Kids' Summer Camps and Enrichment

40 PAGES OF ADVENTURES!
SCHOLARLY PROJECTS

GAME DEVELOPMENT WITH VIRTUAL REALITY
JUNE 10–14 | Students entering grades 10-12
Noon–4 p.m. | Cost: FREE | Application required
Up to six high school students will be chosen
Using Meta Quest VR, you can design, build, test, and play your own video game with the help of Clarke Computer Science faculty and your friends.

SPECIAL DISSECTION: HEAD AND NECK
AUGUST 5–9 | Students entering grades 10-12
10 a.m.–Noon | Cost: FREE | Application required
Up to four high school students will be chosen
Is medicine, forensic investigation, or another science field in your future? Get hands-on human biology and dissection experience in our Cadaver Lab, under the guidance of Clarke Biology faculty.

ATHLETIC CAMPS

CHEER & DANCE CAMP
MARCH 30 | Students in grades PreK-8
9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. | Cost: $45

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL SUMMER LEAGUE
EVERY WEDNESDAY JUNE–JULY
High School and Club Teams

WOMEN’S SOCCER CAMP
JUNE 8 & 9 | Elite ID/High School/Potential Recruits

MEN’S BASKETBALL CAMP
JULY 22–24 | 1–4 p.m. | Students entering grades 3-8

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL CAMP
JULY 22–24 | 9 a.m.–Noon
Students entering grades 3-8

VOLLEYBALL CAMPS LED BY MEN’S VOLLEYBALL
JULY 18 & 19
Cuttle Camp: Girls & boys entering grades 1-5
Pride Camp: Girls & boys entering grades 6-8

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT clarke.edu/summercamps OR SCAN THE QR
The Gift of Summer Learning

By Dr. Kelly Krause, Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque Education Program Officer

In less than a few short months, kids throughout the Dubuque region will be on their way to enjoying summer fun and the freedom to learn from new and exciting adventures! With more than 100 opportunities available, finding the right activity for kids is an easy task for parents and caregivers. Use this section and the online guide at dbqfoundation.org/summer to start finding the treasured summer experience your kids are looking for. There is something for every child and interest as well as opportunities for learning and growth!

Here are a few helpful tips to keep in mind as you and your child are browsing Dubuque’s many offerings.

Consider spending time outside! Did you know that fresh air contains high levels of negative ions, which have a positive impact on brain function and well-being? Kids who get lots of fresh air are also more likely to have healthier hearts and stronger lungs. Sunlight provides Vitamin D that kids need for strong bones and protection from disease. And, just like fresh air, it can improve mental and physical health. Whether your child wants to play sports outside, read under a tree, or engage in activities the city provides through their Rock in Roll Trailer, there is no shortage of ways for kids to be immersed in fresh air and sunshine.

Summer also brings opportunities to encourage healthy habits around physical activity. Regular physical activity reduces symptoms of anxiety and depression and reduces heart disease later in life. A 2023 report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that approximately 5.8 million children live with anxiety, while 2.7 million suffer from depression. While there are many factors that play into brain health, helping kids to build healthy habits is one way to provide support. Physical activities like bike rides, yoga, nature hikes and kayaking in Catfish Creek are just some of the activities available to our kids to get them moving.

In addition to physical activity and fresh air, engaging in summer programs and activities provides a chance for kids to make new friendships and learn something new about themselves. Why not use this time to encourage kids to learn a new instrument or perform in a play? Maybe they could learn a campfire song to teach their siblings when they return from their camp adventure. Regardless of what they do this summer, the point is that they have a chance to have new experiences and embrace learning for the sake of learning. Summer is a gift just waiting to be opened. All you need to do to get started is look through this guide. The outcome will last a lifetime.

Enjoy your summer and all of the promising adventures and healthy activities that await!

Don’t let transportation issues ruin your summer! Pickup and drop off services for summer programs are available to families with transportation needs. Call 211 to inquire.
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City of Dubuque Leisure Services
563-589-4263
CityOfDubuque.org/recreation

For all of the amazing programs available to area youth, it’s hard to hold a candle to the offerings presented by the City of Dubuque’s Leisure Services Department. They offer a staggering range of creative classes, FREE neighborhood programs, youth sports, swim lessons, golf instruction, Bee Branch nature programs, and other programs available to Dubuque families as the cornerstone of youth activity in our community. Kids’ recreation classes from Leisure Services cover the gamut and then the gamut beyond that. In fact, we counted more than 100 different titles for classes and activities offered. The selection is simply stunning. There is truly something for everyone through offerings from a great variety of experienced instructors and partnerships. Also find lesson schedules for swimming, tennis, T-ball, baseball, and softball.

Activities Guide available online April 19, at CityOfDubuque.org/recreation. With more than 50 pages, it’s more of a guidebook to summer fun than a brochure. It also has information about summer reading programs at the library and youth programs at the Multicultural Family Center. For up-to-date information on programs, events, and services, follow City of Dubuque Leisure Services on Facebook (@CityofDubuqueLeisureServices) or sign up for the Notify Me alerts through the City’s website.

The City also provides kids an opportunity to have fun and get some outdoor exercise at our parks, two municipal pools, and Miracle League Complex located at Veterans Memorial Park.

Peosta Community Centre
563-556-8751
CityOfPeosta.org/community-centre/recreation

Summer Day Camp
AGE: 5–10
Peosta Community Centre hosts a 10-week session of summer camps. The Summer Day Camps for kids include some great field trips. This programs will have a positive influence in your child’s summer as they have loads and loads of super fun activities to keep the kids busy, active, and moving this summer. The number one goal is to have fun! Registration is open now. You can also register for T-ball and youth soccer.
Scan QR code to learn more:

Crescent Community HEALTH CENTER

1690 Elm Street, Suite 300
Dubuque, Iowa 52001

crescentchc.org

563.690.2863

A healthy childhood starts here.

- Well-child visits
- Immunizations
- Developmental screenings
- Acute care
- Chronic disease management
- Behavioral and mental health services
- Sports physicals
- School-based clinics
Ear, Nose, & Throat

Is Your Child Experiencing Chronic Earaches, Ear Infections, Snoring, or Needs Surgery to Get Tubes in or Tonsils Removed?

Southwest Health’s team of Ear, Nose, and Throat experts take the time to ensure pediatric patients feel comfortable and safe while in their care. Dr. Kyle Quilllin and Physician Assistant Katie Ponsler pride themselves on their ability to connect with patients, especially kids.

Kyle Quilllin, D.O. Katie Ponsler, PA-C

You don’t need to wait! To make an appointment in Platteville or Kieler, WI, call 608.342.5060

Bookclubs

Beginning Chapters Book Club
Age: 7-9
May 8, Jun 5, Jul 10 & Aug 8 @ 4 PM

Beyond the Book Club
Age: 9-12
May 30, Jun 27, Jul 25 & Aug 22 @ 4 PM

StoryWalk

StoryWalk is a fun, educational activity that places the pages of a book along a popular walking route. StoryWalk combines the joy of reading with all the benefits of being active outside. The pages of a child’s book are placed in holders along a path. As you walk the path, you discover page after page, and soon after a short stroll, you have read a story. Located at the 22nd Street Bee Branch Creek Greenway and the Dubuque Arboretum.

Summer Library Program Highlights at the Arboretum

Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens
3800 Arboretum Dr
Join the library twice a month on Friday mornings at the Dubuque Arboretum for an outdoor library program. From music to science and even bike tricks, this is the place for family educational fun. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and get ready for a show. These programs are sponsored by the Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens. No rain dates. All ages. Registration not required.

Kadesh Flow & Dinosaur O’Dell
Jun 14 @ 10 AM
Kadesh Flow is a rapper with an MBA, a trombone Super Saiyan, and a Billboard chart recording/performing artist. Dino has engaged children with music and stories for more than 20 years and he can be found counting monsters, fixing spaceships or swimming in peanut butter. Together this music and storytelling show focuses on the cultural diversity of planet Earth. Using geography as a guide Kadesh and Dino travel the world experiencing food, language, games, and other interesting cultural phenomena.

Magician Rick Eugene
Jun 28 @ 10 AM
All ages are invited to attend this funny and family-friendly magic show with Rick “Eugene” Brammer, a popular magician from the Quad Cities. Rick Eugene specializes in comedy magic and family entertainment.

Jim Gill
Jul 12 @ 10 AM
Get ready to sing, clap, dance, and spin along during this visit from award-winning
musician and author, Jim Gill. Jim Gill’s distinctive music play creates the spirit of a family room in the concert hall and is an invitation to children, parents, and grandparents to sing and play together!

**Juggling Jeff**

JUL 26 @ 10 AM

An interactive comedy show with high energy, improvisation, danger, suspense, ridiculousness, audience participation, and more!

**BESTIE Club**

AGE: 10+ WITH AN ADULT

JUN 11, JUL 9 & AUG 13 @ 6 PM

Visit the library for BESTIE Club (Bonding & Eating Snacks Together Is Excellent) and to spend some time with your favorite adult—Mom, Dad, Auntie, cousin, whoever—and make cool art, eat snacks, and learn something new. New artsy activities will be featured each month: Tiny Art in June, String Art in July, and Summery Soap in August. Supplies are limited. Registration is required.

