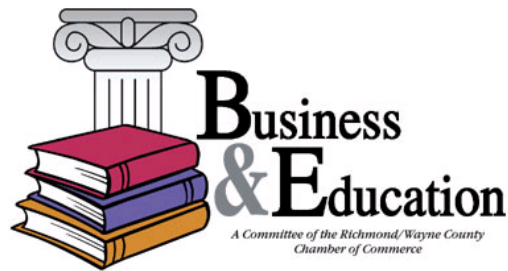


Education Flash Point



Keep Children Engaged in Learning This Summer

Area schools say that it can take up to three months at the beginning of the school year to get students back to where they left off the previous spring. There are many organizations in Wayne County that offer opportunities for students to keep learning through the summer.

Boys and Girls Club of Wayne County

Weekly Day Camp sessions at Jeffers Building (1717 S. L) Mon.-Fri. June 6-Aug. 12, . 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information and registration: 962-6922. Cost: Free for members (memberships are \$15 per year). Other fees may apply for special programs.

Boys and Girls Club at Central United Methodist Church Drop in summer programs (1425 E. Main Street). Mon.-Fri., June 6-Aug. 12, 1-4 p.m. Call 939-2228 for information. Cost: Free for members (memberships are \$15 per year).

Boys and Girls Club Weekly Day Camp sessions at Camp Guy near Connersville, June 6-Aug. 12, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information and registration, 962-6922. Cost: \$30 per week. Club membership (\$15 per year) is required.

Boy Scout Camps occur throughout the summer. Contact the Boy Scout Service Center in Hagerstown 489-4522 to register for scouting or for more information.

Career Exploring-Opportunities in Early Childhood Education Careers – (Gr. 8-10, at least 14 years old) June 13-24. This Career Explorer Post meets daily on the following schedule: Mondays and Fridays, 9-11 a.m. at the RHS Career Center; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, visit and observe in childcare facilities. Students will learn teaching, curriculum planning, administration, leadership, literacy skills and more. Call Kathy Campbell at Ivy Tech State College, 800-659-4562, ext. 392. Cost: \$8 per student. Fee covers cost of insurance.

Cope Environmental Center (preschool – Gr. 8) June 6-July 29. Science and Nature Camps. Cope Environmental, (4910 Shoemaker Road, Centerville). Morning and afternoon sessions. Cost: members; \$45-\$90 non-members; \$50-\$100. Campers can participate in lunch bunch for additional \$10 per week. Call (765) 855-3188 or www.copeenvironmental.org for specific session information.

Golay Community Center (Ages 5-12) Totally Rad Tuesdays, June 7-Aug. 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (1007 E. Main Street, Cambridge City). Call 765-478-5565. Cost: \$5 per session.

Girls Inc. of Wayne County Weekly program for girls. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. early drop off available, June 13-Aug. 5. Becky Rosa Center for Girls, (121 N. 10th St.). Swimming, fishing, field trips and much more. Registration limited to the first 100 girls. Cost: \$50-\$100 based on need, for the full eight weeks. Early drop-off \$1 per day. (765) 962-2362.

Girl Scouts of Treaty Line Council – Camps and activities open to any girl in Wayne, Union, Fayette, Franklin, Rush & Preble Counties. Girl Scout membership not required. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., June 20-24 or June 27-July 1 (5330 Pottershop Road, Centerville) (765) 962-0225, (800) 595-4353 or 4245 S. A St., Richmond. Cost: \$30 per week, plus \$10 for nonmembers, \$35 for those attending overnight.

Hayes Arboretum ArbQuest 2005 (P-Gr. 5) Morning & afternoon sessions. 2-4 day workshops. July 5-29. Variety of sessions looking at bugs, reptiles, birds, hiking & exploring. Call 962-3745. Cost: Members \$12-21. Non-members \$16-28.

Hayes Arboretum Special Quests (Gr. 6-10) Canoeing, Biking and Horseback explorations at the Arboretum. Multiple 2-day sessions, June 16-July 29. Call 962-3745. Cost: \$25-50 members, \$34-\$67.

Hayes Arboretum Wood Carving (Gr. 3-8) Morning & afternoon sessions. 2-day workshops for beginners & experienced carvers. July 6-28. Variety of creations. arrow head, animals, birds, walking stick and more. Members \$14-\$17. Non-members \$18-\$22. Call 962-3745.

