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Oberlin Heritage Center Offers Two Spring Break Mini-Camps for Kids

You say you can't wait for Spring Break to arrive, but you may be wondering what you will do to fill up a whole week of not seeing your school friends? Here's the answer: Come to the Oberlin Heritage Center's Spring Break Mini-Camps for Kids and take a journey into the past that's fun, creative and a great way to hang out with friends old and new. Boys and girls 8-13 will enjoy two new camps this year:

Pony Express and Printing Press (March 25 & 26) – Hold the phone! Stop the presses! Find out the different ways people sent messages to each other in the "old days." By the end of camp, you'll know how to print a newspaper, send a message on a telegraph, type on a typewriter, and record your own voice. Part of camp will include a hands-on visit to the letter press studio of Special Collections at the Oberlin College library.

Gods and Glory: Ancient Greece (March 27 & 28) – Do you have what it takes to become a Greek Legend? Enter the Olympic challenge, make a petrifying Medusa mask, examine objects of Greece, and go on an odyssey of tales of gods and glory. Together we'll explore this mighty civilization of the ancient world, from food to fashion, armor to architecture.

Campers may enroll in one or both two-day mini-camps, which run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street, Oberlin). Camps are led by Oberlin Heritage Center staff members Elizabeth Schultz and Richard Donegan, assisted by adult and teen community volunteers. Schultz is the Museum Education and Tour Coordinator for the Oberlin Heritage Center. She graduated with degrees in archaeology and anthropology from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and Binghamton University (NY). She earned a M.A. in museum studies with a focus in museum education from the Cooperstown Graduate Program (NY). This is her sixth year leading children's camps for the Oberlin Heritage Center. Donegan is an AmeriCorps member working in Northeast Ohio as a Local History Corps volunteer through the Ohio Historical Society. He has a degree in Historical Studies from The Richard Stockton College in Pomona, NJ.

Camp fees are \$45 per two-day camp per child (\$40 for children and grandchildren of Oberlin Heritage Center members). Register by March 9 and there is a \$3 per camp "early bird" discount. Partial scholarships are available to those who qualify for schools' free lunch programs. Make a reservation online at www.oberlinheritage.org or contact the Oberlin Heritage Center office (73½ South Professor Street, Oberlin, 440/774-1700) to request a registration form. For more information, contact Liz Schultz at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.