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The Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities helps people live, learn and earn in our community

As March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, it is the perfect opportunity to spotlight all of the tremendous work that the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (GCBDD) does for the community, the individuals with developmental disabilities they serve, and their families.

The GCBDD is a government agency located in Chesterland, Ohio that funds, oversees and helps individuals with developmental disabilities gain access to the services and supports they need to live happy, healthy and fulfilling lives. The GCBDD operates the Metzenbaum Center, which was established in 1966 to serve the needs of developmentally disabled individuals in Geauga County. It provides services from birth through adulthood. The Early Intervention Program serves children under the age of three, the Transitional Youth program provides educational services to individuals aged 4-22, and adult services are available for people 18 years of age and older.

In addition to traditional services such as family supports, educational programming and work placement, the GCBDD also emphasizes the importance of social programming and community events. The GCBDD and all of its staff members aim to build a caring community where individuals are integrated and accepted.



The annual Community Carnival will be held on March 7, 2020.

The Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities is celebrating Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month with several special events. To kick off the month, they will be hosting their fifth annual free Community Carnival on March 7, 2020 at the Metzenbaum Center. Event attendees will enjoy carnival-type games such as balloon break, coin toss, milk bottle knock-down and much more. There will also be a bounce house,

face-painting and other activities as well as free carnival-style foods, such as popcorn and cotton candy.

“This event is very exciting and fun for us because it allows us to showcase the Metzenbaum Center and the services we help provide, while also giving the community a fun event, free of charge,” said GCBDD Superintendent Don Rice. “With March being Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, it is the perfect time of year to raise awareness about developmental disabilities, teach the importance of inclusion within every aspect of life and share the stories of individuals with a disability to show that they are just like anybody else.”

This March, the Metzenbaum Center will also be hosting its sixth annual Night to Shine event for children enrolled in the Early Intervention Program. The event allows each child served by the GCBDD to walk a red carpet and showcase his/her personality and accomplishments. It also gives families the opportunity to come together and share their experiences with others who are going through similar developmental delays. The event is funded by donations received from local businesses in Geauga County.

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Dating violence

Assault prevention workshop to teach how to avoid, control and escape

By Deanna Adams

Did you know that there are 1.5 million high school students in the U.S. alone who experience abuse by dating partners each year? That statistic includes one-third of all 10th-graders, with nearly the same amount being the perpetrators. While this behavior affects all demographics: age, gender, race, occupation, education or income level, there is more risk for teens from low-income families, racial and ethnic groups, and LGBTQ students.

Abuse, be it physical, emotional, sexual, or digital, has become so prevalent in adolescence that it is now considered a public health problem because victims are more prone later to depression, anxiety, suicide, and substance abuse.

The first step in reducing those somber statistics is education. Teaching young people about healthy relationships can reduce physical and

sexual dating violence by 60 percent. Learning how to prevent it, or handle the outcome, is something all teenagers, as well as parents and educators, need to know.

That's why two professionals, Sensei Salvatore LaCorte, owner of North Coast Aikikai, and Gabriella Kreuz, founder of the organization, "Love Doesn't Shove," have made awareness of this issue their mission. Together they are hosting an interactive event, Assault Prevention and Dating Violence Workshop, which will take place at LaCorte's martial arts studio in Mentor on Sunday, March 8 from 1-3 pm.

The workshop is open to all ages, although those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. LaCorte says the afternoon seminar is designed to not only address the problem itself, but to get attendees involved in knowing how to prevent and deflect the problem.

"The event will be split into two



Sal LaCorte Gabriella Kreuz

phases," LaCorte explains. "First, Gabriella will discuss her mission behind Love Doesn't Shove and how to recognize warning signs of abuse. She'll talk about dating issues and address situations that get out of hand and how to deal with them. Then I'll show a few short videos to demonstrate certain situations, and follow up by giving hands-on self-protection points."

The three core points that LaCorte always addresses in his classes are:

- 1) Avoid
- 2) Control
- 3) Escape

"The idea is not to harm, but to neutralize the situation," adds LaCorte, who gives classes for students ages 8 to 70. "The thing is, if you can't avoid a confrontation, then you need to learn how to take control of the situation, and then, if you can't do that, you need to know how to escape. Many times you won't need to use steps two and three, but you'll know what to do in all cases."

Kreuz's talk will emphasize a healthy relationship—what it is, and what it isn't. "I'll be deep-diving into the various aspects of abuse," she says. "The physical, of course, but also the emotional and sexual impact, and we'll have an interactive conversation about it."

The issue is close to Kreuz's heart because she knows about it first-hand. "My personal experience was the springboard that led to my advocacy. I had a boyfriend in high school and it quickly became a very unhealthy relationship. When there was a physical altercation in school, I was fortunate to have found myself surrounded by a lot of supportive people, including school officials. He was a charming young man so prior to that, I was afraid no one would

believe me about his behavior."

She wants people to understand the dynamics that often accompany dating violence and abuse. There is a cycle that often includes four stages: honeymoon, tension building, outburst, and apology. Many stay in a dangerous relationship because the apology stage gives them hope that the abuser will change. "Some people assume that it's just common sense not to stay with someone who abuses, but there are many factors that play into it. Everyone comes from different backgrounds, personal experiences, and thought processes."

LaCorte has been teaching Aikido, a martial art form that emphasizes defense, not offensive tactics, for 40 years. His Mentor school is now in its 6th year. Kreuz's "Love Doesn't Shove" began as a fundraiser in 2014 and became a nonprofit organization in 2016.

"The most important thing I want people to realize is that abuse is not just a woman's issue," says Kreuz, who gives more than 50 school presentations a year. "This is not a political movement, it can affect men, too. And teens are especially vulnerable because their brains are still developing and they have little life experience to know how to deal with it, or even talk openly about it. So this kind of knowledge can truly be a lifesaver."

To register for the Assault Prevention and Dating Violence Workshop, call (440) 622-6485, or visit www.ncaikikai.com. Cost for both seminars is \$25 per person. Attendees are asked to wear loose clothing, bring athletic under support and a face towel.



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YMCA has something for everyone for fitness & fun

Spectacular new West End Branch is a game changer

By Deanna Adams

Last fall began a new chapter for the 150-year-old West End YMCA. While the organization remains in Willoughby, the branch has moved to what is now called the Union Village—a complex uniting Willoughby Middle School, Willoughby South High, the YMCA and the Willoughby Senior Center. The campus, located off Shankland Road between Euclid Avenue and Ridge Road, supports the Y's ongoing efforts to foster strong community connections.

