Summer Day Camps & Programs  
May 9, 2016

Bloomington Parks and Recreation (programs are near capacity)
Contact: 434-2260
Eight one week sessions run June 13- Aug. 3
Day Camp - For ages 6-11
M-F, drop off 7:00 - 9:00 am; pick up 3:30 - 5:45 pm
Registration Deadline is the Thursday before each session begins by 5:00 pm.
Campers must bring swim suit, towel, sack lunch, and drink daily.
The cost is $99/session; or $732 if registering for all 8 sessions at one time.
For a full listing of summer activities see www.bpard.org.

Bloomington Public Library’s Summer Reading Program begins Monday, June 6!
In 2016, the Summer Reading theme is Read for the Win. The Library’s many game-related programs will – as always – be offered absolutely free! The Summer Reading program is for people of all ages: kids, teens, and adults. There are prizes designated to each age group.
- **Reading Log Pickup**: June 6-Aug 7
  On or after June 6, participants can pick up a reading log in person at the Library or on the Bookmobile.
  Logs will also be available for printing from the library’s website at bloomingtonlibrary.org
- **Prize pickup**: June 20-August 7
- **End of Summer Reading Party** - Saturday, August 6
  Join us from 10am-noon as we celebrate the end of Summer Reading with oversized games in the Library’s Community Room. Additionally, 107.7 The Bull will be broadcasting live from the Library’s patios where there will be carnival games, activities, and a food truck or two selling food to those who are ready for lunch.
- **Teen & Adult Prize Drawings** - Monday, August 8
- **Teen End of Summer Reading Party** – Friday, August 19
If the teens as a group meet their combined reading goal of 5,000 hours this summer, they will enjoy an after-hours party to celebrate from 6-8 pm at the Library.

Contact person: Elizabeth Tomera (847)224-1194

**Boys & Girls Club – 1615 Illinois St, Bloomington** - FREE
Contact: Schanda Butcher at 829-3034
**Ages 6-12**; Monday–Friday 8:00 am–5:00 pm (breakfast 8:30-9:00, lunch 11:30-12:30–meals open to ages 6-18) June 6 – July 30
Cost $200 for the summer ($100 due at registration/$100 due by July 1)
Boys & Girls Club @ BJHS – 901 Colton Bloomington
Contact: Jenny Hall 857-318-5243
Open to all incoming Bloomington Junior High School Students
June 6 – July 1 10am – 2pm Transportation Provided

**Camp Kearney** - (pronounced KAR-knee) in Canton, IL is offering a FREE week of summer camp to central Illinois underprivileged kids this summer (there are 8 one week sessions). Kids are organized into age groups. Camp Kearney is a ministry of Peoria-based South Side Mission. For more information, visit [http://www.southsidemission.org/index.php?section=7](http://www.southsidemission.org/index.php?section=7) or e-mail campkearney@southsidemission.org.
Camp Hope is an 8-week summer adventure and enrichment program, designed for kids, ages 6 through 14. It is also offered as two 4-week sessions. The program is structured to provide a fun and safe environment for children during their summer break. Some daily activities include arts & crafts, sports, music and drama, indoor/outdoor games, swimming, local and out-of-town field trips, guest speakers, and opportunities to serve in the community.  http://centerforhopeministries.org/camphope/about-us-i/

This camp is active but we were unable to verify the information below with a staff member.

- Two 4-week sessions are offered: Session #1 – June 13-July 18; Session #2 – July 11-August 5. Campers can sign up for the first, second, or both sessions.
- 4-week session - cost is $380 for first camper in family; $340 for each additional camper
- 8-week session – cost is $760 for first camper in family; $680 for each additional camper
- Tuition assistance may be available for families that qualify.
- Breakfast and PM Snack are provided daily.
- Hours are from 7:30am - 4:30pm; After Camp Care is available.
- Three age divisions for each session are: 6-8yrs.; 9-11yrs.; and 12-14yrs.
- Location: Center for Hope Ministries, 14940 Old Colonial Rd, Bloomington 61705 Phone: 309-827-2009
- All staff trained in CPR and First Aid
- Contact Person is: Jamillah Gilbert, Camp Director 309-827-2009.

Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCRRN) – Call, email, walk-in or use the online search to find child care options! Any parent, family, guardian, etc. can use CCRRN services anytime of the year to learn about child care.
To request child care provider options “especially for summer” contact CCRRN:
*Phone (800) 437-8256 OR (309) 828-1892.
*Email referral@ccrrn.com.
*Website www.ccrrn.com – for Quality Online Child Care Search.

A wide variety of Referrals may include child care centers, family child care homes, parks and recreation programs or summer school age programs. Referrals also include preschools, Head Start, preschool for all and Before and/or After school programs.

