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ESC of the Western Reserve

The behind-the-scenes champion of Lake and Geauga schools

By Mary Flenner

While many parents have never heard of the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve, a large majority have probably felt the benefits from their outstanding educational support in Lake and Geauga counties.

“The ESC of the Western Reserve is kind of the unknown, behind-the-scenes operator. We always wanted to be behind the scenes to help. We’re here to support the schools and act as a partner,” says Jennifer Felker, superintendent of schools for Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve.

Established in 1914, Educational Service Centers have been making a difference in Ohio’s schools for the past 100 years. The law that initiated ESC created 88 “county school districts” and charged them with the task of “elevating the state’s system of education to a proper standard.”

Formerly the Lake County Educational Service Center and Geauga County Educational Service Center, the two merged to form the ESC of the Western Reserve in 2019.

The ESC of the Western Reserve is technically a county-wide school district, although they have no school buildings of their own. Most of their programs and services take place in the schools that they are partnered with.

The ESC provides support for public, nonpublic and private schools, and while they initially partnered with smaller schools, they have since grown to work with larger schools of all sizes.

They operate with a shared services model. The ESC provides countless programs including latchkey, nutrition services, job training, special needs support, tutoring and transportation services.

“We offer the kind of intensive support needed for special needs, as well as gifted programs. We provide a variety of contracted services, consulting and support to schools. We offer professional development, access to substitute teachers, business development opportunities and more,” says Felker.

“Small districts may not be able to host their own programs. Things

like hiring multiple teachers and aides, can be financially draining for schools. So we share costs across counties to be more cost-effective,” explains Felker. “We also provide cost savings for schools through consortium pricing, whether for technology, business operations or fiscal software. We try to get reduced costs through a large purchase.”

“One valuable service is that of granting access to shared programs and resources. The ESC is the mechanism through which districts can share resources that would be too impractical and/or costly for an individual district to design and maintain independently,” shares Richard A. Markwardt, superintendent of West Geauga Local Schools

Another goal of the ESC is to provide legislative support for schools. “I act as an advocate for education in legislation, whether in budget and finance or lobbying for various bills that need to be put forward,” says Felker. “From legislative lobbying, business development, consulting services and consortium purchasing, we are involved in every aspect of education.”

The ESC has received over two million dollars in grants, which were used for various initiatives, including their new tutoring center and remote education initiatives.

“The ESC of the Western Reserve has built a reputation on building quality programs for schools. The collaborative spirit between districts has been a direct result of Superintendent Felker’s leadership and her desire to provide high quality services and programs to all the districts in Lake and Geauga counties,” says Angela Smith, superintendent of Madison Local Schools

“We’re here to support the schools, families and the community. I’m proud of the services we offer our schools and kids, from business development to the day-to-day operations of the school,” Felker concludes.

The ESC operates with a nine-person governing board, including five members from Lake County and four from Geauga schools who are selected through a public election. To learn more about the ESC of the Western Reserve and its offerings, visit www.lcesc.k12.oh.us.

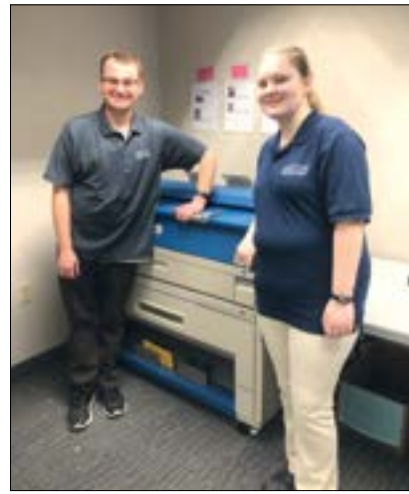
Geauga Achieve is an educational program serving students with multiple disabilities who require moderate to intensive instruction. On February 21, 2020, all Geauga Achieve students enjoyed a field trip to bowling!



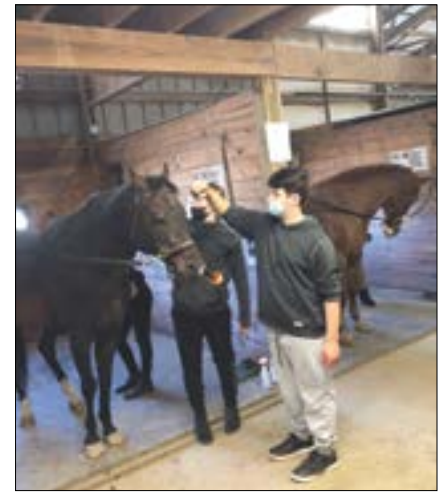
Unique Like Me is a storefront vocational skills training site. The store is operated solely by the ESC staff and students. Pictured is a student creating wood flower arrangements.



The ESC of the Western Reserve provides high quality preschool to any child between the ages of 3–5 throughout both Lake and Geauga Counties.



ESC of the Western Reserve Vocational Programs provides transition-to-work services for all students with disabilities. Pictured are students from Chagrin Falls job training at Bainbridge Zoning Department scanning blue prints and identifying building permits.



Gaitway High School operates in a nontraditional setting where students with emotional and educational needs are integrated into the daily workings of a nationally recognized therapeutic riding center. Pictured are students in their animal care class.

