TIME FOR Summer CAMP

> UNIVERSITY SCHOOL'S SUMMER CAMP

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# When is the right time to look into summer camp?

Summer camp provides children weeks of entertainment, camaraderie and opportunities to learn and grow. It also offers a welcome respite for parents and other caregivers from having to provide recreation for kids during summer vacation, especially if those kids will be attending a sleepaway camp.

Many children are emotionally ready to attend camp between the ages of eight and 10. Some need a little more time to mature. Parents may think they have plenty of time to investigate camps. Chances are if the weather has already warmed and summer vacation is on the horizon, then it's already too late to get kids into most summer camps.

According to HealthyChildren.org, a division of the American Academy of Pediatrics, it is important to start researching summer camps as soon as possible. Many start booking as early as January of the current term year. Furthermore, popular programs fill up quite fast. Even though summer weather may be furthest from one's mind in the middle of winter, this is the time when summer camp decisions must be made.

Start by asking for recommendations from

others. The difficulty with this approach is that many people are very protective of their camp choices, especially if the programs are particularly popular. They may not be inclined to give up the secrets to their good thing, especially if that means kids will have to compete for limited spots. Parents also should conduct an internet search of camps in the area and look at online reviews and ratings.

Find out if the camp is accredited by the American Camp Association. This will not guarantee a risk-free environment, but ACA accreditation is a better bet for providing a camp that is safe and nurturing.

Price also may be a factor in the camp decision. Camps are not all priced the same, so it may require doing some math to figure out what is the best value. Location also can be a consideration. Having to drive a long distance away for camp can be a deterrent to some people.

Rest assured that families who are a little late to the game may be able to find summer camp accommodations. But they may have to make some concessions.



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Camp Gilmour: The official camp of summer fun! With exciting offerings for children from preschool to high school, Camp Gilmour has something for everyone! Camps will be offered

from June 2-August 1.

Our nine weeks of Preschool Camp will delight children ages 3-5. Campers enjoy learning, crafts, activities and games, as well as swimming lessons in our state-of-the-art pool.

We will again host nine weeks of Day Camp for children ages 5-12. Campers can attend for the full day or combine a half day of day camp with other half-day specialty camps. Additionally, campers will enjoy special summer STEM enrichment as part of their camp experience at no additional cost.

Our week-long specialty camps provide a range of opportunities. Does your child love outdoor adventures? Fine or performing arts? Robotics? Wellness? Drones? Chess? Entrepreneurship? Sew-

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We will offer skill-specific hockey, soccer, tennis, vollevball, football, softball and cross country sports camps hosted by Gilmour coaches from these state-ranked programs. Additionally, we will offer speed training and strength and conditioning camps. Campers can hone their skills. whether they play at the recreational, CYO or high-school level.

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New this year are six-week theater intensives for children ages 8-14 and 15-18.

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Gilmour Academy is an independent, Catholic, coed school in the Holy Cross tradition. Grades K-12 and Montessori Preschool (18 months-Preschool) gilmour.org



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- Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, 440-942-3362
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The Best Camp Ever! Is celebrating its 19th year and we are inviting you to be part of the fun!!

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#### Features:

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Animal Camp visits will be offered on an individual basis. Visitation must be scheduled with limited availability.

# **Rising River Farm**

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# **CALLING ALL YOUNG ADVENTURERS!** Summer Camp is back in Willoughby Hills

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The Willoughby Hills Outdoor Explorers Camp is the perfect place for your kindergartener through 5th grader to have a blast this summer. Campers

will participate in classic summer camp activities while also developing a love for nature through:

Fun and engaging activities: We offer a variety of outdoor games, competitions, river adventures, nature hikes, and more to keep your child entertained and active.

Hands-on learning: Campers will explore the beauty of Willoughby

#### **Beck Center for the Arts**,

located in Lakewood, is the place to enjoy creating arts experiences. From classes for all ages, all skill levels, all abilities, we welcome you into our theater, dance, visual arts, and music programs. Creative Arts Therapies assists those with disabilities and special needs in adapted arts classes and lessons. From free visual arts exhibitions, great for all ages, to the new outdoor pocket park, you are invited to the Beck Center campus to express yourself. Find out more about professional theater productions, youth theater productions, dance performances, and arts education programs at BeckCenter.org.

