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

Kids often look forward to school's Spring Break, only to find themselves at loose ends with "nothing to do" and missing their friends. This year, try something different: Come to the Oberlin Heritage Center's Spring Break Mini-Camps for Kids (ages 8-13) and take a journey into the past that's fun, creative and a great way to hang out with friends old and new. Choose one or both of these *new* two-day mini-camps:

Feel the Oberlin Rhythm (March 21- 22, repeated March 29-30) – This camp features one of Oberlin's most well-known trademarks: Music! Participants will get to try their hand at making instruments out of recycled materials, learn historic songs and dances, visit musical centers within the community, and play rhythmic games.

Spark an Idea! Power and Energy in Ohio (March 23-24, repeated March 31-April 1) – Curious about how people thrived without electricity in the past? Want to know how we can use renewable resources in our daily lives? Join us as we explore human ingenuity through hands-on activities that demonstrate historic modes of power and the diverse ways we create energy today. Maybe you will generate some ideas of your own!

Camps run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street, Oberlin) and are led by Oberlin Heritage Center staff members Amanda Manahan and Mary Manning, assisted by adult and teen community volunteers. Manahan is the Museum Education and Tour Coordinator for the Oberlin Heritage Center. She has degrees in anthropology and museum studies with a focus in museum education and interpretation. Manning is an AmeriCorps member working in Northeast Ohio as a Local History Corps volunteer through the Ohio History Connection. She has degrees in art history and French.

Fees for each two-day camp are \$45 per child (\$40 for children and grandchildren of Oberlin Heritage Center members). Register by March 1 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.oberlinheritagecenter.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 Amanda Manahan at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

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