Children’s Discovery Museum Camps -
• Each camp offered by the CDM includes various hands-on activities that are tailored for specific ages and related to the camp’s unique theme. For more information visit: 2016 Summer Camps.
• Please note that the Children's Discovery Museum does not open until 9:00 a.m. and therefore, camp participants and their parents/guardians who are participating in camps that have a start time of 9:00 am will not be allowed to check-in for camp until 9:00 a.m. – No Exceptions.
• Children must be picked up promptly at the camp ending time. A late fee will be charged.
• All day campers must bring a sack lunch or pre-order an Avanti’s Lunch from the museum for $5.00. The Avanti’s Lunch includes a 1/3 gondola, bag of baked chips, applesauce, and a 100% juice box.
• Please note that the off-site camps at Heartland Community College have specific registration requirements that differ from other programs.
• Camps fill quickly! Call 309-433-3444 or visit www.ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net to register.
• Payment must accompany registration. The registration deadline is one week prior to camp. A 72-hour cancellation is required for credit.
District 87 sponsors the Summer Food Service Program and offers free meals to ANYONE 18 or under at the following sites:

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The Summer Food Service Program is available to all eligible children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Any person who feels that he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write immediately to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866)632-9992.

Easter Seals - Timber Pointe Outdoor Center Adventure Day Camp - Designed for parents who are seeking an alternative to Summer Day Care, and for kids who are looking for a SUMMER ADVENTURE in the GREAT OUTDOORS! TEN exciting weeks make up the Summer 2016 Day Camp Program. Each week has its own theme and campers may choose any combination of weeks or the WHOLE summer! Campers will have the opportunity to ride horses, zip on the zip-line, hang out with the barn-yard critters, ride a wagon, boat, swim, roast S’mores over a camp fire, craft-out, discover nature, learn crazy songs, and more! Parents may drop their campers off at Timber Pointe by 7:30am and pick them up by 5:00pm. Campers will be grouped by age. Explorers ages 3-7, Challengers ages 8-10, and Navigators ages 11-13. Breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack will provide fuel for campers as they learn, play and grow at Timber Pointe Outdoor Center. Cost is $185.00 per week and is open to the entire community. For more information please call the Timber Pointe Outdoor Center office at 309-365-8021 or email tpoc@ci.easterseals.com.

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois Summer Opportunities - Registration for Girl Scouts of Central Illinois summer camp has begun! There are awesome summer opportunities for ALL girls entering grades Kindergarten through 12th. You don’t have to be a Girl Scout to attend.

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois offers sessions for every level of camper and all kinds of interests, including day camp, resident camp, and weekend and family events. Sessions include Last Girls Standing, Tally Ho, Travel Trail I, Doodlebugs and much more! Find a camp session or family outing that’s right for you! You may access the full Summer Activities Guide and all registration forms on our website at http://www.getyourgirlpower.org/summer-adventures or call us at 877-231-1446. Financial assistance is available. Sessions fill quickly – register today!

Heartland Community College YEP – Youth Enrichment Program – HCC Community Education, 268-8160 Community Education at Heartland Community College is offering over 160 classes for K-12 youth with topics that include: Computers, Arts & Crafts, Performing Arts, Life Skills, Academic Enrichment, Challenger Learning Center, Science, Horseback Riding and more! Class times, number of sessions and course fees vary. Pre-registration is required for all programs. Register through May 31st to receive a discount on your course fees. Financial assistance is available to qualified individuals. Call Community Education at (309) 268-8160 or visit www.heartland.edu/communityEd to view a schedule of classes and register online.

Kindermusik by Music Connections Foundation, Contact: Tawni Martin, 828-6806, or musicconnections@comcast.net - Class Location: Evangelical Free Church, 2910 E. Lincoln, Bloomington Exciting Summer Camps for children birth to seven years and their families. See the website for descriptions of all classes and registration information www.musicconnections.net.
**iCan Bike** – [www.icanshine.org](http://www.icanshine.org) Hosted by Easter Seals this program uses adapted bicycles, a specialized instructional program and trained staff to enable individuals with disabilities, ages 8 and up, to learn to ride a two-wheel bicycle. Participants attend one 75-minute session each day Monday through Friday. Each rider is accompanied and encouraged by a volunteer “spotter”. Over the course of the week the bikes are adjusted in an effort to challenge riders appropriately as they gradually discover the skill and joy of riding. This program is being held July 25-29 at EastSide Centre in East Peoria. The cost of the program is $75 and limited scholarships may be available through the Lora DeAnn Broers Scholarship Fund. For more information contact Brenda Bleichner at bbleichner@ci.easterseals.com or 309-686-1177 x 2294 or visit [http://www.easterseals.com/ci/our-programs/ican-bike.html](http://www.easterseals.com/ci/our-programs/ican-bike.html).

