

2017 SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS, Clark County

United Way's Information and Referral Service produces this list (323-1400 or 211). It includes many of the summer opportunities available for kids in our community. Please contact resources directly for further information. Many of the resources below have a fee. Ask about applications for scholarships or reduced rates if you are unable to afford the fee. If you are a non-profit agency offering a summer program and are not listed, please call the above number or email mmartin@uwccmc.org

AUTUMN TRAILS STABLE-THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM-937-536-9912

Therapeutic riding is an equine-assisted activity for the purpose of contributing positively to the cognitive, physical, emotional and social well-being of individuals with special needs. Summer session in July 17-July 21, 2017. Autumn Trails is located at 2000 Folk Ream Road Springfield, OH 45502. For more information: call the number above, email info@autumntrailsstable.com or visit their website www.autumntrailsstable.com

BECOMEONE-This is a non-profit youth organization in Springfield with the mission to bring youth together in a positive structured environment through mentorship, academic support, community activities and sports. They normally host summer activities. The Amanda Jackson basketball camp has been held for several years in June. At this publication, May 1, it has not been scheduled. For more information and to register go to the website www.becomeoneinc.org

CAMP BOOST-SUMMER READING CAMP-Springfield Christian Youth Ministries-325-6183

Camp Boost Summer Reading Clubs are a five-day, faith-based program that helps children gain a "boost" in their summer reading around fun topics and lots of hands-on activities. Breakfast and lunch included. Open to children age 4 through entering the 5th grade completed. **FREE**. Register by June 15. Call 325-6183 or email SCYMinistries@gmail.org www.crushtheodds.org Dates/Locations:
June 26-30 at Maiden Lane Church of God-1201 Maiden Lane
July 10-14 at High Street Nazarene-1625 E. High St.
July 17-21 at Clifton Avenue Church of God-1408 Clifton Ave
July 24-28 at St. John Missionary Baptist-34 W. Pleasant St.

CAREER CONNECTED CENTER SUMMER CAMP 2017-937-505-2941

Summer Camps for children in grades 5-8 will be held at The CareerConnectedED Center at 700 S. Limestone St. This center is owned and operated by the Springfield City School District. Spots will be held for SCSD students provided they are registered by June 1st. Registration for Non-SCSD students is \$50 and must be received by June 1. June 12-16 Mechanical Wonders-Explore movement and make things fly, hover or swim. June 19-23 Inventor Workshop-Use curiosity, experimentation, imagination & science to develop one of a kind art pieces. June 26-30 Sci-Fi-Get inspired by classic Sci-Fi & explore fun new ways to create your own vision of what the future will be. Registration forms are available at www.getcareerconnected.org

CAREER CONNECTED ENTREPRENURIAL SUMMER PROGRAM-505-2941

This 4 week summer program will unlock a student's innate ability to solve a problem. Students in grades 9-12 will have the ability to "think outside the box" and learn company operations to start their own successful business. June 5-June 30, Mon-Fri Noon-2:00 pm. For more information or to register go to www.youmediacced.com

CLARK STATE COLLEGE FOR KIDS AND TEENS- 328-6079 or www.clarkstate.edu/about-clark-state/youth-outreach-programs/college-for-kids-and-teens

Summer enrichment is offered for kids grades K-12. Fees vary. Children can explore dance, stories, Catapult painting-when science, math & art collide. Jr. Journalism and TV reporting, creative writing, Future Nurses of America, Intro to Medical Lab technology and Pre-Med camp are just some of the learning opportunities available. A complete schedule can be printed from the above website.

SPRINGFIELD CITY SCHOOLS- SUMMER DAY CAMP (Child Care Program) 505-2818

May 22 through August 10, 2017 6am-6pm, at Lagonda Elementary 800 E. McCreight Ave.

The camp is available for children who have completed Kindergarten -6th grade and are between ages 6-12 years. Children will participate in weekly field trips. Breakfast and a snack provided, children must bring their own lunch. The cost is \$125 per week or \$31 per day. This camp is available to families receiving financial assistance for child care from the Department of Job & Family Services. Registration forms are available at www.spr.k12.oh.us and go to After School Child Care or call the number listed above.