Anger 101

Helping your child learn about their feelings and practice healthy expression

By Colleen Russo Johnson

It's OK and normal to be angry, no matter how old you are! Often with kids, we spend a lot of time talking to them about positive, feel-good emotions like happiness, love, and joy. While these tend to be easier (and even fun) subjects to tackle, they only represent a few of the many emotions kids experience on a regular basis. This is why it's important for us to acknowledge and help our kids work through other emotions, too.

Anger doesn't have to be unpleasant or something we avoid. It is just as valuable as our other emotions and can actually feel pretty good to express it. Sometimes, a little screaming or punching a pillow helps us release the tension that anger creates. When we deal with anger directly, we can better understand what matters to us and where our personal limits lie. By the way,

this is true for pretty much all ages.

Kids are definitely capable of handling and working through anger, so as adults, we have an opportunity to lead. As you get ready to talk about anger with young kids, keep these tips in mind. They will help your child learn about their feelings and practice healthy expressions.

Think about what anger looks and sounds like.

Invite your child to think about this with you. Use your own expressions, as well as examples from books or movies (e.g., screaming, glaring, crossed arms, furrowed brows, stomping). Offer up some examples you know of, and invite them to do the same. Recognition is an important first step to understanding anger.

Talk about how anger feels.

What does anger feel like in the body? Where exactly do you



feel the anger? Is it lots of places? Notice changes in heartbeat (does your heart beat faster or slower?) and temperature (do you feel cooler or warmer?), or behaviors such as clenched muscles and teeth, etc. Helping children identify what anger looks, sounds, and feels like, both in others and in themselves, increases their emotional understanding and competence.

Practice looking for the signs.

Help your child practice recognizing signs of anger before the feeling becomes overwhelming. When you notice early signs of anger, it can really help you regulate emotions more effectively. It's best to talk about anger when children are not feeling angry. This can help them build the emotional understanding, expression, and regulation skills they need when their anger does bubble up.

Take your anger temperature.

Acknowledge that it's possible to feel different levels of anger. You might feel just a little angry if someone accidentally spills water on you, but if someone breaks your favorite toy on purpose, you'll likely feel very angry! Along with a temperature system, you can introduce a number scale from one to five to help kids find a way to show their level of anger.

Validate your child's feelings.

Try not to make kids feel bad for their natural emotions. We all feel in different ways, so let's embrace this. Always validate your child's feelings; this doesn't mean you agree with it, but it means you recognize their emotion. When children are in the thick of it, they may not want to problem-solve or immediately feel happy; they may just want to be angry and make sure that you know it. And, as frustrating and ear-

wrenching as it can be, we should encourage this recognition process. Sometimes all they need to hear is, "You are feeling really angry, aren't you?"

Model positive strategies for managing anger.

As you talk about ways to manage anger, share with your child what makes you angry and what you do to calm it. It's good for kids to see that adults also get angry, and how they deal with these feelings. Model concrete strategies like taking deep breaths, spending time alone, and asking for help. This shows your child that it takes effort to regulate our emotions, and it gets easier with practice. We're not perfect. When you're not proud of your reactions (e.g., raising your voice) don't be hard on yourself. Instead, use it as a learning opportunity — apologize, and explain to your child how you wished you had reacted instead. Set an intention to respond differently in the future.

Remember that it's OK to be angry, and we should pass this acceptance on to our kids. Just as all of our emotions have a purpose, so does anger. Anger is OK, and learning how to channel and accept angry feelings is an important prerequisite for learning how to calm it.

This article features advice from the psychologists, educators, and experts at OK Play. They believe play-based education in early childhood is crucial for positive social, emotional, and cognitive development.

Dr. Colleen Russo Johnson is a nationally-recognized developmental psychologist with an expertise in children's media and technology and the cofounder of OK Play, an app built for families to create, bond and grow together every day through play (available on iOS or Android). She holds a PhD from Vanderbilt University.

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Trusting your child's instincts

By Stacy Turner

Being a good human being isn't something I worried about too much as a kid and young adult. That's not to say I've never had my share of difficult circumstances and made plenty of mistakes. Through it all, I've tried to follow one of the golden rules my father often preached to my siblings and me — treat others the way you want to be treated. Applying that rule to friends, coworkers, and significant others has served me well, and it's something I've tried to pass along to my kids, too. When situations arise where friends or acquaintances don't treat them particularly well, I try to encourage them to focus on the positives. My usual position is to encourage my girls to give people the benefit of the doubt, be kind, and not make snap judgments. I didn't think much about how gut feelings can figure into the equation.

Over the course of several sport seasons, my daughters would comment on the general awkwardness and immaturity of one of their coaches. We noticed the same traits, but also saw his time and effort spent working to help young athletes improve, and downplayed the negatives. We never witnessed anything untoward or heard about anything inappropriate, and the seasons progressed smoothly. The next season, we learned he had moved on, coaching at various neighboring

school districts before landing a full-time teaching position nearby. We were shocked, saddened, and blindsided when he was recently charged with attempting to engage in sexual misconduct with a minor over social media.

My husband and I were more shocked to hear this than our girls were, since they had heard some rumors that had been circulating. And while our girls were not targeted, and the case hasn't yet been determined, in hindsight, I feel I should have responded differently when my girls voiced their concerns. I wish I had asked more questions to understand what they weren't saying. I wish I gave more weight to their gut feelings, instead of trying to encourage them to be nice. I feel I could have done a better job helping them learn how to strike a balance between being kind without setting them up to be vulnerable or manipulated. And to understand the difference between rumor mongering and being cautious, aware that rumors may contain grains of truth. Most of all, I feel like I missed the opportunity to help my girls be empowered to trust their intuition.

