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# “Quest for the Stars” exhibit now open at the International Women’s Air & Space Museum

The International Women’s Air & Space Museum (IWASM) is excited to announce the opening of its newest exhibit, “Quest for the Stars” (Quest). This project explores the experiences and impact of the women in the 1960s Woman in Space Program, a project not endorsed by NASA and commonly referred to as the Mercury 13, and women working within NASA itself in our early American space program.



Quest is the first step in the museum’s effort to update exhibits to enhance engagement, representation, and visual appeal while also providing greater accessibility. Learn about the Woman in Space Program participants, the first Native American female aerospace engineer, ‘hidden figures’ such as Katherine Johnson and Annie Easley, and the 1978 NASA astronaut class with the first six female astronaut selections. To provide a fuller understanding of their experiences, the exhibit highlights the unique periods in

which the women lived. Hear in their own words these women’s stories and engage with more content online thanks to the museum’s newly launched YouTube channel via the QR codes in the exhibit.

Located inside Cleveland’s Burke Lakefront Airport, exhibits are free of charge seven days a week from 8 am–8 pm. Guided tours are available M–F by appointment. Gift shop & offices open M–F 10 am–4 pm.

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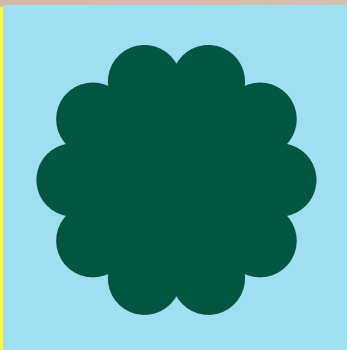
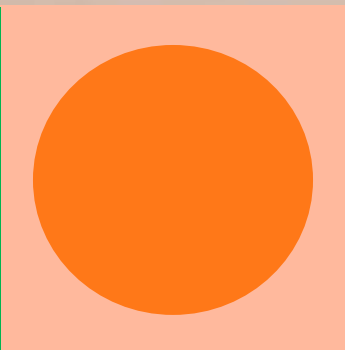
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# It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

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## Finding the best public school fit

In 2012, leaders developed Cleveland's Plan for Transforming Schools, a citywide improvement initiative to reinvent Cleveland's public education. Its goals are to affect lasting systemic change and strengthen educational outcomes for all students in Cleveland, both district and charter. The Cleveland Transformation Alliance (CTA) was created to oversee the implementation of the plan and is the only organization in Cleveland dedicated to informing families about public school quality and options.

Today, the Cleveland Transformation Alliance supports families by providing an interactive website at [mycleschool.org](http://mycleschool.org) and a printed school quality guide to help them select their child's best-fit CMSD or charter school by offering. Families can

search based on academic outcomes, special programs, location, and more. CTA has updated its website, and is now even easier to navigate. It is easy to use on your mobile phone and offers more information than ever.

If a parent or caregiver needs extra support in navigating the system, dedicated CTA staff can help support a family by talking through options, assisting with the enrollment process, and connecting to other support services.

Whether the child in your life is starting kindergarten, transitioning to high school, or you are exploring options, the Cleveland Transformation Alliance is here to help. CTA is here to help YOU find the best fit public school for your child. Just visit [mycleschool.org](http://mycleschool.org) to learn more.

## 5 tips for breastfeeding moms when it's time to return to work

By Ann Witt, MD, FABM, IBCLC

Approximately 60% of women working, or looking for work, have a child less than one year old. With over 80% of the parents planning to breastfeed, many families are balancing continued breastfeeding while working. Having worked with thousands of families at Breastfeeding Medicine of Northeast Ohio for whom continuing to breastfeed while returning to work is a top concern, we offer five steps to guide preparation and help with this transition:



### 1. Be mindful of your needs

Look at your anticipated daily routine. Acknowledge the transition and give yourself a cushion. If possible, consider part-time for your first week, or start mid-week to allow adjustment time.

### 2. Talk to your employer

You have need for protected time to express milk in a clean, private space (that is not a bathroom), and space to clean pump parts and store your breast milk. Breastfeeding improves the health of mother and baby, which reduces sick time, lowers health insurance costs, and overall helps with employee retention, so it is in everyone's best interest to support you. Plus according to Federal Labor Standards Act ([www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/nursing-mothers](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/nursing-mothers)), many businesses legally are required to provide these accommodations.

### 3. Talk with your child care provider

A breastfeeding supportive child-care provider facilitates feeding your infant on-site before or after work, provides space for you to express milk, knows about safe storage and handling of breastmilk, supports your decision to feed your child breast milk, and educates their staff on these policies.

### 4. Plan for milk expression

As a starting point, while working, plan to express milk as frequently as your baby feeds. In a typical 8-hour day, anticipate pumping 3 times, and then adjust as needed to match

your baby's intake. To help with milk expression, try meditating, looking at a photo of your infant, or keeping your infant's blanket nearby. Adding in hand expression to your pumping session can help express more volume in shorter periods of time. See [www.bfmedneo.com/All-Resources/Education](http://www.bfmedneo.com/All-Resources/Education) for more details on preparing for milk expression, pumping tips, and breast milk storage guidelines.

### 5. Take time for yourself

As a parent, you are juggling care for yourself, as well as your family. Combine this with responsibilities at work, and it is easy to forget about yourself. Planning for self-care like protecting exercise, sleep, and quiet time, along with creating special time to connect with your child before and after work is important.

If you are facing challenges, don't hesitate to reach out for further guidance. For free helpful videos, an online support group and helpful online educational materials visit [bfmedneo.com](http://bfmedneo.com).

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# Creative ways to tell your child 'I love you'

On Valentine's Day or any day of the year

By Kimberly Blaker

Valentine's Day is a perfect reason to show your child just how much he or she is loved. Try these creative ideas to show how much you care on Valentine's Day and throughout the entire year.