DIABETES CAMP- Ko-Man-She-Camp is for children with Type 1 diabetes ages 8-17 yrs. Residential camp will be held at YMCA's Wilson Outdoor Center, 2732 County Road 11, Bellefontaine. Call for the cost. Register by June 1. Camp is July 9-July 15, 2017, call 937-220-6611. There will be a day camp for children ages 6 & 7 years old on July 11 & 12.

DIABETES CAMP- Tiponi-is a residential overnight summer camp for kids ages 8-17 yrs. living with insulin resistance, prediabetes, Type 2 diabetes or at risk for Type 2. Register by June 1. Camp is July 9-15, 2017. Call or check the website for the cost. The camp is at YMCA Camp Wilson, 2732 County Rd 11, Bellefontaine. Call 937-220-6611 or www.diabetesdaytoncamps.com Camperships are available. These camps are staffed by Doctors, Nurses, Counselors and Dieticians, all working as a team for your child's health and sponsored by Dayton Diabetes.

ECOCAMPS – Glen Helen Ecology Institute (Yellow Springs) (937) 767-7648

Day Camps M-Th 9:00am - 3:30pm, Friday 9:00am-2:00pm (Extended day available)

Day Camp is \$190, some scholarships are available. There are 7 weeks of camps available for children ages 5-8 years. Camps such as Creepy Crawly, Animal Planet, Puddle Jumpers, Art-A-Palooza help children experience nature in many different ways. There are also overnight camps for children ages 8-15 years. Go to their website www.glenhelen.org for more information and to register.

FOOD PROGRAMS

IMPACT Bethel's Summer Lunch Program is open to all children in the **TECUMSEH** school district. The program begins June 5th and will run through August 4th. FREE Lunch will be served from 12:00-12:30pm Monday-Friday, not on 7/4. The two locations are New Carlisle: Smith Park (off of State Rt. 571) and Park Layne: Raynor Park (off Weinland St). In case of rain, the Raynor Park site will move into Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. For any additional information, contact mareta88@aol.com or 605-1210.

GIRLS SCOUTS OF Western OHIO – 1-888-350-5090 or email customerservice@gswow.org

All registered Girl Scouts and any girl who agrees to register as a Girl Scout, entering grades 1-12, may attend camp. Camperships, based on financial need, are available for any registered/active Girl Scout who needs financial assistance. Call the above number to request a form or check website. Girl Scouts has a variety of camp opportunities in all four regions of the western Ohio area. There are four camps and a selection of day and overnight camps that offer experiences in: arts & culture, character building, health & fitness, leadership, life skills, science & technology and horseback riding. **For more information about all of their programs, check their website at www.gswow.org/camp to register or call the number listed above.**

GLEN HELEN TRAILSIDE MUSEUM

Glen Helen Trailside is the weekend welcome center for Glen Helen Nature Preserve. The museum is open on Saturday & Sunday from 10:00 am-5:00 pm and features hands-on displays and exhibits that are designed for children to get an up-close experience with nature. Check the website www.glenhelen.org for more fun activities at the Trailside Museum.

HERITAGE CENTER OF CLARK COUNTY, 324-0657 or www.heritagecenter.us

Tours are available Tuesday through Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday 9:00am-3:00pm. Admission is free & donations are welcome. Call above number and ext 231 to schedule special guided tours.

NATIONAL TRAIL PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT-328-7275

A wide variety of full and half-day camps are available for young people ages 3-17 yrs. Most camps are limited in size. Register as quickly as possible. Some of the camps are as follows: Trail Tots Activity Camp (ages 3-5) Nature Explorers camp (ages 7-12) Camp Get Up & Go (ages 7-12) IN NEW CARLISLE, Camp Kidstuff (ages 6-12) Science camp (ages 6-8) Performing Arts camp (ages 7-12) Horseback riding camp (ages 9-14). There are also sports camps for soccer, volleyball, golf, baseball, basketball, and cheerleading. National Trail offers many FREE family events in local parks and on August 26, there will be a Monarch Butterfly Festival at Buck Creek Nature Park from 10:00am-5:00pm. Please call the above number for more information or check their website: www.ntprd.org and check out the Summer Activity Guide available at the end of May.

