

# COUNTY KIDS

## KidShow Coloring Contest

page 14



FIND A

SUMMER

CAMP!

Our Summer  
Camp Guide

page 6-11





**Kayaking at the Geauga Parks summer camp!**  
**Photo by Abby Smith.**

Become a Friend  
 on Facebook



Published By: **The News-Herald**  
 Advertising: **440-954-7134**  
 Production: **Lee Moran**

**Send all submissions to:**  
 CountyKids@news-herald.com

County Kids is published once a month by:  
**County Kids/The News-Herald**

Copyright 2018 by 21st Century Media  
 All rights reserved. Reproduction in whole or in part without permission is strictly prohibited.

County Kids is a registered trademark of  
 21st Century Media



Please recycle this magazine.



**MAPLE CANDY**  
**PHOTO: EARL LINABURG**

## Maple Sugaring Weekends

Lake Metroparks Farmpark • March 3 & 4 and 10 & 11 • 9 am to 5 pm

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

Ever wonder how pure maple syrup is produced? Discover through hands-on demonstrations and crafts as you tap into the fun of Maple Sugaring Weekends.

The journey begins with a wagon ride into the maple woods to the Woodland Center. There, you can 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 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:

- Tap a maple tree by hand
  - See how maple candy is made
  - Sample pure maple syrup and maple candy
  - Whip up your own tasty treat with maple stirs (additional fee applies)
  - Learn how to make maple syrup in your own backyard
  - Sample maple syrup on silver dollar pancakes
  - Create a maple craft
  - Make ice cream and taste the results
  - Pony rides (additional fee applies)
  - Regular Farmpark admission applies.
- Click here for rates, memberships and directions.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancakes served all day in J&J Café (additional fee applies). No registration necessary.

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

*For more information about Maple Sugaring Weekends, visit [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com).*



## Spring babies at Farmpark

Watch kids, calves, lambs and piglets run, jump and play!



LAKEMETROPARKS.COM



# 20th Year Celebration is not Just for Kids at the KidShow

Plenty of opportunities to create family fun memories!  
March 24 & 25 at Great Lakes Mall

What can you expect at the 20th year celebration of the KidShow to be held on Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25 at Great Lakes Mall? Ask the KidShow producer, Pat Perry of ProMark Enterprises and she will say, "A mall filled with families from all over Northeast Ohio gathering information and resources from nearly 85 exhibitors, continuous stage entertainment, hands-on activities and a lot of smiling faces! There is nothing that pleases me more than smiling faces and a jam-packed mall on KidShow weekend." The KidShow's mission is to get good information into busy parents' hands while spending some time having fun with your kids. The mission has been accomplished all 19 years with this year set up to be no different.

In honor of the 20th year, noon on Saturday brings Mascot Mania to the stage located in front of Macy's. The Mentor High School Cheerleaders will kick off our 20-year celebration by starting a parade of mascots and costume characters down the mall. We welcome back the Rockin Robots to the stage on Saturday at 3:30pm and Billy Matsumoto with comedy magic and juggling on Sunday at 2:00pm. You may



**Billy Matsumoto**  
Juggling Balls

recognize Billy as he has been on The Ellen DeGeneres Show and Shark Tank. Guinness World Record 3x Winner for the biggest bubble blown, Dr. U.R. Awesome will be providing bubble fun from 12pm-3pm daily and Wayne Peltz, famous plastic brick artist, will create an on-going interactive mosaic piece of artwork with attendees help to be completed by the closing hours of the KidShow.

KidShow hours are Saturday, March 24  
**SEE PAGE 5 >**

## HEALTHY KIDS DAY ON MARCH 3

Lake County Y Collaborates with Greater Cleveland Y and others at Quicken Loans Arena

Children and their families are invited to join the Lake County YMCA, YMCA of Greater Cleveland, Lake County Captains, and other community organizations for Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, March 3 from 3-5PM at Quicken Loans Arena in downtown Cleveland.

Family activities are free, however pre-registration is required online at [clevelandymca.org](http://clevelandymca.org).

Children and their families can enjoy games and activities to get children moving and parents thinking healthy. Family fun is planned throughout the day including hula-hoop contests, GAGA (sponsored by the Lake County West End Y), face painting, fitness challenges, health checks, and much more.

"In order to thrive, we need human interaction and balance in our lives. We need to take care of ourselves, eat well, stay safe, be active, and always continue to learn and grow. This isn't easily accomplished in the technological and polarized world

in which we live. Little things like playing outside are becoming increasingly rare. The mission driven Y steps in to fill these gaps in Society, reaching out to our communities, offering something for everyone. The Y focuses on balance with programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all," said Pattie Ritt, Child Care Director for the Lake County Y West End.

"We encourage everyone to get involved in Healthy Kids Day where they can take advantage of resources and support to be healthy and get connected," added Pattie.

Dozens of organization will be participating in Healthy Kids Day including Lake County Captains, police and fire/EMS services, University Hospitals, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland Public Health Department, Great Lakes Science Center, Cleveland Children's Museum, Play CLE, Destination Cleveland, and SkyZone - among others.

For more information on Healthy Kids Day, visit [www.lakecountyyymca.org](http://www.lakecountyyymca.org) or call the West End Y at 440-946-1160.

**20th Annual KidShow**  
Anything & Everything About Kids!

**MARCH 24-25** SATURDAY 10AM-6PM  
SUNDAY 12PM-5PM

GREAT LAKES MALL IN MENTOR  
[www.KidShowInfo.com](http://www.KidShowInfo.com)

Celebrate 20 Years of Northeast Ohio's Largest FREE Kids Event!

**DROP IN!**

**SPECIAL FEATURES:**

**Snag a Goody Bag!**

250 given out each day with one per day holding the KidShow red envelope. Winners of the red envelope will receive a \$150 Birthday Party Celebration for 15 guests at Atlas Cinemas.

**Wayne Peltz**

**Dr. U.R. Awesome**

**Billy Matsumoto**

Check out our special guests at [KidShowInfo.com](http://KidShowInfo.com)

**Exhibit Booths**

**Entertainment**

**Kids Activities**

**Snack Attacks**

**Trivia for Prizes**

**SPONSORS:**

PROMARK ENTERPRISES, INC. • EVENT PRODUCER • TO EXHIBIT CALL 440-974-1198

LAKE METROPARKS FARMPARK

# Maple Sugaring Weekends

March 3 & 4, 10 & 11

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)

LAKEMETROPARKS.COM

## Kids hop to 'Peter Rabbit' yoga story time at Mentor Library



Kids stretched their minds and body during a special story time on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Mentor Public Library's Main Branch.

They listened to "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" by Beatrix Potter and acted out the story using yoga poses. MPL's Lisa Layton read and Darlene Kelbach served as the yogi.

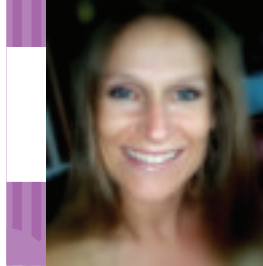
The library is hosting another yoga story time at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7,

at its Main Branch, 8215 Mentor Ave. in Mentor.

Then, the children will act out "On a Magical Do-Nothing Day" by Beatrice Alemagnas. The program is free and open to all kids from three to six years old.