**Movin’ Groovin’ Mornings**

AGE: 2–6

MAY 4, JUN 15, JUL 13 & AUG 10 @ 10:30 AM

Grab your kiddos and head to the library for a morning of moving and grooving! Listen to songs and stories, play with scarves and shakers, and have so much silly fun together. Best for ages 2–6, though all are welcome to attend. No registration required.

**Garfield the Cat Party**

AGE: ALL AGES

MAY 11 @ 1 PM

Garfield is starring in a new movie! Celebrate the beloved star of almost 80 books at an epic bash featuring Garfield trivia, Garfield button-making, candy lasagna, and more. Registration required.

**Tiny Art Show**

AGE: ALL AGES

JUN 1–30

Show off your artistic talents in the third annual Carnegie-Stout Public Library Tiny Art Show! People of all ages and abilities are welcome. Artworks will be on display at the library during the month of July. Register to pick up a take-home kit with everything you need to create a mini masterpiece at home starting June 1. Registration required.

**Parachute Palooza!**

AGE: 3–7

JUN 26 @ 3:30 PM

Do you love running underneath a parachute and other parachute games? Come on down and join for Parachute Palooza! Children ages 3–5 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

**Coding: BeeBot Obstacle Course**

AGE: 6–10

JUL 9 @ 2:30 PM

Reuse items to make an obstacle course for BeeBots and then challenge yourself to program them to complete it. Registration required.

**ISU: Insect Zoo**

AGE: ALL AGES

JUL 19 @ 10, 10:30, 11 & 11:30 AM

The Iowa State University’s Insect Zoo is bringing some of their fascinating bugs to the library. See more than 100 species of LIVE insects. Knowledgeable Insect Zoo staff will talk about the animals on display and help you handle millipedes, beetles, walking sticks, and more. Registration required.

**TEENS**

**Teen Summer Volunteer Orientation**

AGE: 13–18

MAY 15 & 20

The library is seeking student volunteers to assist with the children’s Summer Reading Program. Pick up an application from the Children’s Help Desk by May 17. A great first step to eligibility for a $1,500 Teen Success Scholarship. Registration preferred but not required.

**Unofficial Untitled Goose Program**

AGE: 12–18

JUL 30 @ 4 PM

You played the video game, now experience it in real life! Take part in a variety of goose games and activities, with the objective of finding your inner goose. “Honk” your way through a checklist of mischievous goose tasks. Registration Required.
**Fenelon Place Elevator**

*Also known as the 4th Street Elevator and the world’s shortest, steepest, scenic railway. Erected in 1882, the lift is 296 feet in length, and elevates passengers 189 feet from 4th Street to Fenelon Place. Magnificent view of Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin.*

April 1 - November 30
Open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.,
512 Fenelon Place, Dubuque, Iowa 52001
(563) 582-6496
fenelonplaceelevator.com

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**Dubuque County Library Summer Kids Events**
563-582-0008
dubcoilib.org/events

**Butterfly Tent**

*AGE: ALL AGES
JUN 10 @ 10:30–11:30 AM
ASBURY BRANCH (ASBURY, IA)*

Encounter and feed live butterflies at Absolute Science’s butterfly tents. Learn about the butterfly lifecycle with interactive activity tables.

**Sam Rezz Circus Performance**

*SHOW: JUN 18 @ 11–11:45 AM
PEOSTA BRANCH (PEOSTA, IA) WORKSHOP: JUN 18 @ 1:30–2:30 PM
FARLEY BRANCH (FARLEY, IA)*

Join circus performer Sam Rezz with her dazzling show of hula hoops, juggling, and more. Following the show, Sam will teach for a workshop for kids on the basics of circus tricks.

**Ocean Odyssey**

*JUL 15 @ 1:30–2:30 PM
EPWORTH BRANCH (EPWORTH, IA)*

Touch live sharks! Learn how sharks play an important role in the ocean and get up close and personal with real sharks from the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium.

**Rockin’ Reptiles & Awesome Amphibians**

*JUL 15 @ 6–7 PM
HOLY CROSS BRANCH (HOLY CROSS, IA)*

Learn about the amazing role that reptiles and amphibians play in nature and meet some live animals from the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium.

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**Wee Ones Wiggle**

*AGE: TODDLER
JUN 26 @ 9:30-10:30 AM
ASBURY BRANCH (ASBURY, IA) JUL 16 @ 9:30-10:30 AM
PEOSTA BRANCH (PEOSTA, IA) AUG 13 @ 10–11 AM
HOLY CROSS (HOLY CROSS, IA)*

It’s a party! Let’s dance! Designed for mobile toddlers, but all little ones who like to dance are welcome!

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**James Kennedy Public Library**

320 1st Ave E, Dyersville, IA
563-875-8912
dyersville.lib.ia.us

Summer reading sign up begins on June 4 at 10 a.m.

**Traveling Lantern Theater Company**

*JUN 8 @ 10 AM
LEGACY SQUARE AMPHITHEATER (DYERSVILLE, IA)*

The Traveling Lantern Theater Company presents “The Quest for the Kakapo.” Crikey! Join the Caterpillar Hunter on another exciting adventure as he travels around the world to rescue the Kakapo, a rare endangered parrot from New Zealand.

**Book Detective: Zar and the Broken Spaceship**

*JUN 14 @ 1 PM
From author and children’s presenter Dino O’Dell. Check out this interactive, engaging, educational show complete with music, dancing, and tons of fun.

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**VolvFitness.com**

340 East 12th St, Dubuque, IA
563-556-6496 | VolvFitness@gmail.com

11 Week Summer Youth Athletic Program

June 10th – August 23rd

8:30 AM: HOCKEY ONLY | 10–11 AM & 3–4 PM: ALL ATHLETES

This coach-led program is designed to improve the athlete’s overall performance by enhancing strength, speed and agility.

New participants can sign up in the club or online at VolvFitness.com. Returning athletes must complete a new agreement at the front desk.

**PRICE FOR THE FULL SUMMER UNLIMITED: $270 | 2 DAYS A WEEK: $150**
Magician Mikayla Oz
JUN 20 @ 10 AM
Enjoy this fast-paced, interactive, hilarious show complete with hands-on magic training and an appearance from Bubbles the Magic Bird.

Absolute Science Bubble Stations
JUN 29 @ 8 AM–NOON
LEGACY SQUARE (Dyersville, IA)
Do you love making HUGE bubbles? Join in on bubble fun for all ages.

Blank Park Zoo Animal Presentation
JUL 10 @ 11 AM
Learn all about animals from Blank Park Zoo staff in a fun and engaging biology program.

Country Mouse & City Mouse: Adventure to the Suburbs
JUL 16 @ 10 AM
LEGACY SQUARE AMPHITHEATER (Dyersville, IA)
Climb Theater presents the story of Country Mouse and City Mouse as they practice empathy and advocacy in an entertaining summer adventure.

Absolute Science Butterflies Encounter
JUL 27 @ 8 AM–NOON
LEGACY SQUARE (Dyersville, IA)
Experience butterflies up close in a magical encounter that will delight the whole family.

IPTV STEAM Trailer Visit
AUG 1–9
Dubuque Community School District Summer Academy
563-552-3107
dbqschools.org/summer-academy
AGE: 1ST GRADE (2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR)
MON–FRI: JUL 8–AUG 2
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Holy Family Catholic Schools
2005 Kane St
563-582-5456 x289

Summer Camps
COST: $35–$200 (MOST $75 AND UNDER)
HOLYFAMILYDBQ.ORG/SUMMER-CAMPS
Holy Family summer camps are brought to you by the coaches, staff, teachers, and directors of award-winning programs at Holy Family Catholic Schools. These camps are designed to stretch your child’s imagination and creativity, shape team-building skills, and teach and reinforce fundamentals for various academic, art, and athletic activities.

If a camp you are interested in is full, please register for the waitlist, and if spots become available, you will be contacted to register. Camps are open to all Dubuque area youth! Scholarships are available. Submit completed registration forms and payment to any Holy Family office. The website for these camps is very thorough. Be sure to check this resource for detailed info and answers to your questions.

ARTS & CULINARY CAMPS
Art Explosion, Captured on Canvas
Art Academy, Children’s Acting, Candy Concoctions, Theatre

ATHLETIC CAMPS
Boys Basketball Camp/League, Girls Basketball Camp, Cheerleading Camp, Cross Country Camp, Football Camp, Soccer Camp, Tennis Camp, Track and Field Camp, Volleyball Camp

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY CAMPS
Harry Potter Camp, Introductory Spanish Language Camp, Literacy Camp with Clarke University, OLG Spanish Language Refresher, Shhh. It’s a Secret: Tricky Letters Camp

PRESCHOOL/PRE-K CAMPS
Little Eagle Story Hour, Nature Scavenger Hunt

STEM CAMPS
3D Printing Workshop, Lego Brick Masters, Fizz Bubble Goo, Dig Those Dinos, Finch Bot Workshop, STEM Sports, Growing up...
SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Literacy Camp at Our Lady of Guadalupe
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 1–6
TUE–THU: JUN 11–JUL 2 @ 8:30–11:30 AM
COST: $150
Led by Clarke University’s Education Department, this camp uses fun and effective strategies to build the reading skills of emerging and reluctant readers, as well as those with a love for books. Scholarships are available.