THE CHILLER-The ice rink will hold the Columbus Blue Jackets Hockey Camp from July 31-Aug 4 for children ages 5-17 years. There are different times for the various age groups. Registration can be done on-line. There are usually Summer Day Camps offered. Contact the Chiller for information. NTPRD Chiller is located at 301 W. Main St., Springfield. The number for the rink is 323-7465, for questions or to register, or register on-line at the above website in the Chiller section.

The Splash Zone Waterpark, 300 Eagle City Road, opens Memorial Day weekend. There are sessions of swim lessons that follow an age-appropriate curriculum for ages 6 month – adult. Please check the website for more information or call 324-7665.

Snyder Park is the home of the new Bethie's Sprayground that is adjacent to the Rotary All-Access playground. The 1,400 square-foot concrete pad sprayground is free family fun!

OESTERLEN SERVICES FOR YOUTH-399-6101

Oesterlen will have therapy groups for youth this summer. Call for more information.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OFFICE 4-H, 521-3860 or <http://clark.osu.edu/>

4-H Camp (ages 8 & in 3rd grade to age 13) and Cloverbud Camp (ages 5-second grade). 4-H Camp Clifton is in Clifton, Ohio 2256 Clifton Rd, just off St. Rt. 72. Call for information about fees and possible scholarships. Camp activities: swimming, hiking, creeking, high ropes, archery, cooking, fishing, team games, sports, canoeing, campfires and so much more! THERE IS LIMITED SPACE FOR ALL CAMPS!! Call for registration forms or check website. Clark County camp is June 22-26, 2017

COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE DEAF (937) 222-9481 (PH/TTY) or (937) 641-8186 (VP)

KODA camp is a week-long camp for hearing children of deaf or hard of hearing adults/guardians. This week not only teaches the child teamwork through various activities, but allows the child to interact with other Koda's who have had similar experiences growing up. It's a special place for the child to build life-long friendships. Camp is held at YMCA Camp Kern, Oregonia Ohio and there is **no cost** to campers. Space is limited. Children ages 9-15 years may attend. The 2017 camp date is June 18-June 23. To register, go to www.fsadayton.org/ or for questions, email preventedu@csddayton.org Amber Meyer, Prevention Director

DEAF COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER-(937) 222-2434 www.drcoho.org

OYO Camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Kids is a camp that has been created and designed specifically for kids with hearing loss. All communication at camp will be geared towards each camper's level of communication. The camp is located at the Nuhop Center in Perrysville, OH, which is 17 miles southeast of Mansfield. High School camp will be held 7/30-8/5 and the Jr. Camp for ages 7-9 years will be held 8/2-8/5. Financial assistance is available. For questions contact camille@adv4kids.org and the website for the camp is www.oyocampnuhop.org

SAFETY CITY-FREE

This is a 5-day course in Traffic Safety for children (ages 5-6) living in the City of Springfield who will be attending kindergarten or first grade in September. There are 2 classes each day, from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. & from 1:00 p.m.-3:30 pm. Simon Kenton will host weeks beginning June 12-July 14. July 17-21 will offer an evening class from 5:00-7:30 pm. Each child attends one class daily, choosing either the morning or afternoon classes. The class is offered free. The registration form is on the City Police website www.ci.springfield.oh.us or call: 505-2840 for further information.

SAFETY VILLAGE 2017 521-2100- FREE

Safety village is a basic safety education program for Clark County children entering Kindergarten and first grade (4-6 years old). There will be 6 sessions during the month of June. Classes held at Park Layne School 12355 Dille Rd New Carlisle, Northridge elementary school 4445 Ridgewood Rd East and Miami View School 230 Clifton Rd South Charleston. Registration forms are available at the school that your child will be attending in the fall or you can call the number above or register on line at www.clarkcountysheriff.com

SALVATION ARMY-322-3434 ext. 101 Tarole Lloyd

Summer Day Camp for children with physical disabilities (ages 7-12). It will be held for 6 weeks starting June 12-July 20, 2017. A variety of activities will include: arts, crafts, swimming, bowling and various field trips. Pre-registration is required. The cost for the 6 weeks is \$75 and that includes bus pick-up and drop-off at home. The camp hours are 9:00am-3:00pm. Call to register.