Huddleston Civil War Summer Camp - (Grades 4-8) July 28-30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Huddleston Farmhouse Inn Museum, U.S. 40, Mt. Auburn. Call for reservations: 478-3172 or email huddleston@historiclandmarks.org. Cost: \$60 for members, \$75 for non-members.

Indiana University Child Development Center – Two-week summer enrichment program for children ages 6-12. June 13-24/ Includes daily field trips and different themes each day on nature, culture and other topics. (101 Springwood Hall, IU East, 2325 Chester Blvd., Richmond). Contact Karla Davis, 973-8241 for more information or registration. Cost: \$25 per week per child.

Indiana University East Kids College - (entering Gr. 3-6) 9 a.m.-noon, Indiana University East, (2325 Chester Blvd, Richmond). June 6-10. A variety of classes available in art, science, technology and sports. 973-8203. Cost: \$50 per child.

Richmond Parks and Recreation Just Us Kids Outdoors (Ages 7-12) 9 a.m.-noon. at Vaile Elementary and Springwood Park or 1-4 p.m. at Glen Miller Park Cabin and Mary Scott Park. June 6-July 15. Games & crafts, swimming & field trips. Co-sponsored by Richmond Community Schools. Call 983-7275. Cost: FREE. Lunch provided by RCS.

eXtreme Urban Adventure! (Ages 12-14) An introduction to outdoor activities such as canoeing, climbing, hiking, camping and fishing taking place at various sites throughout Richmond. 9 a.m.-noon M-F, July 18-22. Last day is all day & overnight. Call 983-7275. Register by July 13. Class size limited. Cost: \$30.

Richmond Parks and Recreation Venture (Ages 6-11) Three-day outdoor camp at Middlefork Reservoir. 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. August 8-10. Call 983-7275. Enrollment is limited. Cost \$10.

Richmond Parks and Recreation Go Wild About the Wilderness. (Ages 3-14) Nature classes for children in Springwood Park, at and around the EdVenture Lab. Morning sessions, different times and dates per age group. June 6-Aug. 5. Call 983-7275 for specific session times. Cost: FREE. Please register at least one week in advance.

Richmond Parks and Recreation Kid's Camp (Ages 3-6). Mon.-Fri., July 25-Aug. 5, 9-11 a.m. at Springwood Lake Park and 1-3 p.m. at Mary Scott Park. Call 983-7275. Cost: FREE.

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Family Campout (Richmond Parks and Recreation Department) - 6 p.m. July 15 to 9 a.m. July 16. \$6 per person; under 5, \$5. Springwood Park, Richmond. Bring your own tents and sleeping bags or some available for rent at time of registration. (765) 983-7275.

Richmond Police Department DARE Summer Camps (Gr. 4-8) Week-long day camp at Camp Clements 2, June 6-July 1, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and overnight camp offered Aug. 1-Aug. 5. Bring a sack lunch or lunch money. Permission slips available at the Richmond Police Department, 50 N. Fifth St., or call 855-1045 or 973-3331. Cost: Day camp, \$1 per day. Overnight camp, \$50. Financial aid available.

Safety Village of Wayne County (Entering K or Gr. 1 who haven't previously attended) 8-10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., June 6-17 or June 20-July 1 (700 NW 13th St., Richmond). Introduces safety awareness and procedures in a miniature village complete with buildings, intersections, crosswalks, safety signs & signals. Call 935-1230. Cost: \$15. Some scholarships are available.

Stage One Youth Theater Summer Stars Performing Arts Camp. (Gr. K-12) Performing arts camps June 6-10. Grades K-2, 9-11:30 a.m., grades 3-5 1-3:30 p.m. Musical theater and tech camp June 13-17 grades 6-12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Drama camp, June 20-24 grades 7-12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Enrollment limited. Call 962-8011. Cost: \$45-\$85.

Townsend Community Center Summer Activities -- Call 965-5800 for more information.

There are many other opportunities for summer enrichment. **Contact your local schools, churches and public libraries for other ideas.**

Sports camps are also great activities for kids. Contact your **local schools**, the YMCA, the Golay Center, Richmond Parks and Recreation Dept. and the Richmond Roosters for available camps.

For more information, call the Chamber Business-Education Office at 962-1511
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