Wellness Camp
AGE: 8–11
JUN 13 @ 8:45 AM–3 PM
COST: $25
This day allows your child to explore a future in medicine while also performing fun, age-appropriate activities that cover nutrition, exercise, brain health, and more. Students even get to try out Clarke’s Simulation Lab, which mimics a real hospital.

SCHOLARLY PROJECTS
The 2024 Clarke University Summer Scholarly Projects are designed to expose high-achieving sophomore, junior, and senior high school students to the world of scholarly engagement with faculty in respective areas of expertise. Students will be able to work one-on-one or in a small group with other high school and Clarke University students with faculty guidance and engagement on a scholarly project. Academic areas of interest are Computer Science and Biology/Anatomy. The classes are free for those students selected from the applications. Apply by April 1.

Game Development with Virtual Reality
JUN 10–14 @ NOON–4 PM
Gaming Development with Meta Quest VR introduces students to not only video game development but also user experience in virtual reality. The development team will research and identify virtual reality interactions and develop virtual environments for future student projects. User experience will be tested and adjusted by the development team prior to delivering the final product. Instructed by Computer Science Professor Josh Moris.

ATHLETIC CAMPS

Cheer & Dance Camp
AGE: PRE-K–8TH GRADE
MAR 30 @ 9:30 AM–3:30 PM
COST: $45

Women’s Volleyball Summer League
AGE: HIGH SCHOOL & CLUB TEAMS
WED: JUN–JUL

Women’s Soccer Camp
JUN 8 & 9
Open to Elite ID, high school, and potential recruits

Men’s Basketball Camp
AGE: GRADES 3–8
JUL 22–24 @ 9 AM–NOON

Volleyball Camps Led By Men’s Volleyball

563-588-8181
CLARKEPRIDE.COM/CAMP/HOME
Clarke University is thrilled to offer programming for Pre-K through 12th grade students in our community! Athletic camps should be available for Baseball, Men’s and Women’s Basketball, Softball, Men’s and Women’s Volleyball, Men’s and Women’s Lacrosse, Soccer and Cheer & Dance. Not all sports have published their schedules yet. The camps and clinics focus on improving both basic and advanced skills, and are offered in the Robert and Ruth Kehl Center, Clarke’s state-of-the-art recreation and sports facility.
UD for Kids
2000 University Ave
www.DBQ.edu/udforkids

AGE: COMPLETED GRADES 1-2
JUN 17-21

AGE: COMPLETED GRADES 3-4
JUN 24-JUN 28

AGE: COMPLETED GRADES 5-7
JUL 8-12

Now in its 32nd year, UD for Kids is a summer enrichment opportunity for students to build reading and math skills while taking courses in the areas of science, math, technology, engineering, culinary arts, visual and performing arts, and aviation. Apply online in advance. Class registration begins on April 13. Additional offerings can be viewed on the UD for Kids website.

Classes for grades 1-2 include: All Things Harry Potter!; Buggly, Wuggly Poof—it’s Magic!; Cookie Crazy; I’m Lovin’ It, Art That Is!; Ratatouille’s French Café; Ready, Set... Paint!; Games of the World; 3-2-1 Lift Off.

Grades 3-4 can select from Acting: On and Off Stage; All Things Harry Potter!; Cupcake Bake-off; I’m Lovin’ It, Art That Is!; Magical Imagination; Ratatouille’s French Café; Games of the World; Ready, Set... Paint!; Cape Canaveral North.

Kids in grades 5-7 choose from Acting: On-Stage and Off; Aviation; Dream Weaver; Hocus Pocus, It’s Magic; Painting... Express Yourself!; Pasta Perfection; Intro to Law and Order; Adventures in Nursing.

Topics may include ATV safety, bike safety, fire safety, machinery safety, and more. Youth who live on a farm, work on a farm, or visit a farm are encouraged to attend. Space is limited. Registration is required.

High School Computer Hardware Camp
JUN 17-21 @ 10 AM–NOON
NICC PEOSTA CAMPUS (PEOSTA, IA)
COST: $99

Do you want to get inside the computer case and explore how all the parts work together? Delve into CPUs, memory, chipsets, and ports. Look at each part and learn to troubleshoot some common computer issues, and we’ll have fun working with different types of computers.

Kids on Campus
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 2-7
JUL 15-19 @ 8:30 AM–4:30 PM
NICC PEOSTA CAMPUS (PEOSTA, IA)

Your kids won’t stop talking about the fun classes and crazy experiments they will participate in during this week-long camp. Classes introduce
kids to new ideas and concepts in a fun and interactive way. Kids on Campus provides a positive, creative learning environment everyone will enjoy! Lunch and snacks are included.

VIRTUAL CAMPS

**STEAM Camps powered by Black Rocket**

**AGE: 8-14**

BLACKROCKET.COM/ONLINE/NICC

NICC's virtual camps are powered by Black Rocket, a national leader in tech education. They’re perfect for students who are interested in video games, coding, and virtual reality. Live classes are led by top teachers in a safe and fun online learning environment.

YouTube classes will encourage your child to practice good digital citizenship while creating space for their own unique voice. Students will explore the variety of content and personalities on YouTube and develop their own on-camera presence while creating special effects and develop video editing skills.

**ROBLOX classes explore the world of game design and coding. Students will design their own world in ROBLOX, learn to build 3D models and bring characters to life with unique animations.**

Minecraft classes explore several different aspects of the game from animation and design, to scripting and engineering.

Python Programming is the fastest growing programming language. Students will learn how to code with step-by-step instruction.

In A.I. Adventures—Intro to Machine Learning, explore the world of artificial intelligence to design fully interactive games and experiences using cutting-edge technology.

**UW-Platteville Youth Programs**

1 University Plaza, Platteville, WI
uwplatt.edu/youth-programs

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville is committed to reaching people of all ages inside and outside of the classroom. Their programs provide youth of all ages transformative learning experiences in academic and recreational areas of interest. Enriching programs can be found on site at UW-Platteville and online, and they are proud to offer these programs for youth to learn and grow. Visit the above website for a selection of camps.
Iowa State University Extensions and Outreach Summer Day Camps
14858 W Ridge Ln
563-583-6496
extension.iastate.edu/dubuque

Fizz, Bubble, Goo
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 1–3
JUN 10 @ 9 AM–3 PM
ISU EXTENSION OFFICE
JUN 11 @ 9 AM–3 PM
DYERSVILLE SOCIAL CENTER (DYERSVILLE, IA)
COST: $30
Explore the wonders of science with chemistry experiments from everyday materials. Registration opens April 1 at 8 a.m.

Dig Those Dinos
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 1–3
JUN 17 @ 9 AM–3 PM
ISU EXTENSION OFFICE
JUN 18 @ 9 AM–3 PM
DYERSVILLE SOCIAL CENTER (DYERSVILLE, IA)
COST: $30
Explore the mighty dinosaurs that roamed the earth millions of years ago. Become a paleontologist as you dig for fossils and go on an adventure looking for dinosaur eggs! Registration opens April 1 at 8 a.m.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) Sports
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 1–3
JUN 24 @ 9 AM–3 PM
ISU EXTENSION OFFICE
JUN 25 @ 9 AM–3 PM
DYERSVILLE SOCIAL CENTER (DYERSVILLE, IA)
COST: $30
Explore key STEM concepts while using the engineering design process and collaborate with your peers as you problem solve to complete sports themed STEM activities like using Dash Bots to knock down bowling pins and using magnetic force to move a race car. Registration opens April 1 at 8 a.m.

Candy Concoctions
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 1–3
JUL 8 @ 9 AM–3 PM
ISU EXTENSION OFFICE
JUL 9 @ 9 AM–3 PM
DYERSVILLE SOCIAL CENTER (DYERSVILLE, IA)
COST: $30
Learn how to make some custom candy creations. Youth will be able to take home the tasty treats they created. Registration opens April 1 at 8 a.m.

Babysitting Basics
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 4–8
JUL 2 @ 9 AM–3 PM
MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER
COST: $30
Learn all the responsibilities that go along with babysitting, what families expect, how to care for children of different ages. Register at mfcdbq.org starting April 15.

Food Adventure Camp
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 2–5
ISU EXTENSION OFFICE
COST: $250/CAMP
Explore where our food comes from at this hands-on farm-to-table camp. Kids will get to taste and try new foods, prepare daily meals and snacks, and engage in fun, hands-on activities. Lots of field trips to farms!

Food Adventure Plant Week
JUN 17–21 @ 8:30 AM–3 PM
Topics include All About Plants, Fruit Frenzy, Pollinator Power, Very Veggie, and Grains Galore.

Food Adventure Animal Week
Topics include: Where’s the Beef?, Delightful Dairy, Snouts and Scales, Wing’in it: Poultry and Eggs, and Goat Trails & Farm Tales.
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dubuque
1299 Locust St
563-585-0599
BoysGirlsDubuque.com
AGE: GRADES 1-12
MON–FRI @ 10:30 AM–3 PM
(BREAKFAST SERVED 10:30–11 AM)
The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dubuque offers after-school and summer programs for Dubuque area youth. Their numerous program areas challenge and develop the mind and body, helping members build a solid foundation on which to develop moral and ethical values through diverse educational programs and social activities. Arts & Culture programs offer an outlet for creative minds and allow members to develop their knowledge and appreciation of fine arts and cultural awareness, and their talents for performance, music, and creative writing.

