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Heritage Center Offers Archaeology and Architecture Summer Camps for Kids

The Oberlin Heritage Center presents a new hands-on-history camp introducing youngsters to the basics of Archaeology this summer, and also hosts its signature Architecture Camp for kids, a perennial favorite. The week-long camps are designed for boys and girls ages 8-13 and run 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with drop-off and pick-up at the Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street, Oberlin). Each camp may also have some walking field trips nearby. This summer's line-up includes:

Architecture Camp (July 8-12) engages children with the basics of architecture as participants explore building materials, try construction challenges, sketch designs, construct mini buildings, and envision buildings of the future. Scouts attending this camp may also complete some requirements for Architecture badges.

Archaeology Camp (offered twice, August 5-9 and again August 12-16) includes hands-on experience at a mini-excavation site on the Heritage Center grounds. Campers will use tools of the trade to learn the basics of digging, sifting, measuring, analyzing and preserving objects for the future. *Note: Both sessions of this camp will offer similar experiences, therefore each camper will only be able to attend one week of this camp. Exceptions will be made depending on space availability.*

All camp sessions are taught by an experienced educator assisted by college student interns and community volunteers. The cost of each camp is \$110 per child (\$100 for children or grandchildren of OHC members). Anyone registering prior to June 8 may take an additional \$5 discount on each camp. Partial scholarships may be available to those who qualify for schools' free or reduced lunch programs.

This is the 24th year that the Oberlin Heritage Center will offer original summer camp programming for children. The hands-on-history camps are a past recipient of the History Outreach Award for Public Programming, given by the Ohio Local History Alliance, a consortium of more than 300 history organizations from throughout the state.

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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