Our kids often claim we're overprotective, but they're happy to look in the stands and know we're watching their games and activities, even if they complain that Dad shoots too many videos and cheers too loudly. They still complain when



we limit who they spend time with and what apps and social media platforms they can use. We want to help them recognize and set healthy boundaries. We don't mind being considered old-fashioned or overinvolved, especially if it makes them less likely targets.

We hope that even when we don't say the right things or ask the right questions, they know we love them unconditionally and pray for them daily. And now, we'll always make sure we encourage them to trust their gut. We know we won't always get things right, but we're committed to keep trying. Because as parents, we often rely on another one of my father's adages — trust God, but lock your car.

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Madison Public Library was named the sole recipient of the national \$3,000 "Light the Way: Outreach to Underserved" grant to engage teens in area mobile home parks with bookmobile visits that include outdoor video games and snacks.

"We are so thankful and excited to receive this award," said Melanie Lyttle, Madison Library public services department head. "For many of our young people, our bookmobile is their only connection to the library. We are so excited to break the ice and show them the library is a fun place with great items to check

out and helpful people who care."

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) announced Madison as the winner of the ALSC/Candlewick Press grant, noting Madison's bookmobile drivers' observation of how young people, often home alone after school, stop by the bookmobile for social interaction but are reluctant to check out materials.

The grant will allow the library to provide snacks and outdoor video game play on an inflatable screen, encouraging a fun library connection and an introduction to video game tie-in materials such as Fortnite and Minecraft books. The hope is this will open the door to the diverse materials the library offers including driver's ed cones, games, laptops, literature, movies, music and wi-fi hot spots, Lyttle added.

Madison's bookmobile, nicknamed "Gus the Book Bus," makes multiple stops throughout the community including frequent visits to local elementary schools.

NDES students celebrate



Kindergarten students at Notre Dame Elementary School in Chardon celebrated the 100th day of school by becoming superheroes to learn that zero is the hero in making the number 100. They enjoyed activities such as balloon exercises and sharing the projects they made using 100 items.

Get in the maple mood

Weekend opportunities to learn about the maple sugaring process at Swine Creek Reservation abound this March – but space is filling fast, so get online or call to register today!

Rather than a large gathering for Sap's-a-Risin' this year, Geauga Park District has scheduled three half-hour horse-drawn wagon rides through the sugarbush to take place on Saturday, March 6, 13 and 20, from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Hour-long maple sugaring hikes will also be hosted on Sundays, March 7, 14 and 21, followed by

optional sales of syrup produced this year at Swine Creek Reservation. Sales will also be available this season at The West Woods Nature Center.

Both the rides and the hikes will show participants all about the maple sugaring processes used each year at this park at 16004 Hayes Road in Middlefield. All are great ways to get outdoors, learn a little something and celebrate this age-old Geauga County tradition!

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Asa's Angels

Local organization helps people in need

By Deanna Adams

Asa Cox's goal has always been to make a difference and help others less fortunate. But even she had no idea how far-reaching her efforts would go. She is presently in her third decade of helping hundreds of thousands of people, whether it's enabling them to buy their own home, aiding families with other needs, or putting smiles on children's faces in a variety of ways.

And it all began as a result of her own poverty. "My father died three months before I was born so my single mother struggled a lot. We were very poor the whole time I grew up," she says. "I made it my life's mission to find a way to give back as an adult."

Giving back came first in the form of becoming a realtor, with a specific calling to provide those with low income, poor credit and little money for a down payment a way to purchase their own home. She launched Asa Cox Homes in 1991, and quickly utilized the benefits of the USDA Rural Housing program, which provides homeownership opportunities through grants and loans for Americans in low-income rural areas.

It was the perfect vehicle to drive her business and her mission. "With this great program, I can help anyone who truly wants to buy a house with no money down," she says, adding that her own daughter bought her first home at age 18.

From there, she started taking a portion of every listing and sale from Asa Cox Homes and founded Asa's Angels, a nonprofit that aids people in Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula counties—and beyond. "That's our primary area, though we don't turn anyone away who is in need," she adds. "Our program is focused on struggling families suffering with illness, loss of work, or other difficult situations." Cox conducts interviews to ensure that their help is going straight to those most in need.

A recent example of her philanthropic work was when Cox and her team came to the aid of a homeless man, helping him get back on his feet by

setting him up in a local hotel and taking him to get a much needed haircut and clothes.

"It's true that many people are just two pay-checks away from getting behind in rent and other bills," Cox explains. "It can literally happen to anyone and it means so much when we can help them out."

Since beginning Asa's Angels 14 years ago, Cox has organized three annual fundraisers at Christmas, Easter, and back-to-school time. Throughout the year, she's busy storing a warehouse full of housing items to be ready to give out at any time. She's grateful that they receive much support from the community. "Churches, businesses, volunteers and private donations all contribute to making each of our programs a success," she notes.

Through generous donations all year long, Cox acquires a variety of clothing and household supplies, along with furniture through Ohio Furniture Warehouse. "Last year, we gave 300 beds to children who were sleeping on floors or couches." Just in the past year alone, she managed to raise an incredible \$900,000 for a variety of people and families in need with her 501c3 charity, and spent approximately \$100 on Christmas gifts for every child whose name was included in the Christmas campaign. Best of all, the presents were specific things that parents said were on their children's holiday wish list.