*The library only asks that families register ahead of time. They can sign up online at [www.mentorpl.org](http://www.mentorpl.org) or call the library at (440) 255-8811 ext. 221.*

Jeremy Drake strikes a tree pose in Farmer McGregor's garden.



## Family Matters with Amber

### The Reality Of Parenting In This Generation

So, this has happened to me before. I had a fun, upbeat parenting topic that I wrote. I was especially pumped when my oldest daughter (*my editor extraordinaire*) read it and loved it. Although, five days later, and approximately five days prior to submission, something happened. It was February 14<sup>th</sup>...and frankly, I didn't feel like submitting a damn thing. A blank page maybe? Maybe a page with just three words on it: "What the heck?", which if you know me, you know I don't always sensor well, so that probably would have wound up a different 'h' word, or worse.

Here we go again. It started out as a typical day...except it wouldn't end that way. I arrived home after work to greet my kids wanting to hear about their day. All the while I knew there could be an elephant in the room but was hoping they were lucky enough to have gone through their day not knowing yet. I vowed to keep quiet about the news headlines and the reality of another school shooting. I just couldn't bring myself to admit such a horrific event once again...or make them fearful. I don't know if I was right or not, I just wasn't capable of going there again. It was short lived. My son greeted me, remote in hand (usually he's reading a book after school, but not today). He casually but solemnly pointed towards the tv, announcing, "I wanted to see which events were on the Olympics tonight...and well...I saw *this*...". My heart stopped (and it actually ached). His thirteen-year-old innocent (but not so innocent) face stared at me...he in disbelief, but not in shock. Me. The same. But add a feeling of defeat. We aren't surprised! This is my reality as a parent in America, and this...is just...another commonplace conversation at home with my kids. I'm sickened. I'm P!\$\$&@!

So, honestly, what else could I possibly write about when I worked half my life raising three kids and they're still alive building their dreams in front of me, but there are other parents in the world

(even just towns away from me) reeling in devastation knowing they will never see their children again because they were gunned down in the very place they felt comfortable away from home? I couldn't possibly publish anything happy right now. I'm sick. Tired. Frustrated. Sad. I'm living just fifteen minutes away from Chardon, Ohio; a town where a teenager gunned down several students at their high school (February 27<sup>th</sup> makes six years since it happened). In my home state of Connecticut, another gunman did the same, but instead it was done at an elementary school (this was at the end of that same year as Chardon). Last week a kid brought a gun into his middle school (his MIDDLE school) and shot himself with it. Accident, on purpose, who knows yet. But what the... *ahem*... *else* can I possibly think, or care to write about, when all over the nation the lives of children are being callously taken in such gruesome ways (**no matter their age, they'll always be someone's children**)! I'm known for writing positively, finding the silver lining and the humor in many of our parenting problems. But I'm so angry... There is nothing I can do to hide that or make light of it. There is nothing funny about it and my kids are still here...I cannot imagine the emotions, the pain, or the excruciatingly long (or near impossible) road of coping and healing for the parents who are living this, and not just talking about it. Times have changed...

*Due to space restrictions this month, this column must be continued. If you're computer savvy, go to [www.FamilyMatterswithAmber.org](http://www.FamilyMatterswithAmber.org) to read the rest of this column as well as previous publications on the subject. If you aren't comfortable with computers at this time, Pt. II will be published in next month's issue of County Kids. As always, thank you for reading and thank you for praying for those affected by such violence which is tearing families apart and discouraging our communities.*

the  
**LEARN  
THRIVE**

Child Care  
LAKE COUNTY YMCA



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

In Child Care at the Y, parents feel confident their kids are in a safe, caring and educational environment and... the kids can't wait to see their "teachers" and play with friends.

<b>CENTRAL Y (Painesville)</b> Preschool, School-Age Painesville City 440.352.3303	<b>EAST END Y (Madison)</b> Preschool, School-Age Madison 440.428.5125	<b>WEST END Y (Willoughby)</b> Preschool, School-Age Willoughby 440.946.1160	<b>PERRY CHILD CARE CENTER</b> Infant, Toddler, Preschool School-Age Perry 440.259.4596
---	---	---	--

For more details visit us online at [www.lakecountnymca.org](http://www.lakecountnymca.org)

## ALBRECHT FAMILY DENTISTRY

Lundon R. Albrecht, D.D.S. • Rusty M. Albrecht, D.D.S.  
Chandice A. Richards, D.D.S.

*Welcoming New Patients*



We perform all types  
of dentistry for all ages.  
**Emergencies Welcome!**  
Weekday, Evenings & Saturday  
Appointments

**Need a Dentist?** Call today for an appointment  
**(440) 358-0495**

9659 Old Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Mentor (behind Lowes)  
Visit us at: [www.albrecht dental.com](http://www.albrecht dental.com)



## Applications are Available for Kidz Business Awards

*Lake Kidz Biz seeks to honor youth entrepreneurs.*

Whether they are earning money to buy their first car or make their first charitable donation, Lake County youth are developing and honing their business skills and there is a local awards program to honor their efforts.

Lake Kidz Biz, an organization under the Lake County Chambers of Commerce who serves as a business resource and networking opportunity for companies focusing on children's services and products, is coordinating the Kidz Business Awards. This awards program honors Lake County's youngest residents for their initiative to undertake a business opportunity and use their entrepreneurial spirit to implement a business concept that either benefits others or is a for profit business endeavor. The awards program seeks to: recognize Lake County youth for implementing a business concept on their own; identify how youth are having a positive impact in the community; and publicize the importance of youth helping others. Since these kids typically begin projects without fanfare, Lake Kidz Biz needs your help to find our outstanding youth!

"There are so many kids in our area who have out of the kindness of their heart created a business of sorts to provide items or monetary donations to others. Be it big or small, it does not matter. These kids are making a difference while using business concepts and we are pleased to be able to recognize them," states Amie Longstaff, chairperson of the awards program. Along with helping others, there is an award category for an individual who has launched a for profit endeavor. As many Lake Kidz Biz members are business owners and entrepreneurs, it is only fitting that a category for a profit endeavor was included. Entries may not be a school project or assignment or a project submitted for another organization such as a leadership group or scout troop.

## KIDSHOW FROM PAGE 3

from 10am-6pm and Sunday, March 25 from 12pm-5pm. Keeping tradition, the goody bags are back! The first 250 families each day who register at the Registration Center at the top of the Food Court will get one of only 500 free KidShow goody bags. One lucky bag each day will hold a red envelope with a free Birthday Party Celebration for 15 at Atlas Cinemas. A value of over \$150!

The KidShow is produced by local company ProMark Enterprises, Inc. and sponsored by Atlas Cinemas, Cleveland Clinic

## kidz business Awards

Applicants must be 18 years or younger and attend school or reside in Lake County to be eligible for one of the three \$250 award categories:

- One award for an individual not-for-profit (charitable) endeavor
- One award for a group not-for-profit (charitable) endeavor
- One award for an individual for profit endeavor

Applicants must submit a two-page application, along with supporting documentation by March 31, 2018. Winners in each category will be recognized and receive a \$250 award, commemorative trophy and business cards at an early June Lake County Captains game. For more information or to find the application online, please visit [lakekidzbiz.com](http://lakekidzbiz.com). All instructions are included in the application. Specific questions can be directed to Amie Longstaff at 440.339.6290.