The YMCA has always been a community-rich environment, stressing personal fitness, camaraderie and recreational activities. The Lake County YMCA alone engages approximately 49,000 people a year through a variety of programs and annual membership. The recent move, which includes a four-court field house with indoor walking/jogging track and multi-purpose aquatic center, is expected to increase that number.

"The great thing about this move is that we can continue to offer all our programs, but now we can do it on a bigger scale and reach more people," says executive director, Sherry Emerick. "We have two indoor, heated pools—a recreational pool for open swim and classes, and the school's eight-lane competition pool. So we're able to serve the community for all ages and abilities." The YMCA also provides lifeguards.

Another feature of the West End YMCA includes comfortable viewing access to the pool, and a splash/play area for young children. There is also a nice space for parents to watch other family members participate in classes while their small children are in the child watch area. The fee for child watch is \$2 per month for members. There are also after-school programs, and a free drop-in program where a parent can take a break and drop off their child so they can swim or exercise without worry, or perhaps enjoy a night out for a quiet dinner at a nearby restaurant for two hours. The Y child care programs are licensed by the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services.

In addition, the new facility boasts four basketball courts, along with a large shared space for people to congregate. "The social area is particularly welcome for students who want to hang out after school, do homework, or just relax with friends," says Emerick, who has worked at six different locations in a YMCA career that spans 38 years.

The programs and classes encompass recreational sports, personal fitness, group exercise, strength training, group cycling and more. Popular programs and sports activities include pickleball for adults, teen dodgeball, as well as gym & swim and martial arts for kids.

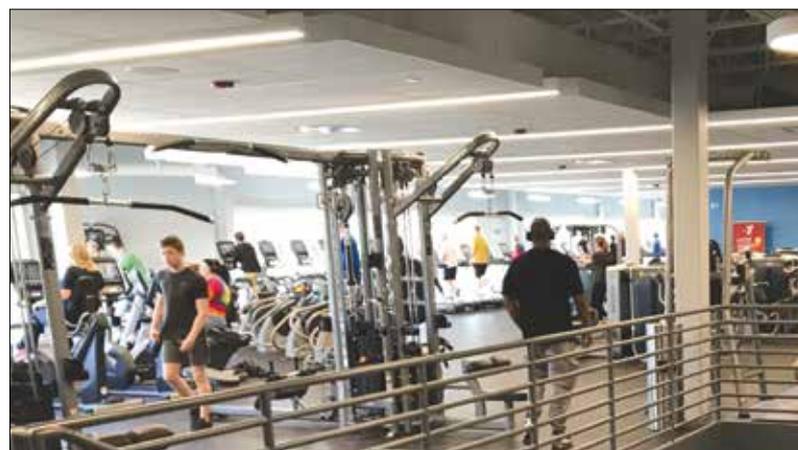
And for seniors, ages 55 and older, the Y offers a number of exercise programs, and accepts Silver Sneakers members. There is also a wellness center, located on the second floor, that features state-of-the-art strength and cardio equipment, exercise studio and coed steam and sauna rooms.

The YMCA has always been a great place for children, offering a number of programs and classes that nurture the values, skills, and social relationships that are so important to a young person's education, socialization, and overall health. Along with swim lessons and other sports activities, there are the ever-popular summer day camps where kids can explore and experience new adventures, cultivate friendships, and create lasting memories.

"We also have our 5K race coming up on Sunday, May 3, which is our biggest family event," Emerick notes. The annual 5K or two-mile brings together hundreds of runners and walkers of all ages. The race starts and finishes at the West End YMCA. The age groups for teams span from 10 and younger, to 70 and older.

"The partnerships are going great," Emerick says of the new complex. "We've all worked hard to make this a smooth transition and it's all been hugely successful. It has certainly been a great addition to the community and we're all excited about the future."

For a full list of amenities and programs, see www.lakecountnymca.org, or call (440) 946-1160. The West End YMCA is located at 36909 Ridge Road in Willoughby.





A Prom to Remember

Local organization sponsors special night for northeast Ohio teens battling cancer

By Stacy Turner

Every spring, teens around the country participate in what has become an annual right of passage that many take for granted — high school prom. For kids battling cancer, prom is just one of the things they may need to set aside on their road to wellness. And that's something Jane and Mike Knausz set out to help change.

Wedding photographers by trade, the couple's first experience with A Prom to Remember took place when their daughter, Kim, asked them to volunteer with her at the first A Prom to Remember held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in 2009. That experience impacted the couple so dramatically that they knew they wanted to bring the experience home to Cleveland.

The couple gathered together with friends to figure out how to host a similar event the very next spring. Ten years later, the event is firmly entrenched in Cleveland, giving area teens battling cancer an opportunity to celebrate their lives and their youth in an environment of accep-

tance and camaraderie.

The event is open to guests who are currently or have recently received treatment for cancer at three area hospitals — Akron Children's Hospital, Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital, and University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. Patients aged 12–19 who are receiving treatment or have recently received treatment for cancer are extended invitations to attend the annual gala. Each year, roughly 75 children and their guests attend the special event, which will once again be held at the Ritz Carlton in Cleveland. This year, A Prom to Remember will be held on March 28.

As you would expect, the event garners a great deal of excitement. That night, these special kids are treated like movie stars arriving in limousines, walking the red carpet, and dancing the night away at a fabulous gala created just for them.

Local celebrities come in to make their evening even more amazing with live performances, autographs and pictures. Local police and fire department personnel attend, acting as escorts, and doctors and nurses

from local hospitals serve as chaperones making it a parent-free evening for the honored guests. And best of all, the prom is held annually at no cost to the kids or their families.

"With the help of sponsors and donations, we provide everything necessary to make their prom unlike any other," shared this year's event chairperson Marianne J. Sumego, MD, a physician with the Cleveland Clinic.

Once she learned of the event, she was hooked. "Everyone has day jobs, but make time to help create a memorable event every year. This is a phenomenal organization," she exclaimed. When she learned of Jane's desire to 'retire' from running the event, she knew she wanted to help make sure it would continue.

"Everything from tuxedos for the boys, dresses, hair and make-up for the girls, limousine transportation, prom photos, food, entertainment and much more are all provided for these courageous teens," she shared. She acknowledges that the event wouldn't be possible without the work of a large team of volunteers who begin planning up to a year in

advance.

New and gently used dresses, shoes, wraps, and accessories are collected throughout the year. In mid-February, participants were invited to a dress extravaganza at Our Redeemer Church in Solon, giving young ladies the opportunity to select a gown from the hundreds available to them at no cost. The day after the extravaganza, any remaining items were offered for sale to the public, with all proceeds benefiting A Prom to Remember.