Hills parks and the North Chagrin Reservation through interactive experiences, fostering a lifelong appreciation for the environment.

Unforgettable memories: Your child will make new friends, build lasting memories, and gain a sense of accomplishment through exciting outdoor challenges.

Camp Dates: Mid-June and July dates will be announced soon.

The Willoughby Hills Outdoor Explorers Camp is open to residents of Willoughby Hills and surrounding communities.

Contact us today at WilloughbyHillsOEC@gmail.com.



#### Rabbit Run **Community Arts Association**

Art Camps Ages 3 - 16 Campers get elbow deep in paint, pastels & more as they create unique works of art.

Theater Camps Ages 4 - 15 Have a blast learning all about theater arts in a fun and traditional camp setting.

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# Imagine your unique summer of adventure!

Boys and girls can create their one-of-a-kind summer at University School! Our camps turn curiosity into adventure, creativity into craft, and fellow campers into friends. Camps are offered at both our Shaker Heights and Hunting Valley Campuses.

Summer campers can sharpen their STEM skills in Game Coding and Design Camp, or combine two passions—Minecraft and LEGO—in one of many LEGO design and building camps. Young artists can expand their abilities in The Great Create, a new Art camp, or practice the craft and collaboration of the stage in one of many new Theater camps!

New or accomplished athletes can spend their days diving deeper into something they already love like Soccer and Basketball or try something new with Squash camps or Swim! Bike! Run! - a popular beginning triathlon camp.

For the adventurous child, our campuses are an exciting location for our popular six-week Boys Day Camp for boys entering kindergarten through seventh grade. Girls and boys entering kindergarten through third grade can also experience this full-day camp for two weeks. For four-year-old boys, there are three weeks of half-day Super Summer Preschool Camp.

Other camps that take full advantage of the forest, streams, and lake of our Hunting Valley Campus include



Junior Explorers and Outdoor Adventures for boys. Our open fields are the perfect place to launch the aircraft and rockets boys and girls design and build in Aviation Challenge or Advanced Rocketry.

US offers many academicallyfocused coed courses for high school students, including science accelerator courses in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. FabLab Art is devoted to hands-on fabrication of projects using our 3D printers and plasma cutters. Artists can also refine their skills in Photography and Painting. Expand critical thinking and practice public speaking at our Speech & Debate camps for middle and high school students. There is something—and often many things—for everyone!

Learn more about these and all of University School's summer programs at www.us.edu/summer.

# **City of Willoughby Youth Summer Camps**

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Get ready for an unforgettable summer filled with adventure, personal growth, and lasting friendships with Willoughby Parks & Recreation!

Our 2025 Youth Summer Camps are designed for kids and teens ages 6+. Our camps are split into age specific groups to offer a unique blend of exciting activities, outdoor exploration, and off-site field trips that will inspire and empower every partici-

pant. Participants will be engaged in daily activities, crafts and more; we will attend weekly field trips and utilize our great city swimming pool.

Looking for a program/camp for your pre-k aged child? We also offer a 2 day per week camp for ages 4+; Mini Munchkin Camp!

In addition to our great summer camp and program offerings, be sure to check out our events and programming at our Osborne Park Pool. Don't forget about swim lessons!

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# Lake County YMCA Day Camp

Summer is a time for adventure, learning, and making unforgettable memories—and the Lake County YMCA Day Camp delivers it all! Designed for kids of all ages, our day camp offers a fun, safe, and nurturing environment where children can explore their interests, build confidence, and create lifelong friendships.

At the YMCA, we believe every child deserves a summer filled with exciting activities and personal growth. From arts and crafts to swimming, team sports, and nature exploration, there's something for everyone. Our experienced staff members are dedicated to fostering a sense of belonging and ensuring each camper has a positive and enriching experience.

In addition to fun and games, our programs focus on developing essential life skills, including teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving. Parents can feel confident knowing their children are engaged in a well-rounded program that promotes physical activity, creativity, and character development.