SPRINGFIELD FAMILY YMCA- 323-3781Sign-ups for all camps are going on now!
Day Camp (5-12 years). Camp hours: 9:00am-4:00pm, extended care hours: 6:30-9:00am and 4:00-6:00pm, for an additional fee. Camp begins May 30-August 11, 2017. The Camp fee is \$110 for members and \$140 per week for non-members. DJFS childcare income eligible families are accepted. Summer Day Campers will participate in field trips, swimming, sports, games, crafts and etc. The YMCA also has swim lessons, sports clinics and martial arts. For more information, call, check their website at www.springfield-ymca.org or stop by their location at 300 S. Limestone St. for more information.

SPRINGFIELD MUSEUM OF ART- 325-4673 or www.springfieldart.net 107 Cliff Park Road
Go to www.springfieldart.net under LEARN to see their summer schedule at the end of May.
Kids Fest with the Springfield Arts Council and Springfield Museum of Art-FREE!!!!
Sunday, July 9, 12-4:00pm at Springfield Museum of Art-All Ages FREE and open to public.
Come to the Museum's beautiful outdoor patio and grounds for an afternoon of fun!

SPRINGFIELD PEACE CENTER- 327-3977 Contact: Christina Walters Peace Camp '17
"31st Annual Peace Camp "The Face of Peace" will be held June 5-9 at Roosevelt Middle School, 721 E. Home Rd, M-F, 9:30 am.-12:30 pm. for ages 4 years – 6th grade. The camp is **free**. The Peace Center is dedicated to educating for peace and teaching alternatives to violence. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Donations gratefully accepted. Applications are available on the website: www.springfieldpeacecenter.com
Mediation for Teens is for 7th-12th grade students from city and county schools including home schooling. It will be held May 30-June 1, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in room 105 of the Shouplin Center at Wittenberg University. Students trained during this two-day workshop will apply their skills as mediators and teen aides in the classrooms during Peace Camp. These students will then take the mediation training back to their schools. Students can receive community service hours and mediation training by the Peace Center, City of Springfield Mediation service and the Clark County Common Pleas Court Mediation service. Applications are available on the website.

STEM KIDS CHAMPION CITY-This summer program will be hosted at three locations starting in June, connecting young Springfield residents to science, technology, engineering and math-related fields. Beginning on June 12, the program will start at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, continuing at Ridgewood School and ending at The Dome in July. The program will feature courses and activities related to robotics, engineering, 3-D printing and coding. To pre-register or for more information, text @stemkids to 81010 or email mooreat@stemkidsnyc.org

TECUMSEH COUNCIL-BOY SCOUT COUNCIL www.tecumsehcouncilbsa.org/camping
Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs at Camp Birch are for boys in grades 1st through 12th. Programs offered include: Canoeing, fishing, swimming, shooting ranges, camping, cooking, handicrafts and a merit badge program. Camp Birch has an Olympic size swimming pool, a 10-acre lake and many other facilities. This outdoor facility is used to teach character, citizenship, personal fitness and environmental awareness. For more information or questions about this program, contact Tawnya Irick at 937-325-6449 ext. 111 or campdirector22@gmail.com Three weeks of camp dates for boy scouts from 6/18-7/15 and the cub scouts week is 7/17-21.

WESTCOTT HOUSE-MULTIMEDIA DESIGN STUDIO-327-9291
Summer program for students 13-18 years old. June 12-23, 2017, Mon-Fri from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. FREE and lunch is provided. It is limited to 12 students. This is a unique career discovery

opportunity for high school students presented by the Westcott Center for Architecture + Design and the Now Device. Design Studio participants will work with artists, architects and design professionals, while building their own portfolios of digital art inspired by the national landmark, Frank Lloyd Wright's Westcott House. Studio projects will combine the technology of digital videography, computer-based editing and photography, with techniques of design and creative thinking. To apply, students must submit a short letter of interest (up to 100 words) and a reference contact from a teacher/school administrator. Inquiries may be sent by email to Marta Wojcik at mwojcik@westcotthouse.org

WITTENBERG SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION, 327-7012

www.wittenbergtigers.com/information/camps

Wittenberg hosts a wide range of summer sports camps in 2017. There will be camps for boys' basketball, football, soccer, track and volleyball, girls' volleyball, basketball, soccer, and field hockey. For a full list of dates, times and fees for the camps, check the website listed above.