**Marcfirst’s School to Work Summer Program** is a 5 week course, June 27th- July 29th, for students ages 16 and older with a disability that are still enrolled in high school and want to expand on skills and knowledge to prepare them for employment. There will be two sessions offered this summer: 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-4:30pm. The small group of approximately 8 students per session will learn work-preparedness skills, tour several businesses in town to learn about potential job opportunities, practice taking the Bloomington-Normal public transportation system in a group setting, and build on existing computer knowledge and social skills. The group will leave the 5 week course with a resume, completed career interest assessments, and interview training. Participants will have structured curriculum based classes on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. The School to Work Summer Program is of no cost to the participants.

Initial application and teacher’s recommendation form are required by May 16th for consideration. Please contact [emilykull@marcfirst.org](mailto:emilykull@marcfirst.org) or 309-451-8888 x265 for further information and applications.

**Miracle League Baseball** – visit [www.miracleleagueci.com](http://www.miracleleagueci.com) for more information or to sign-up. Miracle League of Central Illinois; 421 Kays Dr, Normal, IL 61761; 309-451-4500

Every person deserves to play baseball. Their mission is to:
- provide opportunities for children/adults with disabilities to play Miracle League baseball, regardless of their abilities.
- promote community support and sponsorship of Miracle Leagues.
- promote the construction of special facilities that meet the unique needs of Miracle League players and their families.
- provide opportunities for children/adults with disabilities to play.

*We cannot change or cure the medical issues life has dealt disabled people. What we can do is provide them with an opportunity to experience the joy and benefits that come from our National pastime – baseball.*

**Normal Parks and Recreation** - Contact: Colette Farner, 454-9540

For kids entering 1st - 6th grades.

Sessions available: June 6th – August 5th (three 3 week sessions).

Day camps held at Anderson, Fairview and Maxwell Parks.

M-F, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm - Fee: $190 per child for regular day camp for each 3 week session.

Additional $75 for extended days -- Early/Late Bird Camp (6:45-9:00 am and 3:30-5:45 pm)

Other specialized day camps are offered through the Children’s Discovery Museum. For a full listing of summer activities see [www.normal.org](http://www.normal.org).
The Normal Public Library sponsors SUMMER READING PROGRAMS for all ages. **Read for the Win! at the Normal Public Library June 1 through August 8** - Registration begins June 1 and runs through the whole program. Join anytime!

**Children’s Reading Program** - The Children’s reading program motivates children to retain and enhance reading skills gained throughout the school year and is open to all children from birth through the completion of sixth grade. Kids can read or listen to books at their own reading level to earn Book Bucks, which they can spend on prizes at the Library Store. There are also lots of free activities throughout the program for everyone to enjoy.

**Children’s Activities** – A wide variety of free activities including a visit from an Iditarod Dog-Musher, previews of shows from the Illinois Shakespeare Festival, miniature golf at the library, crafts, story hours for all ages, and the Misadventures in STEAM: Experimental Book Club

**Book Bonanza** – Every child that finishes all of the Reading Logs will get to pick out a brand new book from the Book Bonanza to keep!

**Teen Reading Program** - The TEEN reading program is for students who have completed sixth through twelfth grade. Prizes are earned for five hours of reading and can be earned five times. If you complete the program, you are automatically entered into the grand prize drawing, to be held after the program ends August 10th. Everyone who enters the final drawing will win a prize! In addition, several teen activities, including Blanket Fort Day, Chocolate Olympics, and Teen Crafternoons will be held throughout the summer.

**A.R.K.S.** - Adults Reading Kids’ Stuff is a reading program for adults ages eighteen and over. Read children’s books and win prizes along with the kids.

**New Adult Reading Program** - Adults can read anything they’d like and earn prizes for their reading hours. Readers who have completed sixth grade have the option of participating in either the Teen or Children’s reading program.

For more information contact the Children’s Department at 454-4668 or the Adult or Teen Department at 452-1757, or visit the library website at [www.normalpl.org](http://www.normalpl.org).

**S.O.A.R. (Special Opportunities Available in Recreation)**

Contact: Maggie Rutenbeck or Nicole Kohler: 434-2260 or mrutenbeck@cityblm.org or nkohler@cityblm.org. Specialized, specific recreation programs for children with disabilities. For ages 4 to 21 (can vary by program). June 13 - July 22; Monday through Friday; hours vary. May register for one, several, or all. Registration for each program is separate and sites vary daily. Scholarships and payment plans available (fees vary greatly by program). For specific summer program information visit [www.cityblm.org/soar](http://www.cityblm.org/soar), pull down the SOAR tab and click SOAR brochure.