The Kidz Business Awards has received sponsorship support from ERIEBANK, Jemm Construction, Ladies & Gentlemen The Kids Room, Lake County Captains, Lakeland Community College, Macaroni Kid Cleveland East, Mandovi Enterprises, Inc./McDonald's, Mentor Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Mentor iPhone Repair, The Cleaning Authority, The Lubrizol Corporation and Today's Family Magazine.

*Assistance is now needed from the community to help identify youth entrepreneurs. If you know someone who should apply, direct them to [lakekidzbiz.com](http://lakekidzbiz.com), the Lake Kidz Biz website to download an application.*

Children's, Cleveland Magazine, Cougar 93.7/Mix 97.1, HulaFrog, Ladies & Gentlemen Salon and Spa, Lake County Captains, Lake Health, Lake News, Macaroni Kid Cleveland East, Mimi Magazine, Northeast Ohio Parent, The Lake County Women's Journal, The News-Herald and WINT Integrity Radio 101.5FM /1330AM.

*To get more KidShow information visit [www.KidShowInfo.com](http://www.KidShowInfo.com). To participate as a company or organization, call KidShow producer ProMark Enterprises, Inc. at 440-974-1198.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>

PAINESVILLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD PRESENTS



JOIN US FOR A MORNING FULL OF INDOOR FUN!

GAMES • FACE PAINTING • PRIZES • FREE

EVENT BEGINS AT 9:30A | REGISTRATION CLOSES AT 10:15A | AGES 2-10 (W/ PARENT)

EASTER XTREME PRESENTATION @10:15A

OVER 10,000 EGGS

10949 JOHNNYCAKE RIDGE RD | PAINESVILLE 44077 | 440.354.6805  
REGISTER ONLINE AT [PAINESVILLEAG.COM](http://PAINESVILLEAG.COM) FOR SPECIAL PRIZE DRAWING





# Summer Camp

## SIGN-UP TIME

### LAKE METROPARKS SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Registration now open  
[goto.lakemetroparks.com/daycamps](http://goto.lakemetroparks.com/daycamps)  
 440-358-7275

Join us at Lake Metroparks as we prepare for another fun-filled and adventure-packed summer camp season! Whether your child is 4 or 15, we have a summer day camp experience for them! A week in the woods, at the beach or on the farm is a great way for kids to explore the natural world. It is proven that being outdoors and experiencing nature is beneficial to our health. Children who have direct access to nature are better learners, have increased attention spans and have lower stress levels.

#### NEW CAMPS FOR 2018

**Nature Experience Camp:** Explore research techniques to discover the mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, insects and plants found in Lake County.

**STEAM Camp:** Through hands-on experimentation and exploration, take away great ideas and concepts about our world!

**Galaxy Quest Camp:** Experiment with space science projects, play out of this world games and take space-related field trips!



**Art in Nature Camp:** Do you love art? In this camp, use art to observe nature while using different art mediums.

**Wildlife Vet Camp:** Campers will discover what it takes to rehabilitate wildlife including animal handling, anatomy and much more!

**Zombie Survival Camp:** Discover new skills in archery, how to build fires, create shelters and find your way in the woods.

**All Out, All Game, All Day:** Get your kids outside and active! During this camp, children will explore many different sports.

Lake Metroparks offers extended care for many of its camp offerings.

Sign up for a camp today and let Lake Metroparks help your children have fun in the parks this summer!



**MAKE IT A  
SUMMER  
YOUR CHILD WILL  
NEVER FORGET!**

REGISTER FOR ONE OF OUR  
SUMMER FUN ACTIVITIES

DAY CAMPS

SWIM LESSONS

WATER ADVENTURE  
LIFEGUARD CAMP

POOL  
PARTIES



**MEET NEW FRIENDS  
WHILE HAVING FUN!**

440-953-4200 or visit [www.willoughbyohio.com](http://www.willoughbyohio.com)



Archery • Art  
 Beach • Boating  
 Farming • Fishing  
 Nature • Recreation  
 Wildlife & more!



Register now at [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com) or call  
 440-358-7275 or 800-669-9226

- Extended care available for most camps
- Day-long through week-long camps for Pre-K through age 16
- Complete camp listings online and in Spring 2018 Parks Plus!

## HAWKEN SUMMER PROGRAMS

In Gates Mills, Lyndhurst,  
and University Circle  
(440) 423-2940

[www.hawken.edu/summer](http://www.hawken.edu/summer)

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; technology and creativity;

and mythology, mystery, and adventure.

Hawken Travel Camps offer campers ages 10 – 14 the opportunity to visit exciting locations focused on a specific area of interest. This year's camps include the Northeast Baseball Stadium Tour & Hall of Fame Trip and Roller Coaster Chasers. 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, football, field hockey, tennis, and volleyball.

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

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



## PLAY BALL! Little League registration is now open to all residents of 44077!

(Painesville City and Township, Concord, Fairport, Grand River, Leroy). Girls and Boys are invited to join in the fun from t-ball to machine pitch through traditional little league. Register online at [www.PainesvilleLittleLeague.org](http://www.PainesvilleLittleLeague.org). Painesville Little League is sanctioned through Little League International and is the only baseball league in 44077 that can play for the district and state championships, with the potential to qualify for the Little League World Series in Williamsport. Tryouts for kids new to the league are required and will be held February 24th, March 3rd and March 10th. Visit [www.PainesvilleLittleLeague](http://www.PainesvilleLittleLeague) for dates, times, fees, and details.

# Imagine summer, think Hawken!

Summer programs for boys and girls ages 4-14.

## Day Camps

**Far-out adventures close to home.**

Boys Day Camp, Girls Day Camp, Boys Sports Camp, Girls Lifetime Adventure Camp, and Hawkings Preschool Camp

## Summer Studies

**Academic enrichment and refresher courses for grades 6–12.**

English, History, Mathematics, SAT & ACT Test Taking Strategies, Science, Robotics, and Health Studies

## Passport Camps

**One-week sessions for fun and creative explorations.**

Science Camps, Performing Arts Camps, Visual Arts Camps, Design & Construction Camps, Hawken Lego High & Lego University, Culinary Camps, World Languages & Cultural Experiences, Games, Sports & Physical Fitness, Leadership Camps, Technology & Creativity, Mythology in Literature & Film

## Athletic Camps

**Get in the game and have fun.**

Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Running, Boys Lacrosse, Football, Boys and Girls Tennis, Girls Lacrosse, Girls Field Hockey, and Girls Volleyball



HAWKEN  
SCHOOL



Register now for summer programs:

[www.hawken.edu/summer](http://www.hawken.edu/summer) • 440.423.2940 • [summerprograms@hawken.edu](mailto:summerprograms@hawken.edu)





# Get outside and have some fun at Geauga Parks' Summer Camps

"Camp is exceptional."  
"It was fabulous."  
"Counselors were great."  
"Rated over 9,000."

With reviews like that, how could you not be tempted to sign your kid up for Geauga Park District's Summer Camps?

Adventures include everything from biking and kayaking to fishing and sending rockets high into the sky. Plus, in the new year, camp adventures expand to the new Claridon Woodlands, which will serve as a base camp for all campers' biking day and the older campers' high ropes challenge!

"New locations for camp activities that are completed every year will also include kayaking at Bass Lake Preserve," said Naturalist Karie Wheaton. "First day 'Survivor-like' activities will include a fire building challenge, a ring retrieval challenge and a scavenger hunt."