WITTENBERG CENTER FOR MUSICAL DEVELOPMENT-327-7050 or ndavis@wittenberg.edu

The Wittenberg University Center for Musical Development is offering the Bayley Summer Music Academy, a summer music enrichment program for talented music students of middle school age and up; or who have completed a year of lessons or group experience. June 12-16, 2017. 9:00am to 12 noon-Tuition \$100-Full payment due by June 1st. Masterclass violin, viola, cello and string bass, Masterclass voice and musicianship classes will be offered. For more information:

www.wittenberg.edu/sce/cmd Class will be held in Wittenberg's Music Building, Krieg Hall.

OTHERS TO CALL...

- *Neighborhood churches* for information about Vacation Bible Schools or Church Camp options. These are fun and free activities that are close to home.
- *Clark County Public libraries* – summer reading programs are available at each of the locations listed below. There is something for children of all ages from baby & toddler story times to guests visiting with animals and fun activities for all ages. Contact the library nearest you for details. www.ccpl.lib.oh.us check out the Children's Summer Reading Program
Main Library 328-6905 S. Charleston 462-8047 Enon 864-2502
Southern Village 322-2226 Park Shopping Ctr. 322-2498

New Carlisle Public Library 845-3601 or www.new-carlisle.lib.oh.us

The Summer Reading Program will provide many fun activities with arts & crafts, prizes and more. Check out the Library!!

- *Summer Arts Festival* – 324-2712, Springfield Arts Council, Veteran's Park, June 9 – July 15, 2017. Admission is free and schedules can be obtained at www.springfieldartscouncil.org or check at the libraries. June 14 & 15 the musical "Annie Jr." will be presented.
- Greater Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau "Find Your Unwind"-325-7621 or www.visitgreaterpringfield.com Check out this site for fun activities for 2017.
- *National Trail Park District* – 328-7275 www.ntprd.org (Call or check website for information about special events) Old Fashioned Fire Works, FREE, July 3 at Clark County Fairgrounds

Clark County Fair Board – 323-3090 www.clarkcoag.com (Call for information about the 2017 Clark County Fair) July 21-28, 2017

- *Clarence J. Brown Reservoir* – 325-2411 Located outside the Springfield City limits, 2630 Croft Rd, has rare wetlands that are home to specialized plants and animals. The historic Crabill Homestead brings pioneer days back to life. To visit the homestead call 882-9216 or visit their website www.crabillhomestead.org for more information.
- The Ohio Caverns –West Liberty, Ohio (937) 465-4017 www.ohiocaverns.com
- The Fair at New Boston – Labor Day weekend (Saturday and Sunday) at George Rogers Clark Park. Re-creation of a 1790-1810 trade fair featuring period demonstrations, food, and displays. The hours are: 10:00am-6:00pm, there is an admission fee. www.fairatnewboston.org or 882-9216 for more information. September 2 & 3, 2017
- John Bryan State Park – Call 1-937-767-1274 or www.johnbryan.org for more information.
- 1-800-282-5393 or www.DiscoverOhio.comTravel information for Ohio
- The Hartman Rock Garden located at 1905 Russell Ave. in Springfield, is a historic rock garden that was completed in 1944. It includes 250,000 individual stones that combine a mixture of history, religion and depression-era culture with everything from Noah's Ark to Christopher Columbus. It was restored in 2010 by the Kohler Foundation. Guests are welcome to visit during day light hours. It is FREE and contributions are welcome.
- The Pennsylvania House is a 24 room former stage coach inn at 1311 W. Main Street in Springfield. Tours are given on Saturdays & Sundays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm March through December. Adults \$10.00 & Students \$3.00 Call 322-7668 for more information or visit the site www.pennsylvaniahousemuseum.info