Character & Leadership programs empower youth to support and influence their club and community, sustain meaningful relationships, develop a positive self-image, and participate in the democratic process.

Education & Career programs prepare youth for their academic and professional futures by teaching them the importance of education, setting and achieving their goals, and by providing assistance in college and career preparation.

Health & Life Skills programs help members develop healthy life skills and learn positive behaviors that nurture their wellbeing. They learn how to resist alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and premarital sexual activity in order to make the best life decisions that will enable them to become productive, healthy citizens.

Sports, Fitness & Recreation programs help develop fitness, a positive use of leisure time, reduction of stress, appreciation for the environment, and social and interpersonal skills.

The mission and core beliefs of Boys & Girls Clubs fuel our commitment to promoting safe, positive, and inclusive environments for all.
St. Mark Youth Enrichment
563-258-2429
StMarkYouthEnrichment.org/summer

Heroes Summer Camp
AGE: ENTERING GRADES K–S
JUN 17–JUL 26
COST: $500

Join St. Mark for an energetic program centered on building better learners, readers, kids, and heroes. The program includes field trips in conjunction with literacy, STEAM, and various social-emotional quality learning curriculums. Programs are offered both in the city of Dubuque and in Western Dubuque county. Expect your child to work heavily on their reading and math skills while learning how to be a great kid. Field trips will round out their enrichment, exploring the community and the surrounding areas, meeting new heroes, and growing to be their own.

Full-day options may be available in Dubuque through St. Mark’s community partners, the Boys & Girls Club and City of Dubuque Leisure Services. These services are subject to change based on provider availability.

You will be required to pay a non-refundable registration fee of $25 per family. This is different from the tuition fee, which is income based. All families must pay the non-refundable registration fee when they complete their registration form. Scholarships are available. $30 fee if choosing Boys & Girls Club aftercare (eligible to Dubuque campers going into grades 1–5). After the registration fee is received and the online form is completed, you will be contacted by the St. Mark staff regarding the status of your application. Although you may be approved for registration, a mandatory parent information session is still required before your child can begin attending the program.

Nature Navigators
This class will have a stronger focus on nature and exploration.

Project STEAM
This class will have a stronger focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math and will have a specialized curriculum and enrichment to dive deeper into the five components of STEAM.

Multicultural Family Center
1157 Central Ave
563-582-3681
MFCdbq.org

Summer Teen Nights
AGE: GRADES 6–12
MON–THU: JUN 17–JUL 31 @ 5:30–8:30 PM
COST: FREE

The MFC is the place for teens to hang out and interact in a safe, fun environment that promotes unity, diversity, equity, inclusion, and empowers youth to reach their potential. Teen Nights consists of dinner, field trips, guest speakers, video games, and many other games and activities! Registration is not required.

STEP-Summer Teen Empowerment Program
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 9–12
MON–THU: JUN 17–JUL 25
Morning and afternoon program. Teens can earn a stipend of up to $500. Visit the website for details and to apply.
Dubuque Dream Center
1600 White St
563-845-7591
DubuqueDreamCenter.org
AGE: GRADES K–6
MON–FRI @ 9 AM–3 PM
Although the Dubuque Dream Center is an Academic and Academy Program Model, the D.D.C. meets state requirements as a Licensed Childcare Center for school aged youth, kindergarten through 6th grade, and serves youth year-round, after school and summer. They are an affordable and quality care option for children of working families. Low income families are encouraged to apply for Child Care Assistance through the Iowa Department of Human Services to cover program fees. Sponsorship opportunities may be available for low income families that do not qualify for CCA.

Dubuque Dream Center programs are structured by stations. Youth rotate hourly to the Academic Center, Spark Activity, and Meal Mentoring station. During the summer program, daily field trips are included to the Program Stations.

Registration occurs on an individual basis, and spaces are limited based on the student’s grade and activity choice.

YMCA Day Camp at Union Park
11767 John F Kennedy Rd
563-556-3371
DubuqueYM.org/daycamp
The YMCA Day Camp at Union Park places a strong emphasis on enjoying nature and being active in the outdoors. Join us this year, where memories are made and adventure is on the schedule every day! Kids will explore new ideas and develop skills they can use in all aspects of life!

**Traditional Day Camp**
AGE: 6–12
10 WEEKLY SESSIONS:
JUN 6–AUG 18 @ 8 AM–5 PM
COST: $165/MEMBER; $199/NON-MEMBER
PLUS A ONE-TIME $30 FEE
It is Y Camp’s mission to ensure that each child has an unforgettable experience. Children will be assigned a group based on their age to ensure that all activities are appropriate for their age and skill level: Challengers (6-7), Adventurers (8-10), and Explorers (11-12). Drop-off at the Dubuque Y is at 7:30–8 a.m.

Activities include hiking, rock climbing, zip lining, archery, crate climbing, swimming, games, arts and crafts, and more. An email will be sent the Friday before each camp week including the lunch menu and an itinerary of activities for the week to all families.

**Horse Camp Adventure Training**
AGE 6–12
BEGINNER: JUL 10–14 & JUL 17–21
INTERMEDIATE: JUL 24–28
ADVANCED: JUL 31–AUG 4
COST: $259/MEMBER; $289/NON-MEMBER
PLUS $30 REGISTRATION FEE
Offered during specific weeks of the summer and broken down into three levels: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. Campers will enjoy the full Y Camp experience as the Traditional Day Campers while breaking away for three hours a day for Horse Camp Adventure Training. Parents are invited to view a demonstration of skills beginning at 4 p.m on Friday.

**Bike Camp**
AGE: 6–12
JUN 12–16
COST: $189/MEMBER; $219/NON-MEMBER
PLUS $30 REGISTRATION FEE
Similar to horse camp, there will be an AM group (9 a.m.–noon) and a PM group (1–4 p.m.). When not participating in programming specific for mountain bike camp, the groups will be participating in other Union Park Day Camp activities.
Four Mounds Adventure Day Camp
4900 Peru Rd
563-557-7292
CityOfDubuque.org/recreation
1-WEEK SESSIONS:
MON–FRI: JUN 12–AUG 2 @ 9 AM–4 PM
COST: $180; FREE FOR INCOME-QUALIFYING FAMILIES LIVING IN DUBUQUE
Week-long adventures take place in four great locations throughout Dubuque. Fun-filled activities include the Four Mounds Challenge Ropes Course, canoeing on Catfish Creek at Mines of Spain, ecosystem adventures at Swiss Valley Nature Center, and the EB Lyons Interpretive Center. Campers will also enjoy hiking, creek-stomping, team-building exercises, arts and crafts, and outdoor games.
Before-and after-care camp hours extend to 8:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Children are required to bring a sack lunch. All other supplies and safety equipment are provided by the camp, including life vests. Convenient pick-up and drop-off locations are at Fulton School and Allison-Henderson Park. Four Mounds maintains a high staff-to-camper ratio of at least one staffer for every five campers.
Children may register for one week only. Pre-registration opens May 5 to income-qualifying families living in the City of Dubuque. Online registration opens in early to mid-May.

Girl Scouts Summer Camp
Camp Liberty
4415 295th St, New Liberty, IA
800-798-0833
GirlScoutsToday.org
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 2–12
COST: $239–$572 GENERAL CAMPS; $450–$1,130 EQUESTRIAN CAMPS
Camp Liberty offers a variety of overnight accommodations that allow campers to be close to nature while still experiencing some of the comforts of home. Camp Little Cloud (Epworth, IA) is open for troop and family camping, and Camp Liberty (North Liberty, IA) hosts summer camp sessions for our whole region—including girls who are not current members of Girl Scouts. Full (5 nights) and mini (2 nights) sessions are available.

Girl Scouts summer camp is a unique space where girls from across the council come together with different backgrounds, abilities, and experiences to have fun and learn new skills. The trained and caring staff members support campers in discovering who they are and what they can become. Each activity is designed to support every camper in developing a strong sense of self, positive values, challenge-seeking, healthy relationships, and problem-solving skills.
All summer camp sessions are hosted at Camp Liberty, but there are two sessions where campers will travel to Camp Little Cloud after checking in and participating in team-building activities at Camp Liberty.
Now in its 21st year, Frogwarts is a roleplay, creativity, overnight camp originally inspired by the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling. With a richly creative and social-emotional learning curriculum, the camp invites all participants to play in role, sustaining a fantasy character for an entire week. All attendees, staff included, take on a roleplaying wizard persona.

A magical aspect of Frogwarts that sets it apart from other summer camps is the development of a story, dramatized in real time by campers, staff, and guest artists. Students use their critical thinking, imagination, and roleplay skills in the drama, which is designed to guide them through a process of questioning good versus evil and right versus wrong, to the triumph of compassion, creativity, courage, justice, and fun! Frogwarts enriches the lives of youth by providing a memorable experience that cultivates their creative, emotional, and imaginative intelligences. In addition to critical thinking and literacy skills, the program provides experiential training in empathy and compassion through drama.

A non-refundable deposit of $100 is due with registration. Scholarships are available.