Gauga Park District's 6th annual camps are offered in week-long forms for



youth entering grades 5 through 7 the weeks of June 25, July 9, July 16, July 30 and August 6. A Junior Naturalist Camp will also take place the week of June 11 for this age group.

Week-long experiences for teens entering grades 8 through 10 will be the weeks of June 18 and

July 23. Single-day X-Treme Adventures for the older kids will also be held July 2 and 5 (kayak challenge) and July 3 and 6 (high ropes challenge).

According to 2017 camp surveys, the majority of campers said they could recognize more plants and animals than they could before camp, and 100 percent of campers entering grades 5 through 7 said they enjoy outdoor activities more as a result of their camp experience.

*Phone-in registration begins March 20 at 440-286-9516. Check [bit.ly/gpdcamps](http://bit.ly/gpdcamps) for fees, additional details and waiver forms.*

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



The Fine Arts Association offers camps in ALL THE ARTS for the littlest campers at age three through high school grads. Camps range from one week to six weeks long, both full and half-day. There are theatre camps, visual arts, multi-arts and dance camps for all ability levels. And this year there is a NEW Mark Wood Rock Camp for string players and singers! If your camper needs to arrive early or stay late, Fine Arts offers Before Camp

Care and After Camp Care for several camps. 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 or visit [fineartsassociation.org](http://fineartsassociation.org).**

### GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT'S

# 2018 summer camps



**X-TREME DAY ADVENTURES** for teens entering grades 8-10  
AND/OR **ONE WEEK-LONG CAMP**

**WEEK-LONG ADVENTURE CAMPS** for youth entering grades 5-7



Photo by Brian Kovach

## Get outside for some fun!

**PHONE-IN REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 20**  
Visit <http://bit.ly/gpdcamps> for details • 440-286-9516



## Camps! Camps! Camps! at The Fine Arts Association!

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



One Week Multi-Arts Camps,  
Visual Arts Camps, Theatre Camps,  
Dance 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 16, 2018**



**The Fine Arts Association**  
38660 Mentor Avenue • Willoughby, Ohio 44094  
[fineartsassociation.org](http://fineartsassociation.org)



# Summer Fun with the Lake County Captains

## Skipper's Birthday Bash presented by Cooper's Twist and Shake

Celebrate your birthday at Classic Park! Have "Happy Birthday" sung on the field, get an autographed team baseball, access to the Kids Zone and much more! Every child in the birthday party receives a voucher for a FREE small ice cream cone with one topping from Cooper's. Call Jen Yorke at 440-975-8085 ext 116 or JYorke@CaptainsBaseball.com 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 1, 2 and 3 from 10 AM until 1 PM 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. Contact Devin Levan-Galang at 440-975-8085 ext 132 or DevinL@CaptainsBaseball.com for details.

The Captains will also host a one-day baseball camp at Classic Park on Saturday, April 14 from 9 AM to 12 PM. 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 Devin Levan-Galang at 440-975-8085 ext 132 or DevinL@CaptainsBaseball.com for details.

## Captains Kids Season Pass

The Captains Kids Season Pass is the most affordable way to let your child,

**SEE PAGE 10>**

HathawayBrown

Create your own SUMMER adventure.

HB offers a wide array of summer programming for boys and girls ages 3-21, with dozens of offerings to choose from.

make it your own

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

**We offer flexible scheduling. Call 216.320.8085 for details.**

**HB.edu/summer**



Class A Affiliate of the **Indians**

CaptainsBaseball

@LCCaptains

LCCaptains

**440-954-WINS**

**CAPTAINSBASEBALL.COM**

## OPENING NIGHT

Thursday, April 5 • 6:30 PM

Captains Fleece Blanket\* 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!

## SKIPPER'S BIRTHDAY BASH PRESENTED BY COOPER'S TWIST & SHAKE

Celebrate your birthday at Classic Park! Have "Happy Birthday" sung on the field, get an autographed team baseball, access to the Kids Zone, a FREE small ice cream cone from Cooper's and much more!

## ONE-DAY YOUTH BASEBALL CAMP

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

April 14 • 9 AM - 12 PM

## THREE-DAY YOUTH BASEBALL CAMP

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

August 1 - 3 • 10 AM - 1 PM



\*First 1,500 fans



# Together We Can:

## CAMPS for Grieving Children and Teens

- Together we can:
- Remember those we love
  - Discover healthy ways to grieve
  - Connect with others
  - Express our feelings



Looking for a summer camp to support a grieving child or teen? **WE OFFER A VARIETY OF CAMPS TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.** Camps are expressive in nature and led by facilitators experienced in art, music, play and nature activities.

### Riding Through Grief

June 18-22

Fieldstone Farm, Chagrin Falls, OH

Supported by trained counselors, campers ages 8-12 explore grief issues through riding and working with horses. Offered in collaboration with Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center.

### Red Oak

August 7-9, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Red Oak Camp, Kirtland, OH

A bereavement day camp for children ages 6-13 who have experienced the death of a loved one.

### Family Day at the Beach (all ages)

Saturday, July 28, 3-5 p.m.

Mentor Headlands, Mentor, OH

The waves and the sand provide a soothing natural setting for children and adults of all ages as participants engage in a scavenger hunt, make rain sticks and interact with others, learning new ways to manage their grief. Please register by July 2, 2018.

Visit our website to see all camps and for further info. Call for a registration packet.

[hospicewr.org/camps](http://hospicewr.org/camps)

216.486.6838



## LAKE COUNTY CAPTAINS FROM PAGE 9

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.

### Captains Summer Recreation Days

The Captains will offer a special noon game on June 13 plus two special 11 AM games on July 19 and July 31 as part of the team's annual "Summer Recreation 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](mailto:BPozza@CaptainsBaseball.com) for details.

### Captains Education Days powered by NOPEC

The Captains will host two Education Days powered by NOPEC. Education Day with NASA is May 2. Gates open at 10 AM, and first pitch is at 11 AM. The Captains will team up with NASA for education about baseball, space and more. The second Education Day at Classic Park is May 17. Gates will also open at 10 AM with first pitch scheduled for 11 AM. Please check [CaptainsBaseball.com](http://CaptainsBaseball.com) for more details on the education theme for the May 17 game. School tickets are discounted for only \$8 per person. Fans can also purchase the Education Day package, which includes a game ticket, hot dog, chips and Capri Sun for only \$13. Please call Jen Yorke 440-975-8085 x 116 or e-mail [JYorke@CaptainsBaseball.com](mailto:JYorke@CaptainsBaseball.com) to register your class or school.



## 2018 Hilltopper Tennis Camp and Summer Lessons

Parents looking for that perfect lifelong sport for your son or daughter? One that combines fun, exercise, teamwork, athleticism, competition, and let's face it, a reduced risk of catastrophic injury?

Let United States Professional Tennis Association instructor Eddie Manuel and Chardon Varsity Boy's and Girl's tennis coach Dan Robertson guide your athlete on their tennis journey. We guarantee a student to instructor ratio of 8:1 or less. We offer a very reasonable weeklong tennis camp June 3rd -7th 2 hours per day and two sessions of lessons throughout the summer for 1 hour per day.

For complete information come visit us at:

[www.Hilltoppertennis.com](http://www.Hilltoppertennis.com)

First time picking up a racket to getting ready to dominate the local high school tennis circuit. Hilltopper Tennis is ready to take you to the next level of play!