Conveniently located in Painesville, Madison and Willoughby along with flexible scheduling options, the Lake County YMCA Day Camp is the perfect solution for busy families. Our affordable rates and financial assistance programs make summer camp accessible to everyone. Join the Lake County YMCA Day Camp today by visiting lakecountyymca.org



#### Fine art fun at Rabbit Run

Campers discover hidden talents in many different fine arts camps this

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summer available at Rabbit 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 3 to 16, get elbow deep in paint, clay, and other mediums as they create original two- and three-dimensional works of art. Art Camps meets Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Teen Art Camp is for ages 7 through SEE PAGE 15



# **Lakeshore Dance & Gymnastics**

Lakeshore Dance & Gymnastics offers something for every age and skill level. They strive to train the total athlete in a family-friendly atmosphere. Their 27,000 square-foot facility is home to competitive teams, Prestige Dance Company & Prestige Gymnastics.

For summer 2025 Lakeshore has a few camp options! There will be day camp for those 7-12 years old, half day camps for the kiddos 3.5 to 6.5 years old & specialty 1-day camps along with skills clinics. Their website will have more camp information by February 1st! Lakeshoregym.com

Lakeshore has two large dance studios with viewing windows and custom-built professional floors. From 16 months to adults everyone can find a class to take! They have 4 competitive dance teams ranging from 4 years old to teens, that compete in all genres.





Young gymnasts, preschool to school age, have their own training space, catering to each athlete with age-appropriate equipment. This year Lakeshore added homeschool & autism specific classes to their program.

Lakeshore offers boys and girls competitive gymnastics and rhythmic gymnastics. Each team has a space designed specifically for them!

At every age, Lakeshore's quality facility, equipment, and professional staff, provide their athletes with a home away from home.

Owner, Irene Graber, is thankful for her dedicated staff and all the awesome Lakeshore families.

Lakeshore Dance and Gymnastics is located in Mayfield Village off of Wilson Mills Road at 760 Beta Drive, Suite G.

Register online at LakeshoreGym.com



#### Whether it's for one day or for one summer, camps bring all the arts together!

Create a summer of fun and creativity for your child at Fairmount Center for the Arts! Fairmount offers summer camps incorporating dance, music. theatre, and the visual arts. Children have the opportunity to grow over the summer and explore the arts through thoughtfully curated half and full-day camp options. Camps are designed for children in preschool through 8th grade. Whether your child is a budding artist, an up-and-coming actor, an inspiring dancer, or simply looking to dig into the arts, we have a camp for them. Don't miss out - registration opens January 27 at fairmountcenter.org

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# The Official Camp of Summer Fun!

# **GET THE MOST OUT OF SUMMER** AT CAMP GILMOUR

There is more fun than ever at Camp Cilmour this year. With nine weeks of new offerings and old favorites, Camp Cilmour has something for everyone. Campers ages 3 through 12 can choose from full- and half-day traditional day camp experiences, sports, fine and performing arts and specialty camps. Campers enjoy weekly field trips, arts and crafts, swimming lessons and lots of opportunities and activities designed to make new friends.

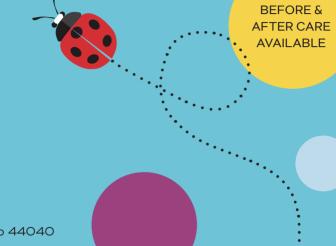
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# Build Confidence, Poise, Technique, & Lifelong Friendships



Watch your child's eyes sparkle as they grow confidence, meet new friends, become more poised and build technique in a family friendly community.

Students experience the joy of dance while developing technical and social skills. Personalized attention in small and intimate classes with patient and experienced teachers encourages each student to be their personal best! Summer camp is June 9-August 9 and we have our open house Saturday May 24. Choice of one to eight weeks.

Magical Themed Camps for ages 3-8 such as Under the Sea, Sleeping Beauty, Adventures in Wonderland and more. Children use their imagination creating props, experiencing play through choreography and costumes while learning the basics of dance in these fun and explorative camps.