JOIN CLARKE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE JOSH MORIS FOR THE SUMMER SCHOLARLY PROJECT FOR GAMING DEVELOPMENT WITH VIRTUAL REALITY
Bear Creek
9106 42nd Ave, Wyoming, IA
563-488-3893
BearCreek.camp
AGE: GRADES 1-12
JUN 18–JUL 28
COST: $515–$710 WEEK-LONG; $175–$365 PARTIAL-WEEK
Campers live every other season for summer. When they climb into their bunks at night, they dream of the adventures that await them the next day. Kayaking, swimming, art, archery, games, worship, and more—here, camp is a lifestyle, but every camper has their own version of how to live it. They’ve spent 10 months of the year making sure that the two months that the 16 unique summer camps run are the absolute best that they can be.

You & Me
AGE: GRADES 1-3
JUN 22–23
COST: $150-$250

Explorer
AGE: GRADES 1-3
JUN 23–25, 26–28 & JUL 7–9, 10–12
COST: $250–$350

Discovery
AGE: GRADES 3-4
JUN 16–21, 23-28 & JUL 7–12, 14–19, 21–26
COST: $505–$605

Pirates
AGE: GRADES 3-5
JUN 16-21 & JUL 14–19
COST: $505–$605

Sports I
AGE: GRADES 4-5
JUL 7–12
COST: $505–$605

Music, Arts, & Drama
AGE: GRADES 4-6
JUN 23-28 & JUL 21-26
COST: $505–$605

Pioneers
AGE: GRADES 5-6
JUN 16-21, 23-28 & JUL 7–12, 14–19, 21–26
COST: $505–$605

Sports II
AGE: GRADES 6-8
JUL 21-26
COST: $530–$630

Night Owls
AGE: GRADES 7-8
JUN 16-21 & JUL 14–19
COST: $530–$630

Middlers
AGE: GRADES 7-9
JUN 16-21, 23-28 & JUL 7–12, 14–19, 21–26
COST: $530–$630

Thrill Seekers
AGE: GRADES 8-10
JUN 23-28 & JUL 21-26
COST: $550–$650

Water Adventures
AGE: GRADES 8-10
JUN 16–21, 23–28 & JUL 7–12, 14–19, 21–26
COST: $530–$630

High School Night Owls
AGE: GRADES 9-11
JUN 16-21
COST: $540–$640

Seniors
AGE: GRADES 10-12
JUL 7–12 & JUL 21–26
COST: $540–$640

Extreme Adventure
AGE: GRADES 10-12
JUL 14–19
COST: $600–$700

Counselors in Training
AGE: GRADE 12-2024 GRADS
JUN 23-28
COST: $540–$640

Ronald McDonald House Charities
Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois

We give families what they need most—each other.

rmhc-eiwi.org
Camp Ewalu
37776 Alpha Ave, Strawberry Point, IA
563-933-4700
Ewalu.org/summer-camp
AGE: GRADES 1-12, PLUS YOUNGER KIDS
AND ADULTS IN SOME PROGRAMS
JUN 9-AUG 9
COST: $525-$750 WEEK-LONG;
$130-$250 PARTIAL WEEK
Summer programming at Ewalu is focused on exploring God’s creation, making new friends, being challenged by new activities, and learning about God’s love for all of us. A week of Christian community at Ewalu gives campers a positive, safe, and life-changing faith experience, all while having an awesome adventure with highly trained and encouraging college-age counselors.

The 500-plus acres in the scenic Driftless Region of NE Iowa has forest, prairie, two miles of river, a swimming pool, a farm, and wonderful cabins and facilities. Campers will experience lots of great camp activities, including swimming in the pool, singing songs at campfire, learning about God with Bible studies, hiking through the woods, creek-stomping in the river, visiting animals at the farm, and building team skills on the low ropes course. Older kids can try the zipline on the high ropes course and might even canoe down a nearby river.

Grades 1 and 2 can experience Mini-Camp and Farm Mini-Camp with a 3-day/2-night format, perfect for younger campers.

Grades 1-3 can join the on-site day camp, enjoying tons of camp activities from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Grades 3-6 can spend 6 days and 5 nights in their own age-group’s “village” at Ewalu: Explorers (grade 3), Trailblazers (grade 4), Foresters (grade 5), and Pioneers (grade 6).

Grades 6-9 get to enjoy more camp adventures in programs that cover 6 days and 5 nights: M.A.D. Camp (Music, Arts, and Drama for grades 6-8), Ranch Camp (grades 7-9, in partnership with horse program at Sugar Creek Bible Camp), Pack & Paddle (backpack and canoe program for grades 7-9), and Night Camp (grade 7).

Grades 9-12 have a wide variety of outdoor adventures off-site plus on-site programming: Rock and Raft (river rafting and rock climbing in Wisconsin for grades 9-12), Houseboating (cruise up and down the Mississippi River on a houseboat for grades 9-12), Uplifted (“hang out” in a hammock village at camp for grades 9-12), Boundary Waters (canoe voyage in northern Minnesota for grades 10-12), and Leadership Training (4-week on-camp program living in Christian community, paid a small stipend for grades 10-12).

Do you have a special-needs child who wants to experience camp? The Inclusive Camping Experience (ICE) during week 2 (June 16-21), offers extra volunteers and resources on-site. Call Ewalu at 563-933-4700 for details and to register; no extra charge beyond regular program cost.

Families of all kinds are welcome to the 3-day/2-night Family Camp. Stay in cabins or in the family campground ($50 discount). Families will enjoy classic camp activities like campfires, Bible study, games, swimming, and hiking. Choose from three sessions.

Make memories together at Grandparent Camp as two generations enjoy camp for 3 days and 2 nights. Stay in the comfort of the Stone Retreat Center and join other families for Bible study, games, crafts, campfire, swimming, tractor ride to the farm, and more. Designed for grandchildren ages 4-12. Choose from two Monday-Wednesday sessions. Register by April 18 and save $20 on week-long youth programs. Receive an extra $50 off for each additional camper from same family after first child is registered. No child is ever turned away due to financial need. Call Ewalu at 563-933-4700 about getting a camp scholarship.
Sugar Creek Bible Camp
13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Rd,
Ferryville, WI
608-734-3113
SugarCreekBibleCamp.org
AGE: K-12 & FAMILIES
JUN 9–AUG 11
COST: $0–$795 (ELECTIVE)
Friendly, unique, welcoming, and adventurous! Sugar Creek is a vast, beautiful setting on nearly 700 acres of villages, recreation fields, lakes and lodges—set in the scenic hills and bubbling streams of Wisconsin only 90 minutes from Dubuque. With more than 20 different types of summer camp programs for children and youth, three family camp summer retreats, and custom retreats 52 weeks a year, here everyone has a fun path to explore. Camps span 1-day, partial, and week-long.

Why Sugar Creek? Kids need to be met where they are. Sugar Creek celebrates who they are in unique ways as children loved and empowered by God through the love shown in Jesus Christ. As a fully ACA-accredited Christian camp, Sugar Creek programs offer youth a place that's proven to be safe, participatory, relational, always new, and of course, fun! Even more than sports or niches, youth need time in a "sacred playground"—a space to grow their whole selves.

Choose your level of comfort and adventure—from houseboat trips on the Mississippi, horseback riding, canoeing and kayaking lakes and rivers, ham-mocking atop majestic bluffs, enjoying comfy lodges or classic cabins—Sugar Creek is all about empowering and encouraging tomorrow’s leaders with fun and meaningful experiences today.

At camp, when kids “unplug” together to make real life connections, build empathy skills to take home, grow resilience, hone leadership skills for all personality types, and develop healthy confidence that lasts, they become empowered to make positive change in their lives and in the world.

National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium Summer Camp
350 E 3rd St
563-557-9545
RiverMuseum.org/summer-camps
Summer camps provide children with engaging, interactive, and affordable programs during the summer months. A limited number of scholarships are available to those who are in need of assistance.

KinderKamp
AGE: ENTERING KINDERGARTEN
JUN 17-21 @ 9 AM–NOON
COST: $100 MEMBERS; $125 NON-MEMBERS
Once upon a time, the campers got together to hear fairy tales about animals we have living among us. Join the River Museum for stories, hang out with animals, and have fun with make believe along the way.
Rollin’ Through Habitats
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 1–5
JUN 25–27 @ 9 AM–4 PM
COST: $120/MEMBER; $150/NON-MEMBER
Focus on different habitats including prairie, wetland, desert, and aquatic.

Wild Survival (Middle School)
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 6–8
JUL 1 @ 9 AM–JUL 2 @ 4 PM
COST: $150/MEMBER; $180/NON-MEMBER
Learn skills for living in the wild and how various species go about it. Go on an American Adventure within the summer exhibit and make choices along the way. Travel through the adventures of the outdoors. The 2-day camp includes an overnight at the River Museum.

Wild Survival (Elementary School)
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 1–5
JUL 9–11 @ 9 AM–4 PM
COST: $120/MEMBER; $150/NON-MEMBER
This is the same program as the middle school event above but it does not include an overnight stay and is geared to younger kids.

Crack the Case: Wildlife Trafficking
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 1–5
JUL 16–18 @ 9 AM–4 PM
COST: $120/MEMBER; $150/NON-MEMBER
Put your sleuthing skills to the test and solve pretend wildlife trafficking cases. You will also learn about the role of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service in protecting species.

Animalympics
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 1–5
JUL 23–25 @ 9 AM–4 PM
COST: $120/MEMBER; $150/NON-MEMBER
Challenge records set in the animal kingdom and attempt to outcompete wildlife champions in a variety of events.

