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Lake Metroparks Sailing Camp

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Tap into Maple Sugaring Weekends

March 4 & 5 and 11 & 12 • 9 am to 5 pm

Lake Metroparks Farmpark

Ever wonder how pure maple syrup is produced? Discover how through hands-on demonstrations and crafts as you tap into the fun of Maple Sugaring Weekends at Lake Metroparks Farmpark. Maple sugaring activities are featured 9 am to 5 pm every weekend through March 20.

The journey begins with a wagon ride into the maple woods and arrive at the Woodland Center. There, you can see and take part in the maple sugaring process. Kids learn how to tap a tree with hands-on guidance from Farmpark staff. The whole family gets involved collecting sap contained in collection buckets hung on the maple trees. Move indoors to watch the water-like substance you helped collect boiled and ultimately processed into pure maple syrup and other naturally sweet products.



Farmpark's very own pure maple syrup and other maple items are available for sale in both the Woodland Center and Gift Shop.

Maple sugaring-themed activities during Maple Sugaring Weekend include:

- Children can tap a maple tree by hand
- Gather buckets with fresh sap and pour it into horse-drawn sap collector
- See how maple candy is made
- Sample pure maple syrup and maple candy
- Whip up your own tasty treat with maple stirrs (additional fee applies)
- Learn how to make maple syrup in your own backyard
- Tour the sugar bush operation
- Sample maple syrup on silver dollar pancakes
- Create a maple craft
- Make ice cream and taste the results
- Pony rides (additional fee)

It takes 40 gallons of sap boiled down to produce just one gallon of pure maple syrup. During the course of the event, you can learn how trees are tapped and see the network of tubing that connects the 1,000 taps that provide sap for the Farmpark's maple syrup production. Once collected, reverse-osmosis is used to remove a portion of the water from the sap prior to boiling, saving both time and resources. Maple syrup production has evolved over the years from the use of hand-made wooden taps to the intricate tubing system used today. Maple sugaring history comes to life

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Summer Camp

The Fine Arts Association
Has Camps for EVERYONE Who LOVES the Arts!

GUIDE 2017

From the littlest campers at age three through high school grads, The Fine Arts Association offers arts camps perfect for creative kids and teens.

Camps range from one week to six weeks long. For theatrical kids in grades K-3, there is Theatre Arts Camp Jr. where campers will be working on Disney's "The Jungle Book" Kids. Campers in grades 3-12 can attend the "School for Superheroes!" during Theatre Arts Camp. And those in grades 9 through high school grads will find the Young Actors Intensives interesting with Scene Study, Character Development, Acting 101 and The Monologue Audition.

For kids who love to create art there are Paper, Scissors, Rock camps for grades K-3 and 4-8, and the Textile Design camp for grades 4-6.

There is also a Summer Dance Intensive for grades 3-12, one week multi-arts camps for grades K-5 and Preschool Arts Camps for ages 3-5.

Fine Arts camps are perfect for all ability levels whether your camper is a beginner or seasoned arts participant. Art and Music Therapy camps are also available for ages 4 through 16.

This year's camps also include before and after care for parents who need a longer day for their camper.

Some camps begin as early as May 30 and many camps fill early. Secure your camper's spot with a refundable deposit by calling (440) 951-7500. Camp registration begins February 24.

The Fine Arts Association is located at 38660 Mentor Avenue in Willoughby.

Check out all of FAA's summer camps, classes and workshops! To receive a camp brochure and a summer class catalog with complete offerings in music, visual art, theatre, dance and music and art therapies, call (440) 951-7500 x104.



Fine Arts Theater Camp

**CAMPS! CAMPS!
CAMPS! AT THE
FINE ARTS
ASSOCIATION!**

Want a camp brochure?
Call 440-951-7500 x104



One Week Multi-Art Camps, Visual Art Camps, Theatre Camps, Young Actors Theatre Intensives, Dance Camp, Music Therapy & Art Therapy Camps and Pre-School Arts Camps

For campers age 3 years through high school

All ability levels welcomed!

Many camps fill early. Hold your spot NOW with a refundable deposit.

REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 24, 2017



The Fine Arts Association
38660 Mentor Avenue • Willoughby, Ohio 44094
fineartsassociation.org

the Y
FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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DAY CAMP 2017

Join us for another great summer of Day Camp at the Y! Camp dates will be from May 29th through August 11th this summer. Special: Receive \$10 off each week of camp that is PAID IN FULL at the time of registration.* Deadline for discount is April 1st. Please see your local Y for more details!

*Discount cannot be combined with other offers. Offer only valid on full-time weeks of camp.

WEST END Y
Willoughby
440.946.1160

OUTDOOR Y
Perry
440.259.2724

CENTRAL Y
Painesville
440.352.3303

PERRY CHILD CARE
Perry
440.259.4596

EAST END Y
Madison
440.428.5125



Registration starts January 1st
www.lakecountyyymca.org

Great Lakes Science Center offers Great Summer Science Day Camps

Help your kids 'Stay Curious' over their summer break with engaging, hands-on fun at Great Summer Science Day Camps! Choose from more than 100 camp sessions with dozens of different themes at three different locations. Science Day Camps begin June 5 at Great Lakes Science Center, June 12 at Laurel School in Shaker Heights, and June 19 in Westlake. Before-and-after care options are available at each location as well. Off-site camps at Laurel and Westlake include a trip to the Science Center and a movie in the new Cleveland Clinic DOME Theater.

Science Day Camps offer amazing new challenges and unforgettable adventures for kids in preschool through high school. From Superhero Science and Chemistry Cafe to camps themed around LEGOs, Minecraft and Pokémon, Science Center summer camps offer the perfect combination of problem-solving, critical thinking, excitement and fun. There are camps that tackle biology with dissection labs, camps that bring creativity and science together and several camps designed just for girls. Kids make new friends and memories while they build skills in science, tech-



nology, engineering and math (STEM). And, the camps are accredited by the American Camp Association so you can be assured that your camper will enjoy a safe, quality experience with camp instructors who are science professionals, teachers and college students with documented experience working with children.

Register by March 8 and receive an early bird discount. Discounts are also available for multi-week registration and siblings. 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: 216-621-2400 or GreatScience.com.



PAINESVILLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD MEGA SPORTS CAMP

Each summer we open the doors of our building, our property and, especially, our hearts to our surrounding community and invited the kids to come FREE OF CHARGE to an outstanding MEGA Sports Camp event. In past years we've welcomed over 100 "athletes" participating in one of four sports (Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer and Volleyball). This year we hope to EXPAND the choices to also include karate and archery! Our volunteer leadership team does an outstanding job of coaching, serving, teaching and praying with the kids! We provide quality Hands On coaching, teaching materials, participants' take home reminders, prizes, snacks and so much more. The kids not only have a GREAT time, learn & develop sports' skills, focus on TEAM building ... but also learn to apply truths from God's Word to their every day lives! Now that is a WIN-WIN combination!! *Painesville Assembly Of God Mega Sports Camp located at 10949 Johnnycake Ridge Road, Painesville. 440-354-6805 www.painesvilleag.com*

Imagine summer, think Hawken!

Summer programs for boys and girls ages 4-14.

Day Camps

Far-out adventures close to home.

Passport Camps

One-week sessions for fun and creative explorations.

Travel Camps

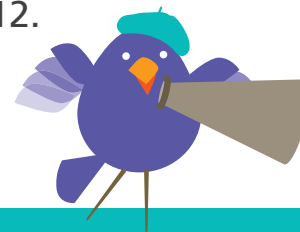
Visit exciting locations and make lasting memories.

Athletic Camps

Get in the game and have fun.

Summer Studies

Academic enrichment and refresher courses for grades 6 - 12.



HAWKEN
SCHOOL



Register now for summer programs:

www.hawken.edu/summer • 440.423.2940

summerprograms@hawken.edu

Maypine Summer Camp

Maypine's Summer Camp is a fun-filled approach to horsemanship and a stepping stone to the life-long enjoyment of horses and riding. There are daily mounted lessons for riders of all levels, lessons in groundwork and games on horseback.

Art projects, swimming, field trips and special events round out each week of horse crazy fun! Mounted lessons focus on developing level-appropriate skills while ground lessons cover the basics of feeding, cleaning, grooming, health care and show preparation. Special informative sessions with farriers, veterinarians and other industry professionals are sure to inspire the love of learning in any horse crazy kid. Maypine Farm offers year-round riding lessons with qualified instructors on safe, capable school

horses. We offer students an opportunity to progress through the levels from beginning riding to competing on a national level. Our teaching focuses on creating opportunity for each rider with an emphasis on fun and safety.

Regular Camp for children 6 yrs and older is operated Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 3 pm the weeks of June 5-9, June 12-16, June 26-30, July 17-21, and July 31-Aug. 4, 2017.

Horse Show Camp (Audition Required) is the week of July 10-14, 2017. Riders will split their time between Maypine Farm and the Chagrin Valley Classic Horse Show at the Chagrin Polo Fields.

Advanced Camp will be held the weeks of June 19-23, July 24-28 and Aug. 7-11, 2017. Riders will



split their time between riding and ground lessons, providing participants the opportunity to learn hands on stable management skills, basic training methods and all aspects of equine care. This camp is for more experienced riders and will require an audition. Advanced Camp will run from 8:00 am through 12:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Toddler Camp for children 3 to 5 yrs, is offered from 9 am until Noon the weeks of June 19-23, July 24-28 and Aug 7-11.

Before & after care are available during all camp weeks for an additional cost. MAYPINE FARM is located at 32700 White Road, Willoughby Hills Call or visit 440-944-3652, www.maypinefarm.com for more details.

Art Camps at Rabbit Run

All summer long kids discover hidden talents in many different fine arts camps available at Rabbit Run Community Arts Association 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 7 to 16 get elbow deep in paint, clay and other mediums as they create original two- and three-dimensional works of art.

Art Camp meets Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Campers ages 11 through 16 meet June 26 through June 30, and ages 7 to 10 meet July 10 through July 14 and/or July 17 through July 21.