"Our Redeemer Church has been a wonderful new partner, providing a venue for the sale, and helping to set up dresses, shoes, and accessories, even providing food for our volunteers," she marveled.

Local seamstresses volunteer their time to make minor alterations that day, and a wide selection of shoes, wraps, and jewelry are also available, free for attendees and their guests. Volunteers prepare for that event at least two months prior, shared Sumego.

Jackie Custer, a previous A Prom to Remember attendee from Akron Children's Hospital, admitted she

was more into sports than shopping.

“But when it comes to prom,” Jackie shared, “I was really excited to go shopping!” Her mom, Julie Custer, went to the dress extravaganza with her to help Jackie pick out a dress. “I was just overwhelmed with how many dresses were there,” Jackie marveled.

According to Jackie’s mom, her daughter’s battle with cancer had been long and difficult. In fact, during her treatment, Jackie suffered a stroke. But Jackie battled back. “She’s just amazing,” Julie shared. “She takes it all one day at a time.” Through hard work and determination, Julie learned to walk again, and was thrilled to be able to try out her dance moves at A Prom to Remember.

Reminiscing after prom, Jackie noted, “Arriving at the Ritz Carlton was just absolutely amazing! It made me feel like a star when I saw the Cavs and Browns players. I’ll never forget being out there with all the kids who had cancer, and feeling normal.” she shared. “Being able to dance...it was a dream come true,” she added.

“Brown Aveda has been a fabulous partner, as well. They’ve been with us since the beginning,” Sumego noted. “Not only do they provide hair styling and makeup services for attendees at no charge, the salons also serve as drop-off locations to collect new and gently used dresses, shoes and accessories for event-goers as well. Sumego noted that gentlemen who attend the annual event are fitted for eve-

ning wear courtesy of American Commodore Tuxedo, another long-time event partner.

At each event, the guest list is comprised of patients, doctors and nurses from the participating hospitals, giving young attendees a night away from the watchful eyes of caring parents. Special guests also include celebrity athletes from local sports teams, television personalities, and usually a surprise guest or two. Last year, attendees and volunteers alike were thrilled to meet Cleveland Indians pitcher Mike Clevinger.

Sumego explained, “Everyone who volunteers gets drawn in.” Most end up volunteering at the next year’s event, just like she did. “It speaks a lot to the atmosphere here,” she noted.

Volunteer opportunities are available with needs ranging from business expertise, time, finances, donation of dresses, accessories, and time. Student groups have been formed at Mentor High School and Notre Dame Cathedral Latin High Schools to provide opportunities for local teens to help make the event successful for kids their own age.

To learn more about the event and how you might help, search A Prom to Remember - Cleveland online, on Instagram, Twitter, or visit A Prom To Remember Ohio on Facebook.

Donations may be mailed to A Prom to Remember, 8827 Mentor Avenue, Suite B, Mentor, OH 44060.



Above: Cleveland Indians pitcher Mike Clevinger chaperones the 2019 event.

Below: Students dancing the night away in 2019.



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Visit Mickey also specializes in planning trips for families with special needs. It began when team member Darlene wanted to share her love of Disney with her young son who has special needs. Although she knew the parks and attractions well from years of visits through her childhood and into her adult life, she had never looked at them through the eyes of a special needs child. That trip prompted her to figure out how to help her son best enjoy the Disney experience.

Over the years, the Visit Mickey team has found a multitude of tips and tricks, and their



Tricia, the owner of Visit Mickey, celebrating a banner birthday with her husband and two children.

experience has helped countless other families with special needs children capture the magic of Disney as well.

"It's important to note that at Visit Mickey, we serve guests, not clients. We interview all of our guests at length about their wants and needs for a pending trip. For special needs families, we find out the child's likes, needs, and particular sensory considerations, etc." Tricia explained. They have planned trips for families with children that have cerebral palsy, MS, seizures, and autism, and have helped those in wheelchairs or scooters successfully navigate magical Disney vacations. "We check in with the family along the way," she ex-

plained. "We're on the phone, contacting people to make sure it goes well." said Tricia.

A few years ago, they launched an offshoot called Tipster Travel to help families and individuals make non-Disney vacation plans. Through Tipster Travel, they are Universal Orlando Authorized Travel Professionals, and offer a variety of all-inclusive resorts and a variety of cruise line packages as well. Tricia and her team are driven to provide very memorable vacations for all, regardless of destination.

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Now imagine a family heading to its favorite restaurant for dinner on a rainy night. Slippery conditions cause the car to slide off the pavement onto the shoulder. The driver over-corrects, sending the family car straight into the path of an oncoming vehicle. The family's automobile liability coverage isn't enough to pay for the injuries to the other car's occupants.

Think it couldn't happen to you? The stark reality is that accidents such as these happen nearly every day. Fortunately, protection is available should the unthinkable occur with a personal umbrella policy.

While it's easy to assume that a personal umbrella policy is only for people with substantial assets, the truth is anyone is at risk of being held liable for an accident. Settlements of \$1 million or more have become commonplace and if you don't have an umbrella policy, you may have to pay whatever costs exceed your primary insurance policy directly out of your own pocket. Where will you find the money? Your children's college tuition savings? Your retirement savings? Your home?

A personal umbrella policy offers you an unbeatable layer of protection – you can select limits of \$1 million up to \$10 million in coverage – over the coverage limits you already have from your automobile, homeowners

or other personal insurance policies. In the examples above, the personal umbrella policy would pay the difference between the primary policy coverage limits and damages amount, up to the limits of the personal umbrella policy.

While the odds are more likely you'll need the protection of a personal umbrella policy for liability from an accident, you'll also receive coverages not usually included in your basic policies such as libel, slander, false arrest, false imprisonment, wrongful eviction, violation of privacy rights, and wrongful detention. An added feature of the personal umbrella is the policy will also pay your defense costs – even on covered losses where you're found not legally liable. This additional coverage could save you thousands of dollars in legal defense fees.

Contact the Corsaro Insurance Group and ask us how you can further protect yourself, your family and your future with a personal umbrella policy.

Courtesy of the Corsaro Insurance Group and Central Insurance Companies

Matthew Corsaro is the president and owner of the Corsaro Insurance Group in Mentor. His company and staff have been providing insurance solutions to families and business owners for over 50 years. Mr. Corsaro has obtained the Accredited Advisor in Insurance and Certified Insurance Counselor designations. Corsaro Insurance Group represents over 20 insurance companies. As well they have expertise in all areas of auto, home and business insurance. They can be reached at (440) 946-4950.