Crazy Creators
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 1–5
JUL 30–AUG 1 @ 9 AM–4 PM
COST: $120/MEMBER; $150/NON-MEMBER
Each day, solve challenges using basic materials and learn how inventors’ “crazy” inventions changed the world. Then, experiment with designing and bringing your own great ideas and inventions to life.
Future Conservationist

**AGE: 12–16**
**JUL 16–18 @ 9 AM–2 PM**
**EB LYONS INTERPRETIVE CENTER**
**COST: $30**

Learn about different careers in conservation and meet naturalists and other environmental professionals. Be ready to take action by cleaning up our natural areas and collecting data to support conservation efforts.

Heritage Trail Biking

**AGE: 12–14**
**JUN 13 @ 10 AM–JUL 14 @ 2 PM**
**DYERSVILLE TO DUBUQUE**
**COST: $50**

Bike the 26 miles of the Heritage Trail and learn about Dubuque County, bike maintenance, and camping on this overnight adventure. Must provide your own bike and helmet. Drop off at Dyersville, pick up at Heritage Pond. Bring a tent or request a tent.

Mississippi River Canoeing Adventure

**AGE: 12–14**
**JUN 25 @ 10 AM–JUN 26 @ 2 PM**
**MINES OF SPAIN TO MASSEY MARINA**
**COST: $50**

Paddle down the Mississippi River and watch for wildlife, camp on an island, and share stories under the night sky at this overnight camp. Drop off at Mines of Spain, pick up at Massey Marina. Bring a tent or request a tent.

Jackson County Conservation

**Yellow River Backpacking**

**AGE: 13–17**
**JUN 25 @ 8 AM–JUN 27 @ 4 PM**
**YELLOW RIVER STATE FOREST (HARPERS FERRY, IA)**
**COST: $50**

Explore the trails on a hike from campsite to campsite with everything on your back as you figure out how to filter water, create a campfire, and set up camp. This overnight camp is planned in partnership with Jackson County Conservation. Apply through Jackson County. Mandatory pre-trip meeting on June 17 at 1–4 p.m.

**FAMILY FRIDAY PROGRAMS**

Family Friday programs are designed for everyone in the family to experience the beautiful outdoors in Dubuque County. Registration is required and will open three weeks before the program date.

Stream Study

**JUN 14 @ 10–11 AM**
**BOWSTRING**

Get your toes wet and explore what lives in our creeks. From dragonfly larvae to crayfish, up to a full-size trout, see what you can catch! All necessary equipment is provided.

Caving

**JUN 28 @ 10 AM–NOON**
**WHITEWATER CANYON**

Come prepared with a flashlight or headlamp to explore caves right here in Dubuque County. Explore caves large enough to fit 30 people to caves that require crawling and getting a little muddy.
Canoeing
JUL 12 @ 10 AM–NOON
MINES OF SPAIN CATFISH CREEK
Take your time paddling up the creek in order to explore the scenery from the water of the Mines of Spain Recreation Area.

Mountain Biking
JUL 26 @ 10–11 AM
PROVING GROUNDS
Get those tires rolling and discover the thrill of mountain biking. Please pack your own bike and helmet.

Archery
AUG 9 @ 10–11 AM
SWISS VALLEY PRESERVE
Try the challenge of shooting a bow and arrow. Staff will give instruction on shooting technique and safety with plenty of time to practice. Compound bows will be provided and are suitable for different sizes and strength of archers. All necessary equipment is provided.

Creepy Crawlies Nature Hike
AUG 23 @ 10–11 AM
FINLEY'S LANDING (SHERILL, IA)
Worms, bugs, and slugs! Get down and dirty with the creepy crawlies that live in our backyard.

Iowa Wildlife Camps at State Parks
Wild.Education.Uiowa.edu/camps
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 3–7
COST: $150–$300
Enjoy a full summer of learning, exploration, and fun at state parks. Pay special attention to the location and date of each camp. The state parks in our region include the Maquoketa Caves and Backbone. Tiered pricing available.

ST. MARK HEROES ENJOY PIZZA AT CONVIVIUM URBAN FARMSTEAD
Annie
AGE: GRADES 2–12
AUG 7 @ 10 AM & 7:30 PM
AUG 8 & 9 @ 7:30 PM
AUG 10 @ 2 & 7:30 PM
AUG 11 @ 2 PM
With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. She is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage that is run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. She finds a new home and family in billionaire, Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

Auditions are June 1 at 9 a.m.–noon and June 2 at 2–7 p.m. at Clare University Terence Donaghoe Hall. Actors unable to attend auditions may submit an audition video to casting@thegrandoperahouse.com. All students will be cast in this production.

Bell Tower Theater Summer Musical Program
2728 Asbury Rd
563-588-3377
BellTowerTheater.net
This program provides a free theatrical learning experience for more than 200 kids ages 7–18 and a low-cost cultural opportunity for more than 3,500 adult and child audience members. The kids-for-kids youth musical is a chance to learn about the many aspects of creating a full scale musical. The high school musical is an honors program giving high school age performers and technicians the opportunity to work on more challenging material. The program is the only one in the area that does not charge a fee and gives kids the chance to work backstage, reinforcing the idea that theater is a collaborative art form and that designers, costumers, box office staff, and technical crews are just as important to the success of a show as the cast.
Imagination soars in this playful tale filled with color, laughter and plenty of rhymes. Auditions are May 17 and 18 with callbacks on May 20. This show features and cast and crew of kids ages 7 to 16 from the area.

Ohnward Fine Arts Center
1215 E Platt St, Maquoketa, IA
563-652-9815
OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com

Shrek the Musical JR.
AUG 3 @ 7 PM
AUG 4 @ 2 PM
Beauty is in the eye of the ogre in Shrek The Musical JR., based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and fantastic Broadway musical. It’s a “big bright beautiful world” as everyone’s favorite ogre, Shrek, leads a cast of fairytale misfits on an adventure to rescue a princess and find true acceptance. Part romance and part twisted fairy tale, Shrek JR. is an irreverently fun show with a powerful message for the whole family.

Once upon a time, in a far away swamp, there lived an ogre named Shrek. One day, Shrek finds his swamp invaded by banished fairytale misfits who have been cast off by Lord Farquaad, a tiny terror with big ambitions. When Shrek sets off with a wisecracking donkey to confront Farquaad, he’s handed a task—if he rescues feisty princess Fiona, his swamp will be righted. Shrek tries to win Fiona’s love and vanquish Lord Farquaad, but a fairytale wouldn’t be complete without a few twists and turns along the way.

With abundant opportunities for imaginative sets and costumes and a host of over-the-top roles for an expandable cast, there’s a part for everyone in this dazzling adventure story. Auditions are June 27 at 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ohnward.

High School Show: Urinetown
JUN 21, 22 & 27-29 @ 7:30 PM
JUN 23 @ 2 PM
This Tony Award-Winning musical pokes fun at capitalism, bureaucracy and musical theater itself! After a severe water shortage leads to a ban on private toilets, an evil corporation monopolizes all the public amenities. Tired of being charged admission for humanity’s basic needs, a hero rises up to overthrow the tyrannical movement. Filled with witty humor, fast-paced action and a star-crossed love story, Urinetown is sure to keep you laughing.

The cast is set, but crew positions are still available. Call Michelle at 563-588-3377 for more information.

Rising Star Theatre Company
563-231-0110
RisingStarTheatreCompany.com
Rising Star Theatre returns in 2024 with five amazing learning opportunities for budding performers in the Dubuque area. Workshop offerings include a mini musical camp for 3rd through 5th graders, an audition workshop for middle and high school students, an improvisational workshop, and a chance for kindergartners through 2nd graders to get onstage as well. More details will be available on April 1.

Kids-for-Kids Show: Seussical
JUL 18-20 & 24-27 @ 7 PM
JUL 19 @ 10:30 AM
JUL 20, 21 & 27 @ 2 PM
This delightful musical takes audiences into the whimsical world of Dr. Seuss and brings many of his beloved characters to life! Follow Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Lazy Mayzie, and a whole bunch of Whos as they discover the power of friendship.
Summer Film Camp
Loras College
1450 Alta Vista St
563-580-0227
JulienFilmFest.com/2024-film-camp
AGES: 14-18
JUL 21-28
The Julien Dubuque International Film Festival has partnered with Loras college for their first annual film camp. Campers will be given an insight into how stories are brought to life through pre-production, production and post-production. Camp sessions include courses and workshops with film professionals and hands-on access to film equipment and departments while shooting a short film at camp. Day and overnight camping options available.
A non-refundable deposit of $150 is due with registration. Limited scholarships are available.

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra Youth Music Camps
Clarke University
1550 Clarke Dr
563-557-1677
DubuqueSymphony.org
JUN 24-30
COST: $300 DAY CAMPER/$500 OVERNIGHT
The primary goal of the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra Youth Music Camps is for students to receive a significant amount of individual attention. Faculty members have the freedom to customize activities to suit each student, creating a deeper and more profound experience for all involved. Tuition for all campers includes a camp T-shirt, daily lunch, and daytime activities. Residential campers will receive daily breakfast and dinner in the university dining hall, evening activities with counselors and staff, and lodging in the Clarke University dorms.
Limited space is available. There are several discounts available to students, as well as a limited number of need-based scholarships. Admission to both camps is granted on a first-come, first-served basis and ends on June 1 or when the camps meet their respective capacities.