Pop Star Camp gets youth ages 5 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, June 26 through June 30.

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OPENING NIGHT

Saturday, April 8 • 6:30 PM

Captains Trapper Hat* presented by Lake Health

CAPTAINS KIDS SEASON PASS

A \$650 value for just \$50!

Includes a ticket to every home game, five all-you-can-play Kids Zone wristbands, five Launch-A-Ball vouchers & an exclusive gift!

CAPTAINS THREE-DAY BASEBALL CAMP

Get instruction from Captains players and coaches on the field at Classic Park!

August 2 - 4 • 10 AM - 1 PM

SUMMER CAMP DAY GAMES

June 28 & July 20 • 11 AM

*First 1,500 fans

Summer Fun at Rabbit Run



Art Camps

Campers get elbow deep in clay & paint as they create unique works of art. Ages 7 - 16

Pop Star Camp

Learn to sing & dance like your favorite pop star! Ages 5 to 10

Theater Camps

Have a blast learning all about theater arts in a fun and traditional camp setting.

Call 440-428-5913

www.rabbitrunonline.org

Rabbit Run Community Arts Association, Madison, OH



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New this year is **Ballerina Camp** for ages 5 to 9 and **Ballet Intensive Camp** for ages 10 and up. Aspiring ballerinas enter the world of ballet in the one-week **Ballerina Camp** from 9 a.m. to noon, June 5 through June 9. **Ballet Intensive Camp** gives ballet dancers, with at least one-year of instruction, intensive ballet training in this week-long camp. The camp meets July 10 through July 14 from 1 to 4 p.m.

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, for those who are new to theater, offers two weeks of camp with a different emphasis each week. This camp, for ages 7 through 15, runs June 5 through June 9 and July 17 through July 21. Campers may register for one or two weeks of **Explorer's Camp**.

Just for Juniors Camp, for children ages four through eight, runs July 24 through July 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. **Just for Juniors** introduces children to the world of theater through song, dance and lots of imagination.

The Master Class Camp, ages 10 to 15, for the serious young actor runs July 24 through July 28 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Also new this year is **Youth Theater Camp** and **Junior Theater Camp**, five-week camps running June 12 through July 14. **Youth Theater Camp** is for campers ages 8 to 15, and **Junior Camp** is for ages 4 to 8. Youth in both camps learn all the basic components of producing a show through age-appropriate activities and perform in a camp production the last week of camp.

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



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drawings will be held

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Hawken Summer Programs In Gates Mills, Lyndhurst, and University Circle

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 (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; games, sports and fitness; and technology and creativity.

Hawken Travel Camps offer campers ages 10 – 14 the opportunity to take trips around the country, visiting excit-

ing locations focused on a specific area of interest. Camps include The Amazing Race: Chasing the Ghost of Elvis, The Second City: Chicago Theater Tour, Midwest Stadium Tour & Sports Collectible Convention and Northeast Baseball Stadium Tour & Hall of Fame Trip. 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, running, lacrosse, swimming, wrestling and football.

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

Come join the fun! Camps run at varying intervals between June and August. For more information www.hawken.edu/summer



Presents our
School Age Summer Camp
Ages: Completed Kindergarten - 14 yrs.



Campers Week:

- Mentor City Pools - twice/week
- Local Park Visit - once/week
- Out of Mentor Field Trip - once/week
- Science Center, Zoo, Cleveland museums & more!
- In House Event - once/week

Camp packets will be available Late March / Early April.

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School **440-255-6011**
Visit our website for more information www.lilsneakersuniversity.com



Strawberry Picking



Jungle Terry



Headlands Beach



The Cleveland Zoo

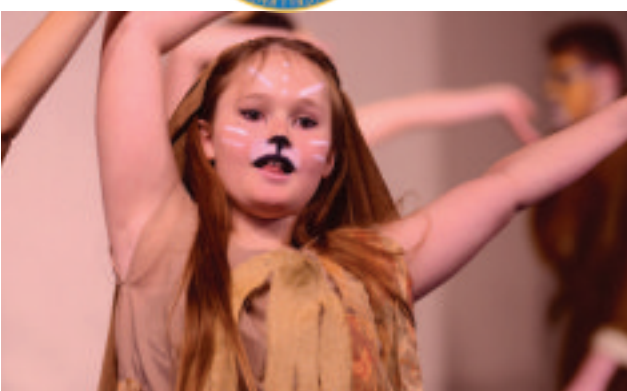



Lions Summer Camp

Preschool - Grade 8 ~ June 5 - July 28, 2017

Arts | Theatre | Story Time | Sports | Robotics | Cooking | Nature





Register by April 28, 2017 | ndes.org/summercamps.aspx | 440.279.1129

LAKE METROPARKS SUMMER DAY CAMPS
On Your Mark, Get Set, Go...
TO CAMP THAT IS!

Join us at Lake Metroparks as we prepare for another fun-filled, memory making, adventure-packed summer camp season. The themes are practically endless—archery, astronomy, art, backcountry adventures, boating, farmcamp, fishing and wild animals to name a few. Whether your child is 4 or 15, we have a summer day camp experience for them!

Lake Metroparks day camps are fun, entertaining, educational and affordable! Extended care hours are available for summer day camps.

A week in the woods, at the beach or on the farm is a great way for kids to explore the natural world around them and realize what is in their backyard. It is proven that being outdoors and experiencing nature is beneficial to our health. As William Wordsworth so eloquently stated, "Let nature be your teacher."

Pre-registration is required to participate in Lake Metroparks Day Camps and extended care. Register online at lakemetroparks.com, in person at Lake Metroparks registration or call 440-358-7275.

Registration dates:

Lake County residents: March 1.

Open registration: March 8.

Farmpark members outside Lake County may register for Farmpark camps beginning March 1; call registration to process member benefit.

Spring Break camp registration is now available.

Summer Fun with Lake County Captains

CAPTAINS BIRTHDAY BASH

If you want a unique birthday experience for your child, there is no better place to celebrate than at Classic Park with the Lake County Captains!

Classic Park is the perfect place to celebrate your child's birthday with Skipper's Birthday Bash! There are Birthday Bash options to fit every budget that include a ticket a Captains game, "Happy Birthday" being sung to your child on the field, an autographed team baseball, various food and dessert options and entrance to the Kid's Zone. Call Jen Yorke at 440-975-8085 ext 116 to book your Birthday Bash today!

CAPTAINS YOUTH BASEBALL CAMPS

The Captains will host its annual three-day baseball camp at Classic Park on August 2, 3 and 4 from 10AM until 1PM each day. Three-day camp participants will learn baseball skills on the field and inside the batting cages at Classic Park from Captains coaches and players, and will receive a Camp t-shirt, Captains logo baseball, lunch each day, an autograph session with the instructors and a ticket voucher to any Captains 2017 regular season, home game. The Captains will also host a one-day baseball camp at Classic Park on Saturday, April 29 from 10AM to 1PM. One-day camp participants will receive instruction from Captains coaches and players, a Captains logo baseball, an autograph session with the instructors, lunch and a ticket voucher to any Captains 2017 regular season, home game. Contact Nick Dobrinich at 440-975-8085 ext 110 or ndobrinich@



captainsbaseball.com for details.

CAPTAINS KIDS SEASON PASS

The Captains Kids Season Pass is the most affordable way to let your child, ages 12 and under, experience EVERY Captains game for only \$50! The Captains Season Pass includes admission to all 70 Captains regular season games, five Kids Zone vouchers, five Launch-a-Ball vouchers, a 10% discount in the Cargo Hold merchandise store and much more. That's a \$650 value for only \$50! Call 440-975-8085 to sign your child up today.

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MEGA Sports Camp®

CONQUER

THE DAY ROMANS 8:37

JUNE 25-28

Conquer the Day shows kids how to be superheroes through the choices they make every day in sports & in life. Through both sports stories & Bible stories, kids will discover how to practice with purpose, listen to leaders, remember to recharge, compete with courage, and skip the shortcuts.

AGES 5-11 (OR JUST COMPLETED K-5 GRADES)
 5:30PM | ON-SITE REGISTRATION
 8-8:30PM | CAMP

SPORTS OFFERED
 SOCCER | BASKETBALL | KARATE
 VOLLEYBALL | CHEERLEADING | ARCHERY

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS IN THE SPRING!

HANDS ON COACHING!
 ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS WELCOME!

TOTALLY FREE EVENT, INVITE A FRIEND!
 CAMP STORE OPEN NIGHTLY!

SPECIAL PARENT NIGHT!
 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 | 7:30PM
 JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING CLOSING RALLY!

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NDES/NDCL SUMMER CAMPS

Creators, explorers, inventors, aspiring actors and athletes will find their niche at Notre Dame Schools summer camp!

Notre Dame Elementary and Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin Schools offer a beautiful campus and extraordinary facilities that set the scene for fun and enriching experiences for children in preschool through 8th grade.

Here campers will participate in "Cupcake Wars," explore the creeks and woods or get in touch with their inner scientists in 3D Printing and Robotics! They will settle in for story time, hone athletic skills or take a bow on stage! There is something – or many – for everyone.

Camps, scheduled weekly, are held throughout June and July, 2017 at 13000 Auburn Road, Munson Twp.

Visit ndes.org/summercamps.aspx to make your choices and register your child for a summer of fun!

For more information, contact Josephine Ambrose, NDES Director of Admissions at 440.279.1127.

CAPTAINS CAMP DAYS

The Captains will offer two special 11AM games on June 28 and July 20 as part of the team's annual "Camp Days". The Captains will host many area Summer Camps from around northeast Ohio. There is a \$20 deluxe package, a \$13 ticket and lunch package available or a discounted \$8 ticket price for groups of 20 or more. The lunch package includes a ticket and lunch consisting of a hot dog, chips and a drink. The deluxe package includes everything from the lunch package plus a Captains Camp T-Shirt! Prior to the game all campers may participate in a parade on the field around the warning track. After the game all kids can run the bases. Contact Brent Pozza at 440-975-8085 ext 111 or bpozza@captainsbaseball.com for details.