Calendar of Events



Visit www.TodaysFamilyMagazine.com for a calendar of events and activities all over northeast Ohio!

If you have an event that you would like to have considered for publication on our site, please email the details and a photo to info@todaysfamilymagazine.com.

Summer CAMP Guide

How to choose a summer camp your kids will love and that you approve

By Kimberly Blaker

Whether you're looking for enrichment for your child, a way to keep your child occupied and supervised while you work, or a short reprieve from parenting, there's a summer camp out there that's just right for every family.

The benefits of summer camp.

Summer camp offers plenty of benefits, and many kids thrill at the idea of going away to summer camp. But 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 be cause for considerable anxiety. For kids who are adamantly opposed, forcing summer camp on them may not be in their best interest.

But for kids who are more than eager – or at the very least willing to give it a shot without too much fuss – summer camp offers lots of opportunities kids aren't likely to experience at home or anywhere else. If you're not familiar with the benefits, summer camp:

- Fosters independence
- Is a place to develop new and lasting friendships
- Helps kids develop new skills
- Leads kids to discover new interests and hobbies
- Provides the opportunity for creative expression

- Gives kids a break from being plugged-in
- Offers daily exercise
- Improves their self-esteem
- Teaches kids to work with others
- Makes kids feel part of a community
- Prevents or reduces summer learning loss

Getting started in your search.

Before you begin looking into summer camps, first create a list of the criteria you're looking for. Here are some initial things 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 lots of freedom and choices?
- What are your child's interests, 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 and on www.TodaysFamilyMagazine.com! The American Camp Association

(ACA) accredits summer camps. So this is another excellent place to look for a camp. The ACA educates camp owners and directors in health and safety for staff and campers as well as program quality. It then accredits camps that meet the organization'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 to see what excites your child. Let your child know up front 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 to a manageable selection, you'll want to investigate the camps further. Several things to consider:

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 the camp programs.

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 there's 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 your child bring along a cell phone or electronics? Also, how much money should your child bring, and how is your child's money 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.

Andrews Osborne Academy

38588 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby
(440) 942-3600
www.andrewsosborne.org

Andrews Osborne Academy is offering a variety of summer camp offerings beginning in June. Go to their website to register and learn more. You can choose the perfect camp for your child!

This coeducational, independent, college preparatory day, prekindergarten (ages 3 and 4) through 12th, boarding (7–12), and post-graduate school has a 300-acre campus and is truly a global village with some of the best and brightest students from down the street, across America, and around the world.

With a student-teacher ratio of just 6 to 1, students are active participants in their education and are prepared for college...and the world!

Students have vast opportunities to explore both in and out of the classroom, discover leadership abilities through the entrepreneur-

ial and public speaking programs, and participate in extracurricular activities, all while excelling academically with a rigorous curriculum.

To learn more about the school, call or visit their website.

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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 the ages of 5–12 (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.

Children 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.

Camp Carl

8054 Calvin Road, Ravenna
(330) 315-5665
CampCarl.life

Kids need camp. Today, like never before, teens and preteens are under tremendous pressure. Self-doubt, peer pressure, substance abuse, self-injury and a myriad of harmful voices nag at kids every day. Even kids who have a strong support structure face obstacles. Camp Carl provides opportunities for children and students to pull away and get a breather—to catch a vision for the bigger picture of their lives. Kids need experiences that will challenge them and give them worth, direction, belonging, perspective, significance, connection and LOVE! They believe

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June 8-12

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Cost: \$125
Content: AOA campers will be lead through a series of fun, dynamic training activities and games all week long. It's hard to feel like you're working out when you're having this much fun!
Hours: 9:00 AM - 12 NOON
Ages: Rising 3rd - 8th graders



Camp I - July 20-24 / Camp II - August 3-7

AOA TENNIS CAMP I & II

Cost: \$60 per day
Content: AOA Tennis Camp provides a fun learning environment - whether picking up a racquet for the first time in months or for the first time ever, players will be sure to solidify their fundamental skills and improve their game.
Camp I Hours: 9:00 AM - 12 NOON
Camp II Hours: 12 NOON - 3:00 PM
Ages: Rising 5th - 12th graders



Camp I - June 8-12 / Camp II - June 15-19

AOA BASKETBALL CAMP I & II

Cost: \$125
Content: AOA Basketball Camp provides a fun, active, learning environment that focuses on teaching fundamental skills, while adding in plenty of fun, small area, game action. *No experience in basketball is necessary.*
Camp I Hours: 12 NOON - 3:00 PM
Camp II Hours: 9:00 AM - 12 NOON
Ages: Rising 3rd - 8th graders



July 20-24

AOA GOLF CAMP

Cost: \$150
Content: The AOA Varsity Golf Coach will focus instruction on a new skill each day of the week. After learning more about swing fundamentals, putting, and chipping, campers will be ready to take on the coach in fun driving range competitions and even 9 holes of golf on Friday.
Hours: 12 NOON - 3:00 PM
Ages: Rising 5th - 12th graders



June 15-19

AOA VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Cost: \$125
Content: AOA Volleyball Camp provides a fun, active, learning environment that focuses on teaching fundamental skills, while adding in plenty of fun and game play. *No experience in volleyball is necessary.*
Hours: 12 NOON - 3:00 PM
Ages: Rising 3rd - 8th graders



July 27 - July 31

AOA BOOTCAMP

Cost: \$125
Content: A week-long program full of strength-building, cardio-improving challenges. AOA Bootcamp will help each camper learn their current physical limits, how to set appropriate goals for the future, and how to measure progress towards those goals.
Hours: 9:00 AM - 12 NOON
Ages: Rising 6th - 12th graders



Camp I - June 22-26 / Camp II - August 10-14

NE OHIO ADVENTURE CAMP I & II

Cost: \$225
Content: NE Ohio Adventure Camp takes kids on a fun, new trip each and every day! This action-packed week of adventure will ensure your camper goes to bed tired, with a smile on their face each night.
Hours: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Ages: Rising 3rd - 8th graders
NOTE: Daily destinations will be located throughout NE Ohio and dependent on weather conditions.