## Edible ideas

**A heart a day.** Add a heart-shaped candy to your child's lunch box every day of the school year. Be sure to stock up during after-Valentine's Day clearances, so you don't run out.

**Heart-shaped breakfast/lunch.** Use a large, heart-shaped cookie cutter to make heart-shaped sandwiches, toast, and other treats. Your kids will love the shape and that you've eliminated the crust.

**A cupful of love.** Give your child a "World's Greatest Son/Daughter" or "I Love You" cup. Then use it whenever you serve hot cocoa or graham crackers and milk.

**Do lunch.** Pick up your child from school for a surprise lunch date. Hit your child's favorite fast-food joint, go on a picnic, or have lunch together in the school cafeteria. (If you choose the latter, make sure your child won't mind or be embarrassed.)

## The written word

**A poet and didn't know it.** You don't have to be a poet to write a poem for your child. If poetry isn't your thing, look up simple children's rhymes. Then make revisions, especially for your child. Poems can be serious or fun, but either way, your child will love them.

**A valentine's welcome.** Welcome your child home from school with a valentine banner across your front porch or entryway. Add cute sayings that remind your child why he's the greatest son. Create fun sentences by clipping words from magazine ads, and adding some valentine doodles.

**Snail mail surprise.** Kids love to get mail, so why not send your child a card, letter, or postcard? Don't for-

get to let your child check the mail to discover the greeting.

**Say it with email.** Send your child an email with a link to a fun website or a funny animated e-greeting. With the abundance of entertaining websites and free e-greetings, you can send your child something new every day of the year.

**Scrabble greetings.** Wish your child a "Happy Valentine's Day," congratulate him on a great report card, or show how much you appreciate your child's help with a scrabble message. For younger readers, spell out a simple phrase leaving a space between words. For older kids, make them figure out your greeting. Intersect the words as you would in playing Scrabble, and see if they can solve the message.

**C is for.... Make a poster portraying your child's characteristics.** Put your child's name at the top. Then list as many positive descriptive words as you can that begin with your child's initial. Use a thesaurus to find oodles of words. (Example: Cassandra, cute, caring, creative, crafty, curious.) When you finish, laminate or frame it, and hang it in your child's room.

**Poetry praise.** Give your child a poetry book written especially for sons or daughters such as "To My Son with Love or To My Daughter with Love on the Important Things in Life," written by Susan Polis Schultz. These books offer encouragement and a new understanding of your love for and commitment to your child. Don't forget to add your personal inscription inside.

## Do it together

**Love is silly.** One thing kids love and do best is act silly, so loosen up, and join in the fun. If being silly isn't your style, take a few lessons from your child, and practice up. Letting loose is a great way to reduce stress and to let your children know they're fun to be around.

**A gift of time.** For today's busy parents, finding time to read to or play with your child isn't always easy. Fortunately, quality, rather than



quantity, is what matters most. Show your child you care by setting aside a few minutes each day to talk, read, or play together. You'll both reap the rewards.

**A class connection.** As kids grow, together-time becomes increasingly rare. Decide with your adolescent on an activity or hobby the two of you would enjoy together. Sign up for a class or set a regular schedule for the activity. Then mark it on your calendar. Treat it as you would any other commitment, not letting daily life interfere.

**A trip down memory lane.** Flip through photo albums or watch family videos together, and reminisce about favorite holidays, vacations, and family times you've had together.

**Eventful gifts.** Buy tickets to a concert, ice show, or sporting event your kids have been dying to see. But keep it a surprise. On the day of the event, just say you're all going out for dinner or some other concoction. Then catch your kids by surprise when you arrive at your actual destination.

**Make a date.** Plan a regular date with your child for one-on-one time. This works exceptionally well for families with more than one child. Each parent should take a turn with each child. You can go out for lunch or supper, play putt-putt golf, take in a movie, go roller skating, or spend an afternoon at the park. Set a regular schedule so your child can look forward to your dates together.

## Gifts from the heart

**Flowers for her.** Cut fresh flowers for your daughter, to brighten her room and her day.

**Race cars for him.** Clip sports

cars from magazines for your son, and post them on a bulletin board in his room.

**Engrave your thoughts.** Have a necklace or bracelet engraved for your child. Be sure to include his name, your sentiments, and who it's from.

**Van Gogh in the making.** Sift through your child's art collection, and select a piece to display. Then mat, frame, and hang it in a room, other than your child's, for everyone to see.

**Photos say a thousand words.** Choose several pictures of your child from infancy through the present. Then use paper-edgers and trim them into different sizes and shapes. Overlap and tape them to the backing of a frame using double-sided tape. Then add matting and frame the collage.

**It's in the wrapping.** Don't wait for a special occasion to give your child a gift. Kids love presents, so the next time you pick up something for your child, wrap it as a surprise. Don't forget the ribbon (so it takes longer to unwrap), and include a small gift card that says how much you appreciate her.

**Scrapbookin' fun.** Put together a memory scrapbook of your child. Use photos, locks of hair, vacation postcards, and ticket stubs. Dedicate each page to a special holiday, event, or theme. Include dates and any details you remember, along with cute sayings and stickers to fit the themes.



# Things and experiences gain value when you have to wait for them

By Stacy Turner

From healthcare to medicine, advances in technology make our lives easier in so many ways. A few quick clicks and Amazon can deliver that book, pair of shoes, or shiny new what-not to your door — sometimes on the same day. Too busy to grocery shop? With a few clicks of a button, Instacart can deliver your items right to your door. You can sit on your couch and stream hours of entertainment in no time flat.

But perhaps there's still something to be said for delayed gratification. Remember as a child how you felt in the days leading up to holidays like Christmas? As a child, you had weeks to speculate exactly how Santa would deliver your pony down the chimney. Sure, you were disappointed when you didn't actually get a pony for Christmas. But in the end, the fact that the day ended equineless didn't really seem to matter, since much of the fun was in dreaming of what might be.