Now it's time for the annual Easter basket drive and Asa's Angels are busy acquiring 3,000 to 4,000 baskets to distribute to excited children. Their team spends weeks assembling and preparing the baskets to be ready for distribution day and they are currently accepting items to fill the baskets, such as jelly beans, chocolate bunnies, bubbles and sidewalk chalk.

Of course, like everything else during this pandemic, Cox has had to change how to do these types of events, but she's come up with a plan that works well. There are several ways in which to donate.

Anyone who would like to help provide a child with a cheery Easter Basket can register online



Asa's Angels is now preparing for their annual Easter basket drive. If you would like to donate cash or items you can visit www.asasangels.com. Volunteers are also needed and greatly appreciated.

at www.AsasAngels.com. Donations, be it cash or basket items, will be welcomed from now until March 31. Item drop-offs are being accepted at Century 21 Asa Cox Homes from 9am-5pm, Mondays through Fridays. In addition, direct donations are accepted through a link on the Asa's Angels website, www.AsasAngels.com.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, Cox is in need of more volunteers. People can visit the Asa's Angels Facebook page to connect with her to offer assistance, or to ask for help. "We have 5,000 followers on Facebook so all anyone has to do is private message me about anyone in need." She proudly adds, "Families reach out to us all through the year after hearing of us from word-of-mouth, radio advertising or our real estate transactions. We've helped fire victims, those who've lost jobs or having housing issues. My team is awesome and I couldn't do it without them."

She hopes her actions inspire others to do the same. "If every one of us gave just a few dollars or volunteered to help others, it would make a huge difference in the kind of world we live in."

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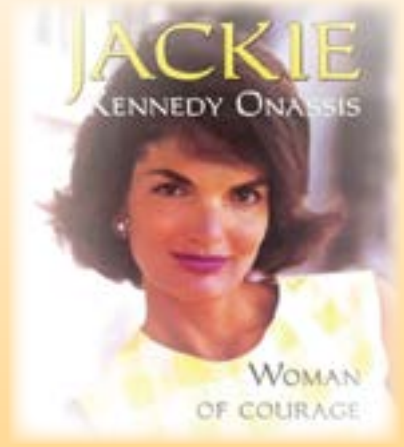
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- Would you hire an attorney based solely upon who has the cheapest hourly rates?
- Would you hire a financial planner or investment advisor based solely upon their fees?

If you're like most people, you probably answered these questions with a resounding "no." Then why should making a decision on your insurance policy be any different?

Your personal insurance policy protects your most important assets against physical loss and protects you against financial ruin stemming from liability losses. Working with an insurance agent should not be much different than working with an attorney, financial planner, or accountant — all of them should be trusted advisors to you and your family.

Obviously, the insurance purchasing process involves a number of factors, but coverage and claims service should carry just as much weight, if not more, than price.

Some auto insurance companies that advertise solely on price, especially those that advertise state minimum limits of insurance, will only cover drivers who are specifically named on the insurance policy. In such instances, if anyone else drives your car (even with your permission), you will have no insurance coverage in the event of an accident. Is that really worth the premium savings?

In addition, some insurance companies advertise replacement cost coverage for your home's contents as if this is some new and great cover-

age option. Do you really want to purchase a homeowner policy that depreciates your contents in the event of a claim? Again, would that be worth the premium savings?

Lastly, what type of service do you expect once you have a home or auto claim? The old adage "you get what you pay for" certainly applies to insurance, as many of the insurance companies who advertise solely on price have some of the worst consumer complaint ratios. On the other hand, insurance companies that utilize local independent agents and local claims adjusters tend to have a higher degree of customer satisfaction.

Since insurance isn't a tangible object, it's easy for people to focus on price. However, will a cheap insurance program provide you with peace of mind and confidence that you will be made whole after suffering a loss? Or will it leave you asking what you actually purchased once your claim is not fully paid or, even worse, denied?

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How to choose a summer camp your kids will love and that you approve – even amid a pandemic

By Kimberly Blaker

Whether you're looking for enrichment for your child, a way to keep your kids occupied and supervised while you work, or need a short reprieve from parenting, there's sure to be a summer camp that's the right fit for your child and family. Even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, many summer camps will be up and running either offering alternative programs or by following safety protocols to reduce the risk to campers and staff.

The benefits of summer camp

Summer camp offers kids plenty of benefits, and many kids thrill at the idea of going away to summer camp. Still, for some kids, particularly those who are shy, introverted, or homebodies, the thought of going away for a night, let alone a week or more, can cause considerable anxiety. When kids are adamantly opposed, forcing summer camp on them may not be in their best interest.

But for kids who are eager – or at least willing to give it a shot without much fuss – summer camp offers opportunities kids may not have elsewhere. Summer camp provides kids the following benefits:

- Fosters independence
- Develop new and lasting friendships
- Development of new skills
- Discovery of new interests and hobbies
- Opportunity for creative expression
- A break from being plugged-in
- Daily exercise
- Improves their self-esteem
- Teaches kids to work with others
- Makes them feel part of a community
- Prevents or reduces summer learning loss

Getting started in your search

Before you begin looking into summer camps, create a list of the criteria you're looking for. Here are some things you'll want to consider.