Camp for dancers ages 9 and older includes building confidence, strength, and technique in ballet, jazz, choreography, musical theater, acting, dance history, classical variations and more. A placement class is recommended for dancers ages 10 and up with three or more years of experience. Advance classes for dancers 12 and older, are designed to build greater strength and refine ballet technique. Intermediate to advanced dancers take classes in pointe, jazz, modern, choreography, yoga, Pilates, conditioning, classical variations, musical theater, dance history, music, and more.

Dancers will also have a performance opportunity at the end of the summer session. Look for additional information with visiting professionals, and privates are available for the



serious dancer who desires additional growth in technique and stage presence. Register early for a magical and enlightening summer. Call for more information 216-295-2222 and a tour or visit our website at www. clevelandcitydance.com.

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# Discover the magic of summer at The Fine Arts



Discover the magic of summer at The Fine Arts Association, where creativity comes alive through our diverse range of camps! Whether your passion lies in visual arts, music, dance, theatre, or creative arts

therapies, we have the perfect experience waiting for you. Designed for all ages and abilities, our camps provide an inclusive and inspiring environment for everyone.

For young performers, TAC (Theatre Arts Camp) and TAC Jr. offer an immersive journey into the performing arts. These camps culminate in a dazzling performance on the stage, where campers showcase their hard work and newfound skills under the spotlight.

Our visual arts camps inspire creativity both inside and out, utilizing outdoor spaces to fuel imagination and connect with nature. Campers will explore various mediums, creating masterpieces to take home and cherish. Dance enthusiasts will thrive in our specialized dance camp, which explores all genres of dance. The camp concludes with a professionally crafted video, showcasing the campers' talents and growth throughout the session.

We also provide flexible scheduling with before and after camp care, ensuring a seamless experience for busy families.

Please note: Not all camps are available at both of our locations. Be sure to check the specific offerings at your preferred location.

At The Fine Arts Association, we believe in fostering creativity, building confidence, and celebrating individuality. Our camps are more than just summer activities they're a place to make lifelong memories, friendships, and discoveries.

Registration opens in February! Join us this summer and experience the transformative power of the arts. Learn more at fineartsassociation.org or call 440-951-7500 today.



#### Hiram House Camp: Adventure Awaits!

Since 1896, Hiram House has been creating unforgettable camping experiences for youth across Northeast Ohio. Nestled on 172 scenic acres in Moreland Hills, just off I-271/ Harvard Rd., our camp is the perfect outdoor getaway.

We offer exciting day and overnight camps packed with activities like horseback riding, ropes courses, archery, canoeing, hiking, farm animals, arts and crafts, nature studies, swimming, and more.

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Andrews Osborne Academy

# Summer Camp

We offer a wide array of summer programs for students from Prekindergarten - High School. Our summer camps are designed to provide a fun, safe, and enriching environment for kids to explore, learn, and grow.

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Our Location
38588 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby





## Girl Scouts are a force of nature

Summer is just around the corner, and it's time to start planning your girl's next big adventure. The best part is - all girls are welcome — no Girl Scout experience necessary! Girl Scouts are a force of nature. They were meant for outdoor adventures. Your girl is ready to rediscover the world to disconnect from technology and embrace the freedom of the woods, the sky, and water. From Overnight Camps, Day Camps, Family Camps, Travel, to Educational and STEM Camps – there is something for EVERY girl. We also have weeklong resident camps at Camps Ledgewood and Timberlane. And with classes ranging from archery, low ropes, campfire cooking, and exploring nature, your girl will experience everything that makes camp feel like camp. Girl Scout camp gives girls an opportunity to grow, explore, and have fun under the guidance of caring, trained adults. If she loves the water, Splish Splash may be her perfect Day Camp, but if she loves nature, maybe Friends of the Forest is the perfect Week-long Day Camp for the girl who's eager to learn about animals and their native habitats! Whichever camp themes she chooses, fun is sure to follow! For more information visit gsneo.org/summercamp or call Customer Care at 800.852.4474.

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Programs include:

- Day Camp (ages 6-12) & Junior Day Camp (ages 5-6): Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with optional overnight stays.
- Overnight Camp (ages 7-14): Weeklong sessions filled with adventure! Session Dates:
- Day Camp: June 9-20, June 23-July 4, July 7-18, July 21-Aug. 1, Aug. 4-8.
- Overnight Camp: June 15-20, June 22-27, June 29-July 4, July 6-11, July 13-18, July 20-25.