My kids were born in the time of digital photography. They are unaware of what it meant to point, click, and hope for the best. They had no idea we had to load film into our cameras, then shoot 24 or 36 photos without getting to see who blinked,

if a finger was in the way, or if the photo would be what we imagined. If you sprung for one-hour developing, you'd know soon enough. The rest of us filled out envelopes, sending our film out for processing, returning days later to pick up our prints and negatives. If we were lucky, a portion of photos were good. Filters weren't a thing — the best we had was a special pen to blot out inevitable red eyes from the harsh light of the camera flash. These days, however, we've all perfected our photo game, with a variety of filters, and a big screen to see and reshoot to make everything look picture-perfect.

That's why we were surprised when our daughter asked for a new camera for Christmas. "You've got one right there on your phone," we reminded her. "No, this camera is new," she told us, and went on to describe how the slim new device worked. Roughly the size of her phone, this invention bills itself as a digital-friendly replacement to disposable cameras. You know, those things we old folks used to buy on vacation or leave on tables at wedding receptions as an old-school way to share photos. Powered by rechargeable batteries, photos are stored on an SD card the user downloads to their computer to view. The maker promotes the

Paper Shoot Cameras make it easier for you to be in the moment, and check your images at a later time. Nearly 30 fun designs to choose from!



product's lack of screen or controls 'which allow you to live fully in the moment.' It really is true what they say about old things being new again.

Well, Santa left one for her under the tree, and she set out to capture the moments of her Christmas break. We witnessed her excitement about framing perfect shots and using the new gadget, learning more about light exposure, old-school terms like macro and sepia, and how our eyes adjust automatically to low light better than a camera can. She seems to enjoy the unpredictability as much as she enjoys the photo-taking process. It's like the anticipation of what she'll download is a built-in bonus of her Christmas present.

It seems to confirm what Harold Schweitzer, professor of English at Bucknell University and author of "On Waiting (Thinking in Action)," determined. "Things and experiences gain value when you have to wait for them." Now I know that technology isn't going anywhere, and most often, I'm glad of this fact. But it's nice to know that sometimes, the old ways can deliver something valuable, too. If only we're willing to wait for it.

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# How to Teach Kids Religious Tolerance

## Accepting Diversity in a Changing World

By Kimberly Blaker

According to the latest FBI data, for the year 2021 alone, there were 7,262 hate crime incidents that involved 8,673 offenses reported. Because most hate crimes go unreported, the actual number is likely much greater.

Notably, young men under 26 are the perpetrators of a significant percentage of these violent acts, according to various agencies. Religious-based biases, as well as ethnic and racial biases, are learned during early childhood, explains the Leadership Conference Education Fund. Young children exposed to these prejudices hold numerous stereotypes by the time they reach the age of 12.

In a society as diverse as the United States, the misconceptions often held toward those who are different, including those of other religious faiths, is troubling. As parents and educators, we must strive to change these patterns, so our kids grow into kind and accepting adults.

Part of the problem is that kids, like adults, learn of violence perpetrated by individuals within a particular religion and come to believe that everyone within that faith is violent. So kids need to understand there will always be a few bad apples within any religion, even their own. Individuals who commit violence don't define the character of everyone or even a majority within that group or religion.

### Tolerance begins at home

There are many ways to teach children religious tolerance. But we must first recognize that our own attitudes and actions toward those of

different faiths play a crucial role. Children are observant and catch even the subtlest stereotyping and discriminatory behaviors. According to experts, attitudes held by those living in the home will have the greatest impact on the way children perceive people who are different.

There are many ways you can encourage your child to accept those of other faiths and even those of no faith. If you haven't already, explain your beliefs to your child and why you hold your views. Then share factual, non-derogatory information about other religious beliefs as well.

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Read books with your child on world religions, diversity, and tolerance. Have open discussions and encourage questions. Explain the importance of religious freedom for your own family and why it's also essential for others. Then make sure your child understands being accepting of another doesn't mean you must hold that person's beliefs as true.

### Learning tolerance outside the home

Talk to your kid's school, as recommended by Tolerance.org, to make sure textbooks and curricula are up to date to reflect equity and multiculturalism. Ask teachers and staff if and how they approach the task of teaching tolerance in the classroom. If the school or class doesn't

already include tolerance education in its program, try to help activate it. Ask if you can share ideas with staff. Also, learn other ways you can assist the school in promoting positive attitudes toward diversity.

Help your child develop acceptance by sharing the beliefs of relatives and friends who hold different views from your own. It often comes as a surprise, even to adults, to learn some family members hold very different religious beliefs. Ask those of other views to share with your child what they believe and why. Make sure these adults understand your purpose, so they won't attempt to proselytize your child or criticize your own beliefs. Instead, ask them to share their beliefs with neutrality. When your child discovers that good, well-respected family members and friends hold a wide range of beliefs, your child will be better equipped to accept others as well.

### Fight Intolerance

Another recommendation by Tolerance.org is to encourage your child to fight stereotypes and intolerance actively. Help your child to form a club, study circle, or sponsor a walkathon for diversity. Your child will have the opportunity to meet kids of other beliefs while at the same time, learning the importance of social responsibility.

Also, confront biased behavior expressed by family and friends, especially if your child witnesses it. For example, if grandma complains that her "Jewish neighbors don't take care of their lawn," don't brush the comment aside. Otherwise, both grandmother and your child will perceive your silence as acceptance of the stereotype or prejudicial remark.

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# There's Snow Easy Way to Say it—School's On!

By Cheryl Maguire

I realize I may sound like a person who was born in the 1900s, with tales of walking 1,000 miles to school, but I am going to babble away anyway despite my dated references and occasional senility.