August 3-7

AOA SOCCER CAMP

Cost: \$125
Content: The AOA Athletic Director, along with guest coaches and AOA varsity players, will guide campers through a fun week of soccer activities that will cover fundamental skills and introduce game play.
Hours: 9:00 AM - 12 NOON
Ages: Rising 3rd - 8th graders



July 6-10 & July 13-17

AOA RACEWAY CAMP I & II

Content: Learn to ride 'Razor Crazy Carts' around our very own AOA Raceway. The track will take on a new look throughout the week to challenge all racers. When you're not sending your cart into overdrive, create your own RC Racer with Lego Mindstorms EV3.
Cost: \$325
Hours: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Ages: Rising 3rd - 8th graders
NOTE: Priority for enrollment will be given to those not signed up for both AOA Raceway camps

CAMP INFORMATION

- Campers are expected to bring their own snacks and lunches daily
- Before and Aftercare available weekly
- Sibling discount = 10% for 1, 20% for 2+

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

8:00-9:00 AM & 3:00-5:00 PM daily

COST: \$20/day

INFO & REGISTRATION

For more information and to register, please go to www.andrewsosborne.org

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Registration is now open for Cleveland Play House Summer Academy! We have exciting programs for young people this summer ranging from creative drama to musical theatre! Excite creative potential, and nurture your child's passion for the performing arts!

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clevelandplayhouse.com/academy
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Their day camp is the summer adventure for children ages 6–11. Give your young adventurer the chance to experience everything camp has to offer without spending the night.

Call today to schedule your personal tour or speak with the camp registrar.



Cleveland Play House Summer Academy

(216) 414-7111
www.clevelandplayhouse.com/education

Registration is now open for Cleveland Play House Summer Academy running June 1 – July 17, 2020. They have exciting programs for young people ages 4–18, ranging from creative drama to musical theatre! Excite creative potential, and nurture your child's passion for the performing arts!

For more information email academy@clevelandplayhouse.com or call (216) 414-7111.

Double Deuce Farm

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Double Deuce continued

and up are encouraged to register. Camp dates are June 22–26, July 13–17, July 27–31. 9 am–3 pm.

All levels of riders are welcome from the very beginner to experienced riders. Camp includes two mounted riding lessons each day, along with ground lessons, crafts, and a visit from an equine professional. They conclude the week with a pizza party for the kids and a camp T-shirt is provided.

Check out their website for details about mini camps and additional information about weekly riding lessons.

Fairmount Center for the Arts

8400 Fairmount Road, Novelty
(440) 338-3171
www.fairmountcenter.org

Ages 3 through 15 years can participate in a multitude of art forms sure to spark their creativity, including dance, music, theatre and visual arts camps.

Half-day, full-day, one-day and one-week options are avail-

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Camps are led by professional faculty, include outdoor explorations, lunchtime, and a Sharing Day program for family and friends at the end of each week.

Half-day specialty camps explore specific art forms such as dance, musical theater, ceramics arts, nature arts, Castles and Sand camp and MORE!

Need to drop your camper off early? Fairmount provides supervised care from 8–9 am free of charge. For complete camp info and to register, call (440) 338-3171, email info@fairmountcenter.org or visit www.fairmountcenter.org/special-events.



ATTENTION: Cross Country Runners



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Rabbit Run Community Arts Association, 49 Park St., Madison, OH
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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!

Falcon has a special intro program for campers ages 6–10. ACA accredited, many references available. Falcon is an outstanding opportunity for fun and learning.

Fine Arts Association Summer Camps

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

The Fine Arts Association has camps for everyone who loves the arts! There are camps for the littlest campers at age 3 through high school grads. Camps range from one week to six weeks long, both full- and half-day.

Offerings include theatre, visual arts, multi-arts and dance camps for all ability levels. If your camper needs to arrive early or stay late, Fine Arts offers before- and after-camp care, included in the price for several camps. Check out all of FAA's summer camps, classes and workshops!

Call to receive a summer class schedule featuring camps, classes, workshops and private instruction

in music, visual arts, theatre, dance and music and creative art therapies.

Geauga Park District Summer Camps

(440) 286-9516
www.geaugaparkdistrict.org/camps.shtml

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Week-long camps for youth entering grades 5–7 are the weeks of June 8, July 6, July 13, July 27 and August 3. The week of June 15, a Junior Naturalist Camp will direct special focus to streams, lakes and forests.

For teens entering grades 8–10, week-long experiences are the weeks of June 15 and July 20,

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Registration begins March 20 at (440) 286-9516 or www.geaugaparkdistrict.org. Also see website for fees and more details.

Girl Scouts of North East Ohio Camp Ledgewood and Camp Timberlane

Peninsula, OH and Wakeman, OH
gsneo.org/camplife

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Camp Ledgewood also offers

Together We Can 2020 Camps

Looking for a summer camp to support a grieving child? Consider one of our **Together We Can** bereavement day camps for children who have experienced the death of a loved one. Campers will share stories, laugh together, shed some tears and celebrate the life of their special person.

Five-day

Riding Through Grief

Fieldstone Farm
16497 Snyder Road, Chagrin Falls
June 22 – 26, 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.

Three-day

Red Oak

Red Oak Camp
9057 Kirtland Chardon Road,
Willoughby
August 4 – 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A three-day bereavement day camp for children ages 6–13 who have experienced the death of a loved one. Transportation available from two locations.

For more information and to register,
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7645 Fredle Drive, Concord Twp.
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Great Day Child Care Learning Center

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Great Day Child Care continued both Madison and Middlefield, and surrounding cities.

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The weekly themes, special guests, like Jungle Terry, and water days, will give your child something to look forward to all summer.

Visit them online or give them a call for more details.

Great Lakes Science Center Camp Curiosity:

Summer Science Camps

601 Erieside Avenue, Cleveland
 (216) 621-2400
www.GreatScience.com

Help your kids 'Stay Curious' over summer break with engaging, hands-on fun at Camp Curiosity! Kids make new friends, and memories, while they build STEM skills!

Camp Curiosity features more than 30 new camps, offering amazing new challenges and unforgettable adventures for kids in pre-school through eighth grade. This year, in addition to its core camps at the Science Center, Camp Curiosity will expand across northeast Ohio and are sure to bring a camp close to you!

Camps begin June 1 at the Science Center. Neighborhood camp locations will be announced soon.

Register by February 29 for a \$20 off early bird discount. Register by May 1 and receive \$10 off the price. Discounts are also available for multi-week registration and returning camp alumni. Members always save \$20 per camp.

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



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 17th annual cross country camp and will be held Tuesday, July 28 through Saturday, August 1 from 8 am until 12:15 pm 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. The Greater Cleveland Cross Country Camp is organized by Mentor High School boys and girls head cross country coach, Bill Dennison, with the support of other local cross country coaches and college runners. They hope each camper leaves with the love and passion that the staff at the Greater Cleveland Cross Country Camp has.

