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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:

Introduction to Archaeology (March 23 & 24) – How do we know what we know about the past? We'll learn together how archaeologists use artifacts, the landscape, science, and stories to figure out just how humans lived in the past. We'll explore some tools of the trade, piece together a story based on placed objects, carefully dig into a mini mock excavation, and discuss some of the most famous archaeological investigations, from Native American mounds in Ohio to the buried city of Pompeii.

World Cultures (March 25 & 26) – Join us for a lively hop around the globe as we explore a variety of different cultures through games, hands-on activities, photographs, and cooking. A few of the lands and traditions we will sample include Colombia, Pacific Islands, East Asia, and New Orleans Mardi Gras.

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 Elizabeth Schultz and Kaitlyn Goss, assisted by adult and teen community volunteers. Schultz is the Museum Education and Tour Coordinator for the Oberlin Heritage Center. She graduated with degrees in archaeology and anthropology from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and Binghamton University (NY). She earned a M.A. in museum studies with a focus in museum education from the Cooperstown Graduate Program (NY). This is her seventh year leading children's camps for the Oberlin Heritage Center. Goss is an AmeriCorps member working in Northeast Ohio as a Local History Corps volunteer through the Ohio History Connection. She has an undergraduate degree in anthropology and a master's in history, both from Wright State University (Dayton, OH).

Camp fees are \$45 per two-day camp 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 Liz Schultz at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

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