- What is your budget for summer camp?
- What is the purpose of sending your child to summer camp?
- Do you want a resident (overnight) or a day camp?
- Are you looking for a short-term (week or two) or summer-long program?
- Do you want a camp that's very structured or one that provides your child with lots of freedom and choices?
- What are your child's passions, such as a particular sport, hobby, or other interest?



Once you've narrowed down some of the criteria, you can begin your search. An excellent place to start is right here in Today's Family Magazine! On pages 9–17 we have listings for many local camps.

The American Camp Association (ACA) accredits summer camps. So this is another excellent place to look. The ACA educates camp owners and directors in health and safety for both staff and campers as well as program quality. It then accredits camps that meet the ACA's standards.

Next steps to finding the perfect summer camp

Once you've selected a few summer camps that meet your primary criteria, and that fit your child's interests, share the choices with your child to see what excites him or her. Be sure to let your child know upfront that you still need to thoroughly investigate the camp(s) before making a final decision. But do keep your child's choices in mind to ensure your child gets the most out of summer camp.

Once you and your child have narrowed the list down to a manageable selection, you'll want to investigate the camps further. There are several things you'll want to consider.

Is this camp a safe option for my child and family during the pandemic?

Many summer camps are now offering virtual programs so kids can benefit from summer camp without the risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19. Virtual summer camps range from a couple hours a day to all-day camps offering a broad range of virtual activities led by counselors. Virtual summer camp programs range from free to several hundred dollars.

Perhaps you're considering sending your child to in-person summer camp. If so, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) offers suggestions on how summer camp programs can reduce campers' risk during the pandemic. Recommendations

include promoting behaviors to minimize spread, maintaining a healthy environment, maintaining healthy operations, being prepared for when someone gets sick, and special considerations for overnight camps. When considering an in-person summer camp, review the CDC's more detailed recommendations found at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-child-care/summer-camps.html. Then compile questions to ask the summer camp you're considering to make sure it adheres to these safety protocols.

What are the staff's qualifications?

Many summer camps use teens to staff the camps. Teens make excellent mentors and can bring liveliness to summer camp programs. However, the programs themselves should be developed by professionals and have professional oversight to ensure kids are getting the most from their camp experience.

How does the camp ensure your child's safety?

Find out what kind of safety training the camp provides its staffers. Also, is there staff on hand at all times that knows CPR? What are the camp's procedures in the event your child becomes ill, has an accident, or an emergency?

What is the daily schedule for campers?

Ask for a daily itinerary, so you know your child will be getting everything you and your child anticipate from the program.

What are the rules?

Each camp has its own set of rules. So, find out whether your child is allowed to call you. If it's a summer-long residential camp, can parents come and visit? Can kids bring along a cell phone or electronics? Also, how much money can they bring, and how is it managed?

Don't sweat it

Keep in mind, although there are many great camps, no camp is likely to offer everything precisely the way you want it. Just choose the one that best fits your child and satisfies your most important criteria. Remember, your child will have many summers to come and plenty more opportunities to work in more exciting camp experiences.

See pages 12–24 for ads and listings of participating camps in northeast Ohio.

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Busy Bees Pottery & Arts Studio

Great Lakes Mall
7850 Mentor Avenue, #554B
Mentor
(440) 571-5201

www.mentor.busybeesart.com
mentor.busybeesart.com/kids-camp

At Busy Bees Pottery & Arts Studio in Mentor they offer Art Camp during the summer, Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 4 pm, or 9 am to noon, or 1 pm to 4 pm. You can enroll for five full days or five half days per week. Children must be between ages of 5–12 (your child must have completed kindergarten and know how to cut with scissors). Each week of camp revolves around a specific theme and different mediums are explored each day of the week. Themes include: Deep Space Sparkle, Fiesta!, Summer Sweet Treats, and Animal Planet, just to name a few.

Your child will create one to three pieces of artwork each day using but not limited to the following mediums; clay, pottery, glass

fusing, and mosaics pieces. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, spaces are limited. Sign up now!

Camp Fitch YMCA

www.campfitchymca.org

Camp Fitch's century-old classic sleepaway summer camp provides kids, ages 6–17, with a holistically safe, values-driven community where they discover friendship and achievement. Kids feel like they belong among the camp's carefully vetted, highly committed, and caring staff, who create transformative experiences on the shore of Lake Erie.

A life-changing Fitch experience is among the most important a child can have to develop independence and self-confidence. Through partnering with the Erie Health Department and healthcare professionals, they have designed a safe environment to make kids better, forever.

Visit campfitchymca.org.



Fairmount Center for the Arts

8400 Fairmount Road, Novelty
(440) 338-3171

www.fairmountcenter.org
Email: info@fairmountcenter.org

Fairmount Center for the Arts will offer camps June 1 through July 30 for preschoolers–grade 8.

Camps will be offered both on-site and online and consist of both half-day and full-day options. Camps will explore dance, music, theatre and visual arts. Additionally, multi-arts themed camps will provide a sampling of art forms designed to explore a variety of interests through hands-on activities offered in a supportive, caring and fun environment. On-site camp programs will utilize outdoor spaces as feasible, enjoying beautiful summer days.

Complete camp information will be released March 15 with an early registration discount of 5% on registrations completed by April 30.