Hawken Summer Programs

Gates Mills and Lyndhurst
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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 week-long, full- and half-day opportunities to learn, create, and explore. Camp topics include science, the arts, world language, leadership, culinary, Lego, technology, and mythology. *Continued on page 19*

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dents. They even provide formula and jar food for the infants. Part-time or full-time enrollment is available, and vouchers are accepted.

Hospice of the Western Reserve
Together We Can Grief Camp
 (216) 486-6838
 hospicewr.org/camps

Nature provides the healing backdrop for a summer camp for children ages 6–13 who have experienced the death of a loved one. Together We Can, offered by Western Reserve Grief Services, takes place August 4–6, 9 am to 3 pm, at Red Oak Camp, 9057 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland.

Children explore their feelings through art, music and sharing with other kids who have also experienced the death of someone they love. Led by grief support specialists from Hospice of the Western Reserve, the camp is a “safe zone” where kids feel comfortable interacting in a supportive environment. They also have plenty

of time to enjoy swimming, rock climbing, archery and kayaking in the afternoon.

Registration for Together We Can at Red Oak is due by July 8. For more information, call (216) 486-6838. Camp applications are available online at hospicewr.org/camps.

Lake County YMCA
 (440) 354-5656
 www.lakecountyyymca.org

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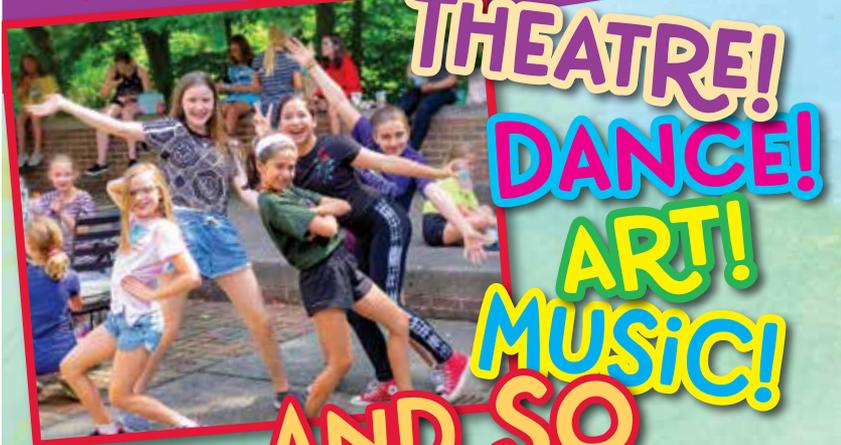
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Send your questions to: admin@mentorjuniorwomen.org.

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Visit www.painesville.com/summercamp for complete camp details or call the Painesville Recreation office at (440) 392-5912 to register. Painesville City resident rates are \$110/ per week and nonresident rates are \$120/ per week. A \$5/per week sibling discount is available. Camp times are weekdays 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. with extended drop-off and pick up time available. Summer Camp runs May 26 through July 31. Sign up now to reserve your spot!

Rabbit Run Community Arts Association

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

Kids of all ages can discover hidden talents all summer long in fine arts camps available at Rabbit Run Community Arts Association in Madison.

Art Camp runs the week of June 22 for ages 11 through 16 and the week of June 29 for ages 7 through 10. Youth get elbow deep in paint, clay and other mediums as they create original works of art.

Pop Star Camp, June 15 through June 19, gets youth ages 5 through 10 up and moving as they learn to sing and dance like their favorite pop star.

For theater buffs, two theater camps are offered June 8 through June 12. The camps delve into all areas of theater including drama, music, dance and stage craft. Explorer's Camp for youth ages 7 to 15 is for those new to theater and Junior Camp is for the younger child ages 4 through 8.

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

Red Oak Camp

9057 Kirtland Chardon Road
Kirtland
(440) 256-0716
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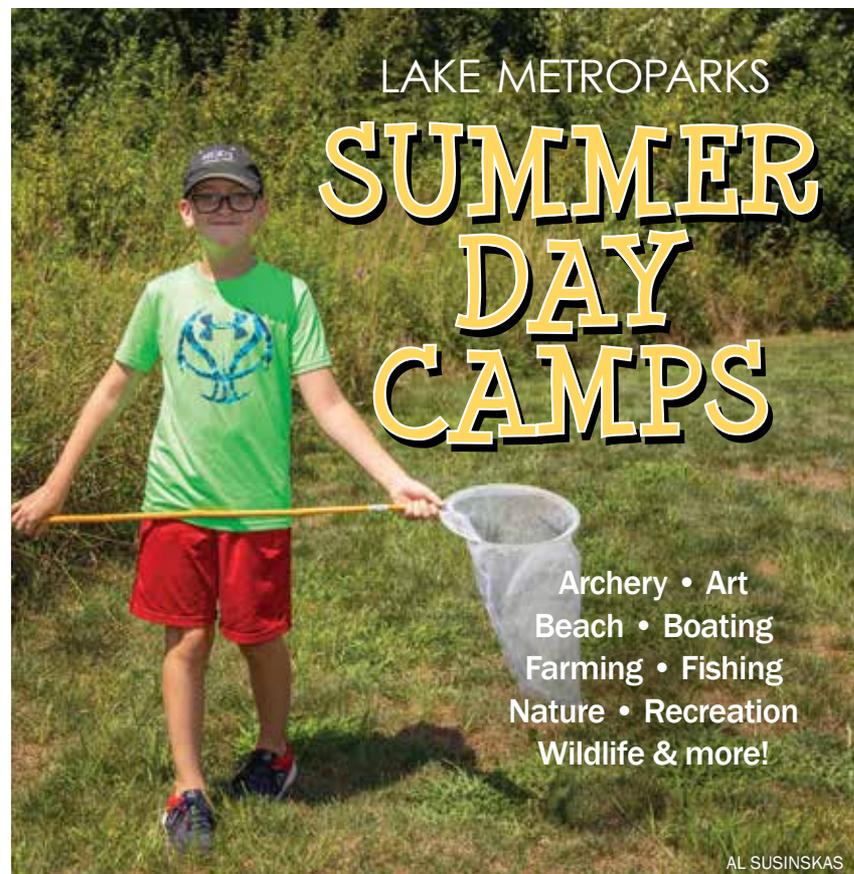


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Home Away From Home is available for students entering 1st

through 6th grade in fall 2020. Registration is required. Register for 6 or 12 weeks and receive special bulk pricing! Early bird pricing is available until April 1.