When I was growing up the only way we received a snow day was if there was actual snow on the ground—and massive amounts of it. At least six inches or more of real accumulated snow sticking to the street would be the only way we would be able to receive a day off from school.

Most of the time though, we got an hour delay and then we had to trek through the storm anyway. I have done an extremely scientific survey of other parents my age which entailed a complex method of responding to my Facebook post and they all agreed that snow days—back in the day—required actual snow that was almost as tall or taller than you were. So, I am not just some delusional mid-aged woman even though some people may disagree with that assessment (definitely don't ask my kids what they think.)

The school my children attend cancels school before a drop of any type of precipitation falls from the sky. Often it is canceled the day before a possible storm when it is sunny, and the roads are clear. As far as I am concerned, this is not logical thinking especially when more often than not, the meteorologists are wrong about their forecasts. I can think of

numerous times when there was an incorrect forecast because the storm moved in another direction, which resulted in no snow and no school and my kids basking in the sun, as if it was a summer school-free day.

My children have become so accustomed to having no school when it is not snowing that they are in a state of disbelief and denial when they have to attend. One morning there was, at most, a half of an inch of accumulation of snow on the ground when my 10-year-old son darted into my room.

"Mom, do we have school today?" my son asked, expecting to hear the word "no" (which is about the only time he actually wants to hear that word).

"Yes," I responded (again about the only time he actually does NOT want to hear the word "yes").

"Are you sure?" he asked. He continued with his line of questioning, hoping that somehow doubting me would result in a different answer.

"Yes, I know it is shocking, but you do have school today. Believe me I'm just as surprised as you are."

"Can you turn the TV on and make sure?" he asked persevering, without giving up hope.

I did as he requested only to see a reporter talking about the weather (big surprise), but in this case he was referring to a storm outside our region that was closing schools for several days.

"They are referring to schools to the south, not here," I immediate-



ly told my son before he got too excited.

"Oh, come on!" he said as he threw his hands up in the air, in disgust.

He then realized the blue strip at the bottom of the screen was displaying school closings near where we lived. Just to summarize in case you are feeling confused—a few schools near us, as well as south of us, were closed, so I can see why he might feel a little disappointed.

"Andover closed, Ashland closed, Bedford closed," he read from the screen.

"Mom is our school closed?" he asked again.

"No, you need to get ready for school."

"Ugh!" he yelled as stomped towards his room.

"At least with having school you

will get out of school sooner in the summer and you can go outside," I respond although I realize this is more of a positive for me than for him since he would much rather play video games all day.

As a child when I heard this annoying line of reasoning I thought, "I don't care, I want a day off now!" so I can sympathize with his plight.

But as a mom who walked 1,000 miles to school in two feet of snow, I'm positive my son can muster up the strength to trek through some snow sprinkles. Although when he tells his kids about it one day it will probably sound more like an avalanche.

*Bio: Cheryl Maguire holds a Master of Counseling Psychology degree. She is married and is the mother of twins and a daughter.*

## Religious Tolerance from page 7

Confronting family and friends isn't easy but can be done tactfully. Don't criticize. Just nonchalantly but clearly acknowledge grandmother's frustrations with the unkempt yard. Then point out it has nothing to do with being Jewish. By doing so, your child will learn such biased comments are not necessarily valid. It also teaches your child not to be apathetic toward intolerance.

Also, if your child attends church, Sunday school, or other religious functions, talk with the leaders and teachers to learn their attitudes and levels of tolerance. Many are accepting of different religious views. Unfortunately, some religious leaders perpetuate intolerance by preaching

against nonbelievers, those of other faiths, or people or groups that don't adhere to their specific lifestyle guidelines. Other religious leaders may contribute to stereotyping in more subtle ways. Kids are very perceptive, though, and will recognize the biases all the same. If you do detect prejudiced attitudes, look for another church or denomination that's less biased.

Finally, talk with your church about ways it can teach and promote religious tolerance among its youth. After all, the desire for peace on earth is common among most of the world's religions.

## Pancake Breakfast with the Birds

The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes and the Heights of Greater Cleveland Rotary Club continue their partnership by offering the annual Pancake Breakfast with the Birds to be held at the Nature Center on Saturday, February 25. Breakfast will be available from 8 am to noon and features plain, blueberry, chocolate chip or gluten-free pancakes served with northeast Ohio maple syrup. Breakfast also includes sausage, apple sauce, juice, coffee and tea.

In addition to a hearty breakfast, the Pancake Breakfast with the Birds provides the opportunity to learn about northeast Ohio's feathered friends. Discover the habits and

habitats of birds with a guided adult bird walk at 8 am and guided family bird walks at 10 and 11 am. The owl presentations featuring birds from Lake Metroparks take place at 9:30 and 10:30 am.

The morning also features a raffle providing the opportunity to win a variety of themed gift baskets.

The cost of the event is \$10 for ages 5+ and \$5 for children ages 4 and under. Tickets may be purchased at <https://shakerlakes.square.site/shop/pancake-breakfast-with-birds/9>.

For more info visit [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org) or call 216-321-5935. The Nature Center is located at 2600 South Park Boulevard in Shaker Hts.





## Free professional arts performances for families every month in 2023

At the Children's Museum of Cleveland

The Children's Museum of Cleveland (CMC) is bringing big acts to the small stage through their CMC Center Stage series! This program provides the region's youngest learners with early exposure to the arts in an approachable environment, with a series of mini performances designed to engage children ages 0-8.

Beginning in 2019, CMC Center Stage has welcomed countless groups including North Pointe Ballet, Talespinner Children's Theatre, and OPUS 216 to the stage to delight audiences with vibrant and interactive performances. The Museum is excited to announce that this program is growing, offering performances each month throughout 2023.