Lake County YMCA Day Camp is a safe, fun, educational experience for youth Grades 1-8

10 – They get to spend their day being physically active. So much time anymore is spent behind a screen. Camp allows kids to get out, move, try new things and be active!

9 – Gain confidence – Camp teaches kids that they can!! Many opportunities to try new things and have accomplishments every single day allows for greater self-esteem and self-confidence.

8 – Resiliency (GRIT) – Encouragement from counselors allows kids to learn to endure setbacks, see their improvements as they keep trying and to conquer fears along the way.

7 – Unplug from Technology – Camp is the REAL SOCIAL MEDIA – the true FACE TIME! Camp encourages creativity, imagination and true social connectivity.

6 – Develop Life-Long Skills – Not only do campers experience things such as sports, crafts, swimming, but they gain life-long skills such as team building, problem solving, decision making, empathy and responsibility.

5 – Grow Independence – At camp, there are opportunities for children to manage their daily choices and take on additional responsibilities.

4 – Unstructured Opportunities – In a world of overly scheduled and structured daily shuffle, camp allows some free play times where kids can relax, laugh, and just be a kid.

3 – Learn Social Skills – Camp is its own community. Within this community, our campers must learn to communicate effectively, respect others, cooperate, resolve disagreements, and care for one another.

2 – Connect with Nature – Camp gives the opportunity to many children to experience the outdoors in a way they never would at home.

1 – Make Lifelong Friendships – Camp is a judgement free zone, a place where all kids from all walks of life come together for the same fun in laughing, singing, talking, playing and creating life long memories and friendships.



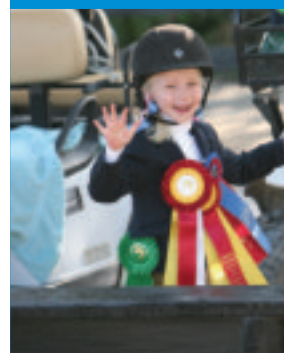
AWESOME SUMMER DAY CAMPS

- Over 100 camp sessions
- Dozens of new themes
- Three convenient locations
- Before- and after-care available

Register today!
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Horse Crazy Kid? We've got a CAMP for that!!

Weekly Camps June 5 - August 7



Maypine Farm Summer Camps

Boys & Girls Ages 6 and up
 Beginner thru Advanced
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Youth Sports Program



AVIATORS BASKETBALL



Spring Season

- April 5 – May 17
- Games played on Sunday afternoon and Monday & Wednesday nights: (5:40, 6:30 & 7:20 PM)
- Registration deadline - March 26, 2017

Summer Season

- June 11 – July 26
- 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
- 3 Divisions:
 - ★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

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 March 16 – May 4
- Beginners & less experienced players welcome
- Fee of \$85

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



LIL SLUGGERS

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

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LIL KICKERS

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

Call Dan @
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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 19–June 23
 - Session #2: June 26–June 30
- 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, 2017
- 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

NEW FOR 2017 HIGH SCHOOL BOYS REC LEAGUE



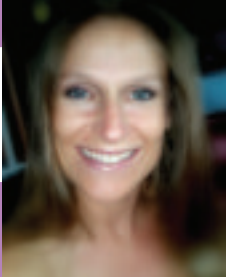
Boys Grades 9-12
Players only, no coaches
Mondays & Wednesdays
5:30, 6:20, 7:10, 8:00 pm
Fee: \$85
April 5th - May 17th

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



440-602-4000
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38630 Jet Center Drive, Willoughby
 North of Route 2 off Lost Nation Rd.



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with Amber

How Telling Your Child's Teacher the Truth Can Help Them

I once heard a story of a dog (now remember, to some people dogs are their children)...anyhow, this dog had been a good pup all its life. A perfect pooch per Mom and Dad's standards. But, one day, the pup just began to poop on the floor. Out of the clear blue, it seemed, their four legged angel had become defiant. Never having behavioral problems in the past, they brought their baby to the vet. After getting a clean bill of health there, the family wondered what was making their doggy misbehave.

On and on, the family dealt with this problem, with more questions than answers. No one seemed to know why the pooch they knew was now defacing their property. Even after months of questioning, the family couldn't pin point a reason. And, even after their dog sitter questioned whether or not something had changed at home, they could not come up with anything that would cause their pup to do such a thing. He wasn't old, he wasn't sick and nothing had changed (too much).

Until one day, when asked again, "Has anything at all changed?", they realized, that yes, something had changed! They had put new carpet down and because of that, they'd decided to restrict where their dog was able to roam during the day while they were at work. This should, not have been a big deal right? Same house, same family, same schedule...just a little change in the room access.

It was just enough. Because that pooch didn't like that and couldn't voice it, he acted out. Because no one could fix his problem or even understand him, he couldn't and wouldn't adjust. So... they had extra poop in places where it was unwelcome. "Just a dumb dog" a non-dog person might be thinking. Nope. Not at all. Smart dog, with feelings or emotions. It was change. Change is big. In pets and in kids. A pet trainer once

told me my rescue shepherd mix was a furry two year old toddler. Sadly, she was right. So, here's something to learn from this story and something which can be applied to parenthood.

Your trainer, dog sitter, or even you, might not have any idea why your pet (think child) changes their behavior, but there is always a reason. Most likely it's change. Pets, people and especially kids who experience change will go through their own adjustments. They have to feel, cope and try to transition. They need a chance to work through it, with support. As in this poor puppy, family and caregivers, if someone doesn't communicate the changes in life to those who spend time with them, it will be a complete and utter struggle...possibly impossible for them to heal, cope and move on.

My kids have had lots of transitions. Major moving, divorce, struggles with new classes and new schools, but all through it, I've always made it a point to be proactive in their coping, healing and transitions at home and outside. I not only work with them myself, but I've opened our life and changes up to their teachers.

You might say, "No way, that's my business and no one else's". Yes, I understand, because that's how my dad was. Keep it all here, at home. Well, that, I'm afraid, doesn't do much to help your child. It actually hinders the ability for others to help your child and makes it harder for your child to breathe. Imagine if you couldn't tell anyone anything about your life ever. How would you find support, friends or others who are understanding and empathetic? If we keep our private lives too private, others cannot help us. For kids, communicating life changes to teachers and caregivers is crucial.

There's a way to go about it that can help your child and your teachers, and it's what I've done for ten years; just start

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the dialogue, be honest and don't wait. Just pick up your phone, tablet or computer and search for your child's teacher and just start typing.

At the start of every year, I took the time to thoroughly fill out those 'About Me' pages. I spent hours on all three of my children's teacher emails, sometimes to multiple teachers, explaining the issues we experience seasonally, behavior changes, times to watch for and to be understanding about. Every one of their teacher was amazing. They were empathetic, they were concerned and understanding. It was work, yes, and it was revealing, yes. But, it was all for the good (and the help) of my child. I don't regret it at all.

I suggest, if you haven't yet, please reach out to your child's counselor, teacher, daycare provider, etc., and open up about things at home. There's no shame in being honest to these people in the effort to help your child. Any small insight you can offer your child's teacher about a move, divorce, financial strain or new birth, can help your child find comfort and empathy at school, and get back on track to being themselves.



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Just like the puppy who suddenly wasn't the puppy he used to be; the who knew where to potty. He was reacting to change. Everything that is not routine, is new, and can (or will) cause a change in a pup, in a child, or in you. Communicate today. You won't regret it, and your child (and their teachers will thank you).

For more common sense parenting tips, visit us at www.FamilyMatterswithAmber.blogspot.com.

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Family Storytime Wednesdays 6:00pm. This program is for families with multiple young children to attend a storytime together. Please register each correctly aged child for the program. However, if you have older children, you are more than welcome to bring them to the program as well.

Preschool Storytime Thursdays 10:30 or 11:30am This storytime is for children 3-5 years old, but not yet in Kindergarten Children attend independently. This program is for children who are ready to sit on their own and listen to stories. Caregivers remain in the children's area during the program. Register online or call the library at 428-2189.

Board to Pieces Thursdays 3:00pm This program is for high school age kids. Play various improvisational and role-based games. These games foster soft skills that youth will need later in life and in the workplace.

Rabbit Run Art Club Thursdays 4:30pm Nancy Brotz of Rabbit Run Community Arts Association teaches this program for school age children. Call Rabbit Run for more information: 428-5913

Baby/Toddler Storytime Fridays 9:30am or 10:30am This storytime is for babies 0 - 24 months old, and they attend with a caregiver. It's a great way to introduce babies to the library and to other children their age! Register online or call the library at 428-2189

Baby/Toddler Mondays 6:00pm. This storytime is for babies 0 - 24 months old, and they attend with a caregiver. It's a great way to introduce babies to the library and to other children their age! Register online or call the library at 428-2189

Young Child Storytime Tuesdays 9:30am & 10:30am This storytime is for children who are just beginning to be able to sit and listen to stories. There is free play before and after this program.

Level Up Tuesdays 3-5:30pm Middle School and High School This program encourages tweens and teens to develop critical thinking, imagination, socialization, and teamwork skills as well as cultural enrichment developed through playing strategy games. No advanced registration required, but each week middle school students must bring a permission slip signed by a parent.

Middle School Book Discussion Group Wednesday, March 8 at 3-4:00pm Students from Madison Middle School can



have a grown-up sign a permission slip to walk to the library after school for book club. Each meeting will last about an hour and will include a snack, an game, or a craft and fun! Pick up is at 4:00.

Mad 4 Otaku For High School and Middle School students Thursday, March 9. Do you enjoy watching anime, reading manga, or cosplay? Then this is the place for you. Come to the library after school and hang out, watch anime, and discuss manga and anime. We will also discuss about art forms, cultural differences, mythology, and all things Japanese. No advanced registration required. Middle schoolers must bring a permission slip signed by a parent.
STEAM for Homeschoolers Friday, March 10 1:30pm For 2nd - 6th grade No advanced registration required Join other homeschoolers for a different STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, or Math) activity each month.