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Falcon Camp

Carrollton, OH
(800) 837-CAMP
www.falconcamp.com

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Falcon has a strong reputation for making sure a camper's first overnight experience is very positive. The noncompetitive environment is inviting to new campers while their awards system challenges more experienced campers. The 1:4 staff/camper ratio allows individual instruction and attention. Most of all it's great fun!



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Fine Arts Association Summer Camps

38660 Mentor Avenue
Willoughby
(440) 951-7500
www.fineartsassociation.org

The Fine Arts Association (FAA) offers full- and half-day camps for the littlest campers at age three through high school grads! From the ever popular Theatre Arts Camp (TAC), to new classes in dance, the summer session will open for registrations on Mar. 22.

Arts camps, classes, workshops, and private lessons are offered in dance, music, theatre, visual arts, and creative arts therapies. From June 14 to July 26, FAA's six-week summer programming offers something for all ages and ability levels.

FAA serves Lake County and

drives arts programming to all in the surrounding northeast Ohio area. While the pandemic has created several challenges, it has highlighted the importance of making the time to have a creative outlet to express oneself. Whether you are pursuing the arts recreationally or professionally, FAA is the place to create and discover beauty.

Visit fineartsassociation.org to learn more.

Geauga Humane Society Rescue Village Summer Animal Camps

(440) 338-4819, ext. 20
education@rescuevillage.org
www.rescuevillage.org

Dogs and cats and pigs...oh my! Would your kids love a camp where they can have fun while helping to make a difference in the lives of homeless animals?

New this year, campers (ages 9–12) can choose from four different theme experiences (dogs, cats, barn animals, and special species). Pick one session (in-

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June 28–July 2
9:00 am–3:15 pm each session

• **Eligibility:** Camp is open to boys and girls ages 6–14.

• **Camp Fee:** \$185.00

• **Early registration** discounts and group rates available.

• **Each camper receives** a camp basketball and a camp T-shirt.

Registration

Phone: (440) 338-8092

Online: MoranCamps.com

Mail: Brochures will be mailed out upon request.

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MARK CHICONE: Former head coach of both Lake Catholic boys team and Mentor High School girls.

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Geauga Rescue Village cont'd

person or virtual) or attend all four! Campers will meet Rescue Village adoptable animals and special animal guests like reptiles, police dogs, and skunks, and will participate in activities and make crafts specific to their chosen theme. On-site campers will be outdoors at their shelter in Novelty weather permitting, and virtual campers will attend via Zoom. Barn theme camps will be held at their Kirtland location. Their Summer Animal Camp kids learn all about Rescue Village and help to enrich the lives of shelter animals through a variety of activities.

Sessions are three days (Tuesday–Thursday), 9 am–noon and fill quickly. Register at give.rescuevillage.org/summercamps. or call (440) 338-4819, ext. 20.

Geauga Park District Summer Camps

(440) 286-9516

www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

Geauga Park District is pleased to be planning a more traditional

Adventure Day Camp experience in 2021, with two, week-long options that will keep campers entering grades 5 through 10 from needing to travel together in a single vehicle.

Registration begins March 20 at (440) 286-9516 or online at www.geaugaparkdistrict.org. Find fees and additional details on the website under Activities, then Naturalist-Led Experiences.

Kayaking, hiking, geocaching, biking, fishing, building and launching model rockets, and exploring stream life are just some of the anticipated adventures, depending on week of enrollment.

For camps held earlier in the season, activities will take place at The West Woods' Affelder House and surrounding natural areas.

Later in the summer, campers will be dropped off at a different park each morning.

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 Email: summercamp@gilmour.org

With nine weeks of exciting offerings, Camp Gilmour is the official camp of safe summer fun! Camps will be offered from June 7–August 6.

Along with exciting new camps, Gilmour will be offering their Preschool Camp (ages 3–5), with exciting themes each week; Day Camp (ages 5–12), where campers can attend for the full day or combine a half day of day camp with other half-day specialty camps; and their sports camps, hosted by Gilmour coaches from some of their state-ranked athletic programs.

Gilmour offers before- and after-care options from 7:15 am–6 pm.

Camp Gilmour utilizes the successful safety protocols outlined by University Hospitals to ensure the safety of everyone throughout their 144-acre campus.

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Girl Scouts of North East Ohio

Camp Ledgewood and Camp Timberlane
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www.gsneo.org/camp

Summer is just around the corner, and it's time to start planning your girl's next big adventure. The best part is, all girls are welcome — no Girl Scout experience necessary!

Girls benefit from being in an all-girl environment, away from home, where they learn independence, and to never back down from a big adventure. Camping is a great way for girls to explore leadership, build skills, and develop a deep appreciation for nature. Whether for a day, a week, or longer, Girl Scout camp gives girls an opportunity to grow, explore, and have fun under the guidance of caring, trained adults.

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Greater Cleveland Cross Country Camp

www.greaterclevelandxc.com
(440) 290-0185

The Greater Cleveland Cross Country Camp is geared for the beginner to the advanced runner, who is looking to have a better focus pertaining to the fundamentals of cross country running and conditioning, to obtain maximum benefit.

Through group runs, guest speakers and group activities, each runner will leave with a positive attitude, tools to become an improved runner, and a better understanding of running.

This is the 18th annual cross country camp and will be held Tuesday, July 27 through Saturday, July 31 from 8 am until 11:30 am at Shore Middle School in Mentor. The last day is a cross country race for all campers based on grade level. The camp is open to boys and girls kindergarten thru 12th grade.