Convenient Before & After Camp Care is available (8-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.).

Hiram House is accredited by the American Camp Association, ensuring top-quality programs and facilities. Spaces are limited—register today by calling (216) 831-5045.

For more details and rates, visit www.hiramhousecamp.org. Adventure, fun, and friendships await!

#### Hiram House Camp "Ohio's Oldest Summer Camp"

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# Summer programs for boys and girls ages 4-18

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- Summer runs June 9-August 9
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- Open House Sat, May 24

Register early for a magical and enlightening summer. Call for more information 216-295-2222 and a tour or visit our website at www.clevelandcitydance.com



# A Summer of Fun, Adventure, and Learning at **Andrews Osborne Academy!**

When it comes to summer fun. Andrews Osborne Academy (AOA) is the place to be! Our summer camps are designed to provide children with a well-rounded, unforgettable experience filled with fun, friendship, and discovery. Whether your child is interested in science, art, sports, or theater, we have something for everyone to enjoy. With both half-day and full-day options, our camps offer flexibility for families and provide a perfect balance of learning and play. No matter their interests, AOA's summer programs ensure that each child has a summer full of adventure.

At AOA, campers can explore a wide variety of exciting themes and activities. Young explorers will love learning about animals, space, and nature in our engaging theme camps, while budding scientists will enjoy hands-on experiments in our Mad Scientist Camp. For those fascinated by dinosaurs, our Jurassic Journey camp offers a thrilling look into the prehistoric world of fossils and ancient creatures. Additionally, our sports camps cater to all skill levels, from novice to expert, offering everything from soccer and basketball to tennis and more. There's also a

theater camp for aspiring performers, a cooking camp for young chefs, and plenty of other opportunities for campers to explore their passions and try something new.

One of the standout features of AOA's summer camps is the exceptional quality of our staff. All of our camps are led by experienced AOA faculty members and professional coaches, ensuring that campers are not only having fun but also learning from the best. Our team is dedicated to creating a safe and supportive environment where children can develop new skills, gain confidence, and build lasting friendships. The low counselor-to-student ratio ensures that each camper receives individual attention, guidance, and encouragement throughout their time at camp.

What truly sets AOA's summer camps apart is our commitment to creating a welcoming environment for all children. Our camps are open to both public and private school students, giving kids the opportunity to meet new friends from different backgrounds. With a wide variety of themes and activities to choose from. parents can customize their child's **SEE PAGE 13** 





# Cedarbrook Camp of Ohio

Cedarbrook Camp of Ohio is an ACA accredited non-denominational Christian youth camp located 35 miles east of Cleveland, just south of Madison, Ohio.

Target sports, hiking, fishing, kayaking, and crafts are just a handful of activities your child can participate in. Your child will have a fun filled day exploring God's creation with His word being infused throughout.

A camper week runs Sunday afternoon - Saturday mornings. There are three girls' weeks which run July 6th-July 26th. Boys' week is July 27th-August 2nd.

Do you want your child to "test" out camp before summer? We have a special "Spring Into Cedarbrook" weekend, April 11th-13th. Your child will get a taste of our Cedarbrook programming and activities.

Hesitant to send your 1st-4th grade daughter to camp? We have a special program for both moms and daughters the week of July 20th. You both will have a chance to experience camp during this partial week without having to experience those first time jitters.

We are the most affordable residential camp in the area offering a program that has been in operation for over 75 years. Check-out our website, www.cedarbrookcampoh.com, for more information.

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summer experience based on their interests and availability. Whether your child attends for one week or the entire summer, they'll leave with lasting memories, new friendships, and skills they'll carry into the future.

At Andrews Osborne Academy, summer isn't just a break from school—it's a chance for children to embark on an exciting adventure filled with learning, discovery, and personal growth. With our wide range of camps, top-notch staff, and personalized attention, AOA's summer programs offer the perfect balance of fun and education. Don't miss out on the opportunity to give your child a summer to remember—register today at andrewsosborne.org and let the adventure begin





Unleash your inner explorer at Willoughby Hills Outdoor Explorers Camp!

