong reputation for

making sure a camper’s first overnight experience is very positive. Our non-competitive environment is inviting to campers who may be hesitant to try something they have never done before, while our awards system challenges our most experienced campers. The 1:4 staff/camper ratio allows individual instruction and attention. Most of all it’s great fun!

The health and safety of our campers is always a primary concern. Our health professionals are first rate. The kitchen serves a wonderful variety of meals that can accommodate many dietary needs.

Falcon has been independently selected as one of the “Top Ten Camps in the USA” by [EarlyChildhoodEducationZone.com](http://EarlyChildhoodEducationZone.com), as “Ohio’s Coolest Camp” by [Philly.com](http://Philly.com),

recipient of a 2019 Best of Parenting award by Cincinnati Family magazine and honored by the American Camp Association Ohio Section with their Program Excellence Award. Falcon is an outstanding opportunity for fun and learning. A summer at Falcon is a special experience where good things happen by design. ACA accredited since 1959 with many references available of campers from all over the United States and the world. Visit [www.falconcamp.com](http://www.falconcamp.com), email [info@falconcamp.com](mailto:info@falconcamp.com) or call 216/991-2489 for information.

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## 5 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 poolside, 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 noncompetitive 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.

## Camp Curiosity: Summer Science Camps Great Lakes Science Center

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Help your kids 'Stay Curious' over summer break with engaging, hands-on fun at Camp Curiosity! Kids make new friends, and memories, while they build skills in science, technology, engineering and math!

Camp Curiosity features more than 30 new camps this summer, offering amazing new challenges and unforgettable adventures for kids in preschool through eighth grade. This year, in addition to its core camps at the Science Center, Camp Curiosity will expand across Northeast Ohio and are sure to bring a camp close to you!

From LEGOs and robots, to survival skills and spy tech, campers will see how STEM is part of their everyday lives. Camp Curiosity combines problem-solving, critical thinking, excitement and fun with opportunities to build relationships in a group setting, and time to just get outside and stay active.

All camps are taught by licensed educators from throughout Northeast Ohio, assisted by camp counselors including science

professionals and college students with documented experience working with children.

Summer sessions begin June 1 at Great Lakes Science Center and include a movie in the Cleveland Clinic DOME Theater. Neighborhood school camp locations will be announced soon. Follow the Science Center on social media, sign up for our e-newsletter or visit [GreatScience.com](http://GreatScience.com) for more information.

Register by February 29 for a \$20 off early bird discount. Register by May 1 and receive \$10 off the price. Discounts are also available for multi-week registration and returning camp alumni. Science Center members always save \$20 per camp. Before- and after-care is available at the Science Center. The Science Center offers need-based scholarships as well, which allow us to provide summer day camp opportunities to underserved youth.

**Camps sell out quickly, so register soon. For more information and to register call 216-621-2400 or visit [GreatScience.com](http://GreatScience.com)**



*Camp is where I learned about me; facing fears, trying new things, pushing my boundaries and accepting myself.*



# Imagine summer, think Hawken!



*Summer programs for boys and girls ages 4-18.*

Hawken Summer Programs provide some of the best summer enrichment opportunities in Greater Cleveland. Campers can choose from a broad menu of programs that are specifically designed to be age-appropriate, fun, and worthwhile.

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**Hawken Day Camps** provide a variety of exciting and challenging activities led by experienced professionals. While your child enjoys a four or six-week session, 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 (pre-kindergarten - grade 5), Boys Sports Camp (grades 4 - 8), and Girls Lifetime Adventure Camp (Grades 4 - 8).

**Passport Camps** offer unique week-long, full and half-day opportunities to learn, create, and explore. Families can piece together a summer of courses or choose a one-week adventure. Camp topics include science; the performing and visual arts; design and construction; leadership; cooking; world language and culture; games, sports, and fitness; technology and creativity; and mythology, mystery, and adventure.

**Hawken Innovation Camps** for students ages 7 -12, housed inside the new 2-story Innovation Lab on the Lyndhurst campus, offer access to this world-class design space and making tools and machines. These camps allow campers of all abilities a way to build, tinker, and invent while learning valuable skills like coding, woodshop, laser cutting, and 3D design with our trained and experienced faculty men-

tors. These well supervised trips are once in a lifetime opportunities for making lasting memories.