**Western Avenue Community Center – Summer Camp** – Incoming 7th & 8th & 9th Graders only

**Dates:** (3) 2-week sessions: June 20th – June 30 - Design & Technology; July 11- 21 – Sports Mania; July 25 - August 4 – Summer Olympics. All sessions run Monday –Thursday 8am-2:30pm. Students may choose to attend 1, 2, or all 3 sessions.

**Activities:** Art, Leadership & Character Building, Reading/Math Review, Swimming, Sports & other Fun Activities.

**Cost:** The fee for Summer Academy is $30/child/session. Fee includes learning materials, daily breakfast, lunch, snacks and entry into all scheduled activities.

Registration is first come, first served with required deposit. $10 per session deposit required at registration Western Avenue Community Center, 600 N. Western Avenue, Bloomington, IL 61701

**Questions?** Contact Amy Cottone – acottone@westernavenuecc.org 309-829-9515 or Lisa Barton – lbarton@westernavenuecc.org or 309-829-4807.

Registration begins Monday, May 9, 9am – 5pm. Walk-in registrations will be accepted as availability of staff allows - we suggest calling before coming in. Phone-in registration will not be accepted. You must speak personally to Amy Cottone or Lisa Barton.
YWCA PROGRAMS:

YWCA YOUNG WONDERS SUMMER CAMP
Summer camp is Tuesday, May 31 - Friday, August 12 from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Hershey Road location and 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at all satellite locations. Tentative locations include Oakland, Sheridan, Washington, and YWCA McLean County. All YWCA programs are closed on July 4th.
Young Wonders Summer Camp is full of fun and educational activities for your child(ren). Summer camp will follow the adventures of everyday heroes, such as firefighters, policemen, nurses, scientist, teachers and many more!
We will incorporate random acts of kindness, arts and crafts, cooking projects, games and physical activities, weekly field trips, swimming, music, and gardening into our curriculum. We hope to teach the children through the summer about respect, courage, honesty, volunteerism, and much more!
Late registration costs $50 and runs through the summer. For pricing or to register, please visit www.ywcamclean.org. For more information or questions, please contact Anita Conrad at (309) 662-7826 or email aconrad@ywcamclean.org.

GIRLS BE U SUMMER SESSION
Girls: Building Empowerment and Uniqueness (Girls BE U) is an empowerment group offered to McLean County junior high and high school girls which allows them to explore their own unique and positive qualities through an open and creative curriculum.
Dates and Time:  
Junior High group will meet each Wednesday, June 15 - August 3 from 4-5:30 p.m.
High School group will meet each Thursday, June 16 - August 4 from 4-5:30 p.m.
Location: YWCA McLean County, 1201 N. Hershey Road, Bloomington, IL 61704. Transportation will be available for participants if needed.
Cost: $25 per girl (scholarships are available)
More information and applications are available at www.ywcamclean.org. Applications will be accepted until the class is full. If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Youth Empowerment at (309) 662-0461, ext. 295, via email at youthempower@ywcamclean.org.

PEACE CAMP
Peace Camp is available to children in McLean County who are in third through fifth grade. Peace Camp is designed to help participants identify and establish leadership skills by demonstrating the importance of teamwork as well as the distribution of power and responsibility.
Dates and Time:  Monday - Friday, July 11-15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Location: YWCA McLean County, 1201 N. Hershey Road, Bloomington, IL 61704
Cost: $25 per camper (scholarships are available)
More information and applications are available at www.ywcamclean.org. Applications will be accepted until the class is full. If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Youth Empowerment at (309) 662-0461, ext. 295, or via email at youthempower@ywcamclean.org.

JUNIOR HIGH TRANSITION CAMP
YWCA Prevention and Empowerment Services is offering Transition Camp for students entering junior high in fall 2016. Transition Camp is a week long program to help ease students in their transition to junior high. Students will learn about self-care, social, leadership, and coping skills, along with an anti-bullying curriculum. Students will have the opportunity to create an anti-bullying public service announcement and create strategies to prevent bullying in their schools. They will also have the opportunity to interact with other junior high students, meet counselors from their school, and participate in mock school day schedules. Application and acceptance is required as space is limited.
Dates and Time: Monday - Friday, August 1-5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Location: YWCA McLean County, 1201 N. Hershey Road, Bloomington, IL 61704
Cost: $25 per camper (scholarships are available)
CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER SUMMER PROGRAMS

Registration opens in mid-March; programs are for kids entering the grades listed; scholarships are available!
Questions: Call 309.268.8700; ask for Stacey, Libby, Tricia or Susan
More information available at www.challengerlearningcenter.com

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