#### To be added to our contact list, please send us your information:





#### Sign up today and let the exploration begin!

**Kindergarten through 5th graders:** Join us for a summer of fun, adventure, and nature discovery. Explore the wonders of Willoughby Hills parks and the North Chagrin Reservation, where every day brings new excitement. Campers will:

**Embrace the outdoors:** Engage in exciting, outdoor games, competitions, creative crafts and refreshing river activities.

**Connect with nature:** Embark on exciting nature hikes and uncover the secrets of the natural world.

**Create lasting memories:** Experience unforgettable summer camp adventures and build friendships that will last a lifetime.

Sessions starting in mid-June through July. For more information, follow the QR code or contact WilloughbyHillsOEC@gmail.com

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JOIN US FOR A SUMMER OF FUN!

# Great Lakes Science Center Camp Curiosity: Summer Science Camps

★ SEE OUR AD ON PAGE 2 Welcome to Camp Curiosity 2025! Our week-long summer day camps for kids in grades K-6 offer unforgettable science adventures, new opportunities to grow

their interests, and the chance to make new friends and create amazing memories. Great Lakes Science Center camps combine fun with various STEM themes designed to keep kids engaged and learning during the summer.

This year, we have new camps focused on space, plants, weather, chemistry, LEGOs and Cleveland inventors. Kids can make some waves while exploring a Great Lakes steamship, discover how to build structures that can withstand the power of an earthquake or learn how to solve mysteries like Sherlock Holmes. Whether your kid dreams of exploring space, loves tinkering with simple machines or longs to discover what chemical reactions can be created with ingredients from your kitchen, there is a camp sure to capture their interest.

Camp themes are available for both grade bands (K-2 and 3-6), but specific activities are tailored appropriately for each age group. Sessions begin June 2 and run through the week of August 11.

Register by March 31 and receive \$20 off. Discounts are also available for multi-week registration, siblings, and returning camp alumni, and discounts can be combined. Members always save \$25 per camp. Before- and aftercare are available. Scholarships are also available, which allow us to provide summer camp opportunities to underserved youth.

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For more information and to register call 216-621-2400 or visit GreatScience.com.



## **Discover Animal Camp**

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10, and Youth Art Camp is for ages 11 through 16. Preschool Art Camp is for ages three through five (not yet in kindergarten) and meets in August from 10 to 11 a.m.

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 Theater Camp for ages 8 through 15. Campers also participate in arts and crafts and age-appropriate games.

Explorer's Camp is for those who are new to theater and are looking for a great introduction to the world of drama. The camp meets from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Just for Juniors Camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Just for Juniors is a oneweek camp introducing young children to the world of theater through song, dance, and lots of imagination.

Specific dates for all camps will be announced the first part of March.

For more information, call RRCAA at 440-428-5913 or visit rabbitrun.org.

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Our traditional camp combines classic activities like rock climbing, archery, canoeing, crafts, and mountain biking SEE PAGE 19





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**Camp offerings include** Hawklings (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 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;

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# **Busy Bees offers Creative fun all summer long!**



Creative fun all summer long! Busy Bees Summer Art Camp is the place for the kids to "bee" this summer! Parents looking for "that something different" for their creative kiddos should check out the summer camps offered by the Busy Bees Pottery &

Arts Studio in Great Lakes Mall.

Since 2015, the studio has provided a cheerful creative outlet for school-aged children to explore and create throughout the summer. "Within the camps, our instructors take kids on a journey, exploring our mediums, from paint your own unfinished bisque pottery pieces to mosaics, canvas painting, glass fusing, clay hand building, and board art," says owner Beth Brinton. "There's really nothing as special as seeing a child's face light up when they finish creating something."

Beth and her artsy staff have come up with a range of half-day and full-day camps to appeal to kids ages six to 12. Running the second week of June through the first week of August, each day of the week focuses on a special medium and theme! The Summer Art Counselors are an incredible group of people who love sharing and exploring the arts with our local youth. All counselors are First Aid certified and are background checked. "The kids will create one to three pieces of artwork each day during the camps," says Beth. "And their pottery, or clay or glass pieces will be kiln fired at the studio which is a really unique experience for the kids. Non-fired projects such as canvases, candles, and mosaics will be available for the kids to explore as well.