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summer.hawken.edu

Hawken Summer Programs offer a variety of activities led by experienced professionals for boys and girls ages 4–18.

Camps run between June and August, and offerings include day camps, Passport Camps, athletics camps, and summer studies. These opportunities enable children to develop existing passions and discover new ones; they also provide exposure to new people and new skills, which helps build self-esteem, independence, and confidence.

For more information, contact summerprograms@hawken.edu, (440) 423-2940, or visit summer.hawken.edu. Visit www.hawken.edu/healthy-hawken-restart to learn more about Hawken's COVID-19 protocols.

Horizon Child Development Center

8303 Tyler Boulevard, Mentor
(440) 205-8420
www.horizonchildcare.com

This summer will be busy at Horizon Learning Center in Mentor. The school-agers and preschoolers will be offered piano lessons, yoga, karate, and S.T.E.M.-based activities such as robotics.

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Horizon CDC features FREE preschool for qualifying 3- and 4-year-olds. This program is offered from 9–11:30 am Monday through Friday following Mentor Public School's calendar, and is available through

a grant from the Ohio Department of Education. Horizon is the only center in Lake County qualified for this service.

Academically the center provides age-appropriate programming for infants through school-age kids. The curriculum is based on Ohio's Step Up to Quality program and each classroom includes experienced teachers who are encouraged to add their own special touches to the Learning Program.

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Hospice of the Western Reserve Together We Can Grief Camp

(216) 486-6838

www.hospicewr.org/griefandloss

Are you looking for a way to help a grieving child or teen? Western Reserve Grief Services is hosting grief-support camps this

summer to help children coping with the death of loved ones.

Led by trained bereavement professionals from Hospice of the Western Reserve, they combine art, music, play and nature exploration to help with the healing process. The camps bring together children, all of whom have experienced the death of a loved one, in a safe, supportive environment. All camps are open to the community and offered at a nominal cost (scholarships available).

"In an atmosphere of comfort and trust, the camps offer children a chance to learn about grief and new ways of expressing feelings, and to honor their special person," said Karen Hatfield, director of Western Reserve Grief Services. "We start as strangers and leave as friends."

For a full list of community resources, visit www.hospicewr.org/griefandloss.



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www.lec.edu

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lec.edu/therapeutichorsemanship
 Email: lectrc@lec.edu

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Students receive a personal evaluation to determine if the program is right for them. Summer lessons begin in June and run through August.

Learn more about their therapeutic riding program at lec.edu/therapeutichorsemanship.

*Volunteers ages 14 and up with or without horse experience are needed to support the riders in the program. Visit their website to learn how you can help.

Lost Nation Sports Park

38630 Jet Center Drive
 Willoughby
 (440) 602-4000
www.LNSportsPark.com

Mike Moran Basketball Camps

Open to boys and girls ages 6–14
 Session #1: June 14–18
 Session #2: June 21–25
 Session #3: June 28–July 2

- Week-long program (M–F)
 - 9:00 am–3:15 pm.
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- Call (440) 338-8092 for more information.

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 at Kaz@LNSportspark.com.

Mike Moran Basketball Camps

Held at Lost Nation Sports Park
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 (440) 338-8092
www.morancamps.com

The Mike Moran Basketball Camps are the oldest running basketball camps in northern Ohio, with over 40 years of operation. It has always been able to boast about having the most experi-

enced staff of coaches. All the instructors are successful college and high school head coaches.

Because it is always well attended, participants will be working with other players of their same age group and ability level. The Moran Camp has always stressed the teaching and drilling of fundamentals. It is truly a camp designed for young players who want to improve their skills and be able to play competitive basketball. The camp runs all day, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am–3:15 pm. Over the years it has been acclaimed by many newspapers and organizations as the top basketball camp in the area!

Because of the Mike Moran Camps popularity, it fills up quickly. Take advantage of the early registration discount. Visit their new website morancamps.com for easy registration. Call (440) 338-8092 for a free brochure!

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 June 21 – 25, 9 a.m. – noon

This camp is offered in collaboration with Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center and is for children ages 8–12 who have experienced the death of a loved one. Through riding and working with horses, campers explore grief issues supported by trained counselors.

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Red Oak Camp

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 Willoughby
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49 Park Street, Madison
(440) 428-5913
www.rabbitrun.org

Youth of all ages have tons of fun discovering hidden talents in many different fine arts camps available at Rabbit Run Community Arts Association in Madison.

Youth Art Camp is for anyone who likes to be creative and may make a mess in the process. In these one-week camps, campers, ages seven to 16, get elbow deep in paint, clay, and other mediums as they create original two- and three-dimensional works of art.

Pop Star Camp, a one-week day camp, gets youth ages five through 10 up and moving as they learn to sing and dance like their favorite pop star.

Campers delve into all areas of the theater arts including drama, music, dance, costumes, make-up, and stage craft in both Junior Theater Camp for ages four through eight and Explorer's Theater Camp for ages eight through 15.

Specific dates for all camps to be announced. Most camps will have an in-person and a virtual learning experience option.

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(Next to West Geauga Middle School in Chesterland)
www.wgrc.org
Email: camp@wgrc.org

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What type of camp will your child like?

By Cheryl Maguire

When I was young, I only had one choice for summer camp—the town camp — a traditional, all-day, six-hour camp with a heavy emphasis on sports. I was more of a bookworm than an athlete so this type of camp was not a good match for my personality. I remember coming home every day whining to my mom, “It was so hot and all we did was play (fill in a sport). Do I have to go to camp tomorrow?” By the end of the summer, I’m sure my mom wished there were other options for me.