CMC works alongside arts groups to modify performances for an early childhood audience, promoting interactive elements that create

an engaging experience for young children. The program is held in the Museum's Theater exhibit, offering performances by local theater, music, and dance groups showcasing different cultures and artistic practices. Floor seating accommodates the wiggliest of wigglers, and a family-friendly audience provides a space where giggling, dancing, and engaging with the art are both welcomed and encouraged.

The CMC Center Stage winter calendar includes performances by Abrepasso Flamenco, OPUS 216, Mojuba! Dance Collective, and Dancing Wheels Company, with many more performances to be announced throughout the year. All performances through this program are free with general admission, access program admission, and CMC membership.

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## The Great Big Home + Garden Show returns February 3-12

The Great Big Home + Garden Show, presented by Carrier, is set to inspire homeowners with more than 400 exhibits at Cleveland's I-X Center, February 3-12. Find fresh ideas from hundreds of experts in kitchen and bath, landscaping, décor, flooring and more during the 10-day event.

Visitors will enjoy a hint of spring in the classic movie-themed Garden Showcase and experience the latest in home design trends as they

walk through the Idea Home and Backyard Oasis. Joe Mazza from HGTV's "Home Inspector Joe" will also be appearing on the main stage.

The latest show information will be posted at [GreatBigHomeAndGarden.com](http://GreatBigHomeAndGarden.com).

Tickets are \$15 for adults (box office), \$13 online, \$11 seniors 65+ with ID (Monday-Thursday only; tickets must be purchased at show box office) and \$5 children ages 6-12 years.

## Girl Scout Cookie season

Girl Scouts in northeast Ohio will soon be kicking off the 2023 Girl Scout Cookie season, a time when consumers can support local Girl Scout entrepreneurs by purchasing their favorite cookies. Every box of cookies sold provides invaluable experiences for Girl Scouts such as service projects, troop travel, and summer camp for girls.

New to the lineup this year is the Raspberry Rally™ – a thin, crispy cookie infused with raspberry flavor and dipped in chocolate coating. Raspberry Rally is exclusively offered through digital channels for direct shipping only beginning Feb 27.

Girl Scouts in northeast Ohio will sell and take orders in person, and can receive cookie orders through their Digital Cookie® site. Beginning February 27, consumers can enter their zip code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder at [www.gsneo.org/findcookies](http://www.gsneo.org/findcookies) to purchase cookies online from a local troop for direct shipment. And from March 10-26, consumers can purchase their favorite cookies like Thin Mints®, Samoas®, and Tagalongs® at Girl Scout Cookie Booths throughout northeast Ohio.

Every Girl Scout Cookie purchase fuels local Girl Scouts' adventures throughout the year: exploring what interests them, discovering their passions, and taking action on issues they care about. Whether they're using their STEM skills to solve a problem, changing a law to help their community, having a courageous outdoor experience, or starting an innovative nonprofit, Girl Scouts build a better future for themselves and the world. And through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, including earning the new Cookie Business badges, girls get a taste of being



New Raspberry Rally™ Cookie

entrepreneurs and learn important online and offline business skills that set them up for success in life.

"This upcoming cookie season, I'm excited to see how our girl entrepreneurs innovate and take advantage of new technology and learn new, digital entrepreneurial skills," said Jane Christyson, CEO of Girl Scouts of North East Ohio (GSNEO). "It's always fun to see the creativity that each girl uses in her cookie program. It's a reflection of her, her goals, and her desire to create something unique to her – that's what Girl Scouts is all about, empowering girls to be the best versions of themselves."

### To purchase Girl Scout Cookies this season:

If you know a Girl Scout, ask how she's selling cookies via the Digital Cookie online platform.

Don't know a Girl Scout? Visit [www.gsneo.org/findcookies](http://www.gsneo.org/findcookies) and submit a customer cookie request form to be connected with a local Girl Scout troop.

Beginning February 27, enter your zip code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder at [www.gsneo.org](http://www.gsneo.org) to find a local cookie booth or to order online from a local troop. Whether picked up in person, shipped directly to your home, or donated to a local cause, you can support girls in your local community!

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# PRIVATE SCHOOL GUIDE



## Finding the right private school for your family

**Y**ou want a top-notch education for your children and choosing the perfect school is probably one of the biggest decisions you'll ever make. Depending on your location, you may find your public schools offer everything you want. If not, you'll need to embark on a search for the right private school.

In general, private schools exist to provide smaller class sizes with greater individual attention to each student and a safe, focused environment free of discipline problems. They tend to set a higher bar than public schools in academics, and build a culture of shared values. They offer a strong sense of community and may tailor lessons to the needs of the student.

In reality, each private school is a world unto itself. It may or may not hold accredi-

tation with a national education association, or hire credentialed teachers. It may have many extracurricular offerings or just a few. It may charge a very large tuition plus additional fees, or may be more affordable, offering scholarships and sliding scales. It may have a long history in your community or be a brand new charter school.

To find the right private school for you, you'll need to consider the following:

### **1. What are your educational priorities?**

Some private schools are faith-based and some are not. You'll want to decide as a family your basic priorities. Is it most important to find high academic standards, or more important to support your family's faith? Do you expect accelerated programs such as advanced placement classes or extensive ac-

cess to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs? How important are extracurricular activities? Are you comfortable with homework policies and school rules?

### **2. What is the culture of the school?**

In a faith-based setting the culture of the school will place religion at the forefront. There will be religious studies as part of the curriculum. The school may be all boys or all girls. Does this suit your goals? What is the relationship of staff to students? Is it casual and friendly, formal and strict? How are parents involved? What is the balance of academics to sports, the arts, clubs and other activities? Does the culture "feel right" for your children?

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### Cleveland Montessori

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Cleveland Montessori is celebrating over 28 years of serving the children of Greater Cleveland. The school is located in the historic Alta House. Students in preschool through middle school thrive within this unique urban campus inclusive of Little Italy and University Circle. A Cleveland Montessori education looks at each child's individual potential academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. Their students become independent thinkers with compassionate hearts.