Graphic Novel Club Friday, March 10 at 3:00pm This book club is for high school students. Are you looking for other people who love comics and graphic novels as much as you do? This is the place to discuss your love or loathing of DC or Marvel or perhaps find new authors and stories from the independent publishers you didn't even know existed. No registration required.

Lego Create! Saturday, March 11 at 11:00am This program is for age 4 through second grade, and no advanced registration is required. Each month will feature a different theme for inspiration as children build with library provided LEGOS. This program will promote imagination, creativity and play.

Fleet 31, Northeast Ohio Saturday, March 11 at 11am - 3pm This is a Star Trek fan organization based on community service and activities. They welcome new members, and no registration is necessary.

Lego Robotics Saturday, March 11 at

2:00pm This program is for third through sixth grade, and no advanced registration is required. The library will provide the LEGOS, featuring working motors and sensors, to build models that are powered by a computer. This program will promote learning about simple machines, robotics and programming

Make a St. Patrick's Day Craft Thursday, March 16 1:30pm

Board to Pieces Thursday, March 16 3 - 5:00pm This program is for high school age kids. Play various improvisational and role-based games. These games foster soft skills that youth will need later in life and in the workplace.

Tail Waggin Tutors Thursday, March 16 6:30pm Best for 3-9 years old. Any child is welcome to come to the library and read (or show pictures in a book) to one of our certified therapy dogs. These animals are a wonderful boost for children struggling to read and a fun motivator for

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Snappy Little Story Time Mondays at 10 a.m. at Main Branch, starting March 20. Mentor Public Library's newest 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.

Family Story Time Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 11 a.m., ending March 3 and starting again on March 24, at Main Branch Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. at Mentor Headlands Branch. 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.

Tiddlywinks Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m., ending March 2 and starting again March 21 Main Branch in the Children's Story Room. 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.

Preschool Story Time Tuesday and Wednesday at 11 a.m. ending March 1 and starting again March 21. 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 24 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.

American Girl Book Club Wednesday, March 1, at 4 p.m. Meet Caroline. 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 Caroline" before this program. Registration is necessary each month.

Time Travelers Club—Make 1970s String Art Wednesday, March 1, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Tents can join our Time Travelers Club where they try out games and crafts from different eras. This month, they can make

some groovy string art. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Read Across America with Dr. Seuss

Thursday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Main Branch in the Children's Area Join the children's staff in observing Dr. Seuss's birthday with crafts, games and birthday cake (while it lasts.) This is an all-day celebration. No registration is necessary.

Dr. Seuss Story Time Thursday, March 2, at 3 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Celebrate Read Across America at the Lake Branch with a fun Dr. Seuss Story Time. We will read some of Dr. Seuss' most popular stories and make a craft.

Minecraft Club Thursday, March 2, 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.

Kids at Work: A Lego Brick Building

Club Saturday, March 4, at 2 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Build with Mentor Public Library's Lego bricks around a monthly theme or build something else of your choosing. Children younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary.

Polar Opposites: Explore the North & South Poles

Saturday, March 4, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Learn about Antarctica and the North Pole during this special story time with books, crafts and even a special snack.

Make a Craft Monday, March 6 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.

DIY Tech Decor

Monday, March 6, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Start Teen Tech Week off on the right note. Come to the library to learn some fun ways to decorate your Tech Toys. Please bring headphones, cords, etc to liven up your creations.

Green Rhyme Time Tuesday, March 7, at 10:30 a.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Come to the Lake Branch for a monthly preschool story time.

Pizza & Comics Club Tuesday, March 7, at 5 p.m. Main Branch in the Frances Cleveland Room Mentor Public Library has a book club for teens where they can talk comics. The Pizza and Comics Club will meet to discuss sequential art and nosh

pizza on the first Tuesday of every month. Contact MPL Reference staff for more information and a copy of this month's comic.

Comics Club Tuesday, March 7, 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.

Wordplay Creative Writing Club

Wednesday, March 8, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Get creative with words. Every month, kids from third through sixth grade can play games, write and share their stories. Bring your imagination and the library will supply the pens, paper and snacks.

Sew Much Fun Thursday, March 9, 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. Make either a Minecraft Creeper pillow or a heart pillow. Patterns and supplies will be provided. Registration is required and begins Feb. 23.

Studio MPL Jr. Artist Thursday, March 9, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Join Mentor Public Library's art club for young kids (from kindergarten through second grade.) Each month, Studio MPL makes a different fun art project.

Family Afternoon Movie

Saturday, March 11, at noon Main Branch in the James R. Garfield 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 8 and younger must have parent supervision. No registration required.

LEGOmania Saturday, March 11, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Stop by the Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch to get creative with the library's Legos. Each session will feature a theme, but kids are free to build whatever they want. All ages are welcome, but children younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult.

Clashing Controllers Wednesday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Get your game on. Challenge your friends at this monthly video game tournament held at the Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Paws to Read Wednesday, March 15 First session starts at 6:30 p.m. Second

session starts at 7:00 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake 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.

Be Our Guest Thursday, March 16, at 2 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Kids can put on their favorite princess costume and come to the library for tea and treats for this Beauty-and-the-Beast-themed program. Other activities include: crafts, a sing-along and a special visit from Belle. Costumes are optional.

MPL Arcade: Video Game Club Thursday, March 16, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Come to the library for an afternoon of gaming with the new 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.

Lake Branch Minecraft Club

Saturday, March 18, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch You can mine, explore and share strategies in the wide world of Minecraft at MPL's Lake Branch. Each session will feature a new challenge. Kids must bring their own charged laptop, tablet or mobile device and have an active Minecraft account.

Let's go Lego Club Saturday, March 18, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids can get creative with Lego bricks, either following a monthly theme or doing their own thing. The library will supply the Lego and Duplo bricks, so kids only need to bring their imagination. Children younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary.

Studio MPL Art Club Monday, March 20, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Join Mentor Public Library's art club for kids (from third through sixth grade.) Each month, Studio MPL makes a different fun art project.

Write On: A Writing Club for Teens Monday, March 20, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Frances Cleveland Room A monthly creative writing club for teens. Each month focuses on a different prompt. It's a fun way to expand your creative writing, get some great ideas, and meet other teen writers. All writing levels welcomed, and snacks will be provided.

Read With Me Tuesday, March 21, at 10:30 a.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch A new literacy based story time for kids from newborn to three years old. Children can enjoy stories, songs and activities while parents and caregivers learn tips to

promote early literacy at home. The library will also supply book recommendations and craft supplies to enhance story times at home.

Color Me—Headlands Wednesday, March 22, 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.

Techno Tweens Saturday, March 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Tweens (ages ten to 14) can challenge their friends to a quest in Roblox. Join your friends for gaming fun at Mentor Headlands Branch. Registration is required.

K-Pop Party! Saturday, March 25, at 2 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Is your teen obsessed with the latest K-Pop comeback? Do they practice the dances to the newest Girls' Generation song? Then they can come to the library for a celebration of all things K-Pop! They can design and make their own K-Pop fan buttons, try out different Korean foods, practice the dances to some of their favorite songs, and more. Please register to attend.

Tree Tale Tellers Saturday, March 25, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Get ready for Arbor Day at this special story time presented by the Holden Arboretum. Enjoy a fun-filled hour of tree-themed stories and activities.

Captain Underpants Party Monday, March 27, at 5 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Tra-la-laaaa! It's a Captain Underpants party with crafts, snacks, games and more, all dedicated to everyone's favorite superhero. For kids, five to 11 years old. Registration required and opens March 13.

Full STEAM Ahead: Science Tuesday, March 28, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room A 5-week program focusing on hands-on activities that will enhance STEAM development. The first session focuses on science. Registration is required and opens March 14.

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Monday, March 13th – Registration opens for 7-week Spring Storytime Session The Spring Storytime Session starts Monday, March 20th and runs for 7 weeks through Friday, May 5th. Register at the library, online, by phone at 440-352-3383. 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.

Toddler Tales (3 and under) Mondays: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Stories, rhymes, songs & fingerplays especially for little ones! Child attends with caregiver.

Music in Motion (2 - 5 years) Wednesdays: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Stories, rhythm, music, and instruments! This storytime is geared towards active children. Child attends with caregiver.

Preschool/Kindergarten Storytime (3 - 6 years) Thursdays: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM An exciting and engaging storytime with a focus on early literacy skills. Child attend without caregiver.

Books at Bedtime (18 months - 5 years) Mondays: 6:30 – 7:00 PM OR Wednesdays: 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Pajama storytime geared towards families while cuddling a favorite stuffed animal. Child attends with caregiver.

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.

TWEENS (9 - 12 years) Thursdays: 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM Crafts, games, and activities geared specifically towards tweens. Tweens attend without caregiver.

Thursday, March 2 – Wimpy Kid Book Club – 4:15 – 5:00 PM Join Miss Joya for the Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down book. This program is for tweens ages 9-12. Discuss the book, make a craft, and play a fun game! Please stop by the Children's Room desk and pick up a copy of the book and register for the event starting Thurs., Feb. 2nd.

Saturday, March 4 - Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! - 11:00 – 11:45 AM For kids grades K-3rd. Join us as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday! Listen to Dr. Seuss books, make a Dr. Seuss inspired craft, and play Dr. Seuss themed games. Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! Registration is necessary and opens two weeks before the program on February 18th.

Thursday, March 9 – KIDS CRAFTER-NOON! – 3:00 – 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to make a fun, free craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

Saturday, March 11 -- Teddy Bear Picnic – 11:00 – 11:45 AM For families with

children 12 and under. Bring your favorite stuffed bear to the Story Room for a Teddy Bear Picnic! Your bear will join you for stories, songs, a craft and a snack, all related to bears. It will be Beary fun! No registration needed.

Tuesday, March 14 – LEGO Club! – 3:30 – 5:00 PM Drop by the Story Room between 3:30-5:00 PM for the Morley Library LEGO Club! Build a LEGO creation and have your picture taken for the LEGO Club Wall! All ages welcome, parents must stay with children 5 and under. No registration needed.