# LAKE COUNTY Y 2018 SUMMER CAMPS

The Lake County Y Central, East End, West End and Outdoor Y branches offer a variety of summer Day camp and Adventure camp experiences for preschoolers and children ages 4-14, as well as overnight camp experiences for teens at Camp Fitch.

Through hands-on experiences, day camp kids gain self-reliance, a love for nature, and develop attitudes and practices that build character and leadership—all amidst the fun of camp songs, crafts, swimming, games, sports, and meaningful friendships.

Last summer one counselor commented, “We can make even rainy days fun during summer camp. We help kids overcome obstacles whether its climbing the rock wall or building friendships, we encourage every child to learn, grow and thrive.”

Children also discover their abilities and learn about sportsmanship in a variety of activities from dodgeball to exploring on nature hikes and taking exciting trips to the Outdoor Y, Cedar Point, Splash Lagoon, and the Erie Zoo. Planned activities vary among day camp branch programs, so contact the Lake County Y for complete summer camp details.

Our leadership staff has many years of experience directing YMCA camping programs to literally thousands of children. Y counselors encourage children to experience new things whether its trying a new sport or discovering what they can achieve when they set a goal and

SEE OUR  
AD ON THE  
BACK PAGE



work towards it. All camp staff is background checked, as well as First Aid and CPR certified and trained in behavior and conflict management, risk management, leadership and emergency procedures.

*For a great summer experience that will create memories that last a lifetime, contact the Lake County Y at 440-354-5656 for details on your local Y branch summer camp opportunities or visit [www.lakecountyyymca.org](http://www.lakecountyyymca.org).*

## Fun Day at the Glen

Penitentiary Glen Reservation

March 30, 2018 • 10 am to 3 pm

Bring the family and friends for a good time learning about nature during Fun Day Monday at Penitentiary Glen Reservation. Fun Day at the Glen is free for all ages. Stop by the nature center between 10 am and 3 pm for free indoor and outdoor activities with a theme centered around life springing forth hidden under the ice of a pond.

Enjoy scavenger hunts, a nature craft, s'mores, X-Plorer packs filled with seasonal hands-on activities, animal encounters from the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center and much more! Naturalists will be on hand to answer all of your nature-related questions and to help guide you through the day.

### In and around the Nature Center

Explore the interactive Nature Play area (weather permitting)

Interactive nature exhibits and displays

The award-winning “Window on Wildlife”

Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center yard

Browse the Nature Store for nature-themed gifts ideas and birdfeeders, t-shirts, field guides, toys, children's books and more.

*The Nature Center and Wildlife Center are open 9 am to 5 pm. The Nature Store, open until 4:30 pm.*

GREAT LAKES  
MALL

KidX<sup>CLUB™</sup>

# TODDLER TUESDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Each Month | 11 a.m. – noon

Join us near the Lake Health Children's Play area for fun, seasonal themed activities. Events are approximately 1 hour long.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [SHOPGREATLAKESMALL.COM](http://SHOPGREATLAKESMALL.COM)





**MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

6111 Middle Ridge Road  
Madison, OH 44057  
(440) 428-2189

[www.madison-library.info](http://www.madison-library.info)

**Tail Waggin' Tutors** March 15 6:30pm – 7:30pm Kids of all ages are welcome to come and read (or pretend to read) to a gentle therapy dog.

**Party with a Princess** Saturday, March 24 Noon – 1pm Grades K – 5 Come to the library for stories and games with the Geneva Grapettes. Register online or call the library at 428-2189.

**ACT Prep Classes** Monday, March 26 from 5:30-7:30pm Madison Public Library is offering an ACT prep course, designed and presented by the Madison High School faculty. In this series of classes students will be provided with Overview of the ACT test-taking

**MENTOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES****Main Library**

8215 Mentor Ave.  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-8811

**Mentor-on-the-Lake**

5642 Andrews Rd.  
Mentor-on-the-Lake, OH 44060  
(440) 257-2512

**Headlands**

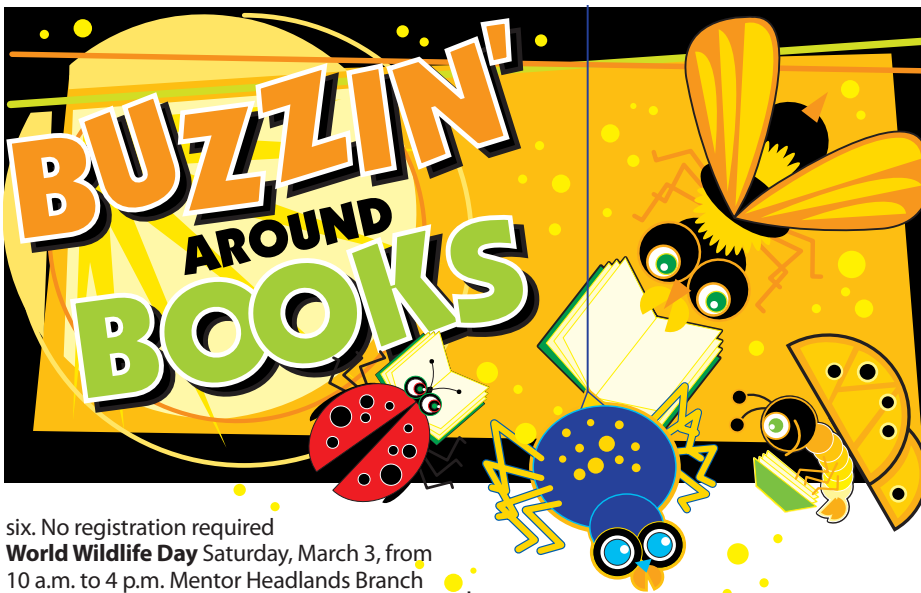
4669 Corduroy Rd.  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 257-2000

[www.mentor.lib.oh.us](http://www.mentor.lib.oh.us)

**Minecraft Club** Thursday, March 1, 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.

**Read Across America with Dr. Seuss** Friday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 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.) Staff will also read some of their favorite Seuss stories during the party. No registration is necessary.

**Countdown to Kindergarten** Saturdays, March 3, 24 and 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Is your child gearing up to enter kindergarten? The library's Kindergarten Readiness program helps prepare little ones for their transition into the school environment by practicing essential skills with fun challenges and activities. Each Saturday, during MPL's winter story-time session, the library will offer a different set of activities for children to try. The activities focus on key areas including language and early literacy, math skills, shapes and colors, gross motor skills, and essential life skills. Children who attend six sessions receive a congratulatory prize. For kids, ages three to



six. No registration required

**World Wildlife Day** Saturday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids can walk in and make monkey picture frames and jungle-animal masks.

**Make a Craft** Monday, March 5 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.

**Wreck-It Ralph Craft Attach** Monday, March 5, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Celebrate the release of "Wreck-It Ralph 2" by making pixelated portraits of Ralph and hair clips to look just like Vanellope.

**Comics Club** Tuesday, March 6, 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.

**Books & Yoga Presents: On a Magical Do-Nothing Day** Wednesday, March 7, at 1:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Kids (three to six years old) can listen to the children's classic "On a Magical Do-Nothing Day" by Beatrice Alemagnas as they recreate the story through yoga poses. Adult and child participation. Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. Registration is required.