The authentic Montessori curriculum incorporates a variety of opportunities to extend learning beyond the classroom to the culturally rich neighborhood of Little Italy. Their proximity to University Circle provides many extensions for cultural and scientific exploration, setting the stage for an experience rich in diversity, growth and joy. Cleveland Montessori

operates on a school year calendar, September to June.

Call to arrange a personal tour or visit their website for more information.

### Corpus Christi Academy

5655 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst  
(440) 449-4244  
www.corpuschristiacad.org

Corpus Christi Academy is a family-friendly pre-K through 8th grade school serving Lyndhurst and the surrounding communities. At CCA, your child will develop the foundational knowledge to deepen their curiosity in learning, while enhancing their critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

The school boasts a 1:1 technology program that supports student creativity and innovativeness in the classroom. Intimate class sizes encourage individualized learning plans for each student to deepen their spiritual, social-emotional, and academic accomplishments guided by a caring and dedicated faculty.

Full- and part-time pre-K options are available. For more info call (440) 449-4244.

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Solon (440) 248-3100  
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For more information about their six locations and program offerings, visit creativeplayrooms.com.

### Gilmour Academy

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### Gilmour Academy cont'd

everything at Gilmour – from the curriculum to the academic extension programs to extracurriculars – is focused on cultivating their eight graduation outcomes, designed to develop students as leaders of their generation. These outcomes call their students to be people of hope on a journey of faith; reflective, analytical thinkers; innovative, resilient problem solvers; authentic, effective communicators; courageous, collaborative leaders; empathetic, engaged global citizens; and curious, resourceful lifelong learners. These are introduced in the Montessori preschool programs, and then expanded upon and developed throughout the Lower, Middle and Upper schools.

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### Hathaway Brown

19600 North Park Boulevard  
Shaker Heights  
(216) 932-4214  
www.HB.edu

Hathaway Brown is an all girls K–12 day school in Shaker Heights. Since 1876, HB has educated and empowered girls with the Learn for Life Signature Approach. The school's distinguished academics are nationally recognized and are valued by families, top colleges and universities, and employers.

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For more information, visit [HB.edu](http://HB.edu) or contact the Admission office at (216) 320-8767.

### Hawken School

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

#### Lyndhurst Campus

(Toddler–Grade 8)

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#### Gates Mills Campus

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#### Mastery School of Hawken

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Hawken was founded in 1915 as an educationally progressive school, and they remain academically progressive—because that's what it takes to prepare students to thrive in a changing world.

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Visit [TodaysFamilyMagazine.com](http://TodaysFamilyMagazine.com) for more private school options!

### Hershey Montessori School

[www.Hershey-Montessori.org](http://www.Hershey-Montessori.org)  
(440) 357-0918

#### Concord Campus

10229 Prouty Road

#### Huntsburg Campus

11530 Madison Road

Hershey Montessori School's approach to education allows students to master the skills needed to adapt as the world changes, careers shift, and the demand on human ingenuity evolves. The transformative outcomes demonstrated by Hershey students exemplify why Hershey is revered as a world leader in Montessori education.

In conjunction with Hershey's robust academics, students learn about leadership, practical life, business, culture, and important societal issues, including embracing diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. Their Montessori model inspires students to learn—not memorize, to thrive academically, and to expand their interests. Hershey students are resilient, articulate, open to change, and ready to be challenged.

For more than 40 years, Hershey's education model has supported the scientific process of child development and serves students from two months of age through twelfth grade.

Contact Hershey Montessori School to learn more about how this education model can benefit your child.

### Laurel School

[www.LaurelSchool.org](http://www.LaurelSchool.org)  
(216) 464-0946

#### Lyman Campus

One Lyman Circle, Shaker Heights

#### Butler Campus

7420 Fairmount Road

Russell Township

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### Montessori School of University Heights

23599 Cedar Road, Lyndhurst  
(216) 381-8388  
www.ms-uh.org

The Montessori School of University Heights, established in 1968, is a preprimary school dedicated to helping the child become the unique person his/her Creator intended in a Christian atmosphere of peace, love, and respect. Their approach involves:

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- Engaging children in a caring, supportive community. Their multi-age environment, serving children ages 3 through 6 years old, provides a family-like atmosphere. Children develop compassion and confidence.
- Respecting each child's developmental abilities and personality. Montessori children enjoy choosing their own work each day guided by adults who are sensitive to each child's unique personality. Children experience joy in learning. They encourage interested parents to schedule a personal tour.



### Our Lady of the Lake School

175 East 200th Street, Euclid  
(216) 481-6824  
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their youngest students take part, with preschoolers making full use of the gymnasium, art rooms, makerspace and library.

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### Ruffing Montessori School

3380 Fairmount Boulevard  
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(216) 321-7175  
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### St. Francis of Assisi School

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(440) 442-7450  
[www.sfaschoolgm.org](http://www.sfaschoolgm.org)

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(440) 442-6766  
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Recipient of the Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research for ten years, Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic School educates students in pre-K through grade 8. Its mission is to focus on Christ-centered values and to develop the unique potential of each student through a rigorous and engaging curriculum.

Offering a program that prepares students for their secondary education and beyond, the faculty and staff recognize each student as an individual with unique gifts. They truly care about their

students and are dedicated to helping each child succeed and attain his or her academic and spiritual potential.

The academic program is aligned with diocesan, state, and national standards. In addition, Saint Paschal Baylon offers daily religion instruction, Spanish (pre-K through 8), fine arts, service learning opportunities, cocurricular activities, gifted education classes, as well as psychological, speech/language, intervention, and learning disability services.

Call the school at (440) 442-6766 to schedule a tour.

