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Explore, Travel, Build at OHC Summer Camps for Kids

Kids can discover a lot about themselves and the world around them this summer at the Oberlin Heritage Center's week-long day camps featuring an imaginative mix of learning and fun. Camps welcome boys and girls ages 8-13 and are designed to stimulate children's creativity and allow them to delve into history, architecture, art, crafts, games and the tastes and sounds of diverse cultures. 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:

Oberlin Expedition offered July 28 – August 1, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Staff Only! Keep Out! Do these signs bother you? In this camp, we'll explore behind-the-scenes of museums, businesses, and landmarks in Oberlin to learn more about what makes the town run. See what sets the pins in a bowling alley and what makes a fire department move fast. Nose around in the attics of the Heritage Center and other vaults of art and history. This expedition will explore the realms of education, art, history, entertainment, and city services.

World Cultures Camp takes place August 4-8, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Join us for an exciting adventure into various cultures around the world. During this camp, students will gain a greater knowledge about people around the world and their ways of life, exploring international music, dance, food, and history. Camp will include drumming, Ukrainian egg painting, cooking, folktales, and more. By learning about other countries and their practices, students will broaden their horizons, understanding not only cultural differences, but also what makes us all similar.

Architecture Camp will be offered August 11 – 15, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00. Children will love learning the basics of architecture in this hands-on camp. Together we will tour Oberlin architecture, explore building materials, try construction challenges, sketch designs, construct mini buildings, 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.

All camp sessions are held at the air-conditioned Oberlin Depot at 240 South Main Street, with some walking field trips nearby. The cost of each camp is \$110 per child (\$100 for children or grandchildren of OHC members). Anyone registering prior to June 21 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.oberlinheritagecenter.org or by contacting Liz Schultz, Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, at (440) 774-1700 or tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

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