**Hawken Athletics Camps** offer skill-driven instruction for campers seeking to improve their skills in soccer basketball, lacrosse, football, field hockey, tennis, and volleyball.

**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, mathematics, history, health studies, and PSAT/SAT strategies.

Come join the fun! Camps run at varying intervals between June and August. For more information, contact [summerprograms@hawken.edu](mailto:summerprograms@hawken.edu), 440.423.2940, or visit [www.hawken.edu/summer](http://www.hawken.edu/summer).

## Come ride with us at the Lake Erie College Therapeutic Riding Center, Lake County's only PATH Int'l Premier Accredited facility!

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Children ages 8-14 years old with special needs can experience the joy of riding, grooming, and caring for horses during their horsemanship lessons. Students participate in a variety of fun and creative mounted activities to increase their confidence, improve physical

strength, and develop problem-solving skills. Friendships grow with their classmates, volunteer team, and equine partners which foster independence, improved language skills, and better impulse control.

Every student receives a personal evaluation to determine if our program is right for them. Lessons begin in June and run through August.

Learn more about our therapeutic

riding program at [lec.edu/therapeutic-horsemanship](http://lec.edu/therapeutic-horsemanship).

\*Volunteers ages 14 and up with or without horse experience are also needed to support the riders in our program.

Go to [lec.edu/thvolunteer](http://lec.edu/thvolunteer) to learn how you can help.

George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center, 8031 Morley Road in Mentor, Ohio 44060



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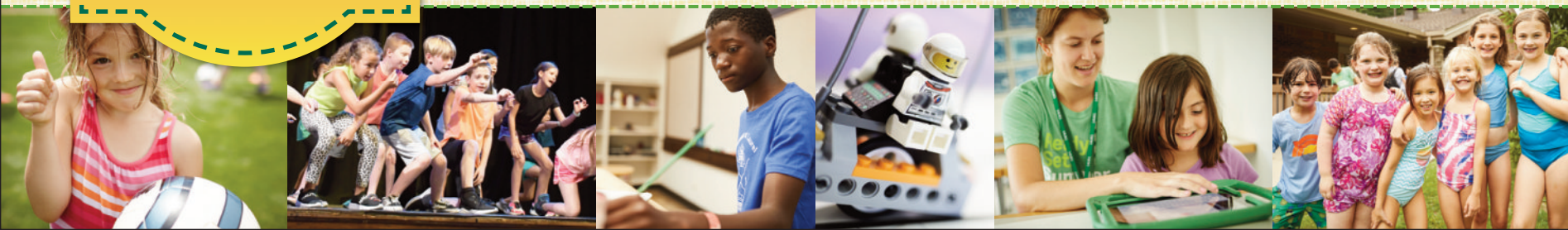
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## Lake Metroparks Summer Day Camps LET'S GO TO CAMP!

Children who have direct access to nature are better learners, have increased attention spans and have lower stress levels.

Join us as we prepare for another fun-filled and adventure-packed summer camp season! We have a summer day camp experience for children ages 4 to 16! 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.

Not only are Lake Metroparks day camps fun, entertaining and educational, they are also affordable! Extended care hours for before and/or after camp hours are offered for certain camps. This is not an extension of camp. During this time, campers can read, play games or enjoy other quiet activities.

### NEW Summer Day Camps

**Enchanted Farm** (Ages 4 & 5): Let the fairytale theme help guide our week of camp. We will do crafts, read stories and meet animals.

**Fairytale Farm Camp** (Ages 7 to 11): Enjoy the farm as we make fairytale-themed crafts, read stories about famous fairytale characters and meet farm animals.

**Choose your Own Adventure** (Ages 11 to 15): Join us for a week of exploration and adventure as we search for fantastic creatures, look to the stars, journey through forests and creeks, learn outdoor skills and more as you seek your own great adventure.

**Science of Agriculture** (Ages 11 to 15): Engineer the future! Explore different types of engineering from mechanical to chemical to electrical. Learn the science behind everyday objects to sailboats! Then use that knowledge to innovate!

### RETURNING FAVORITES

**My First Nature Camp** (Ages 5 & 6): A camp just for preschoolers! Explore the natural world and use your imagination. Make new friends, play fun games and learn about animals. Surprise visitors may drop by too! No extended care available.

