



Clark, Champaign & Madison Counties, Inc.

2017 SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS, Madison

United Way has produced a list of many summer opportunities available to children in our community. Please contact resources directly for brochures, further information, or to be added to their mailing list. Many of the resources below have a fee. Ask about applications for scholarships or reduced rates if you are unable to afford the fee. If you are a non-profit agency offering a summer program and are not listed, please contact Marilyn Martin at mmartin@uwccmc.org 740-852-0287

CITY OF LONDON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The City of London has four park and playground areas that are open to the public from sunrise to sundown, and two private parks that are operated by organizations in the community. Each park also offers a relaxing family atmosphere to experience with shelter houses and a gazebo to enjoy an outing. For more information regarding all parks and events contact Tammy Braskett at: 740-852-4462 or to reserve a facility call 740-852-3243.

Cowling Park is located on N. Main St, and features a family atmosphere with playground equipment, picnic shelter facilities, and open green space for afternoon activities. The park is also home to many events including family movie nights, concerts, parades, day camps, and other city celebrations.

Merri-Mac Park is located on Toland Avenue, and is widely known as the athletic park in London. Residents often visit Merri-Mac Park for adult softball leagues, basketball camp and tournaments, youth baseball leagues, and BMX racing. Visitors can reserve picnic and/or athletic fields for special outings throughout the year.

The Ohio-Erie Trail is accessible from East Center Street and West High Street in London. Fitness enthusiasts can enjoy the trail for walking, running, cycling, or even roller blading. The Trail provide a safe area for families to walk, ride bikes or recreate away from automobile and truck traffic.

Stanley Park is a private park located at 730 Keny Blvd (London). The small private park includes a shelter picnic facility and a walking trail.

The Park Avenue baseball field is reserved for practices throughout the summer months starting at 4:00 pm each day; however it is an open sandlot field for the public to utilize when no other teams are utilizing the field.

THE LONDON MUNICIPAL POOL-The pool is located at 205 Park Avenue in London and opens Memorial Day weekend. The aquatic facility includes a main swimming pool, diving well, baby pool, handicapped pool and an adult only racing pool. Open daily 12:30-7:30pm. Call 740-852-3243 for more information.

THE LONDON COMMUNITY CENTER-This Center is located on South Walnut Street in London, in the former London Primary School. The City of London operates this recreation complex. For more information about classes and other programs at the Community Center, check the website www.ci.london.oh.us and go to community center, call (740) 852-3243 or admi@ci.london.oh.us

BATTELLE DARBY CREEK METRO PARK-This Park is located at 1775 Darby Creek Drive, Galloway, OH 43119. It is open daily 6:30am-10:00pm. Osprey Lake: Anglers can fish for catfish, bluegill and largemouth bass at this 14-acre pond. There is easy access into Big and Little Darby Creek to fish, canoe or kayak. Metro Park naturalists conduct free nature programs for school and youth groups. Programs and events are scheduled throughout the summer. For information about Nature Adventure Camps for children kindergarten-grade 6, visit www.metroparks.net

KIWANIS SOCCER-The London Kiwanis Club and London Area Soccer Association provide leagues for K-8th grade throughout the year. For more information on any of the leagues, visit the website at www.londonsoccer.org 2017 Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp will be held June 26-30, 2017 at the St. Patrick's School soccer fields at 226 Elm St. This is a full day camp available for children ages 6-18 years.

BOY SCOUTS-SIMON KENTON COUNCIL-DARBY CREEK DISTRICT-It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and, in other ways, to prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential. To join a Scouting unit, contact Alex Pukos at 614-310-1334 for more information about joining a unit and attending one of the many day or overnight camps. There are many units throughout the county and scholarships may be available.

GIRL SCOUTS OF OHIO'S HEARTLAND-Girl Scouts is the place for girls who want to change the world. As you take part in the premier leadership experience for girls, you will make new friends, learn new skills, and develop your leadership potential-all while having fun! For more information, call 614-487-8101 or 1-800-621-7042. The website for information about all of the opportunities available is: www.gsok.org Girl Scout membership is open to any girl in kindergarten through grade 12 who accepts the Promise and the Law, and pays annual dues. Adult volunteers are always needed. Call the Girl Scout council office numbers listed above for information about how to join a troop in your community. The Girl Scouts have many day and overnight camps available to members.

LONDON PUBLIC LIBRARY-The Library is located at 20 E. First Street in London and the telephone number is 740-852-9543. Library hours are: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am- 8:00 pm, Friday, 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Saturday, 10:00 am- 5:00 pm, Sunday Closed. (Memorial Day-Labor Day) The Library has a wide range of programs for community members of all ages that are not only educational, but entertaining as well. Visit their website www.london.lib.oh.us for the Programs & Events page to see a list of all the current offerings.

LONDON VISUAL ARTS GUILD (L.V.A.G.)-The L.V.A.G. exists to benefit the citizens of London and the surrounding community by encouraging the visual arts; by promoting interest in art produced by members, students, and others; and by sponsoring art exhibitions, workshops, meetings, and social activities to promote, discuss and critique art. Art classes are offered to children Kindergarten age through adult. Classes are held at the Studio 7 Gallery located at 5 E. High St in London. Check their website at www.londonvisualartsguild.org for their summer schedule.

MT. STERLING COMMUNITY CENTER-The Center is located at 164 E. Main St in Mt. Sterling and the telephone number is (740) 869-2453. They offer a variety of programs and activities for residents of the Mt. Sterling community. Visit their website www.mountsterlingcc.org for more information. Mt. Sterling Community Days Festival 2017 is June 30th & July 1st.