String Camp
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 7-12
An exceptional opportunity for young string players to work with other motivated musicians from across the Midwest, students spend the week learning new techniques, studying exciting repertoire, and meeting new friends. DSO’s distinguished faculty work closely with students, helping them to build confidence in and sharpen...
their skills through large group rehearsals, small sectional, private lessons, and more. The camp will culminate in a performance for over 2,000 people at the DSO’s Summer Melodies concert at the Dubuque Arboretum.

Minimum of two years ensemble experience in violin, viola, cello, or bass.

**Chamber Music Camp**

**AGE:** ENTERING GRADES 10–12 (ADVANCED 9TH GRADE & GRADUATED SENIORS WELCOME)

Unique, intense, and captivating, the Chamber Music Camp is perfect for advanced string players wanting to take their skills to the next level. Students are grouped into ensembles according to their age and ability and spend the week exploring new repertoire and the diverse world of small ensemble playing. Ensembles work closely with DSO’s fantastic camp faculty, receiving one-on-one lessons, coachings, masterclasses, and even side-by-side performances. This camp will end in a public recital performance.

Minimum of five years playing experience in violin, viola, cello, or bass. Private study is encouraged. Video sample submissions may be necessary.

**Centrally Rooted**

2230 Central Ave
CentrallyRooted.com
Centrally Rooted, a Dubuque-based nonprofit organization that focuses on brain health through creative expression, will offer several programs this summer for children. Because the center is founded in an altruistic view of community, anyone can apply for full coverage of tuition. These experiences are important for people of all incomes.

**Mindful Musicians**

**AGE:** 0–6 WITH ADULT

**COST:** $150/CHILD ($85/ADDITIONAL SIBLING)

This 8-week program introduces your child to the foundational pillars of musical competence that strengthen verbal, physical and cognitive skills. The Mindful Musicians curriculum was created for 0 to 6-year-olds to attend with a parent or caregiver and will focus on development of musical competence, confidence and self worth through song, rhythm, movement and instrumental exploration. Dates and times for summer drop-in classes for June, July, and August can be found on the website.

**Clarinet Day with Ana Maria Locke**

**AGE:** 14–18

**DATE TBD

**COST:** $50

A jam-packed day filled with all things clarinet! Ana Maria Locke will be guiding intermediate clarinetists in a master class, fundamentals workshop, and exploring performance anxiety. Vocalist and trained yoga instructor Megan Gloss will be offering a yoga for musicians class to begin the day. Youth will participate in an end-of-the-day free clarinet choir performance for all to enjoy. Upon completion of Clarinet Day, each clarinetist will be eligible for one free lesson with Ana Maria.

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**JOIN US FOR UD FOR KIDS 2024!**

**UD for Kids is a summer enrichment opportunity for students in grades 1-7. Students will build reading and math skills while taking courses in the areas of science, math, technology, engineering, visual and performing arts, aviation, and culinary arts.**

Participants must complete an [online application form](#) prior to [online class registration](#) on April 13. The form and other details can be located on the UD for Kids website, [www.dbq.edu/udforkids](http://www.dbq.edu/udforkids).

**CLASSES WILL BE HELD FROM 12:30-4:00 P.M. ON THE UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE CAMPUS.**

- Students currently enrolled in grades 1-2 attend June 17-21.
- Students currently enrolled in grades 3-4 attend June 24-28.
- Students currently enrolled in grades 5-6 attend July 8-12.

**GRADE LEVELS WILL HAVE SPECIFIC REGISTRATION TIMES ON APRIL 13.**

- Grades 1-2 begin at 7:00 a.m. for returnees; 7:30 a.m. for new applicants.
- Grades 3-4 begin at 8:00 a.m. for returnees; 8:30 a.m. for new applicants.
- Grades 5-6 begin at 9:00 a.m. for returnees; 9:30 a.m. for new applicants.

Please monitor the UD for Kids website at [www.dbq.edu/udforkids](http://www.dbq.edu/udforkids) for updates, general information, class descriptions, the required application form, and registration information.
Captured on Canvas
555 John F Kennedy Rd, Ste 440
563-663-9070
DBQArtStudio.com/plans-pricing
AGE: 6–13
Sign up for the weekly Little Artist Program at Captured on Canvas. Young artists can express their creativity and discover new painting techniques every week. Join at any time for four consecutive weeks or get the best rate with a 3-month subscription. Also, check out their scheduled Crafty Summer Camps. Ceramic painting and many other fun DIY activities offered anytime during studio hours.

Galena ARC
11084 W US HWY 20, Galena, IL
815-777-2248
GalenaARC.org
Youth Summer Pottery Workshop: Throw, Build, Fire Experience
AGE: 8-14
JUN 4–6 & 11–13 @ 1–4 PM
COST: $110
This is a 6-day workshop during the first two weeks of June. (18 hours of pottery fun!) Students will learn to use the pottery wheel and throw pots as well as hand built pots using wild clay harvested from Jo Daviess County. They will also build a pit fire on the ARC campus, load the kiln, and fire their pots. On the last day, they will unload the kiln, wash, wax, and polish their finished pots.

Fairy Houses
AGE: 6–14
JUN 8 @ 1-5 PM
COST: $35
Make a fairy house out of natural materials like wood, acorns, nut shells, bark, pinecones, and twigs. Attendees are invited to display their fairy house on the Belden School Fairy Walk in the Galena Territory on June 15.

Comfort Bird Power Carving
AGE: 8–ADULT
JUN 27 @ 1-5 PM
COST: $75
This beginner’s wood carving class will teach you the basics of power carving with a small rotary tool (no knives are used) and the techniques on how to break a subject down to make it simple. Instructed by Marie McDonough.

Decorate a Wooden Bird House
AGE: 6–14
JUL 11 @ 1–5 PM
COST: $35
Decorate a wooden bird house. Create roof shingles using natural bark, sticks, or glass rocks. Paint the outside with whimsical designs. The possibilities are endless.

Relief Block Printing
AGE: 6–14
JUL 18 @ 1–5 PM
COST: $35
Create your own relief printing blocks and print your designs on fabric, a canvas pencil case, and paper.

Enamel Painting on Glass
AGE 6–14
JUL 25 @ 1–5 PM
COST: $35
Learn the technique of painting in reverse on glass using opaque enamel paint. You will frame your masterpiece!
Loras All-Sports Camp
Loras College
1450 Alta Vista St
563-588-7053
LorasAllSportsCamps.com
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 2–9
SESSION 1: JUN 16–21
SESSION 2: JUN 23–28
SESSION 3: JUL 7–12
SESSION 4: JUL 14–19
COST: $845 RESIDENT ($820 2ND CHILD);
$695 DAY CAMPER ($670 2ND CHILD)

The unique and highly-rated All-Sports Camp offers students ages 7–14 an opportunity to receive intensive instruction in a major sport (2.5 hours) along with training in two additional minor sports (1.5 hours) of their choice. All of this takes place in an atmosphere that stresses Christian values, sportsmanship, and citizenship. Campers enjoy Loras College’s athletic and dining facilities, and resident campers get a taste of college dormitory living. Care packages are also available for purchase. At the end of each session on Friday, the Camp Olympics are held.

Forty-two sports are available in the camp and include aerial dance, archery, adventure challenge (ropes course), badminton, baseball, basketball, biking, bowling, cheerleading, cross country running, jazz dance, diving, figure skating, fishing, football, golf, gymnastics, horseback riding, ice skating, karate, kayaking, canoeing, dragon boating, paddleboarding, lacrosse, lawn games, pilates/yoga, rock climbing, roller-skating/blading, rugby, soccer, softball, sports performance, swimming, tennis track and field, trapshooting, ultimate frisbee, and volleyball. Wow!

Activities are assigned based on the date and time of your registration—not by the time you entered your activity choices. Registration is now open. Currently wait listing all resident campers, and day campers have limited availability. Contact the camp office or visit the website for available activities.

LIGHT PEGS ARE ONE OF THE MANY ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE AT CREATIVE ADVENTURE LAB
Dubuque AYSO Youth Soccer
Dubuque Soccer Complex
12896 John F Kennedy Rd
563-564-4718
AYSO419.org
AGE: 4+
MAY 20–AUG 2
COST: $65+ 
The Dubuque Region 419 of the American Youth Soccer Organization's Outdoor Summer Program features 10 games at the Dubuque Soccer Complex. Available for all kids of all abilities, high school students, and adults too! No try outs or experience is needed. Everyone plays!

To register, log into your account, choose the program appropriate for your child, e-sign the form, and pay directly online. Uniforms can be used for up to four years and are usable in all Dubuque AYSO programs. New players must buy a set of uniforms. Register by April 5.