**American Girl Book Club** Wednesday, March 7, at 4 p.m. Meet Josefina. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Girls between the ages of six and 12 years old meet once a month for a craft and a snack for each of the historical American Girl dolls. Each month will focus on a different doll. Be sure to read "Meet Josefina" before this program. Registration is necessary each month.

**Sew Much Fun** Thursday, March 8, 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 an owl or a videogame-controller pillow. Patterns and supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

**Studio MPL Art Club** Thursday, March 8, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Join Mentor Public Library's art club for kids (from first through fifth grade.) Each month, Studio MPL makes a different fun art project.

**St. Patrick's Day Craft** Saturday, March 10, at 1 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids can make St. Patrick's Day crafts and search for the leprechaun's gold.

**Family Afternoon Movie** Saturday, March 10, at 1 p.m. 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.

**Picking up STEAM Club: Terrariums** Saturday, March 10 at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade can come to the Lake Branch and explore the weird worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through new interactive experiments each month. In March, the young scientists will learn about the water cycle and how to build terrariums.

**Wordplay Creative Writing Club** Wednesday, March 14, 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.

**Family Game Night** Wednesday, March 14, at 6 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Play board games with the family. Snacks and a beverage will be provided.

**Firehouse Friends** Thursday, March 15, at 10:30 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Join our friends from the Mentor Fire Department for stories and songs. Meet the local firemen. Find out what it's really like to be a fireman. Open to all ages. Each time kids

attend the "Firehouse Friends" story time will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win lunch with the firemen in December.

**MPL Arcade: Video Game Club** Thursday, March 15, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Come to the library for an afternoon of gaming with the newest 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.

**Fresh Colors: Teen Art Club** Thursday, March 15, at 4:30 p.m. Mentor High School's Hub (6477 Center Street) A new art club for teens in grades six through 12. Each month, the club will explore a different artist or medium. This month, experiment with German Expressionism. Supplies will be provided

**Lake Branch Minecraft Club** Saturday, March 17, 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 17, 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.

**Write On: A Writing Club for Teens** Monday, March 19, 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.

**Clashing Controllers** Wednesday, March 21, 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 21 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.

**Destroy a Book** Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Teens can learn some crafty way to upcycle old or damaged books. Practice book folding and make your own paper flowers. Library will provide supplies. Registration is required and opens March 1.

**Techno Tweens** Saturday, March 24, at 1 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.

**Marshmallow 'Snowball' Catapults** Saturday, March 24, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids can create mini "snowball" catapults, then aim them in targets and compete in the library's Longest Launch contest. Winner receives a prize

**Super Hero Party** Saturday, March 24, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Fly to the Lake Branch for a special gathering for superheroes. Kids can make some super crafts and play a variety of fun games.

**Craft for a Cause Club** Monday, March 26, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Put those crafting skills to good use. Join the Craft for a Cause Club where they knit and crochet for charities that help bring comfort and warmth to the community. Knowing how to knit or crochet is helpful, but not necessary.

**Full STEAM Ahead: Science** Tuesday, March 27, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room First through fifth graders can enhance their STEAM development with activities involving science. Registration begins March 13.

**Color Me—Headlands** Wednesday, March 28, 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.

**Tree Tale Tellers** Saturday, March 31, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Get ready for Arbor Day at this special story time presented by the Holden Arboretum. Kids can enjoy a fun-filled hour of tree-themed stories and activities.

#### MORLEY LIBRARY

184 Phelps St.  
Painesville, OH 44077  
(440) 352-3383  
[www.morleylibrary.org](http://www.morleylibrary.org)

**Spring weekly storytimes** Registration is ongoing for Spring weekly Preschool/Kindergarten storytime and Stories & S.T.E.A.M. The Spring storytime session starts Monday, March 19th and runs for 7 weeks through Friday, May 4th. Register online, in person, or by phone at 440-352-3383 starting Monday, March 12th. No registration is needed for other recurring weekly storytimes or N B TWEEN.

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

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

**KIDS CRAFTERNOON!** - Thursday, March 1st - 3:00 - 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to make a

fun, free magic scratch truck craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

**Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!** - Friday, March 2nd - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Stop by to help us celebrate the birthday of the late, great Dr. Seuss! Participate in a fun, free scavenger hunt and win a small prize. Make a Seuss-tastic craft, play a candy guessing game, and enjoy a free mini-cupcake! No registration needed. This celebration is for families with children ages 12 and under.

**Oobleck Creation Station** - Friday, March 2nd - 4:00 - 5:00 PM For kids ages 6-12. Drop by the Project Room on the Children's Floor to make a messy batch of Seussian Oobleck slime. Cover-up or old clothes recommended. No registration needed.

**Holi: The Festival of Colors!** - Saturday, March 3rd - 11:00 - 11:45 AM Let's welcome the coming of Spring this year with a rainbow of colors! We'll explore this Hindu Spring festival of love, family and forgiveness through storytelling, music and art! This is a family program and no registration is required.

**Paws 2 Read** - Saturday, March 10th - 11:00 AM - 12:35 PM Bark all about it, Paws 2 Read is back! Paws 2 Read is a program that encourages readers of all abilities to relax and read in a comforting environment with a friendly, certified therapy dog for 15 minutes. Registration is necessary and opens two weeks before the program on Feb 24th. To register, please call the Children's Room at 440-352-3383 to choose a dog and a time slot for your child.

**The Construction Zone** - Tuesday, March 13th - 4:00 - 5:00 PM Drop by the Story Room between 4:00-5:00 PM for The Construction Zone! Build a LEGO creation or test your marble race track skills and have your picture taken for the Construction Club wall. All ages welcome, parents must stay with children 5 and under. No registration needed.

**Pizza & Pages** - Thursday, March 15th - 4:15 - 6:30 PM For tweens ages 9-12. Come and talk about the "wonder"ful book, Wonder, by R. J. Palacio. We will have pizza and watch the movie as well! Registration is required and will begin March 1st.

**St. Patrick's Day Craft & Scavenger Hunt** - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the library! Families can drop by any time between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM to make a fun St. Patrick's Day craft and do a scavenger hunt. Kids who participate in the scavenger hunt get to pick a free small prize from the treasure chest. No registration needed.

**KIDS CRAFTERNOON!** - Thursday, March 22nd - 3:00 - 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to make a fun, free bunny mask craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

**Kids Make-It & Take-It** - Saturday, March 24th - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Join us for a drop-in Kids Make-It & Take-It! We'll have various craft stations set up around the Children's Room, and kids can make whatever they like and take it home. No registration needed and

fun, free magic scratch truck craft.

**Teen Movie Night** - March 6, 6pm. Join us as we watch Thor and the Hulk battle gladiator style! We'll have pizza & popcorn. Bring friends!

**Felting for Teens** - March 13, 6pm. Try this fiber arts craft using wool and a needle to create animals and other 3-D sculptures. Registration is required.

**Teen Gaming Night** - March 27, 6pm. Take your pick of games to play on the PS4 or challenge your friends in Scrabble, Clue, or one of many board games available. We'll have pizza too. Bring friends!

#### WICKLIFFE PUBLIC LIBRARY

1713 Lincoln Road, Wickliffe, Oh 44092  
(440) 944-6010  
[www.wickliffe.lib.oh.us](http://www.wickliffe.lib.oh.us)

**Crafty Kids** First Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 3/6, 4/3, 5/1 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, join us for stories and crafty activities. Registration requested.