Thursday, March 16 – St. Patrick's Day Party! – 4:15 – 5:00 PM Kids in grades K-3 will see if they have "the luck of the Irish" as they play games with friends, enjoy a snack, and make a craft. Find out if there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow! Registration is necessary and opens two weeks before the program on March 2nd.

Saturday, March 18 – Magician David Anthony – 11:00 – 11:45 AM Morley Library is excited to welcome award-winning Cleveland magician David Anthony for a fun, family-friendly magic show! This show will be jam-packed with laughter, fun, excitement, and tons of audience participation. All ages welcome, no registration needed.

Thursday, March 23 – KIDS CRAFTER-NOON! – 3:00 – 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to make a fun, free craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

Saturday, March 25 – Book Bash! – 11:00 – 11:45 AM For tweens ages 9-12. Tweens will be entered in to a drawing to win a new book! They will also participate in a kids' choice award ceremony. Come hear about some new books and fall in love with reading! Registration is necessary and opens two weeks before the program on March 11th.

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After School Adventures: (K-4th grade) Tuesdays at 3:15 PM, March 7, March 21- May 23 Different activities each week. Registration required.

Tales for a Dog: (Kindergarten & up) Drop by and share a story with a certified therapy dog. Saturday, March 4, April 1 @ 9:30 or 10:00 AM

Lego Club: (Kindergarten & up) Stop by for some building challenges and fun! Saturday, March 11, April 8 @ 2:00 PM Registration required.

Birth-2 Year Old Story Time Wednesdays at 10:00 AM, March 1, 8 Thursdays at 6:30

PM, March 2, 9 Registration required.

3-6 Year Old Story Time

Monday at 6:30 PM, March 6 Thursdays at 10:00 AM, March 2, 9 Registration required.

Preschool Blast Kids 6 and under with a caregiver Fridays @ 10:00am, Now through May 19. Drop in every Friday morning for preschool programming. We will offer one of our well-loved programs (Wee Play, Storybook Theatre, Make & Take Craft) or a surprise new program! Drop-in, no registration necessary.

Family Reads On-the-Go: NEW! 3rd week of the Month, during open hours Weeks of March 20, April 17, May 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.

Pot-O-Gold Hunt March 13-17, Open Hours Children search the library for clues to find the pot-o-gold!

Tween Time (5th-8th grade) Every Wednesday after school @ 2:30pm If no special theme is advertised, join us for snacks, socializing, and fun activities. Registration required only for themed programs. Stop by the Children's desk or call 440-944-6010 to register by phone.

March 1: ??

March 8: Let's celebrate Intern Adam's Birthday with cake and a make-your-own banana splits day!!

March 29: Make Your Own Lip Balm
** After Hours Program: Zombie Wars II, Friday March 24th, 7-8:30 PM

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Homeschool Science Adventures Each month we will cover an aspect of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) with hands on activities. (Ages 6 and up). Classes held at Willoughby Senior Center until the Willoughby Library renovation is complete. Thursday, March 2, 10 or 11:30 am

Willoughby Senior Center

LEGO Club We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination in our LEGO club! Saturday, March 4, 1:30-3 pm Eastlake Library 440-942-7880 Saturday, March 18, 2-3:30 pm Willoughby Hills Library, 440-942-3362

Homeschool Art Adventures Each month we will learn about an artist or art technique and then create our own works in that style. Dress for making a mess! Classes held at Willoughby Senior Center until the Willoughby Library renovation is complete.

Thursdays, March 16

10 am (Ages 5-7)

11:30 am (Ages 7+) (Younger siblings may attend but must be at least 5).

Willoughby Senior Center

Homeschool Travelers Take a trip around the world without leaving the library! Each month features a different location, complete with facts and fun activities.

Thursday, March 16, 2 pm

Eastlake Library 440-942-7880

Barks for Books Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog! (Grades K-5).

Saturday, March 18, 9:30 or 10 am (Choose one session)

Eastlake Library 440-942-7880

Elephant and Piggie Party Enjoy games & crafts inspired by two of the most beloved Mo Willems characters, courtesy of the Eastlake Women's Club. All ages welcome!

Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 pm

Eastlake Library 440-942-7880

Teen Art Club 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. Grades 6-12 (Ages 11-18.)

Thursday, March 23, 6:30 pm

Eastlake Library 440-942-7880

Special Needs Storytime

This storytime, specifically for children with special needs, features stories, rhymes, songs and other engaging activities in a welcoming environment. All ages welcome!

Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 pm

Eastlake Library 440-942-7880

OMG! Do You Believe What They Did on "The Walking Dead" or "Fear the Walking Dead?" Even though the Wil-

loughby Library is going through some renovations, we'll still get together (some-where in the building) and talk about our favorite programs "The Walking Dead" and "Fear the Walking Dead." We can even continue to play Walking Dead Monopoly. (Ages 13 and up). Tuesday, March 28, 7-8 pm Willoughby Library 440-942-3200





Families can celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday at Mentor Public Library



Mentor Public Library is celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday on Thursday, March 2, as part of Read Across America Day.

Kids can make crafts and play games based on their favorite Seuss characters from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at MPL's Main Branch—8215 Mentor Ave. There will even be birthday cake while it lasts.

The library will also have Horton-sized fun during special story times at 11 a.m. at its Headlands Branch and 3 p.m. at its Lake Branch.

Of course, the library also has Dr. Seuss books available that parents can read with their children.

The party is free and open to all kids. There's no need to register either. Just stop by and join the fun.

Photos courtesy of Mentor Public Library



Things 1 & 2: Kids can play Seuss-pendous games and make fun crafts on Thursday, March 2, at Mentor Public Library as part of Read Across America Day.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Lake County Outdoor Y Easter Egg Roundup

Children and their families are invited to join the Lake County YMCA for a special Easter Egg Hunt and visit with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 1 from 2-4pm at the Outdoor Y, 4540 River Road in Perry.

Children can enjoy making a spring-time craft, visiting with live baby bunnies, and a special Easter Egg Hunt for the young and young at heart. Hundreds of eggs filled with sweet surprises will be hidden all over our fields. Bring your camera for family photos with the Easter Bunny.

This year, a special Golden Egg will award its finder with a free Outdoor Y family membership.

Cost is \$5 for children (age 9 and under). All proceeds from the event will benefit the Lake County Outdoor Y Annual Giving Campaign.

Advance registration is recommended. Register in person at the Lake County Outdoor Y, call Liann Cox at 440-259-2724 or visit www.lakecountyyymca.org.

St Patrick's Day Youth Overnight Fun Hosted at the Lake County YMCA East End

Lake County YMCA East End is hosting a Youth Overnight for children ages 6-12 from Saturday, March 18 to Sunday, March 19.

"While kids are enjoying swimming, playing games, and having fun with their friends at the Y, parents can get out for a date night or enjoy a quiet evening at home," said Greg Church, Program Director at the Lake County East End Y.

"Kids can sign up for a great night with their friends at the Y or meet new ones," added Greg.

Children will enjoy swimming, gym games, snacks, and special activities. Youth Overnight is open to children ages 6-12. Children are recommended to bring swim gear, sleeping bag, pillow and overnight clothes.

Registration is \$20 Y members and \$30 program members. Additional

sibling discount, each child is \$15/\$25. Children may be dropped off at the East End Y Saturday, March 18 at 8:00 pm and picked up on Sunday at 9:00 am. Youth will be supervised by Y staff and teen Leaders.

To register for the St Patrick's Day Youth Overnight, contact Lake County East End Y at 440-428-5125 or visit www.lakecountyyymca.org.



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Welcome Spring Hike

Penitentiary Glen Reservation • March 19 • 1 to 4 pm

Start your spring right on a guided woodland hike with nature as it thaws for new life. Featured hikes will vary in length and terrain from flat and easy for the novice hiker to longer with rolling terrain and a few steep hills for the experienced hiker. Join us for our inaugural Welcome Spring Hike Sunday, March 19, as we venture through Penitentiary Glen and into the wilderness in your own backyard. Hikers will embark on their choice of two hikes, varying in length and terrain. The novice hiker will enjoy a short hike with flat and mild terrain led by Lake Metroparks naturalists.

More experienced hikers will enjoy the challenge of a longer self-guided hike featuring rolling terrain and a few steep hills. Both hikes begin at 1 pm. Trail maps will be provided to all hikers.

After the hike, stay for great food and music!

Browse our selection of nature-related items in The Nature Store including birdfeeders, wildlife houses and other accessories, binoculars, books, field

guides and clothing.

Note: No dogs are permitted at this event. Visit bit.ly/LMcanine for canine-friendly programs offered by Lake Metroparks.

Registration is required to participate in the Welcome Spring Hike. A commemorative Spring Hike patch, soup and beverages are included in the \$8 registration fee. All ages are welcome (younger than 18 with an adult). Register online at lakemetroparks.com, in person at Lake Metroparks registration department or call 440-358-7275 or 800-669-9226.

Additional natural fun at Penitentiary Glen Reservation:

Discover the sights and sounds of wildlife at the interactive Nature Calls exhibit.

Watch and listen to birds and other wildlife through the Window on Wildlife.

Visit the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center, where injured or orphaned native Ohio wildlife including hawks, owls and a bald eagle are housed for rehabilita-



Welcome Spring Hike at Penitentiary Glen Reservation - Earl Linaburg

tion and care. See our wildlife ambassadors in the Wildlife Center Yard.

Explore the outdoors with an X-Plorer Pack filled with seasonal hands-on activities that help you discover nature in the park.

Walk the trails with snowshoes (available for rent, weather permitting).

Browse the selection of nature-related items in The Nature Store including birdfeeders, wildlife houses and other acces-

sories, binoculars by VORTEX, books and field guides for adults and children and nature-inspired t-shirts.

Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd in Kirtland, Ohio (44094). The park features 424 acres of forest, fields, wetlands, and 8.5 miles of hiking trails and has been designated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife as a "Watchable Wildlife" site.