**Explore the Beach Camp** (Ages 6 to 11): Come explore Lake Metroparks Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park beach. Each week will include themed activities as well as everyday beach activities.

**It's A Wild Life! Camp** (Ages 8 to 12): Join us for a week at the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center with live animals, behind the scenes peeks, animal training and enrichment, and other wild activities. We'll take a field trip too!

**Boat Camp** (ages 12 to 16): After dry land training, learn how to canoe, kayak, sail, and drive a powerboat.

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# Summer Camps that fit your schedule

From the littlest campers at age three through high school grads, The Fine Arts Association offers theatre, art, dance, music and creative arts therapy camps perfect for all!

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Camps range from one week to six weeks long and offer arts experiences for all ability levels and interests. Before camp care is FREE from 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. for a variety of summer camps.

Campers grades K-5 can experience all the arts during "All the Arts Camp", a multi-art camp designed to immerse students in theatre, visual arts, and music explorations!

"I love All the Arts Camp because I can be myself and make new friends who like art, too." said camper, Sarah T.

After Karen J.'s son came home from the last day of Theatre Arts Camp, she said

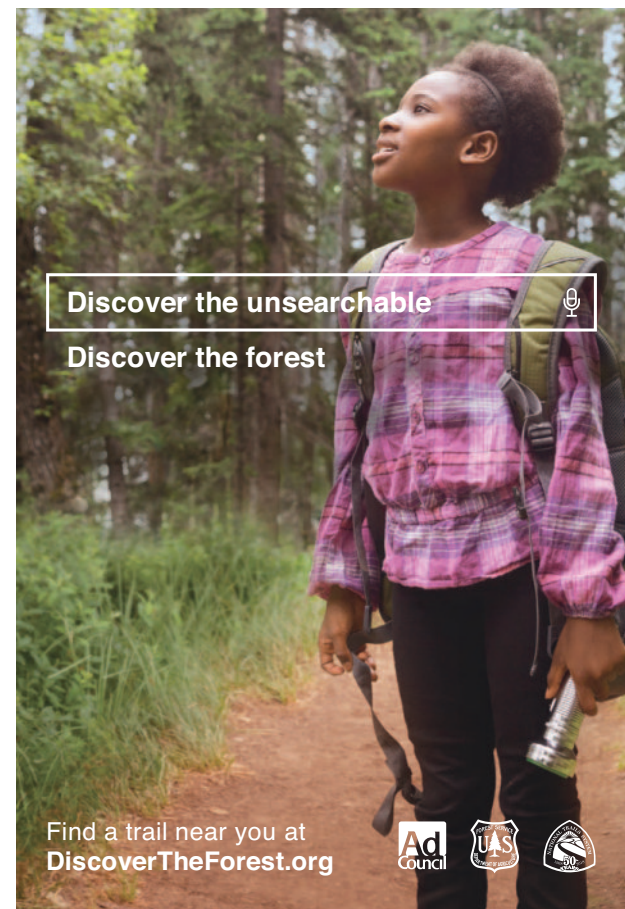
"The Fine Arts Association gave my son the boost of confidence he needed to go into the next school year. He truly grew throughout the weeks of Theatre Arts Camp Jr.! Through singing, dancing, and acting, I could not believe what he and the others achieved in six short weeks! He told me he wants to come back next year. As a mother, I am proud of my son for being dedicated to the arts at such a young age!"



Stay tuned for FAA's annual summer pARTy at the end of August to kick off a creative spin to the school year. The event is free and full of entertainment, food, art, games and fun!

The summer camps begin in May. Be sure to register early to save your spot! Summer session classes and private lessons begin June 15. If you would like a tour of FAA, please visit us at 38660 Mentor Ave. Willoughby, Ohio 44094.

Check out all of FAA's summer camps, classes and workshops at [fineartsassociation.org](http://fineartsassociation.org) or by calling (440) 951-7500 x100.



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This summer, campers will get the opportunity to kayak on Lake Kelso at Burton Wetlands Nature Preserve – a park location that can only be explored with a park naturalist. Says Naturalist Karie

Wheaton: "I know they are going to love it!"

Kayaking returns to this year's schedule as well as hiking, geocaching, biking, building and launching model rockets, exploring and fishing. Registration begins March 20 at 440-286-9516 or [www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org). For fees and additional details, please visit our website under Activities, then Naturalist-Led Experiences.