### University School

www.us.edu/visit  
Junior kindergarten to grade 8  
20701 Brantley Road, Shaker Hts.  
(216) 321-8260  
Grades 9 to 12  
2785 SOM Center Road  
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(216) 831-2200

Young boys are growing quite fast physically, mentally, and emotionally. University School's junior kindergarten and kindergarten

programs invite, inspire, and cultivate a boy's curiosity. The teachers understand boys and this important stage of development.

Campus and classroom spaces were designed by teachers and are housed in the primary building and on its 32-acre site in Shaker Heights. These spaces are ideal for young, active boys and the immersive and hands-on academic program. The low student-to-teacher ratio is possible because each classroom has full-time licensed lead and associate teachers.

Boys enjoy the resources of the extensive physical education, performing arts, outdoor, and makerspaces.

University School is a wonderful community to launch a young boy's lifetime love of learning. Having a strong knowledge base and desire for learning in the youngest years is key to future educational success.

Schedule a personal family tour or join them for an upcoming in-person or virtual open house.

### Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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#### Huntsburg Campus

(7th-12th Grade)  
11530 Madison Rd.  
Huntsburg, OH 44046

From 1-3 pm on February 9  
or  
From 9-11 am on  
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### Did You Know?

- One in four schools is a private school.
- One child in ten attends a private school.
- Private schools produce an annual savings to taxpayers estimated at \$50 billion.
- Private schools are racially, ethnically, and economically diverse. Twenty-seven percent of private school students are non-white; 27 percent are from families with annual incomes under \$75,000 (another 18 percent of families did not report income).

*Source: Council for American Private Education (CAPE)*



Early one morning, a mother went in to wake up her son.  
 “Wake up, son. It’s time to go to school.”  
 “But why, Mom? I don’t want to go.”  
 “Give me two reasons why you don’t want to go.”  
 “Well, the kids hate me for one, and the teachers hate me, too!”  
 “Oh, that’s no reason not to go to school. Come on now and get ready.”  
 “Give me two reasons why I should go to school.”  
 “Well, for one, you’re 52 years old. And for another, you’re the principal.”

When Dad came home he was astonished to see Vic sitting on a horse, writing something. “What on earth are you doing there?” he asked.  
 “Well, the teacher told us to write an essay on our favorite animal,” answered Vic, “That’s why I’m here and that’s why Sara’s sitting in the goldfish bowl.”

# St. Francis of Assisi School



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### 3. What role do parents play in the school?

Some private schools make great use of parent volunteer time and emphasize whole family participation in their programs. Others minimize parent involvement to occasional visits or conferences to report progress. Which best suits your family's needs?

### 4. What are the costs? Are there scholarships available?

It's a sacrifice to pay for your child's education when public schools are free. And there are huge variations in the expenses involved. When researching possible schools, be sure to check not only the tuitions, but also book fees, sports or other extra-curricular expenses and possible transportation fees. Check on scholarships available and the possibility of a sliding scale based on family income.

### 5. Is the staff credentialed and the school accredited?

Some faith-based schools and

newer charter schools don't require their teachers to be credentialed. How important is this to your family? In addition there are many different education associations nationwide offering accreditation. If a prospective school has received accreditation, they've shown the initiative to meet high standards.

### 6. Is the curriculum up to date?

In this technological age, you'll want to be sure your private school has kept up with the times. Do they offer appropriate college preparation standards in science, math, languages, writing and more? Do they offer a well-rounded education in art, drama and music? Are textbooks current and in good condition? Are computer labs or individual screens available to students?

### 7. Does the school provide transportation?

Do buses transport students to school? Are they available for after-school activities? Does the school coordinate carpools? Are

there extra expenses charged for transportation?

### 8. How well do students transition into or out of the school?

If a particular school offers classes such as K-6 or K-8, do they work closely with a sister high school? What provisions are made to make a smooth transition from one school to another? If students transfer into the school either at the beginning of a year or mid-year, what provisions are made to welcome them? How do children fare when they need to move from this school to another?

### 9. What is the school's reputation?

Most private schools have a reputation to uphold. Are they the best in college prep? Are they known for a friendly, family community spirit? Who do you know with firsthand information and experience with the school? What recommendations can you find amongst friends and acquaintances?

### 10. Is the school open to visits and drop-in observations?

All schools need to make sure their campus is secure and will have procedures to follow when visiting. But as a parent, you want to feel comfortable visiting the building to observe or take care of business. You'll want to find a school that makes parents welcome and is proud to show them around.

When you've narrowed your search to several schools, be sure to take the time for a personal visit. Talk with an administrator, take the tour and gather any written information they've prepared for prospective students. Discuss pertinent questions and voice any concerns you may have about your child's specific needs. Above all, gauge your "feel" of the school. Is it the right place for you and your family?

Selecting the perfect private school is well worth the time it takes to research. This is the place your children will make friendships, learn, grow, and pave the way to a bright future.

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# How Children Find Their Purpose At Sleepaway Camp

By Sandi Schwartz

**W**e all want our children to be happy and successful. Would you believe that letting them spread their own wings—without us by their side—may be the most effective way to do this? Our job as parents is to give our children the tools they need to go out in the world and discover who they are and what they want to become—their purpose in life. A child can only truly grow if given some freedom and the chance to gain confidence by exploring new ideas and activities.

## **The gift of sleepaway camp**

What better place for children to begin this process than sleep away camp? Sending children away for camp may seem daunting at first, but if you ask anyone who has spent several weeks bunking with their friends, they will tell you how it positively transformed their life and how lucky they are that their parents gave them that gift.

Michael Thompson, a clinical psychologist and author of “Homesick and Happy, How Time Away from Parents Can Help a Child Grow,” says “...parents can sometimes seriously impede their children’s development. As a parent, there are many things you cannot do for your children. You cannot give your child confidence, you cannot pick or manage his or her friendships, you cannot always be his or her advocate/agent/manager/coach. ...and most important, parents have a hard time urging their children to take psychological risks.”