Now there are so many choices it can be overwhelming to figure out what type of camp would be a good fit for your child. Hopefully, the following descriptions will help you to match your child with the correct camp so you hear your child tell you, “Camp was so much fun today,” instead of what my poor mother dealt with daily.

TRADITIONAL DAY CAMPS

A traditional day camp is six hours (half day options may be available) and offers a variety of activities such as sports, swimming, art, and music. These camps are located at YMCAs, schools, or private settings.

Is this a good fit for your child?

Most of the activities are outside so if your child loves the outdoors and playing sports or team building activities then this would be a good type of camp for them. Since there is a variety of activities this would also be a good fit for a child that likes to try different things.

SPORTS CAMPS

Specialty sports camps usually are one sport such as baseball or soccer that the child plays either for three or six hours. Depending on where you live there may even be an option for tennis, golf and more. This type of camp is typically owned by private organizations. Some local cities operate sports camps.

Is this a good fit for your child?

If your child loves a specific sport and would like to improve their skills, this would be a great option. It could even be a way for your child to try a sport such as surfing that they might not otherwise have exposure to it.

ART/MUSICAL THEATER CAMPS

Specialty art or musical theater camps focus solely on the arts. Musical theater camps typically showcase a production such as “Beauty and the Beast,” whereas in an art camp a child would use a variety of art mediums like painting or drawing. These type of camps are located in public schools or private organizations. In the public school setting the drama teacher usually runs the camp, and it isn’t widely advertised but it is available for anyone to participate. To find out more information call schools in your area.

Is this a good fit for your child?

If your child is creative and prefers



the indoors, then these types of camps would be worth looking into. It may be a good way to introduce the arts to your child since most of these camps are time-limited for one week.

EDUCATIONAL CAMPS

An educational camp focuses on learning a new skill or subject matter. Since it is camp and not school these types of camps tend to be



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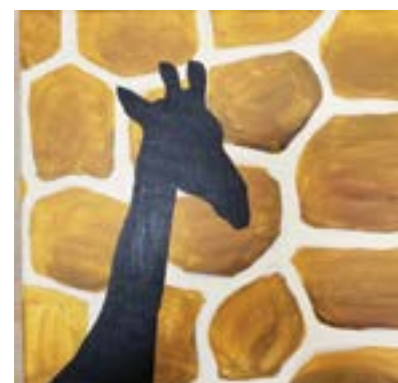
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Preparing happy campers

By Christa Melnyk Hines

Summer camp is a time-honored tradition, rich with activities, new-found friendships and a lifetime of memories. Explore a few ways to make your child's camp experience smooth sailing from start to finish.

S'more Than Just Fun. According to the RAND Corporation, a nonprofit research organization, children who participate in summer programs, like experiential learning activities offered in an organized camp, are less likely to experience a significant summer learning slide.

Camp also enhances a child's physical and emotional well-being. Activities build social skills, teamwork and independence, which all contribute to stronger self-confidence and leadership abilities.

Avoid Camp Run Amok. First, together with your child, decide what skills you want your child to gain and choose a camp that fits her needs and interests, as well as your family's values.

Check out safety guidelines in the camp's parent handbook. Day and specialty camps should carry a current state childcare license. Additionally, staff should be trained in emergency, communication and safety procedures, behavior management techniques (including handling the common bout of homesickness), and child abuse prevention.

Camp Starlight. Overnight camps, typically in an outdoor setting, can last anywhere from a few days to several weeks and are generally offered for children ages 7 and up. If you aren't sure your child is ready, allow him to spend the night at friends' houses occasionally.

Conquer Camp Blues. Preparation and an awareness of what to expect can ease the transition from home to camp. Before your child departs, go over a list of everything she will need. Pack a physical connection to home like a favorite sleeping bag, stuffed animal or pillow.

Also, mail a card ahead of time to

ensure it arrives before the end of camp. Tell your child how you look forward to hearing her camp stories, but avoid saying how much you miss her which can trigger homesickness and worry.

Fourteen-year veteran Boy Scout leader, soccer coach and father of eight, John Whiteside, is a camping pro. Over the years, he and his children have participated in multiple camps, including sports, band and weeklong scout camps.

Initial nervousness isn't unusual. If your child asks to come home, Whiteside says to consider the situation, but to encourage him to discuss his anxieties with the camp counselor and take it one day at a time. "Tell him 'Yes, today was hard, but I think it will be better tomorrow' and usually tomorrow is better," he says.

While your child may struggle at first, chances are he'll come home a happy camper with a heightened sense of self-confidence, memorable stories and a passel of new friends to boot.

hands-on with an emphasis on fun. These camps are located in schools, museums, and colleges.

Is this a good fit for your child?

If your child is curious and always asking questions about how/why things work, this may be a good match for them. If a child is interested in learning a new skill such as computer programming or speaking Spanish, some educational camps offer that as well.

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Overnight camp is when your child lives at the camp for either a week or longer period. These camps tend to offer options such as sailing, boating, archery, horseback riding and other activities that may not be available close to your home.

Is this a good fit for your child?

An overnight camp gives your child the chance to meet other kids from different states and countries. There is also more time to do activities and foster independence compared to traditional day camps.

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