Geauga Park District's 8th annual camps will be offered in week-long form for youth entering grades 5-7 the

weeks of June 8, July 6, July 13, July 27 and August 3. The week of June 15, 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 15 and July 20. Both of these weeks will include the popular high ropes course fun at Claridon Woodlands as well as archery! Plus, single-day "X-Treme Adventures" will be held July 9 (X-treme Kayak Adventures), July 16 (X-treme High Ropes Adventure) and July 23 (X-treme Biking Adventures).

"My son, who is almost 11, dreads it when I sign him up for any kind of summer camp, but he really enjoyed this one," wrote one parent after last year's camps. Wrote another, "My son loved camp! He was so excited to come home and tell me about all his wonderful experiences. The staff was knowledgeable and very friendly."

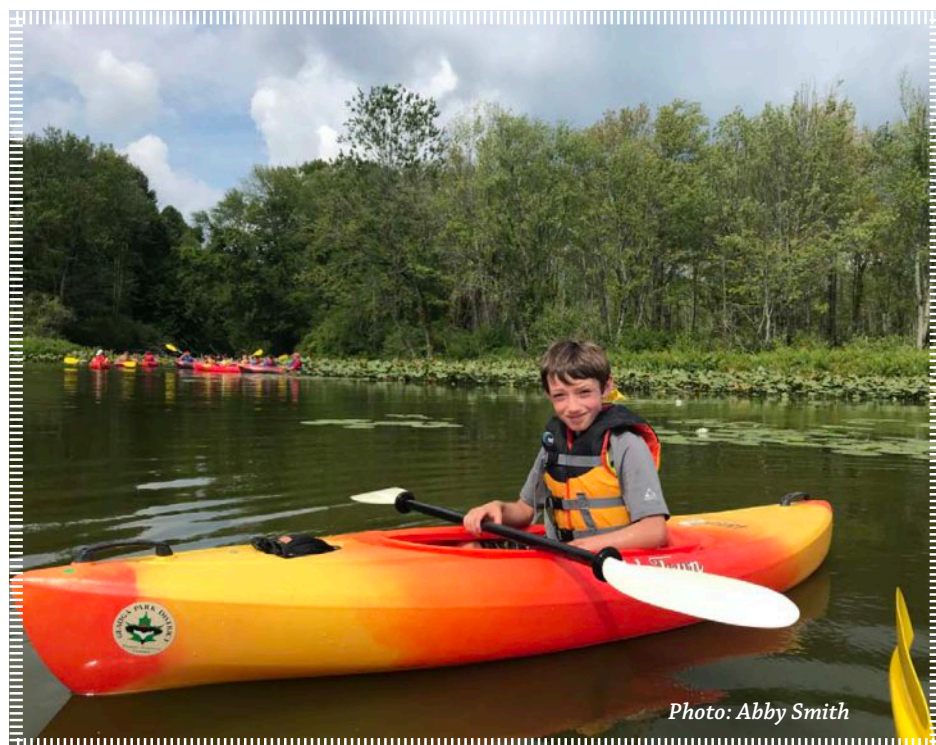


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In addition to the flagship Broad Horizons day camp for preschoolers through eighth graders, the school offers a host of athletics, academic, and adventure programs each June, July, and August, many of which are co-ed. Choose your own adventure at HB this summer and create a full itinerary of learning and fun designed just for you.

Upper School classrooms continue to buzz with ideas, as Summer Studies classes tackle topics from Antietam to atomic numbers. Blazer Nation is well represented in the gymnasium and on Wolf Field in the summer too, with varsity athletes assisting in teaching the finer points of shooting a free throw or

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making a scoring play. Test your mettle in the outdoor adventure Leading for Life program, make your violin sing at Strings Camp, persuade the judges to rule in your favor at Speech & Debate Camp, and much more.

For those interested in the stage, Hathaway Brown Theatre Institute provides top-notch training opportunities in drama, dance, and music. Not only do the participants have the chance to earn roles in full-scale productions, they also have a great time.

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outdoor explorations, lunchtime, and a Sharing Day program for family and friends at the end of each week. Themes vary each week and include "Wild Things," "On with the Show," "Jingle in July," and "Art Tales." Early Childhood Arts Camps for ages 3-5 are designed just like the Adventures camps with themes that include "In the Jungle," "Snow Days," and "Fairy Tales." A snack



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## Simple STEM Activities to Do at Home

(Family Features) Winter is the season for family gatherings, snow days and breaks from school and work, but all this time indoors can lead to a serious case of cabin fever for both children and adults. Before you face another chorus of “I’m bored,” consider these simple activities you and your child can do together when winter weather or schedules have you stuck indoors.

