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## “Old” is “New” at OHC’s Summer Camps for Kids

Two new day camps will be offered by the Oberlin Heritage Center this summer and two continuing favorites are being brought back for kids and teens who enjoy the mix of learning and fun through a variety of creative, hands-on activities. The “old” is “new” this year with the latest offerings focused on ancient world civilizations and the early pioneer settlers of our own nation. Back by popular demand is the Architecture Camp for kids and “Behind the Scenes at the Museums” camp for teens. The Heritage Center’s summer camp program is a recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Ohio Local History Alliance, an association of local history museums and historical societies from throughout the state.

The Heritage Center’s camps are led by experienced teachers assisted by college student interns and community volunteers. This summer’s line-up includes:

**Teen Camp: A Week at the Museum** offered June 24 – 28, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Oberlin Heritage Center and Allen Memorial Art Museum team up to offer a behind-the-scenes camp for teens. Campers will tour the world-class Allen Memorial Art Museum, highly-regarded Oberlin Heritage Center, and the one-of-a-kind Frank Lloyd Wright-designed house in Oberlin as they learn what it takes to make a museum come to life. Participants will also venture behind-the-scenes into the Special Collections and Archives of Oberlin College. This camp is perfect for youth wanting to learn more about museums and careers in art, history, libraries, and special collections.

**Ancient Cultures Camp** takes place July 29 – August 2, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This camp, designed for boys and girls ages 8-13, encourages youngsters to explore the people and places whose civilizations built the foundations for who we are today. We’ll travel back in time to meet the peoples of the Roman Empire, Greece, India, the Americas, Africa, and Pacific Islanders through music, crafts and food.

**Architecture Camp** for children ages 8-13 will be offered August 5 – 9, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00. Children love learning the basics of architecture in this hands-on camp. Kids will tour Oberlin architecture, explore building materials, try construction challenges, and envision buildings of

the future. Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts attending this camp will also complete some requirements for Architecture badges and Interest Projects.

**Pioneer Living Camp** for ages 8-13 is held August 12 – 16, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. What would you do if you lost your TV, music player, phone, game system, heater, lights and refrigerator?!! Together, campers will “survive” and flourish experiencing life just like the earliest pioneers did! From making your own food, to letting your creativity drive your fun and games, you’ll find out how being a kid back then was different from being a kid today.

Except for the Week at the Museum teen camp, all youth camp sessions are held at the air-conditioned Oberlin Depot at 240 South Main Street, with some walking field trips nearby. Week-long kids’ camps are \$95 (\$85 for children or grandchildren of OHC members). The teen camp fee is \$75 (\$65 for children and grandchildren of OHC members) with a \$25 reimbursement for students who complete at least 15 hours of service for either museum by the end of 2013. Anyone registering prior to June 15 may take an additional \$5 discount on each camp. Partial scholarships may be available to those who qualify for schools’ free lunch programs.

The Oberlin Heritage Center also offers an “**I Spy Oberlin: History and Architecture Scavenger Hunt**” for younger children (ages 5-11) with an adult companion on the first Saturday of the month in June, July, August and September from 3-4 p.m. Meet at the Monroe House rain or shine (73½ South Professor Street). Families will be guided through historic Oberlin keeping eyes peeled for historic markers, decorative details and Oberlin oddities (and we’ll “spy” inside the Heritage Center’s historic buildings in inclement weather). Fee is \$3 per child, and accompanying adults are free. Fun and engaging for all!

More information, including online registration, can be found at [www.oberlinheritage.org](http://www.oberlinheritage.org) or by contacting Liz Schultz, Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, at (440) 774-1700 or [tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org).

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