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Not Your Ordinary Spring Break Camp!

Boys and girls ages 8-13 are invited to take part in an intriguing new week-long camp offered by the Oberlin Heritage Center during Spring Breaks this year. This camp looks at people and events in history that made us shudder, yet also influenced society to improve and change in response. For instance, did you know that in colonial America a woman could be accused of witchcraft for having an argument with a neighbor? Or that more soldiers died from disease than from fighting during the American Civil War? Although the “foul facts” of history may be plentiful, this camp is not focused on the negative, but rather on recognizing the “failures” and thinking creatively to solve problems of the past and present.

To accommodate various spring breaks in the local area, the Heritage Center will offer this camp twice: choose either the week of March 25-29 or that of April 22-26. Each session runs Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily at the Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street, Oberlin) and is led by Oberlin Heritage Center staff member Amanda Manahan, assisted by AmeriCorps/Ohio History Corps Member Riley Thomas and 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. Thomas is an AmeriCorps member working in Northeast Ohio as a Local History Corps volunteer through the Ohio History Connection. She is a recent graduate of the University of Delaware where she majored in Art Conservation and Anthropology.

The fee for the camp is \$110 per child (\$100 for children and grandchildren of Oberlin Heritage Center members). Register by March 1 and there is a \$5 “early bird” discount. Partial scholarships are available to those who qualify for schools’ free or reduced 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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