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Heritage Center Offers New Summer Camps for Kids *Hands-on-History Fun on Land, Sea & Stage!*

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:

Oberlin Ahoy! Pirates and Life on the High Seas offered July 17-21, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Set sail with us in search of fun and adventure! Campers will learn about famous pirates such as Blackbeard and Anne Bonny and explore how people navigated the seas, what a sailor's life was like, how to create maps, and much more through engaging hands-on activities.

Architecture Camp takes place July 31 – August 4, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 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.

History of Theater will be offered August 7-11, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00. Children attending this camp will experience not only the dramatic history of theater, but also what happens behind the scenes. This camp focuses on how theater evolved over time and the influence of plays and musicals on culture. As a part of the camp, children will create their own mini theatrical production to perform at the end of the week.

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 23 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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