



Clark, Champaign and
Madison Counties, Inc.

2010 SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS, Champaign

United Way's Information and Referral Service produces this list (653-4636). It includes many of the summer opportunities available for kids 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 call the above number or email mmartin@uwccmc.org

AMERICAN RED CROSS-Mad River Chapter-650-5000

Offerings for kids include: June 12 Babysitting class for 11 years and up. This class includes CPR and a back pack of supplies, cost \$40. They could have another class this summer if there are enough enrollments. CPR and First Aid for 16 years and up will be offered for \$55. Contact Sheila at the number listed above for more information.

ART AFFAIR ON THE SQUARE SATURDAY JULY 17 10:00am-6:00pm-There will be children's art activities and fun for the whole family. For more information call Sara at 653-6126.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA –TECUMSEH COUNCIL-937-325-6449 or check the website

www.tecumsehCouncilbsa.org There are currently 14 active program units in Champaign county.

Camp Birch is for boys in grades 1st through 12th. Programs offered include: canoeing, rowing, fishing, swimming, shooting ranges, camping, cooking, handicrafts and a merit badge program. Camp Birch has an Olympic size swimming pool, a 10-acre lake and many other facilities. This outdoor facility is used to teach character, citizenship, personal fitness and environmental awareness.

Cub Scout Day Camp, for boys in grades 1st -5th and Resident Camps for boys in grades 6th -12th will be taking place in June and July. To join a unit or go to camp, call the above number, check the website, or email the Champaign Director Jim Mason at jmason@bsaemail.org

BALLOONFEST JULY 9-11 at Urbana Airport-There will be a Balloon "Glow" Saturday evening at dark. Families can enjoy food, music and fun activities. For more information, call the Chamber at 653-5764.

CEDAR BOG NATURE PRESERVE-980 Woodburn Rd, Urbana 484-3744 www.cedarbog.org

April-September the Bog is open Wednesday-Sunday 10:00am-4:00pm. \$4 adults, \$3 students over 12 yrs, 6-12 yrs \$2, under 5 yrs FREE. Cedar Bog Assn. and Ohio Historical Society members FREE. The boardwalk through the Bog now has railing installed on the edges to ensure that any persons with wheelchairs or walkers may safely tour Cedar Bog. Children and adults will enjoy the wildflowers, trees and birds as they explore the 426 acres of preserved land at Cedar Bog.

CHAMPAIGN FAMILY YMCA-653-9622

The YMCA has a fun summer planned for children ages 6-13 with a wide variety of camps. Some of the camps are: cooking & crafts, science, rescue camp, dance, basketball aquatics, tumble, cheer and dance, music, building bonanza and blast from the past-history camp. Registrations started March 1. Call soon to reserve your child's spot in a camp, a \$15 deposit is required. The YMCA has

classes for children of all ages in tumbling, swimming and fun ways to physically exercise their bodies. Call the YMCA for more information about enrollment and possible scholarships available.

CLARK STATE COLLEGE FOR KIDS-328-6062 or www.clarkstate.edu to receive a schedule Summer enrichment is offered for kids entering grades 4-7. Fees vary and most of the courses run for 3, 4 or 5 days. There are a wide variety of courses that are fun and educational. The number listed is for the Continuing Education Department, anyone in the office can provide information.

CONCORD COMMUNITY PARK'S ANNUAL SUMMERFEST-362-2733

This community event will be held July 17-18 at Concord Community park, 3263 N. St Rt. 560, Urbana. Admission is FREE and includes an antique tractor show, classic car cruise-in, kid's activities and much more. For more information, call the number listed above.

DAVEY WOODS STATE NATURE PRESERVE

This preserve has of 103 acres of mature forest with a variety of trees and wildflowers and a hilly terrain that offers pleasant summer hiking. It is located 7 miles west of Urbana on US Rt. 36, then proceed 1 mile North on Neal Rd, then ½ mile West on Smith Rd and North West on Lonesome Rd. to the preserve entrance.

DIABETES CAMP KO-MAN-SHE- www.ccdainc.org

This camp is for children with Type 1 diabetes ages 8-16 yrs. Residential camp will be held at YMCA's Wilson Outdoor Center, 2732 County Road 11, Bellefontaine. Cost for residential camp is \$400. The Clark-Champaign Diabetes Assn. is offering scholarships. Camp date is July 18-24, 2010. To apply for a scholarship, go to the Clark-Champaign Diabetes website listed above.