Thompson goes on to explain how sleep away camp succeeds at doing all these things and how critical it is that children and teens have these experiences. He says that true independence is something parents cannot give their children; they must live it on their own.

## **Benefits of sleep away camp**

There are five invaluable aspects of sleepaway camp that can lead children and teens to discovering their purpose:

### **Confidence**

One of the most important

benefits of sleepaway camp is that children build confidence and self-esteem while living away from their parents. These positive attributes stem from belonging, learning, and contributing.

Camps provide many unique opportunities for children to succeed in these three areas:

- 1) they belong to a team and bunk;
- 2) they learn from trying new activities and making new friends; and
- 3) they contribute by helping during meals and serving as team leaders.

Camp also provides ways for children to feel a sense of accomplishment. When they succeed, they are empowered and have more confidence when faced with the next challenge. They also learn from their mistakes and failures, which only makes them more resilient in the future.

Also, the kind of encouragement kids receive at camp makes it the perfect environment for them to overcome setbacks, try new things, and see improvement. Some camp experiences even allow them to conquer their fears, whether it be learning to swim in a lake or climb a ropes course.

Finally, many children will purposely choose to attend camp where they do not know any other campers when they arrive. This special experience gives them the chance to start fresh and explore who they truly are in an unfamiliar environment. All of this confidence building brings them closer to figuring out their interests and goals.

### **Broader Perspective**

At camp, children begin to see the world a bit differently. They are away from their comfort zone and exposed to new people and experiences that give them a new, broader perspective. They realize they are part of something bigger than themselves and their immediate family.

They meet people from different backgrounds, locations, and interests. They may participate in community service projects that they would have not otherwise had the chance to do. Sleepaway camp is so valuable in how it introduces children to fresh ways of seeing the world and themselves.



### **Community**

Children benefit from being part of the special community found at sleepaway camp. It gives them a sense of belonging, which will ultimately improve their ability to cooperate, contribute, and serve their future communities as caring citizens. Campers also gain new social skills from being in a group setting. They must share a room with others, manage chores, resolve conflicts, communicate effectively, and be kind and accommodating to their fellow campers. Being part of a close-knit community can be challenging at times, but children who learn how to adapt and get along with others will benefit for a lifetime.

Peter Scales, Ph.D., a senior fellow with the Search Institute in Minneapolis, says, “Camp activities and group living in a natural environment are the tools used to create camp communities that provide for successful, healthy development... They learn to work together, make choices, take responsibility, develop creative skills, build independence and self-reliance, and gain confidence. All are necessary steps on a child’s path to a healthy, productive life.”

### **Skills**

Sleepaway camp is chock full of unique activities and events that children can’t find anywhere else. Going to camp allows them to learn new skills, whether it be in sports, art, or outdoor exploration. Being exposed to so many new programs enhances their knowledge and capabilities, allowing them to get closer to finding

what they enjoy most.

Camp also helps children become more independent. They learn how to make their own decisions without parents and teachers always telling them what to do. They are expected to manage daily chores, show up on time for activities, and keep their belongings neat and clean. These are lifelong skills that will help them succeed in whatever they do.

### **Self-Reflection**

The school year is a busy time, but camp provides a chance for kids to slow down and listen to their own thoughts. Camp is the perfect environment for self-reflection and meditation because kids unplug and soak in the beautiful nature around them. When kids take a break from television, video games, texting, and surfing online, they become more mindful of their surroundings and their own emotions. They are able to focus on the simple things in life, like going for a hike, watching a sunset, singing around the campfire, and talking in depth to their friends.

Camp also provides a time for unstructured play. Campers are encouraged to use their creativity to solve problems and have fun. They learn how to keep busy with activities that have been used for centuries, such as swimming and boating in a lake, woodworking, and theater performances. This carefree living gives them a chance to relax and laugh without the pressures of their hectic, overly scheduled lives back home. This change of pace can lead to emotional and spiritual growth.

# SUMMER CAMP PREVIEW

## ADRENALINE MONKEY

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Kick off your child's summer adventure with Adrenaline Monkey! They provide week-long adventure camps for kids ages 5–12 that feature activities on their ninja warrior-style obstacle courses, climbing walls, aerial ropes course, time in the arcade, and even outdoor activities to beat the heat! They also incorporate weekly themes that support ideas of teamwork, perseverance, and trying new things! Campers not only will improve their ninja skills and athleticism, but also become more confident, focused and empowered leaders. They look forward to hosting an adventurous experience for your child! They hope to see you this summer!



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17801 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood  
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Beck Center for the Arts in Lakewood is more than a non-profit organization that combines professional theater with arts education. They create arts experiences through music, dance, theater, and visual arts all summer for ages 5–19 and you can enroll today. Throughout the year they offer classes and lessons for all ages, skill levels, and abilities.

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Carrollton, OH  
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### Gilmour Day Camps cont'd

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##### Through March 15, 2023

Full-day camp is \$275 per week / \$60 per day

Half-day camp is \$180 per week / \$40 per day

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Full-day camp is \$300 per week / \$65 per day

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# Jump Start Gymnastics

23700 Mercantile Road, Beachwood

Rear of National Biological Building

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## Jump Start Gymnastics cont'd

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Registration is available at [jsgymnastics.com](http://jsgymnastics.com).



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- Email Ali Kazemaini, camp director, at [Kaz@LNSportsPark.com](mailto:Kaz@LNSportsPark.com).

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Look for their Summer Camp Guide, available online at [www.orangerec.com](http://www.orangerec.com).

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Contact Kylie Lee ([KLEE@LNSPORTSPARK.COM](mailto:KLEE@LNSPORTSPARK.COM))

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Spring session: March 14–June 3



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