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Maple Sugaring Weekends

March 4 & 5, 11 & 12



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 (not included in admission)



TAP INTO MAPLE FROM PAGE 2

through the many antique tools, photos and more on display inside the Woodland Center.

It's springtime on the farm and there are spring lambs being born almost daily at Farmpark. Watch them play around in the arena. Who knows? You may even see a lamb being born. Piglets and kids (baby goats) are often seen at Farmpark this time of year. During your visit, see how a cow is milked. You can even try milking a cow by hand. Learn how plants grow and reproduce in the Great Tomato Works exhibit. Learn how the farmer depends on solar and wind power to grow their crops at the renewable energy display. The 26th annual Quilt Show at Farmpark displays works from nationally-known featured artists and 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. Quilts 2017 is open 9 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Sunday

through March 29.

The hands-on experiences of Maple Sugaring Weekends are included in the regular Farmpark admission. Farmpark members and children under 2 are free.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancakes served all day in the J&J Café (\$7 ages 12 and older; \$4 ages 2 to 11). No registration necessary; regular Farmpark admission applies.

ADOPT A TAP

Through the conservation efforts of the maple sugaring program at Farmpark, 27 acres of maple woodland are preserved by Lake Metroparks. Be part of this conservation effort and adopt a tap. Enjoy a unique maple experience while supporting Farmpark's maple operation.

Details about Maple Sugaring Weekends and Farmpark's adopt a tap program are available at <http://bit.ly/LMmaple> or by calling 440-256-2122 or 800-366-3276.

Lake Metroparks Farmpark is located at 8800 Euclid Chardon Road in Kirtland, Ohio (44094).



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It's All About Kids and Family at the KidShow

Plan on spending the weekend of March 25 and 26 with your family at the 19th Annual KidShow held at Great Lakes Mall in Mentor! This is a great opportunity to spend time with your kids or grandkids at a free event filled with hours of activity and fun. Your children will be inspired by others through entertainment and interactive participation and you will gain a wealth of new knowledge and resources to make good family choices when selecting products and services.

Exhibitors, activities and entertainment best describe the KidShow. Designed to get good information into busy parents' hands, attendees will see some of the best products and services available for kids and families. Visit more than 85 participating exhibitors to get the information you seek in this "one stop information shop." There will be schools and sports, healthcare and wellness, camps and vacations and everything in between. Along with sharing information, many of the exhibitors will also be sharing interactive activities with attending families. Make sure you check out the "Made in CLE" area featuring food products for families and pets made right here in our own backyard!

Not only will you gather useful infor-

mation but the KidShow offers some of the coolest activities! The Kids Counter features crafts and activities with Lakeshore Learning, Max & Erma's, Barnes and Noble, Mentor Public Library, and Mentor Ridge Middle School Art Club. Back this year from 12pm-3pm each day is the Cleveland Clinic Children's Teddy Bear Clinic and during the same time frame on Saturday, Guinness World Record Holder for the largest outdoor and indoor bubble, Dr. U.R. AWESOME will be magically "bubblitizing" kids! Reaching kids of all ages will be the on-site mobile video gaming and trivia.

Two full days of stage entertainment and plenty of games, activities and crafts throughout the mall will provide hours of family fun!

KidShow hours are Saturday, March 25 from 10am-6pm and Sunday, March 26 from 12pm-5pm. Come early Saturday to get one of only 500 goody bags distributed at the top of the Food Court. Tradition continues and one lucky winner will find a red envelope in their bag which holds a one-year family membership to Great Lakes Science Center. Membership is for admission for up to 8 family members and includes the newest exhibit - BUILD IT! Engineering

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Having Fun as a Team

YMCA Youth Soccer League Builds Athletic, Social and Interpersonal Skills

The Y is the starting point for many kids to learn about becoming and staying active, as well as developing healthy habits they will carry with them throughout their lives. Lake County YMCA Youth Soccer League not only helps children gain confidence by learning to pass or kick, but it builds positive relationships that lead to good sportsmanship and teamwork.

"The coaches/parents and referees/teens that volunteer to lead these children on the field are incredible. Not only do they teach the basics of soccer, but also they inspire. We have seen shy children become confident and outgoing players," said Michele Kuester, executive director at the Lake County Outdoor Y.

Children ages 4-5 can discover their personal best, have fun and be part of a team on the field during the preschool soccer league. As young athletes, our coaches encourage more skill



development through games that teach techniques and build confidence. These new improvements to the preschool program also create more opportunity for game exposure.

Soccer at the Y is family friendly because of flexible scheduling and all games are on Saturdays at the Outdoor Y, 4540 River Road in Perry.

Spring Youth Soccer League registration deadline is Saturday, March 22 - early registration ends February 19. Games will be held on Saturdays beginning April 15 thru May 27.

Program fees for children ages 4-18 are \$55 Y-members and \$65 for program members. Late registration is open through April 10 and fees increase to \$70 Y-members and \$80 program members.

Register at the Lake County Outdoor Y or online: www.lakecountyyymca.org.

We also encourage parents and teens to volunteer as coaches and referees respectively. Contact Liann Cox at 440-259-2724 or lianncox@lakecountyyymca.org if interested in volunteering.

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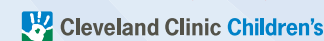


Be one of the first 500 families to register at the Registration Center at the top of the Food Court on Saturday and you will get one of only 500 free KidShow goody bags and be entered into our drawing! One lucky bag will hold a red envelope with a family membership to Great Lakes Science Center. Membership includes unlimited free general admission for one year, including the newest exhibit - BUILD IT! Engineering Fun One Brick at a Time, presented by ArcelorMittal.

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Want to Become a Teacher? Do your Homework First ... Here's Why

by *Carole Richards*

I began teaching in December 1970 before I received my degree. There was a real teacher shortage and the State of Ohio allowed me to teach without a degree or certification. I

completed both by June. By June 1971, the teacher shortage began to dwindle. Some of my classmates and friends couldn't find teaching jobs. While I didn't research why, I suggest that men trying to stay away from Viet Nam with a teacher's deferment.

In 1985, I opened North Coast Education Services and began hiring teachers. I quickly learned that many prospects could not find teaching jobs. Yet, our teacher colleges continued to crank out new teachers.

Fast forward to 2017 and we continue to interview 150 to 175 prospective tutors each fall. I bring up the topic of a "faux teacher shortage". Since we conduct initial interviews in groups, this leads to a discussion. Some individuals have multiple degrees and teacher licenses yet they have not found a teaching job in a school.

Some potential tutors consider returning to college for a master's degree hoping this will lead to a teaching job. I suggest they investigate this idea further because most school districts do not elect to hire master's level teachers because they must pay a higher salary. I often see several heads shaking and agreeing the financial investment of another degree may not be a good idea. All of my research over 32 years in business is informal and by research standards is anecdotal.

Kate Walsh, President of the National Council on Teacher Quality wrote an opinion piece in the Washington

Post on December 2, 2016. She states, "neither states nor the federal government collects the information that would be needed to pronounce the onset of a true teacher shortage. ... over the past 30 years, programs graduated 175,000 to 300,000 teachers each year. Yet school districts consistently only hire between 60,000 to 140,000 newly minted teachers."

In Ohio, teachers must pass a series of exams called Praxis or the Ohio Assessments for Educators. I often find many graduates have not completed exams in time to apply for teaching jobs upon graduation. Therefore they may wait a full year before applying. And their licensure expires in four years or less and they must take additional courses and pay additional licensure fees to continue being licensed. Many new teacher graduates give up and move onto different careers.

So who benefits from continuing to

prepare teachers? Our colleges benefit, of course. And, they benefit again when licensed graduates must renew their licenses taking six additional credit hours at \$300 per credit hour or more. This is in addition to \$200 per license from the Ohio Department of Education. This is just in order to pursue a teaching job further.

So if you are considering a teaching degree, please think about what lies ahead. In teaching, select a field such as math, science or special education. Don't go blindly into the teaching field without an end game plan to get a job.

Carole Richards is the president of North Coast Tutoring Services, the "Education Problem Solvers," president of the Creative Education Institute which holds the Academic Fun & Fitness Camp, and author of RICHARDS READ Systematic Language and a frequent guest on radio and TV. She can be reached at caroler@northcoasted.com.

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From the Ground Up: Art from Trees

A multimedia show featuring photography and woodcarving

Penitentiary Glen Nature Center

March 11 through May 14 • 9 am to 5 pm Free admission

Trees grace our lives in so many ways—from the wood used to build our homes to providing shade, cleaning the air and more. Trees are also a work of art in themselves.

Discover the many ways local artists draw inspiration from trees and use wood to create both fine and functional art. This multimedia show also features the photography of members of the Western Reserve Photographic Society.

Meet the artists at the free opening reception on Saturday, March 11 from noon to 4 pm. Enjoy light refreshments and art demonstrations.

Artwork is available for sale. Proceeds from sales benefit Penitentiary Glen Nature Center. Admission is free. For more information about the Spring Art Show, visit <http://bit.ly/LMSpringart>.

Additional activities

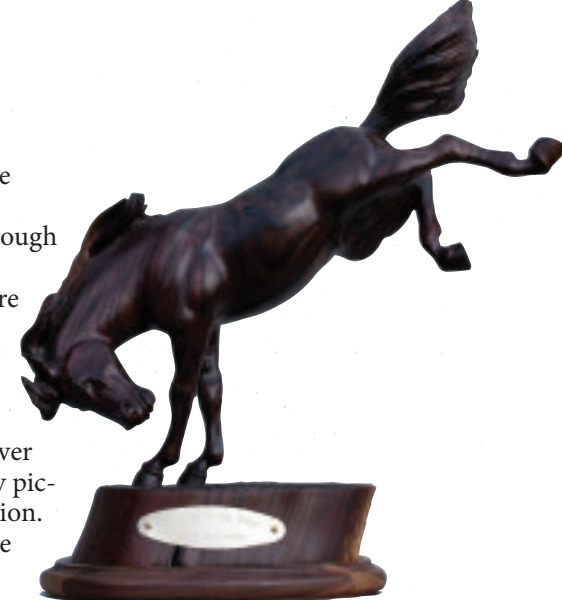
Discover the sights and sounds of wildlife at the interactive Nature Calls exhibit.

