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Heritage Center Offers Unique Summer Camps for Kids

Look through the lens of history to see the world in new and creative ways! Learning about where ideas and traditions originated, how they've evolved over time, and where we are going in the future – all make kids aware of how their own lives are part of history! The Oberlin Heritage Center will offer two *new* and one returning favorite hands-on history camps for kids this summer. 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 designed for boys and girls ages 8-13 and are led by an experienced educator assisted by college student interns and community volunteers. This summer's line-up includes:

Out of this World! Aerospace and Aviation offered July 25-29, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. When it comes to flight and space travel, Ohioans have really soared! Children will learn about aerospace and aviation in the past, present, and brainstorm what the future may hold. We'll conduct experiments that demonstrate scientific theories, explore construction challenges, and visit related sites around Oberlin.

All Work, All Play takes place August 1-5, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ideas of work and recreation have changed over time and continue to with new technologies. Together, we will uncover the history of work, explore children's' chores and games, meet people who still work in traditional ways, and create with our hands, including making baskets and candles, cooking with a Dutch oven, and learning basic carpentry.

Architecture Camp will be offered August 8-12, 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. Scouts attending this camp will also complete some requirements for Architecture badges.

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 25 may take an additional \$5 discount on each camp. Partial scholarships may be available to those who qualify for schools' free lunch programs.

More information, including online registration, can be found at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or by contacting Amanda Manahan, Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, at (440) 774-1700 or tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

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