**Junior Chef** Second Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 3/13, 4/10, 5/8 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, join us for stories and creative cooking for kids. Registration requested

**Book Blast** Third Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 3/20, 4/17, 5/15 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, explore a new book series each month through sample reading and activities. Check out a book from the series and discuss the next month. Registration requested.

**STEAM Ahead!** Fourth Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 4/24, 5/22 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, join us and explore science fun. Registration requested.

**Spanish Amigos** Wednesdays: 1/10-3/21/18 from 6-7 pm Do you want your child to learn more about the world around them? Wickliffe High School Spanish V Seniors will be leading this weekly series, exposing your Kindergarten - 4th grader to the Spanish language and culture through activities, games, food, and TONS of fun!

**Tales for a Dog** First Saturday of every month @ 9:30 or 10:00 am: 3/3, 4/7, 5/5 Readers completed Kindergarten and older, come share a story with a certified therapy dog. Pre-register or drop-in.

**Lego Club** Second Saturday of every month at 2:00 pm: 3/10, 4/14, 5/12 Children Kindergarten and older, stop by for some building challenges and fun! Drop-in.

**Spring Break Make & Take Craft** March 22-31, during open hours Kids 12 and under visit the Children's Department and make a craft to take home. Multiple crafts change throughout the week.

**Tween Time** Wednesdays @ 2:30 PM: January 10-March 21 Children 5th-8th grade, join us for snacks, socializing and fun activities. Registration requested.

#### WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Eastlake Public Library  
36706 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Eastlake, OH 44095

(440) 942-7880 x. 105

Willoughby Public Library  
30 Public Sq.

Willoughby, OH 44094  
(440) 942-3200 x. 104

Willowick Public Library  
263 E. 305 St.

Willowick, OH 44095  
(440) 943-4151 x. 116

(440) 516-0843 TTY

Willoughby Hills Public Library  
35400 Chardon Rd.

Willoughby Hills, OH 44094  
(440) 942-3362

[www.welibrary.info](http://www.welibrary.info)

**Homeschool Science Adventures** Each month we will cover an aspect of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) with hands on activities. Ages 6 & up. Thursday, March 1, 10 or 11:30 am Willoughby Library

**Willoughby Otaku Anime Club** Join fellow Otaku at the Willoughby Library to watch anime, discuss anime and manga and draw our own characters. You can even cosplay if you want. Refreshments will be served. Ages 13 & up. Sat., March 3, 1-4 pm Willoughby Library

**Library Fun House** Join other students for board games, puzzles, crafts, puppet play and other fun activities. Grades K-6. Saturday, March 3, 11 am-12:30 pm Willowick Library

**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!

Monday, March 5, 6:30 pm Willoughby Library

Wednesday, March 7, 4 pm Willowick Library

Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library

**Teens Make Stuff @ the Willoughby Library** Come to the Willoughby Library and learn how to make interesting things. Ages 13 & up. Wednesday, March 6, 7-8:30 pm Willoughby Library

**Barks for Books** Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog! (Grades K-5). Saturday, March 10, 9:30 or 10 am (Choose one session) Eastlake Library

**Movie Night at the Hills** Watch recently released movies on the big screen with free popcorn. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Movie starts at 6 pm. Outside snacks and drinks permitted. Wednesday, March 14, 5:30-8 pm Willoughby Hills Library

**Teen Card Night @ the Library** Bring two or more friends and your Yu-Gi-Oh and/or Pokemon cards to the Willoughby Library where you can battle each other and maybe someone new. Ages 13 & up. Wednesday, March 14, 7-8:30 pm Willoughby Library

**Wimpy Kid Book Club Discussion Day** Join a book club to discuss Jeff Kinney's Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul and other titles in the popular series. Wednesday, March 14, 6-7 pm Willoughby Hills Library

SEE PAGE 15



Calling All Artists!

# COLORING CONTEST

## PRIZES

**1st Place ages 4-6:**

Crayola Magic Scene Creator & Art Kit

**2nd Place ages 4-6:**

Build-A-Bear Workshop

**1st place ages 7-10:**

IDO 3D Print Shop

**2nd Place ages 7-10:**

Hyper Slimer & A Gallon of Elmer's Glue

## 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 24 & 25 KidShow at Great Lakes Mall in Mentor. Entries will be accepted at Michaels' booth in front of Build-A-Bear or can be dropped off at the Michaels store located at 7900 Plaza Blvd./ Mentor. Deadline for entries is 5:00pm on March 25, 2018.

### 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 25, 2018.
5. Winning entries will be displayed at Michaels until April 9, 2018.
6. All entries become the property of Michaels.
7. Winners will be notified by phone on March 28, 2018.
8. Decision of the judges is final.

Sponsors:



CELEBRATING THE

20TH

KidShow

March 24 & 25 at Great Lakes Mall  
KidShowInfo.com



**HomeSchool Computers and Research** This four month series of classes will teach your child computer and Internet basics, as well as research and library skills. Registration begins December 11. Ages 10 & up. Thursday, March 15, 1:30 or 3 pm Willoughby Library

**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 15, 2 pm Eastlake Library

**Video Game Club** Come make friends and play our Xbox One, Wii-U, Wii, and Playstation 2! Ages 12 & up. Saturday, March 17, 2-4 pm Willowick Library

**Homeschool Art for Teens** Do you want to learn more about art? Love to create art but never get the chance? Join us to meet other art-loving teens and learn about different artists and styles. Homeschool grades 6-12. Ages 11-18. Tuesday, March 20, 10 am-12 pm Eastlake Library

**Tree Tales Storytime with Holden Arboretum** Join us for a special Tree Tales storytime with the Holden Arboretum. All ages welcome! Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 pm Willowick Library

**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 22, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library

**LEGO Club** We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination in our LEGO club! All ages welcome! Saturday, March 24, 2-3:30 pm Willowick Library. Saturday, March 24, 2-3:30 pm Willoughby Hills. Saturday, March 31, 1:30-3 pm Eastlake Library

**Special Needs LEGO Club** This LEGO Club is specifically for children with special needs. We provide the LEGOs, you provide your imagination. All ages welcome! Saturday, March 24, 10:30 am-12 pm Willowick Library

**STEM Play** Try our libraries fun STEM games and toys, including Snap Circuits, a marble run, Laser Maze, Suspend, LEGO and more! Saturday, March 24, 1:30-3 pm Willowick Library

**Family Game Night** Challenge your friends & family with a variety of card & board games. You can even bring your own to share! All ages welcome! Thursday, March 29, 4-8 pm Eastlake Library

**Learn and Play Chess Club** Join us for an informal gathering of chess enthusiasts, including instruction and play, fun and refreshments! No registration needed. All ages and chessboards welcome. Saturday, March 31, 12-4 pm Willoughby Library

**Author Visit: Mindy McGinnis** Join us for a presentation by YA author Mindy McGinnis! Mindy has written books for teens including *Given to the Sea*, *Not a Drop to Drink*, *The Female of the Species* and *This Darkness Mine*. Program will be followed by a book signing/meet and greet (books will be available for purchase). Saturday, March 31, 2-4 pm Willowick Library



# MARCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR



## MARCH 3-4

**Home & Lifestyle Expo** Saturday, March 3 – 10am-6pm; Sunday, March 4 11am-4pm Great Lakes Mall, 7850 Mentor Avenue, Mentor FREE event. The Expo provides a weekend of ideas, innovative products and practical advice in remodeling, home improvement, gardening and lifestyle. Representatives from local companies will be on-site to talk with attendees about all aspects of home improvement, both inside and out, along with sharing their products and services. Entertainment and education are a big part of the Expo with the entertainment stage located in front of Macy's. The first 250 attendees each day will receive a free gift bag. Five lucky attendees will walk away with a \$100 gift card each in their bag! [www.LakeCountyChambers.com](http://www.LakeCountyChambers.com) or 440-357-7572

## MARCH 3

**Willoughby Hills Spring Craft Show** Willoughby Hills Community Center 35400 Chardon Road - Willoughby Hills 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Annual Spring Craft Show Over 65 Vendors With Handmade Items On Both Floors Of The Community Center Free Admission

## MARCH 10 THROUGH MAY 13

**Birds & Blooms Spring Art Show** Penitentiary Glen Reservation • 9 am to 5 pm FREE admission What better way to welcome spring than with an art show highlighting the first signs of spring--birds and blooms! This colorful multimedia show features creative birdhouses, photography by members of the Western Reserve Photographic Society, ceramics and more. Birds & Blooms will herald in the beauty of spring in northeast Ohio at Penitentiary Glen Reservation. Artwork is available for purchase. Admission is free. The show opens with a reception to meet the artists with demonstrations and light refreshments noon to 4 pm Saturday, March 10. The show will then be open 9 am to 5 pm daily through May 13. Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road in Kirtland (44094). For more information, visit [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com).

## MARCH 17

**Patrick's Day Youth Overnight Fun for All** Lake County YMCA East End is hosting a Youth Overnight for boys and girls ages 6-12 from Saturday, March 17 to Sunday, March 18. Children will enjoy a festive night at the Y including swimming, gym games, and snacks with their friends. 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 17 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 Youth Overnight, contact Lake County East End Y at 440-428-5125 or visit [www.lakecountyyymca.org](http://www.lakecountyyymca.org).

## MARCH 17 THROUGH MAY 6

**Springtime on the Farm** Lake Metroparks Farmpark • 9 am to 5 pm Open Tuesday through Sunday. Farmpark admission/membership applies Your little sprouts will have fun playing in the spring-themed indoor playground at Lake Metroparks Farmpark. Watch newborn spring lambs, goats and piglets, learn about plant life and make a spring craft (weekends only). Lake Metroparks Farmpark is located at 8800 Euclid Chardon Road in Kirtland (44094). For more information about Springtime on the Farm, visit [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com).

## MARCH 17 & 18

**Railfest 2018 Model Train Show** Lakeland Community College (AFC) 7700 Clocktower Dr. - Kirtland, National Model Railroad Association MCR Div. 5 Is Celebrating 31 years of Railfest at Lakeland Community College on Saturday, March 17, 2018, and Sunday, March 18, 2018. 10 am to 4 pm. 110+ Dealers and over 420 tables to view, see exhibitors with all scales of trains and accessories for sell and trade, video tapes, train ride information, and historical displays. Admission \$7.00 each \$12.00 Two Day Pass / \$12.00 Family [www.railfest.org](http://www.railfest.org)

## MARCH 18

**Under The Sea Pageant** Great Lakes Mall 7850 Mentor Avenue - Mentor 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Located in the Macy's Concourse. Do you have a beautiful baby? Does your child enjoy being in front of an audience? Do you want to be discovered? Sunburst Beauty Pageants are always looking for new faces and will be at Great Lakes Mall on Sunday, March 18 at 1pm for the Under the Sea Pageant! For all the details visit [sunburstbeauty.com](http://sunburstbeauty.com) or call (727) 258-7053.

## MARCH 24

**Annual Egg Hunt at the Lake County Outdoor Y** 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, March 24 from 2-4pm at the Outdoor Y, 4540 River Road in Perry. Children can enjoy springtime crafts, pet live bunnies and collect sweet surprises in a special Easter

Egg Hunt for the young and young at heart. Hundreds of eggs will be hidden all over our fields. Bring your camera for family photos with the Easter Bunny. Cost is \$5 for children (age 9 and under). Advance registration is recommended. Register in person at the Lake County Outdoor Y, call 440-259-2724 or visit [www.lakecountyyymca.org](http://www.lakecountyyymca.org).

## MARCH 24

**Ice Painting and Easter Egg Hunt on Ice** 12:30pm – 3:30pm Mentor Civic Ice Arena, 8600 Munson Rd, Mentor. This Spring event features an egg hunt and a chance to paint the ice with your favorite Easter colors. Resident/Nonresident: \$5. Stay for the Open Skate following the event for no extra charge.

## MARCH 30

**Lake County YMCA Hosts 52nd Annual Good Friday Breakfast** Lake County YMCA invites the community to gather as Christians during its 52nd annual Good Friday Breakfast to be held on Friday, March 30 at the West End Y, 37100 Euclid Ave in Willoughby. The morning will also include live music, fellowship and a continental style hot breakfast. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and Program will begin at 8:15 a.m. Fee is \$5 per person or \$40 for a table of eight. Reservations can be made in person at any Lake County Y, online at [www.lakecountyyymca.org](http://www.lakecountyyymca.org) or by contacting the West End Y at 440-946-1160.

## MARCH 31

**Extreme Easter Experience** Children's Worship Center, 10949 Johnnycake Ridge Rd, Painesville, KidzBlast Easter Egg Hunt and community outreach including gospel presentation, carnival games, face painting, photo booth, etc. See our ad on page 3.

## MARCH 31

**Spring Craft Show at Steele Mansion** Steele Mansion Inn & Gathering Hub 348 Mentor Avenue - Painesville 10:00 am - 4:00 pm SPRING CRAFT SHOW Join us at the beautifully restored Steele Mansion for a day of fun and shopping! Purchase unique items from 30+ local crafters and vendors. \$3 Admission – Free Parking Raffle Prizes – Food and Cash Bar available. [www.steelemansion.com](http://www.steelemansion.com)

## MARCH 31

**Easter Egg Hunt at Painesville Railroad Museum** 475 Railroad Street - Painesville 12:00 am - 12:00 pm The Painesville Railroad Museum along with the Lake County Juvenile Diabetes Walk Family will be hosting our first Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast. Easter Egg Hunt will start at 10 am. \$7.00/ Adults, \$5.00 Sr. Citizen; \$3.00/Children (10 under); \$15 family of 4 = 2 Adults 2 Children (10 under)





FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



**DREAM  
EXPLORE  
DISCOVER  
Camp 2018**

Join us for another great summer of Day Camp at the Y! Camp dates will be from May 29<sup>th</sup> through August 10<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see your local Y for more details!

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

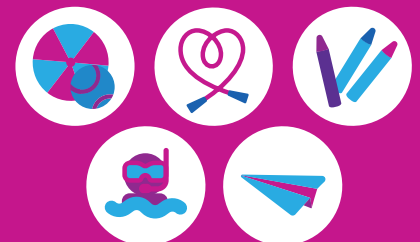
**WEST END Y**  
**Willoughby**  
**440.946.1160**

**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 1<sup>st</sup>  
[www.lakecountnymca.org](http://www.lakecountnymca.org)