Their Sports Camp will run Tuesday–Thursday from June 2 to July 30. Basketball, volleyball, soccer, and football camps are available. Sports camps are open to students entering 1st–8th grade in fall 2020. Registration is required. Find out more about their camps at srweuclid.cc/summer-camps.

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Each camper has their own horse for the week, and learns total care of that horse. Parents are invited to join them each Friday for a performance. Campers and regular students will also receive a discount in the on-site tack shop.

They also have year-round lessons, horse training, boarding and leasing of their horses, so you can stay all year if you like.

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(Located adjacent to the West Geauga Middle School)
Chesterland
camp@wgrc.org
www.wgrc.org

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WGRC Day Camp is for children entering kindergarten through 8th grade. The campground is on 15 wooded acres with a covered pavilion, heated swimming pool, volleyball court, soccer field, basketball courts, arts and crafts pavilion, and playgrounds.

Daily activities include arts and crafts, sports, hiking, swimming (under supervision of licensed lifeguards), special guests, and entertainment. The camp is registered with the Ohio Department of Human Services and maintains a 6–10:1 ratio of children to counselors. Camp opens June 8 and is open all summer (except for July 4) from 9 am–3 pm. Before- and after-care are available.

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Types of camps to consider

By Cheryl Maguire

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.

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, surfing or sailing camp. This type of camp is typically owned by private organizations. Some towns may have town operated 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 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 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. There are Boy/Girl Scout camps and private residential camps. 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?

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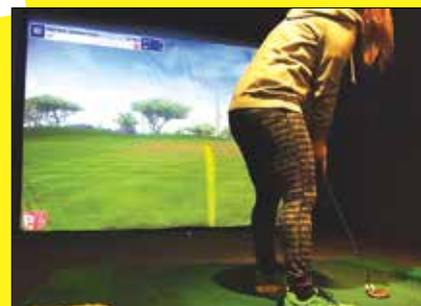
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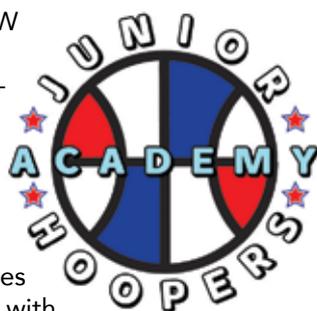
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When: Wednesdays 5:30–6:30 pm OR Saturdays noon–1 pm
Date: March 11 or March 14, 10-week program (Easter week OFF)
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- Saturdays, 11 am–noon
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KidShow brings two jam-packed days of fun to Great Lakes Mall on March 28 & 29

Great Lakes Mall will be transformed into a mega resource for parents and a whole lot of fun for kids when the KidShow returns for the 22nd year at the end of March.

Designed to get good information into busy parents' hands, this free two-day event accomplishes its goal. Known as a "one-stop information shop" for everything relevant to kids and families, parents will find endless ideas and resources. Plans are to have around 85 exhibitors on site complementing the activities and entertainment. There will be representatives from schools and sports, healthcare and wellness, home and financial, music and activities, camps and vacations, nonprofit services and organizations and everything in between. Along with sharing information, many of the exhibitors will also be sharing interactive activities with attending families.

What can you expect? Here's a sneak peak of what you are in for: game challenges in the KidShow

Backyard and OMG mobile video unit, daily bubble fun with Dr. U.R. Awesome (noon–3 pm), creative crafts and activities at the Kids Counter, hours of stage entertainment which even includes a puppy fashion show presented by Guiding Eyes for the Blind and The Posh Pet Boutique and mascots galore at Mascot Mania on the stage Saturday at noon. Mascots and costume characters will be introduced and then parade down the mall.

KidShow hours are Saturday, March 28 from 10 am–6 pm and Sunday, March 29 from noon–5 pm.

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 will hold a red envelope with (2) \$250 flight vouchers for Frontier Airlines!

Visit www.KidShowInfo.com for all of the KidShow fun.

Maple Sugaring Weekends

March 7 & 8 and 14 & 15 • 9 am–5 pm



Discover how real maple syrup is produced when you tap into the fun of Maple Sugaring Weekends at Lake Metroparks Farmpark.

Take a wagon ride down to the Woodland Center to see how sap is boiled and processed into pure maple syrup and candy during the two-weekend event.

Then enjoy a sample of some freshly produced maple syrup. Visitors can whip up their own tasty treat with maple stirs, while supplies last (additional fee applies). Kids can try their hand at tapping a tree. Discover the history and technology of maple syrup and learn how you can make maple syrup at home. Also, see how the water-like substance is collected using a vacuum tubing system.

Scheduled hands-on activities for the entire family:

March 7 & 8: Tap a tree and hang a sap collection bucket on a maple tree.

March 14 & 15: Gather the sap contained in collection buckets hung on the maple trees throughout the sugar bush in the woods and pour the sweet substance into a horse-drawn sap container.

Farmpark's very own pure maple syrup and maple candy will be available for sale (while supplies last) in both the Woodland Center and gift shop.

Bring the process full circle from tap to table and enjoy a pancake breakfast with fresh maple syrup produced at Farmpark. Breakfast is available in the J & J Cafe (additional fee applies).

For more information about Maple Sugaring Weekends visit <https://goto.lakemetroparks.com/maplesugaring>

Maple Sugaring Weekends are included with Farmpark admission (\$6–8) or membership.

St. Gabriel School eighth grade serves Greater Cleveland Food Bank with Cleveland Indians



To celebrate Catholic Schools Week, St. Gabriel School focused on serving others. The theme for the week was an inspirational quote by Mother Teresa, "Do small things with great love."

All Grizzlies rolled up their sleeves and got to work helping the community in various ways. Organizations that benefited were Little Annie's Hope Train with care packages; St. Gabriel Food Pantry with birthday party bags and donations; Karpos Meal Ministry with wrapping silverware with words of hope; Guardian Angel prayer cards for residents at Altercare; Birthright was given clothes and donations; and bagged lunches were prepared for Project Hope.

Eighth graders held a canned food drive for St. Gabriel Food Pantry and the Greater Cleveland

Food Bank. On Friday, January 31, Grizzlies took their donations to the Food Bank and worked side by side with Cleveland Indians pitchers, Carlos 'Cookie' Carrasco, and Logan Allen. The students and players packed 4½ pallets of to-go bags for the community in need.

The St. Gabriel School Student Council also presented a check to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank for \$500 from a candy gram initiative.

After working, Carrasco and Allen shared their love of serving the community with the students in a question and answer time and challenged them to keep working to make the world a better place.