Watch and listen to birds and other wildlife through the Window on Wildlife.

Visit the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center, where injured or orphaned native Ohio wildlife including hawks, owls and a bald eagle are housed for rehabilitation and care. See our wildlife ambassadors in the Wildlife Center Yard.

Hike more than 8.5 miles of scenic trails, discover the beautiful butterfly gardens or enjoy a leisurely picnic on the grounds of Penitentiary Glen Reservation.

Browse our selection of unique gift items in The Nature Store including “fun” nature-related toys.



Wildlife Dos & Don'ts

By Tammy O'Neil, Wildlife Care Manager

As the weather warms up and new leaves start to grow on the trees, wild animals become very active. Springtime is a great time to see birds returning from migration, animals searching for mates and nesting sites and the arrival of young.

A wild animal's chief concern is survival. They need food, water, space and shelter. Any available area that provides these things is an opportunity for them to create a home. In order to happily co-exist with native wildlife so that we can enjoy watching them without creating problems for them or ourselves, there are a few simple things to keep in mind.

The most important thing to remember is that wildlife need very little from us—we must respect their space and do no harm.

Watching native wildlife can be a treat—even in our own backyards! Here are some suggestions for a wildlife-friendly

Check for nests before cutting down a tree or clearing brush.

Place caps on chimneys, vents and window wells to prevent wildlife from falling in or nesting in your home.

Keep pets under control so that they don't injure or eat backyard wildlife.

Keep your pet's food inside, not outside on porches or decks.

Keep trash cans locked or inside the garage.

Demonstrate respect for wildlife and their homes; teach children not to catch or harass them.

Exercise caution when driving and watch the roadside for wild animals, especially at dawn and dusk.

When at home or visiting the parks, remember to keep animals wild and healthy by not feeding them.

Feeding wildlife creates unhealthy conditions. Animals congregate in areas where they are fed, causing several problems. They exceed the carrying capacity of their habitats and become overcrowded. High levels of fecal matter are concentrated in one area, which causes unsanitary conditions for animals and people. Diseases

can be passed from one animal to another when areas are overcrowded.

Foods that are not part of their natural diet (bread, popcorn, shelled corn and cereal) are “junk food” to wild animals. They lack many of the nutrients the animals need in order to stay healthy.

Feeding wildlife causes loss of wild instincts. Wild animals that are routinely fed by humans become habituated to humans for food and lose their healthy fear of them. If you want to help out wildlife, plant native plants and wildflowers that provide nutritious berries and seeds.

Call us on the Wildlife Hotline: 440-256-1404 x2131

If you find an injured and/or orphaned animal, the best thing to do is call our Wildlife Hotline immediately. Injured animals can be very defensive even when they are hurt and weak. When you call the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center, you will be given the best and safest information on what to do next.

If you find a young animal by itself that is not injured, please remember that wild parents know what's best for their young. Animals are often left alone, which is part of their development and how they learn survival skills. We don't need to get involved! Most young animals don't have a scent. If the parents have hidden them in the grass or elsewhere, predators will not be attracted to them. The parents will come back for them when it is safe. If you have concerns, please call the Wildlife Hotline before intervening.

Each year, the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center treats more than 2,000 injured and orphaned wildlife. Many eventually recover from their injuries and resume their lives in the wild. The center is home to permanently injured Animal Ambassadors including reptiles, mammals and birds of prey. These animals assist staff in teaching about wildlife issues and conservation. Visit the Wildlife Yard to get an up-close look at all of the amazing animals! The yard is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

KIDSHOW FROM PAGE 17

Fun One Brick at a Time, presented by ArcelorMittal.

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

For all of the weekend activities visit www.KidShowInfo.com. To participate as a company or organization, call KidShow producer ProMark Enterprises, Inc. at 440-974-1198.

Stage Entertainment in front of Macy's Saturday, March 25

11:00am Shri Kalaa Mandir - Indian Performing Arts

11:30am Ronald McDonald's Magic Show

12:00pm Shoreline Singers

12:30pm FAA Vocal Motion

1:00pm Eric Sconyers - The Sax Slayer

1:30pm Rockola Twirlers

2:00pm Geauga Lyric Theater Guild Performance

2:30pm Quinn L'Esperance - Singer

3:00pm Showstoppers School of Baton and Dance

3:30pm Mentor Christian High School Ensemble

4:00pm FAA KREW

4:30pm Karate Institute Martial Arts Demo

5:00pm Mentor Rock Orchestra

Sunday, March 26

12:00pm The Great Brad - Magician

12:30pm TNT Starlettes

1:00pm TNT Pom Girls

1:30pm Mentor Top 25

2:00pm Singing Angels

2:30pm Karate Institute Martial Arts Demo

3:00pm The Mentor Mannheim Chamber Orchestra

3:30pm Sisters Madi & Sophia Scarvelli Singing Performance

4:00pm Joe's Music Student Band

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TORUK – The First Flight is a live immersive multimedia spectacle that brings to the stage the breathtaking world of James Cameron's AVATAR like you have never seen it before.

Through a riveting fusion of cutting-edge visuals, puppetry and stagecraft buoyed by a soaring cinematic score, Cirque du Soleil applies its unique signature style to James Cameron's imaginary world and "makes the bond" between two kindred artistic visions that capture the imagination.

This live immersive experience also bears the distinct signature of directors and multimedia innovators Michel Lemieux and Victor Pilon. It is a living ode to the Na'vi's symbiotic coexistence with nature and their belief in the basic interconnect-

edness of all living things.

Narrated by a "Na'vi Storyteller" and populated by unforgettable characters, TORUK – The First Flight is a mythical tale set thousands of years before the events depicted in the film AVATAR, and before any humans ever set foot on Pandora.

When a natural catastrophe threatens to destroy the sacred Tree of Souls, Ralu and Entu, two Omaticaya boys on the brink of adulthood, fearlessly decide to take matters into their own hands. Upon learning that Toruk can help them save the Tree of Souls, they set out, together with their newfound friend Tsyal, on a quest high up in the Floating Mountains to find the mighty red and orange predator that rules the Pandoran sky. Prophecy is fulfilled when a pure soul rises among the clans to ride Toruk for the first time and save the Na'vi from a terrible fate.

ENTER ME TO WIN 2 TICKETS TO TORUK

We will choose a winner of a pair of tickets from all entries to this remarkable performance. Winner must be able to pick up tickets at The News-Herald office at 7085 Mentor Avenue in Willoughby. Winner will be notified by phone on Feb. 28, 2017.

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Get Great Ideas at the Home & Lifestyle Expo

Lake County Chambers of Commerce hosting the March 4 & 5 Expo



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 Lake County Chambers of Commerce, comprised of the Eastern Lake County Chamber, Mentor Area Chamber of Commerce and Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce, will hold its annual Home & Lifestyle Expo the weekend of Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5 at Great Lakes Mall in Mentor.

The Expo will kick off at 10am on Saturday, March 4 and run until 6pm. Sunday's hours are 11am-6pm.

The weekend promises to provide attendees ideas, inspiration, innovative products and practical advice in remodeling, home improvement, gardening and lifestyle. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with the experts. Representatives from local companies, contractors, remodelers and designers we all be in one location to answer questions, provide suggestions and explore ideas for all aspects of home improvement needs both inside and out.

Entertainment and education will be a big part of the weekend. The entertainment stage is located in front

of Macy's and will feature a variety of presentations and demonstrations. The weekend lineup includes decorating tips and repurposing furniture, how to make a home rain barrel, dance demonstrations, fashion shows and musical entertainment.

The first 250 attendees each day will receive a free gift bag. Gift bags will be distributed at the top of the food court until they are gone. All attendees over the age of 21 will have the chance to enter a raffle drawing to win a \$500 mall gift card. To participate simply pick up an entry card at any one of the exhibitors' booths. Have the card stamped as instructed and submit the card to the stage to be entered into the drawing. The winner will be contacted by phone on Monday, March 6.

New this year is an area to create your own fairy garden. Funds raised by this activity will benefit the efforts of SS Kids, an initiative under Leadership Lake County which provides school supplies to families in need. The opportunity to check out and take a chance on winning an outdoor playhouse built by Auburn Career Center students will also be available.

The Home & Lifestyle Expo is a free event, produced by the Lake County Chambers of Commerce and sponsored



Join WKKY Radio at the main stage in front of Macy's at 2pm. Four of your fairytale favorite princesses will dance and sing. They will also be available for limited picture taking with children at 3pm.

by many local companies which include premiere sponsors, Generator Pros/Shepp Electric and Perfect Power Wash and sponsors A-1 Concrete Leveling of Cleveland East, Advanced Audiology Concepts, Advance Ohio, Calvetta Bros. Floor Show, Carpet One Floor & Home, Cougar 93.7/Mix 97.1, Dollar Bank, Howard Hanna-Stacy Marinelli Group, Lake County Women's Journal, Leadership Lake County, Mimi Magazine, The News-Herald, Ohio Living: Breckenridge Village and Home Health & Hospice, Store with Style, Well Dressed Windows, WINT 1330AM/101.5FM and Your Generator Connection.

For more information about the Home & Lifestyle Expo or to register as an exhibitor contact Linda Reed at the Lake County Chambers of Commerce at 440-357-7572 or visit www.LakeCountyChambers.com.

About the Lake County Chambers of Commerce

The Lake County Chambers of Commerce is a consortium of 3 local chambers working to better the busi-

ness community. The Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce, Mentor Area Chamber of Commerce and the Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce each function autonomously, yet they all share the same important goals:

- Offer solid networking and business-boosting opportunities for members
- Be a strong business advocate - work to improve the business climate
- Be a valuable business resource for members
- Save member organizations money in many ways

Countywide events are created through the Lake County Chambers of Commerce to help the business community and numbers are leveraged to provide member companies a savings on workers' comp and health insurance. For more information about the Lake County Chambers of Commerce or to view a business directory of company members visit www.LakeCountyChambers.com.





