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Oberlin Heritage Center Offers Early Bird Discount for Summer Camps Registration *Choose from Week-Long or One-Day Camps for Kids and Teens*

Construct a mini-building! Experiment with electricity (safely)! Be a history detective! Listen to stories of days gone by and tell a few of your own! Preserve, recycle and help the environment all at the same time! These are some of the many fun things kids can do this summer at the Oberlin Heritage Center's camps for kids. Parents can save \$5 per child per week-long camp or \$2 per single-day camp when registering their children by June 11.

Kids of all ages will enjoy the games, crafts, and new friendships that accompany these "hands-on" history camps. All campers learn about history, architecture, and world cultures through engaging activities and local field trips, designed to encourage young people to view their community with new eyes and to use their creative and critical thinking skills. The all-day camps also have options for early drop-off or late pick-up for an extra hourly fee. What a great way for kids to be carefully supervised as they have fun – and learn, too – while parents are working or busy with other activities.

Week-long Camps include:

Junior Docent Camp, June 21 to 25 (for ages 13-17) introduces young people who are interested in community service and leadership to techniques of greeting visitors, giving tours, teaching historic games, and much more. Following completion of the week-long session, participants can assist with various tours, special events and programs as their schedules permit. The participation fee is \$75 (\$65 for children and grandchildren of Oberlin Heritage Center members), but \$50 will be reimbursed if the student completes fifteen hours of service for the Heritage Center by the end of 2010. The camp will be held at the Oberlin Heritage Center's Jewett House (73 South Professor Street), from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Local Inventors and Innovators Camp, August 2 – August 6 (for ages 8-13). Boys and girls will put on their thinking caps while learning about people from Oberlin and Ohio who invented new technology and pioneered new ideas. Camp will include hands-on experiments, creative puzzle-solving, walking excursions around town, and performing a short play about Oberlin's famous inventor, Charles Martin Hall. Fee is \$85 (\$75 for children and grandchildren of Oberlin Heritage Center members). Held at the Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street) from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a family program on Friday at 4 p.m.

Green Camp, August 9 – August 13 (for ages 8-13). Students will learn to appreciate the environment around them through eco-friendly activities while trying to produce as little waste as possible. They not only will learn the "Three R's" (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), but will put them into practice. Activities include the creation of recycled art projects and field trips to local places that have made a priority of putting the earth's resources first. Fee is \$85 (\$75 for children and grandchildren of Oberlin Heritage Center members). Held at the Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street) from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a family program on Friday at 4 p.m.

Architecture, August 16 – August 20 (for ages 8-13). Campers will enjoy learning about architecture and the design profession by exploring local buildings and their unique details, trying architectural drawing and building activities, constructing mini-buildings, and meeting with an architect. Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts attending this camp will complete some requirements for Architecture badges and Interest Projects. Fee is \$85 (\$75 for children and grandchildren of Oberlin Heritage Center members). Held at the Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street) from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a family program on Friday at 4 p.m.

Single-Day Camps

The following four sessions are one-day camps on specific topics designed to help meet badge requirements for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. These single-day camps also will appeal to children who are not in a scouting program. The camp fee is \$20 per child per day (\$18 for children or grandchildren of Oberlin Heritage Center members.) Each session is held at the Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street) from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

What Makes America Special? (Tuesday, July 27) is a day camp for boys ages 8 to 10, designed in accordance with Bear level Cub Scout badge requirements. Participants will tour Oberlin and visit historic homes, hear stories about famous and infamous residents, learn about Ohio's history and state symbols and share how they can become good citizens.

The Past is Exciting and Important (Wednesday, July 28) is for boys ages 8 to 10 and designed in accordance with Bear level Cub Scout badge requirements. Scouts will have fun with history by visiting a historic site, digging through old newspapers, making a journal, and trying historic games.

Local Lore (Thursday, July 29) is a program for girls ages 8 to 11 and designed in accordance with Junior Girl Scout badge requirements. Activities will include exploring town with a guide, visiting a museum, and being a history detective to figure out how things have changed using historic maps and photographs.

Junior & Cadette Camp (Friday, July 30) is for girls in grades 4 – 8. This session ties together themes from the "It's Your World – Change It" Journey and the "Women Through Time" Interest Project to focus on women from Oberlin's past: how they lived, how they were treated, and what they felt. Activities will include a history tour, reading journals and letters from women in the past, and trying hands-on activities that were part of women's everyday life in the 1800s.

Registration for summer camps is underway. There are several ways to make a reservation: (1) Register online at www.oberlinheritage.org; (2) Download a registration form at www.oberlinheritage.org and mail it (MPO Box 0455, Oberlin) or drop it off at the Oberlin Heritage Center; or (3) Call (440) 774-1700 or send an e-mail to tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org or stop by the Monroe House (at 73½ South Professor Street, Oberlin) to request a reservation form. Partial scholarships are available to those who qualify for schools' free lunch programs. To inquire about early drop off or late pick-up for an extra hourly fee, please contact Liz Schultz at (440) 774-1700 or send an e-mail to tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

The Oberlin Heritage Center is offering a wide variety of other children's programming this summer including "Hands-On" History Days at the Little Red Schoolhouse (for children 7 and up), "I Spy Oberlin" scavenger hunts (for children ages 5-11, with an adult companion), and Stories at the Schoolhouse (for preschoolers). For more information, visit www.oberlinheritage.org or call (440) 774-1700.

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