MOUNT STERLING PUBLIC LIBRARY-The Library is located at 60 West Columbus Street in Mount

Sterling and the telephone number is 740-869-2430. The Summer Reading Program offers fun for all ages. Visit their website www.mtsterlingpubliclibrary.org for more information about all programs offered. The Mount Sterling Community Museum is operated in conjunction with the public library and is open this summer on Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00am-2:00pm. Come in and learn about the history of Mt. Sterling.

PLAIN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY-The Library is located at 305 W. Main Street in Plain City and the telephone number is 614-873-4912. The Summer Reading is for children age 3-adult. Join in the summer reading fun. The library has many activities planned. Visit their website at www.plaincitylib.org for more information on a full list of programs and enjoy the library this summer.

PROCTER SUMMER CAMP 2017-Procter summer camp, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, creates a place for children, youth and families to grow in faith, sing, learn, play and pray in the peaceful farmland of London, Ohio. Campers stay in cabins with counselors. Campers should attend the camp based on what grade they will enter in fall 2017. Scholarship assistance is available and registration should be submitted by June 1. June 20-24-for 4th & 5th grade, July 9-14 for 6th -8th grade, June 25-30 for 9th -12th grade. There is a creative arts camp for 6-12th grade from July 17-22. There are also 3 weeks of family camp. The Procter Center is located at 11235 St Rt, 38 outside of London. For more information and to enroll www.dsoyouth.org/camp and the number to the Procter Center is 740-206-2036.

RIB AND JAZZ FESTIVAL-Enjoy the jazzed up LIVE music and that sweet smell of barbecue well into the night as we celebrate in the streets of downtown London on August 4 and August 5, 2017. This is a wonderful community event with an expanded children's area. For more information visit www.downtownlondon.org or www.londonribandjazzfest.com

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL-The Strawberry Festival runs all weekend June 22-24 2017. Join us for the fun rides and games . . . and the yummy strawberries! Be sure not to miss the Queen's Parade on Saturday morning. To see full event information go to www.londonstrawberryfestival.com

LONDON AC COBRA CAR SHOW-This event will take place at the Madison County Courthouse Square June 24, 2017 from 9:00am-3:00pm. This is your chance to become immersed in the Cobra experience. See lots of different makes and color combinations: including Cobra's, Daytona Coupe's and GT40 replicas. Visit www.londoncobrashow.com or www.londonstrawberryfestival.com for more information.

MADISON COUNTY FAIR-The 2017 Madison County Fair will be held July 8-15 at the fair grounds at 205 Elm Street in London. To get a complete schedule of events, visit www.madisoncountyfairoh.com or call 740-852-1654.

MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY-The Madison County Historical Society keeps the history of Madison County Ohio alive at the London Historical Museum located at 260 E. High Street in London. The admission is FREE and the hours are 1:00-4:00 pm Wednesday and Sunday. For more information, call 740-852-2977.

PLAIN CITY-Pastime Park, 370 N Chillicothe St, is a popular destination throughout the year. It has camp grounds with a Disc Golf course and walking trails. The Plain City Aquatic Center offers something for every age group. Swim lessons are available. For more information, city offices number is 614-873-3527 or www.plain-city.com

MADISON COUNTY 4-H-Madison County 4-H is a community of young people who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. Youth are involved in hands-on, experimental learning that allows learning by doing. All 4-H programs focus on active involvement and quality experiences which stimulate lifelong learning of values and skill. For more information, visit their website at <http://madison.osu.edu> or call OSU Extension office at 740-852-0975 for more information

HURT/BATTELLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY-The library is located at 270 Lilly Chapel Road, West Jefferson. The hours are M-F 9:00am-8:00pm and Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm. June 9, 2017 is the kick-off for the summer reading program from 10:00am-2:00pm. Enjoy the games, prizes and fun! For more information, visit their website www.hbmlibrary.org or call 614-879-8448.

SALVATION ARMY CAMP SWONEKY-This is an accredited Salvation Army camp located on 200 acres of wooded land in Oregonia, OH just off of I-71. The camp is for children ages 7-13 years and will be held July 13-July 18. Camp fees are \$20 per child. Registration must be submitted by June 16. For more information, call the Salvation Army representative Melinda Frey at 937-738-7604.

MADISON COUNTY SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM-The Vineyard Church at 106 Olive St. in London will again be hosting the summer lunch program that provides a **FREE** lunch, Monday-Friday from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Church, 106 Olive St. in London. ALL children 18 years and under are invited to come for lunch and to participate in the fun activities that are planned. The program runs June 5th through July 28th and for more information, call (740) 845-0154

FREE Lunch will also be provided at the additional locations:

Nazarene Church-224 Elm St.-11:30-12:30, Monday-Friday June 5-July 28

Mt. Sterling Community Center-164 E. Main St.in Mt. Sterling-11:30-12:30, Monday-Friday
Starts June 12-July 28

Redeemer Church-170 St. Rt. 56 NW in Somerford on **M-W-F**-from 11:30-12:30-June 5-July 28

DAILY NEEDS ASSISTANCE COMMUNITY CENTER (DNA)-614-824-8340

DNA is located at 340 W. Main St Plain City and will be serving FREE LUNCH this summer for children in the Jonathan Alder school district. LUNCH ONLY June 5-16 and July 17-28. LUNCH and ACTIVITIES will be available 10:30am-12:30pm, June 19th –July 14th. Children can come for lunch and enjoy art activities, music and games.