Busy Bees Pottery & Art Studio is located in the heart of Great Lakes Mall, near the Fuji Japanese Steakhouse entrance, at 7850 Mentor Avenue, in Mentor. You should book parties in advance, but for regular art projects, walkins are always welcome. Register for summer camps online.

The studio is open seven days a week, Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 11a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 440-571-5201 or visit www.Mentor.BusyB-



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#### **ANIMAL CAMP FROM PAGE 14**

property, and "Feed-em-Friday" when kids are permitted to bring apples and carrots to feed the animals. We offer 11 individual sessions during June, July, & August from 9:00-4:30. Campers are welcome to participate in one, or multiple sessions. All activities are supervised by experienced counselors, many of whom are Animal Camp graduates! (Typical ratio camper to counselor 4:1) Horseback riding helmets are provided, sneakers or boots, water bottle, and lunch are required. Please email Krista with any questions, or information requests. Like Rising River Farm on facebook to stay up to date on available experiences and activities. Visitation of the farm is encouraged prior to the commencement of camp and may be scheduled via email. Rising River Corporation is a 501c-3 dedicated to Equine Education, Vocational opportunities, and horse rescue/sanctuary. The majority of the animals on the farm are rescue animals.

Animal Camp: Hosted by Rising River Farm 6618 Chagrin River Rd., Chagrin Falls Ohio, 44022,

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# Keep summer days fun and busy when camp ends

Many adults have fond memories of attending summer camp when they were children. The American Camp Association reports that each year more than 14 million children and adults take advantage of the camp experience. Summer camp is a place for kids to learn new skills, make new friends, experience being away from home for extended periods of time, and explore new locales.

Summer camp program lengths vary. Some children attend local camps that may last a week or two, while others attend sleep-away camps that last a little longer. Since summer vacation typically lasts between eight to 10 weeks, parents may discover there still is plenty of downtime after summer camp ends. Here are some ways to fill the gap between the end of camp and the start of a new school year.

#### Schedule a vacation

What better way to keep the magic of summer going than by rolling summer camp right into a family vacation? Give kids time to enjoy a few days to relax at home, but then buckle up for the next adventure. This can be a trip away from home, or a series of day trips or activities guided by all members of the family.

#### Organize a sleepover exchange

Parents of school-aged children can coordinate with one another to fill up a week or more with sleepovers. Each family can take a night or two, and the kids can jump from house to house extending the fun with one another. Sleepovers can occur inside the home or under tents in the yard.

#### Recreate favorite camp activities at home

Why not take what makes camp entertaining and try it at home? Copy the camp's itinerary and engage in similar activities, such as canoeing or nature hikes. On nights when the weather cooperates, everyone can gather around a fire pit to roast marshmallows.

#### Enroll in a recreational program

Some towns offer free or low-fee activities to residents through their parks and recreation departments. If budgeting does not allow for a camp experience, there are likely town-wide activities that can fill the gaps until it's time for children to go back to school. Some even may offer after-hours childcare options for parents who have scheduling conflicts with work.

When summer camp ends, parents have different options they can explore to keep children engaged and supervised until a new school year begins.

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#### **Did vou know?**

Encouraging children to be physically active can be an important step in helping them to be healthier later in life. The Physical Rehabilitation Network (PRN) says active kids are more likely to become healthy adults. Studies have shown that being physically active and making smart food choices while young can lead to a reduced risk of developing many serious health conditions later in life, which can include diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, heart disease, and even certain cancers. What's more, Better Health Victoria in Australia savs evidence suggests that physically active children also are more likely to mature into physically active adults. Developing fitness skills early in life is a wise choice. However, one in six kids between the ages of 2 and 19 in the United States are obese, and just one in three are physically active each day, reports the PRN. Families can work together to help kids get on paths to better health and to become more active. This may involve putting limits on screen time and encouraging outdoor play and group active activities like sports or dance.

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