March

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Contact Us! Do you have a special event or meeting you'd like to be listed in our community calendar? If so, please email your information to countykids@news-herald.com. Submissions should be 65 words or less. We reserve the right to edit any information prior to publication.

MARCH 3-4

Home & Lifestyle Expo

Great Lakes Mall 7850 Mentor Avenue - Mentor. Great Lakes Mall will welcome local businesses the weekend of March 4 & 5 when the Lake County Chambers of Commerce hosts its annual Home & Lifestyle Expo. The Home & Lifestyle Expo is designed to bring together exhibitors, demonstrations, presentations and entertainment while providing ideas, inspiration and solutions. This event is free and open to the public, we hope to see you there!

MARCH 4

Behind the Scenes Tour

James A. Garfield National Historic Site 8095 Mentor Avenue - Mentor See the Garfield home and property as you've never seen it before! This special two-hour tour takes you into rooms in the President James A. Garfield house not open to the normal public tour, including the basement and attic. You'll also explore the windmill, barn, and other outbuildings. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations recommended; please call 440-255-8722. Minimum age is 16. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to climb steps without difficulty.

MARCH 4

"One World Many Cultures" Benefit

An evening of great entertainment, good food and friends. Proceeds benefit FAA's Sarah Weeden Richardson

Minority Scholarship Fund. Corning Auditorium at The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby 44094 \$10/general admission in advance at the Fine Arts Customer Service Center Call 440-951-7500 or visit www.fineartsassociation.org for further information.

MARCH 5 & 12

Sap's-A-Risin' Sunday

Visit Geauga Park District's Sugarbush, Sugarhouse and Lodge for a walk through time and sweet taste of how the maple sugaring industry evolved from the Native American tradition to modern methods. Help gather with a sap sled; enjoy costumed interpreters; see sap being boiled in the sugarhouse and have a sample taste; warm up with entertainment and maple treats in the lodge. Geauga Park District - Swine Creek Reservation, 440-286-9516 | www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26

Pancake Town USA

Pancake Breakfasts served in four different locations around town. Also Maple Candy and Cream making demonstrations Sundays at the Burton Chamber Log Cabin on the square. Weather permitting, Maple Syrup making demonstrations as well. Burton Chamber of Commerce | 440-834-4204 | www.burtonchamberofcommerce.org

MARCH 10

Zen Tangle Cards Workshop

Kids ages 8-14 learn how to create awesome one-of-a-kind notecards using structured patterns and enjoy a pizza dinner! (Hey, parents, this is a perfect time to plan a date night out or evening with friends.) Pizza and materials included in workshop fee 6:00-8:30 p.m. The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby 44094. Cost: \$32 Call 440-951-7500

or log on to www.fineartsassociation.org to register and for further information.

MARCH 11

12th Annual "March for Meals" Great Lakes Mall

7850 Mentor Avenue - Mentor 8:00 am - 10:00 am The 12th Annual "March for Meals" fundraising event raises needed dollars for the Lake County Council on Aging Meals on Wheels and Senior Nutrition Program. Sponsorship opportunities are available; walkers and walk teams raise funds in support of Meals on Wheels. More information to follow. Please call 440-205-8111 ext. 223 for questions.

MARCH 11

Home Gardeners' Workshop at Lakeland Community College

7700 Clocktower Dr. - Kirtland. The Ohio State University Extension and the Master Gardeners of Lake County will be hosting a gardening workshop at Lakeland Community College on Saturday, March 11. Pre-registration cost of the workshop is \$48, and attendees can register until February 28th, 2017. If available, a limited number of registrations will be offered at the door on the day of the event. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. and the last session ends at 3:30 p.m. A total of 12 sessions will be offered in four-time slots. The program includes lunch, handouts and refreshments. Vendors will also be offering garden related items for sale. The theme for this year's event is "Grow It Yourself." Workshop sessions will include topics related to annuals, perennials, container and community gardens. Attendees will learn basic tips for a better lawn, how to select the right small tree for the home landscape and ways to improve vegetable gardens. Predicting bloom time, control-

ling insects organically, attracting birds and Monarch butterflies are some of the other topics on the schedule. People interested in signing up for the workshop can either call the extension office at 440.350.2582 or go online at: lake.osu.edu to obtain a form that can be sent in with payment. The Lake County O.S.U. Extension office is located at 99 East Erie St., Painesville, Ohio 44077.

MARCH 18 & 19

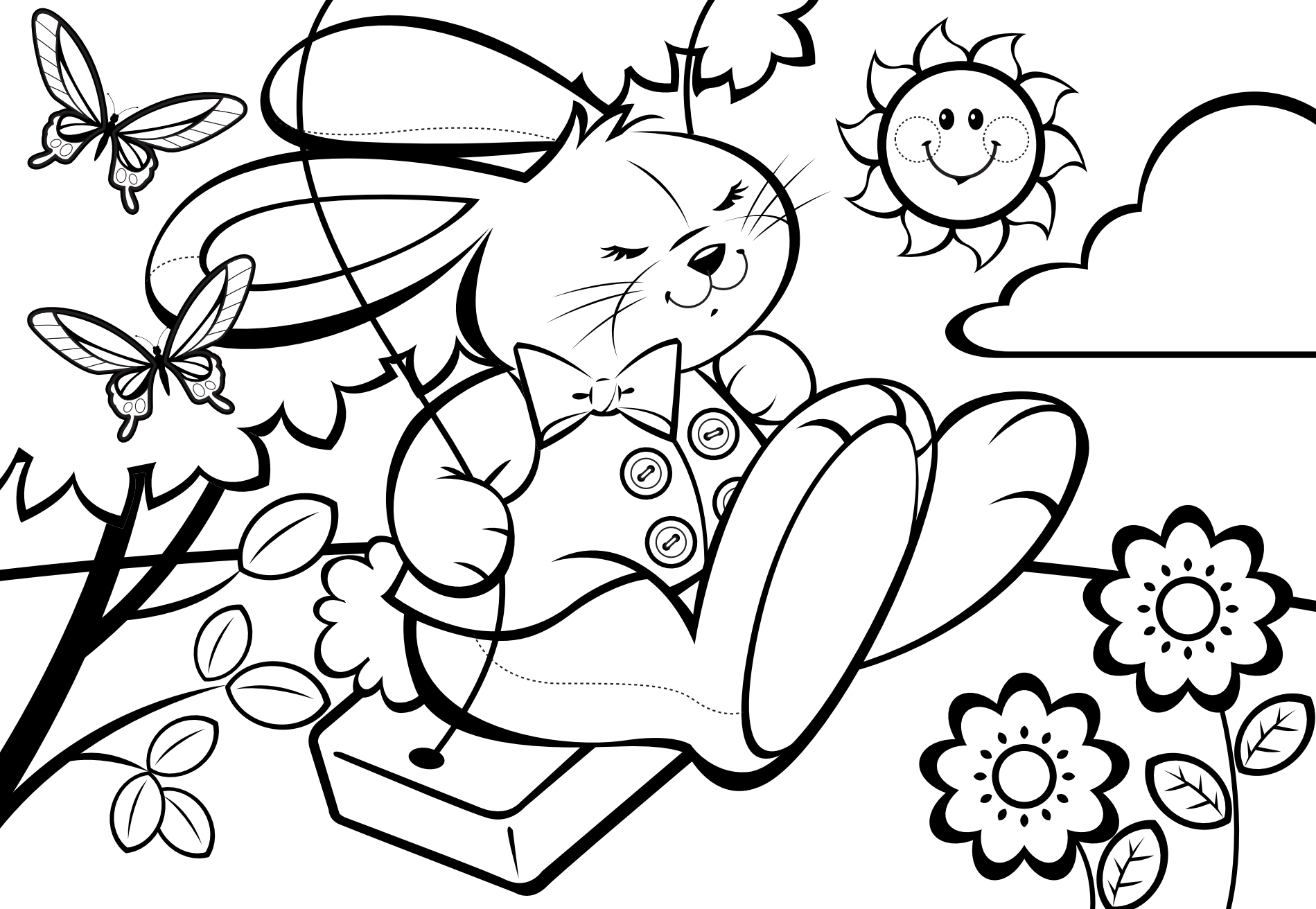
Railfest 2017 Model Train Show

Lakeland Community College (AFC) 7700 Clocktower Dr. - Kirtland, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Railfest 2017 Model Train Show - National Model Railroad Association MCR Div 5 is Celebrating 30 years of Railfest 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 different scales Buy - Sell - Trade - New and use trains! 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.

MARCH 24, 25, 26 & 31

Once Upon A Mattress

The delightful musical adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale The Princess and the Pea. Presented by the Yarnell Youth Theatre Company. Rated G. Corning Auditorium at The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby 44094 \$10/ Children ages 10 and under; \$15/Seniors & Students ages 11 and up; \$17/ Adults Call 440-951-7500 or visit www.fineartsassociation.org for further information. Mar. 24 & 31 and Apr. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Mar. 25 & 26 and Apr. 1, 2, 8 & 9 at 2:00 p.m.



COLORING CONTEST

Calling All Artists!
Happy Easter

Coloring Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Drop off completed entries at the March 25 & 26 KidShow at Great Lake Mall in Mentor. Entries will be accepted at Michaels' booth in front of PacSun or can be dropped off at the Michaels store located at 7900 Plaza Boulevard / Mentor. Deadline for entries is 5:00pm on March 26, 2017.

Sponsors:



PRIZES

1st place

ages 4-6:

Color-In Castle

2nd place

ages 4-6:

20-Count Play-Doh Set

1st place

ages 7-10:

SELFIE MIC

2nd place

ages 7-10:

Crayola Sketch Wizard

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 and age.
4. All entries must be submitted by 5:00pm on Sunday, March 26, 2017.
5. Winning entries will be displayed at Michaels until April 10, 2017.
6. All entries become the property of Michaels.
7. Winners will be notified by phone on March 28, 2017.
8. Decision of the judges is final.



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