GIRL SCOUTS OF WESTERN OHIO-1-800-537-6241 or www.girlscoutsofwesternohio.org

For girls entering grades 1-12 who are registered girl scouts or who agree to register may attend camp. Camperships, based on financial need, are available for any registered/active Girl Scout who needs financial assistance. The day and overnight camps offer opportunities for a wide variety of experiences. Imagine the possibilities-Girl Scout camps are a perfect place for girls to be active and develop healthy habits. Camp Myeerah is located on 485 acres in Logan county and is available to girls and an adult family member for a family camp experience. Call the above number or check the website for more details.

4-H CAMP-OSU EXTENSION OFFICE-484-1526 www.champaign.osu.edu

Come to 4-H Camp Clifton to make some new friends, learn new skills and have a great time. 4-H Camps #1 & #2 are for youth completing 3rd through 8th grades. Camp #1 will be held June 17-21 and Camp #2 will be held July 10-14. The Deadline to register is June 4. The cost is \$170 for 4-H members, Non 4-H members may attend if there is room available for an extra \$30. Further information and full registration form is available on the website or call the above number.

JOHNNY APPLESEED MUSEUM-484-1303

This museum holds the largest collection of memorabilia about the life of John "Appleseed" Chapman in the world. It is located in Bailey Hall on the campus of Urbana University, 579 College Way. The days and hours for the museum are as follows: T, W, Th, Fri, 10:00am-2:00pm, Sat Noon-4:00pm.

LIBRARIES

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY-653-3811 1060 Scioto St., Urbana

Get ready for a water filled summer when you "Make a Splash at Your Library." That is the 2010 Summer Reading Club theme. Sign up starts June 4th. There are also Toddler and Pre-school story times scheduled. **North Lewisburg Branch of the Champaign library** has the same summer

theme and story times. For more information, their website is: www.champaign.lib.oh.us

MECHANICSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY-834-2004, 60 S. Main St. Mechanicsburg

This library has a summer reading program, pre-school story times, Lunch Bunch for 6-8 yr olds, Girl Power for girls 9-18 yrs and X-Guys for boys 9-18 yrs.

ST. PARIS PUBLIC LIBRARY-663-4349, 127 E Main St will have a summer reading program.

PIATT CASTLES-SPONSORED BY THE MAC-A-CHEEK FOUNDATION-465-2821

Summer Camp 2010 starts the week of June 21 with a series of weekly camps through the week of July 26. The hours are Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:00pm, with the exception of July 19-23 when there is "Twilight at the Castle" for High School and College students interested in theatre. There is a variety of camps for children entering grade 3 through High School. There are themes each week such as: Pirates Rule, Handy American Boys and Girls, Digging History, Scenes from Shakespeare, Fairy Tales & Legends of Yore, and The Power of the Tower. Call the above number or go to the website www.piattcastles.org for more information or to register. There is a fee for the camps. Other programs in art, architecture, history, drama and literature, land study and other topics of applied science can be scheduled for mornings or early evenings. These are ideal for scouts and other youth groups.

SIMON KENTON TRAIL BIKE PATH- www.ohiobikeways.net

This bike path is 18 miles of excellent paved surface that runs from the YMCA in the east end of Urbana and eventually to downtown Springfield. There is parking at the Urbana Station on Miami St. in Urbana, Rt. 55, Woodburn Rd and County Line Rd. For more information on this trail and others in Ohio, go to the website listed above.

URBANA PARKS AND RECREATION-652-1053

Parks and Recreation maintains and operates Melvin Miller Park, which has a pond, 13 ball fields, 13 soccer fields, 8 tennis courts, 2 basketball parks and several playgrounds; in addition to Gwynne St Park, Ward Street Park, Roadside Park and Barbara Howell Park. Wendall Stokes Municipal Pool, 689 Park Lane will open on May 29, 2010. The pool is open, weather permitting, until Labor Day. There are season passes available and swim lessons are given.

OTHERS TO CALL...

- *Neighborhood churches* for information about Vacation Bible Schools or Church Camp options. These are fun free activities that are close to home.
- *The Ohio Caverns*-(937)465-4017 www.ohiocaverns.com
- *Ohio travel information*-1-866-659-6446 www.DiscoverOhio.com
- *Piatt Castles*-(937)465-2821 www.piattcastles.org Located in West Liberty, the castles are open 11:00 am-5:00pm Memorial Day-Labor Day. Self-guided journeys through historical artifacts, photographs and exhibits. The first floors of both castles are wheelchair accessible. There is an admission fee.
- *The Champaign County Fair* runs from August 6-13
- *The Champaign County Visitor's Bureau* www.champaignohio.com has more information about events in the area and a community calendar. There is a link to the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce. It is always a good idea to check there for more fun ideas!

