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Oberlin Heritage Center Offers Early Bird Discount for Summer Camps Registration *New Civil War Era Camp Introduced in 2011*

Journey through time to the Civil War homefront and up to the battlefield and everything in between – and all before dinner! Be a globetrotter and enjoy a sampling of international arts, foods, crafts, and music from all over the world! Roll up your sleeves to design and construct your own one-of-a-kind mini-building! Listen to stories of days gone by and tell a few of your own! These are some of the many fun things kids can do this summer at the Oberlin Heritage Center’s popular camps for kids. Parents can save even more on these reasonably-priced summer programs by being members of the Oberlin Heritage Center, with extra discounts available to all who register before June 10.

Kids of all ages will enjoy the opportunities for creativity and new friendships that accompany these “hands-on” history camps. All campers learn about history, architecture, and world cultures through engaging activities designed to encourage young people to see the world around them with new eyes and to use their critical thinking skills. Camps are led by an experienced teacher assisted by college student interns and youth and community volunteers. This summer’s line-up includes:

Junior Docent Camp, Monday June 20 and Tuesday 21, introduces young people (ages 13-17) interested in community service and leadership to the behind-the-scenes workings of a small history museum. Teens learn techniques of greeting visitors, giving tours, teaching historic games, and much more. Following completion of the fun two-day camp, participants can assist with various tours, special events and programs as their schedules permit. What a great way to develop new skills, build a resume, meet other students who love history, and complete community service hours. The camp will be held at the Oberlin Heritage Center’s Jewett House (73 South Professor Street), from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Soldiers and Civilians: Civil War Era Camp for Kids, July 25-29 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Kids ages 8-13, here’s your chance to discover things you never knew about the blues and the grays. Twitter? Imagine waiting at home and getting news about your family *weeks* after a battle. Hear about war times through memories of people who lived it, and then create your own story to share. Find out what life would have been like for kids at that time – through games, music, and new inventions.

Kids and World Cultures, August 8-12, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. *Hola! Ni Hao! Merhaba!* This is how kids from all over the world say “Hello!” If you are between the ages of 8-13, join us for plenty of excitement and fun as we hop from country to country and continent to continent and explore all the fascinating and diverse cultures and peoples that we encounter along the way.

Architecture Camp, August 15-19, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Three Little Pigs taught us never to build houses of straw and sticks, but why *are* they such a bad idea? Ever wonder what keeps tall buildings standing? Boys and girls ages 8-13 can take part in this fast-paced introduction to architecture that includes visits to

award-winning structures in Oberlin and a talk with a real-life architect. You'll even get the chance to construct some models and test a creation against the forces of nature. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who attend this camp can complete some requirements for Architecture badges and Interest Projects.

Except for the Junior Docent camp, sessions are held at the air-conditioned Oberlin Depot at 240 South Main Street, with some walking field trips nearby. Week-long camps are \$95 (\$85 for children or grandchildren of OHC members). The Junior Docent camp fee is \$50 (\$45 for children and grandchildren of OHC members) with a \$25 reimbursement for students who complete at least 15 hours of service for the Heritage Center by the end of 2011. Anyone registering prior to June 10, may take an additional \$5 discount on each week-long camp and a \$2 discount on the Junior Docent camp. Partial scholarships may be available to those who qualify for schools' free lunch programs.

The Oberlin Heritage Center also offers an **"I Spy Oberlin: History and Architecture Scavenger Hunt"** for younger children (ages 5-11) with an adult companion on Saturdays this summer from 3-4 p.m. Reserve your space for June 4, July 2, August 6 or September 3 and meet at the Monroe House rain or shine (73½ South Professor Street). Families will be guided through historic Oberlin keeping eyes peeled for historic markers, decorative details and Oberlin oddities (and we'll "spy" inside the Heritage Center's historic buildings in inclement weather). Fee is \$3 per child, and accompanying adults are free. Fun and engaging for all!

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

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