Each activity idea from the experts at KinderCare can help children build

foundational skills they’ll need for success in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) areas so you can combine fun and learning.

### Infants

Most babies love sensory baskets, and it’s easy to make one at home. Fill a basket or low-sided container with materials in a variety of shapes, textures, weights, smells and sounds for your baby to explore. While your baby explores the materials and develops hand-eye coordination, describe what

he or she is doing, seeing, feeling, hearing or tasting to help build his or her vocabulary.

### Toddlers

Show your toddler how to make ramps by stacking blocks or small cardboard boxes and placing one edge of a piece of cardboard on top. Invite your child to gather toy vehicles or balls and other objects to see how they roll. Gather objects that will roll and a few that won’t. Encourage your child to ask questions and experiment with ramps of different heights. These experiments in force and motion can help develop your child’s understanding about how different objects behave on inclines.

### Preschool (3-4-year-olds)

Invite your child to observe from a safe distance as you boil 1 cup red cabbage in 2 cups water. As the water turns purplish, drain it into a clear container. After the water cools, invite your child to measure a small amount of white vinegar and stir it in while observing what happens as additional vinegar is added. Next, have your child

measure a small amount of baking soda or milk and stir it in to observe even more changes. Exploration, experimentation and observation are all key STEM skills.

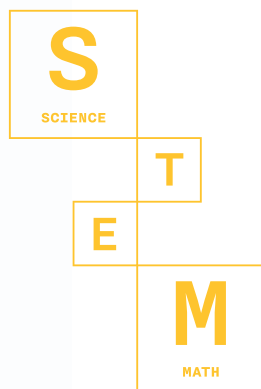
### Pre-Kindergarten (4-5-year-olds)

Gather a variety of craft items, building toys and recycled materials like construction paper, markers, pipe cleaners, craft sticks, fabric scraps, glue sticks, tape, scissors, blocks, interlocking toys, paper towel rolls, tissue boxes, cardboard, lids and plastic food containers. Place the materials you’ve gathered in a bag. Give your child the “tinker bag” and some space to build. Invite him or her to explore the materials, create something and share it with you as a way to build engineering skills and curiosity. Limiting the number of materials children have to work with can often create more opportunities for problem solving and innovation.

### School Ages

Gather a few containers from your recycle bin, such as plastic food con-

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ainers, tin cans or cracker boxes. Talk with your child about how some things typically thrown away or recycled can be reused for the same purpose or a new one. When items are reused, the amount of waste that ends up in landfills is reduced. Invite your child to select one of the containers and decide on a new use for it. When your child is

finished creating something new using on-hand craft materials, ask him or her to share the innovation with you. Give your child feedback in the same way engineers do by giving a compliment, asking a question or offering a suggestion.

For more activity ideas, visit [kindercare.com](http://kindercare.com).

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Course curriculum will also include radio use, boater education certificate and hands-on use of equipment.

### Registration information

NOTE: Lake Metroparks has a new registration software system. This system requires all customers to create an account login, username and password in order to access program registration, facility reservations and Farmpark membership purchases. To create a new account, visit <http://goto.lakemetroparks.com/new-registration-account-setup>. During the account setup process, you will need to enter each family member you anticipate registering for any program, current or future.

If you have had a Farmpark membership within the past three years or have a facility reservation with Lake Metroparks in 2020, an account was established for you. An email message from [lakemetroparks@vermontsystems.com](mailto:lakemetroparks@vermontsystems.com) contains directions on how to access your account. If you need assistance,

please call the Registration & Visitor Services Department Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at 440-358-7275. A registration specialist will be happy to assist you.

Pre-registration is required to participate in Lake Metroparks Day Camps and extended care offerings. Register online at [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com), in person at Lake Metroparks registration department or call 440-358-7275 or 800-669-9226.

- Lake County resident registration opens on February 10.
- Open registration begins on February 17.
- Farmpark members outside Lake County may register for Farmpark camps beginning February 10.
- All Farmpark members must call registration to process member benefit for Day Camps.

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