For more information, contact Alicia Henrikson, St. Gabriel School at Ahenrikson@St-Gabriel.org or log on to www.St-GabrielSchool.org.

Spring break activities at the Environmental Learning Center

Weather Day

March 18 • noon to 4 pm

When you look up at the sky, what do you see? Have you ever wondered why your hair stands up before lightning strikes? If so, Weather Day is the place to be. Be part of a snowstorm to learn all about lake effect snow. Make your own anemometer, a device used for measuring wind speed and direction, and understand why when it rains, it pours. Take a hike to the Research Station and learn all about the sun.

Water Day

March 26 • noon to 4 pm

What is the most important thing

to all living things? If you guessed water, you are right! Discover all the amazing properties and characteristics of water during Water Day.

Be a water droplet and go on an adventure across the world, look closely at how water erodes sand and soil and try your best to stop it! Try your hand at making music with water and head out on a hike to look closely at what is living in the water in your backyard.

Both events are free for all ages. No registration is required. The Environmental Learning Center, located at 7250 Alexander Road in Concord Township. Please visit lakemetroparks.com for more info.

Railfest 2020 model train show

It's full steam ahead when the annual Railfest model train show returns to Lakeland Community College on March 14 & 15 from 10 am – 4 pm each day.

Railfest is the largest continuous train show in Ohio and features over 100 dealers with over 400 tables with all scales of trains and accessories for sale and trade, video tapes, train ride information and historical displays. See operating layouts in many different scales.

Admission is \$8.00 per person; \$13.00 per person for a two day pass; and \$13.00 per family per day. Free parking, free shuttle bus.



Food services will be available. Lakeland Community College is located at 7700 Clocktower Drive in Kirtland, near the Rt. 306 exit off I-90.

For more information, visit www.Railfest.org, call 440-357-8890 or email railfest@mcr5.org.

Great Lakes Science Center to open Body Worlds Rx exhibit

Explore the intricate biology and physiology of human health through more than 100 real human specimens when Body Worlds Rx opens Friday, March 20, 2020 at Great Lakes Science Center!

Through the process of Plastination, a complex preservation method that removes the fluids from the body and replaces them with reactive resins and elastomers, the specimens in this special exhibition offer guests the unique opportunity to be inspired and amazed by the inner workings of the human body. From organs and muscles to the nervous system and skeletal structures, Body Worlds Rx is an enlightening dose from a prescription for healthier living.

The opening in March will mark the second time a Body Worlds exhibition has been featured at the Science Center. In 2005, the Science Center was the second location in North America to host Body Worlds 2 and it proved to be one of the most powerful and popular exhibitions in the Science Center's history, drawing more than 390,000 visitors.

The specimens on display in Body Worlds Rx show impressive comparisons of healthy organs and diseased organs, to reveal the physical impact of disease on the body's systems. Visitors will see how vital organs are positioned in their body and specimens that illustrate common ailments like arthritis, cancer, cardiovascular disease and dementia.

"We are thrilled to bring a Body Worlds exhibition back to Cleveland and introduce a whole new audience



to this extraordinary experience," said Science Center President & CEO Dr. Kirsten Ellenbogen. "Body Worlds Rx gives an unprecedented look inside the most sophisticated mechanism in the world, the human body. And, we are excited that entry to the exhibit will be included with general Science Center admission."

"At the same time we are hosting Body Worlds Rx, we're excited to announce new additions to our permanent hands-on exhibits in the Science Phenomena gallery and new early childhood programs families are sure to love as we look toward our 25th anniversary next year," Dr. Ellenbogen continued.

(Editor's note: The Science Center's fall-winter schedule is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays.)

Calendar of Events



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The many layers of March

Gearing up for winter coats, short sleeves and everything in between

By Stacy Turner

Charles Dickens must have visited Cleveland when he described, "It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

March is one of those in-between months, where you're not really sure what season it is on any given day.

Although the same can be said of much of the weather in northeast Ohio during any given month -- especially this winter, it seems extremely true each March.

It doesn't seem to matter whether it comes in like a lion or a lamb, or whether the famous rodent to our east saw his shadow last month or not. Even so, in March our thoughts turn to springtime and warmer weather. Rain boots are on standby for puddle jumping, even though the snow boots can't be retired just yet. Tomorrow may bring the last chance to make one final snow person or take the last sled down a nearby hill for one more winter thrill. But the resulting snowmelt will create puddles that thrill young kids and bring new life to muddy garden beds that have been dormant through the long, cold winter.

The sun shines brightly, convincing daffodils to sprout, only to be covered a few days later in yet another blanket of snow. The majority of winter seems to have been this way, with Mother Nature equal parts playful and petulant. Now that March has arrived, however, we're ready to fast-forward to spring. Now that I've got middle and high schoolers, puddle jumping is passé, and winter coats are optional even on the coldest of days. At this stage, instead of enjoying Dr. Seuss parties with the "Cat in the Hat" or helping to engineer the most effective leprechaun-catching traps, March means added stress over tough coursework and the start of an exciting spring sports schedule.

For spring sports, track athletes are encouraged to 'dress for the weather' for practice after school each day. They hit the track in weather-appropriate running tights and fleece



hoodies with gloves and hats when necessary. Unfortunately, their spring uniforms consist of flimsy little tank tops and shorts, which must be worn for meets, no matter what the weather.

Spectators can dress for the weather as they huddle together through rain, sleet or snow in fleece jackets, rain slickers, or gloves, hats, and puffy coats -- sometimes all on the same day.

Poor athletes must wear their team-sanctioned uniforms, but are mercifully allowed to layer spandex tights and long sleeve tops under to try and keep their muscles warm while waiting for their individual events to take place. It brings to mind Halloween costumes we would intentionally purchase a size larger to accommodate the base layers that are often required for our fickle fall festivities. It's often said that New Englanders are wicked tough; it's a little-known fact that northeast Ohioans really know how to layer.

Luckily, as the calendar progresses, each new day brings us closer to actual spring-feeling weather. The sun warms as we uncover our pale, formerly over-bundled skin and soaks into our cold-weary bones. Here and there, surprisingly warm weather allows both parents and kids the opportunity to remove some layers and revel in the warmth of the sun.

Track meets become more enjoyable when the weather improves; kids laugh and cavort while parents relax and converse. As the season progresses, it's harder to remember the frozen start to the season, as we pack extra Gatorade, adjust our sunglasses, and keep our cameras at hand for the best shots of our athletes shining moments.

Just remember, as base layers are retired and winter skin is exposed, don't forget to layer on some sunscreen.



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