Lacoma Jr. Golf Program
8080 Timmerman Dr, East Dubuque, IL
815-747-3874
LacomaGolf.com/junior-golf
JUN 13–AUG 1 (NO JUL 4)
BEGINNER @ 8–9:30 AM
INTERMEDIATE @ 9:45–11:30 AM
Lacoma's Jr. Golf Instruction program includes seven weeks of instruction provided on a weekly basis by their LPGA Professional Paula Ketchum and assistant pro Luke Schockemoehl. Students will also receive an individual pass to the par 3 course for the season. Payment due with registration. No class swapping or make ups for missed classes. No make up dates for rain outs.
Dubuque's Volv Fitness is home to a variety of programs, including their 11 Week Summer Youth Athletic Program targeted to help young athletes improve for their respected sports. Since April of 2023, the program has been host to approximately 60 athletes from eight different sports, including hockey, softball, and volleyball players from the Tri-State area. The mission of Volv's Athlete Program is to teach weight room maturity, give youth athletes an opportunity to improve strength, reduce risk of injury, and ultimately encourage sporting excellence.

Volv’s Athlete Program is also designed to improve the confidence of our young athletes. The coaches and instructors pay special attention to the needs of each individual athlete, allowing for flexibility within the programming. The program has also seen a number of more experienced members go on to compete or commit at the collegiate level.

If you are interested in learning more and enhancing your children’s experience as an athlete, please reach out to learn more.

**Challenge to Change Yoga Studio**
3337 Hillcrest Rd
563-451-7034
bit.ly/C2CSummerYogArtCamp
Join Challenge to Change for an exciting week of YogART, where combining yoga and art creates super kids! These Summer YogART Camps combine the creative, calming practices of yoga and art into one amazing event. Kids will tap into their inner courage and creativity while discovering how to positively impact the world with their unique gifts. Regardless of experience or abilities, everyone is encouraged to participate and unleash their strengths!

**AntiGravity Kids Camp**
Float and Fly Wellness Studio
1344 Locust St
563-585-1227
FloatAndFlyWellnessStudio.com
AGE: 7-12
CAMP 1: JUN 18 & 20-22
CAMP 2: JUN 25 & 27-29
CAMP 3: JUL 9 & 11-13
COST: $185
Due to popular demand, the AntiGravity Kids Camp is back for its fourth year. The aerial program is specifically designed for children. Each AntiGravity Kid discovers the fun of exercise while developing greater courage and self-confidence as they explore all dimensions of open space supported by silk hammocks. Limited to six campers.

**Kids 4-Day Summer Super Kids YogArt Camp**
POSE: 6-11
JUN 17-20 & AUG 5-8 @ 10 AM–2 PM
COST: $140
Led by Miss Sandra and Miss Charlotte.

**Minis 2-Day Summer Super Kids YogArt Camp**
POSE: 3-5
JUL 8-9 & AUG 19-20 @ 10 AM–NOON
COST: $50
Led by Miss Krissy.

**Camps for kids going into 1st–3rd grade**
Camps run 9 am–3 pm. $30 per camp. Registration opens April 1 at 8 am.

**Fizz, Bubble, Goo**
June 10 @ Extension Office
June 11 @ Dyersville Social Center

**Dig Those Dinos**
June 17 @ Extension Office
June 18 @ Dyersville Social Center

**STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) Sports**
June 24 @ Extension Office
June 25 @ Dyersville Social Center

**Bugs! A Creepy Crawly Adventure**
July 1 @ Extension Office
July 2 @ Dyersville Social Center

**Candy Concoctions**
July 8 @ Extension Office
July 9 @ Dyersville Social Center

**Camps for kids going into 2nd–5th grade**
Camp runs 8:30 am–3 pm. $250 per week. Registration opens April 1 at 8 am.

**Food Adventure Plant Week**
June 17-21 @ Extension Office

**Food Adventure Animal Week**
June 24-28 @ Extension Office

**Registration Information**
No refunds after May 15. The fees for camp will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program.
Dubuque Esports League Camps
3220 Dodge St, Ste 109
563-241-5690
DBQesports.org/camps
Immerse yourself in the exciting world of competitive gaming with DEL's esports camps. Gamers of all skill levels entering grades 4–9 will make new friends, have a blast, and be a part of DEL’s safe, supportive, and social gaming community. Coaches and instructors will guide and train campers through games and activities. Players looking to hone their competitive gaming skills will walk away with several tactics and tools to achieve their goals while also maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Scholarships are available.

Minecraft 3 Day Camp
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 4–5
JUN 10–12 @ 8 AM–NOON
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 6–7
JUN 17-19 @ 8 AM–NOON
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 8–9
JUN 24–26 @ 8 AM–NOON
COST: $150
Prepare for an adventure of limitless possibilities as you build, mine, battle mobs, and explore the ever-changing Minecraft landscape. Join the Minecraft camp this summer to receive individualized instruction, learn to work together, lead a team, and much more. The camp is built for players from beginner to advanced with a structured approach to improving in the game.

Healthy Esports 5 Day Camp
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 4–5
JUL 8–12 @ 8 AM–NOON
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 6–7
AUG 5–9 @ 8 AM–NOON
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 8–9
JUL 22–26 @ 8 AM–NOON
COST: $250
Campers will have the opportunity to play age-appropriate games while also engaging in a variety of physical activities to promote wellness and personal growth at these week-long, half-day camps. Depending on age, games may include Rocket League, Minecraft, Fortnite, Smash Bros, Mario Kart, Valorant, and League of Legends.

Fortnite 4 Day Camp
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 4–5
JUL 29–AUG 1 @ 8 AM–NOON
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 6–7
JUL 15-18 @ 8 AM–NOON
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 8–9
AUG 12-15 @ 8 AM–NOON
COST: $200
Are you looking to improve your skills in Fortnite and train like the pros? Join the Fortnite camp this summer to receive individualized instruction, VOD review, skill-focused creative training maps, 1v1 challenges, elimination races, and much more. The camp is built for players from beginner to advanced with a structured approach to improving in the game.
Berning Acres  
8850 N Menominee Rd, East Dubuque, IL  
BerningAcres.com/visit  
Registration for both camps opens on March 17. Join their email list to access early bird booking.

Farm Camp  
AGE: 7–13  
2-DAY SESSIONS: JUN 7 & 8; 10 & 12; 11 & 13; 17 & 19; 18 & 20; 24 & 25 @ 9 AM–1 PM  
COST: $150  
At Berning Acres Farm Camp, campers will have a few morning chores to attend to such as feeding the animals or collecting the eggs from the chicken coop. There will be structured time each day to interact with and learn about the animals on the farm: cows, calves, goats, sheep, and farm dogs, Lacey and Hazel. Organized activities each day include: team building challenges, making ice cream or butter from scratch, outdoor games and races, scavenger hunts, and seek n finds. Plus, pony rides and hay rides to boot! Please send a sack lunch with your child each day. A tasty dairy treat will be offered each day for snack as well. Camp includes a Farm Camp T-shirt, swag bag, and both days of camp.

Farm Vet for a Day  
AGE: 13–18  
JUN 5 @ 9:30 AM–2:30 PM  
COST: $115  
Berning Acres farm veterinarians Dr. Jen and Dr. Molly from Veterinary Associates offer an amazing, interactive, one-of-a-kind farm vet experience for a day. Participants will learn and utilize animal handling basics. They will also interact with hands-on learning covering topics such as basic anatomy and physiology of farm animals, common farm animal diseases and how to recognize symptoms, first-aid care, nutrition and feeding, and preventative measures to keep animals healthy and well cared for. Plus, they will perform real-life field demonstrations, such as routine veterinary procedures.

Hoof It Goat Camp  
616 S Devil’s Ladder Rd, Galena, IL  
563-663-6944  
HoofIt-Galena.com/kids-camp  
AGE: 5–12  
SESSION 1: JUN 25–27 @ 1–4:30 PM & JUN 29 @ 7 PM (FAMILY BONFIRE)  
SESSION 2: JUL 9–11 @ 1–4:30 PM & JUL 12 @ 7 PM (FAMILY BONFIRE)  
COST: $250  
Children will learn about the goats at Hoof It, everything from daily care and chores, scavenger hunts, fun activities, and arts and crafts. Explore the surrounding land, what animals inhabit it, and learn to tell the difference between animal tracks. Activities and crafting projects will vary, but may include making animal track molds, best goat selfies, wooden jewelry/key chain making, goat painting (actually paint on a goat!), scavenger hunts, and of course, goat trekking. As a conclusion to Goat Camp, campers and their families are invited for a bonfire with s’mores on Friday.
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**Puppy Professors Kids Camp**

That's My Dog
5110 Wolff Rd
563-588-3039
That'sMyDog.com

**AGE: 5–10 WITH AN ADULT**
**APR 20 @ 10:30 AM-12:30 PM**
**COST: $30/CHILD**

Puppy Professors Kids Camp includes a lot of fun activities and games that will help teach dog body language, the proper way to greet and pet a dog, dog jobs (retrieving, police K9, search and rescue, tracking, herding, service, pulling, and hunting), proper ways to play with and care for a dog, and dog safety.

Dogs are valued members of our families and society. Teaching children how to properly interact with them is crucial information to help ensure the safety of both the child and the dog.

Puppy Professors is a fun and interactive kids camp designed to give children valuable information on how to interact safely and effectively with dogs and the major roles that dogs play in our society.

One parent (or adult guardian) is required to be present at all times for each child attending. You DO NOT bring a dog with you, however, dogs will be in attendance and have been chosen based on their certifications and experience and safety with children of all ages.

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**Best Franciscan Friends (BFF) Day Camp**

Sisters of St. Francis
3390 Windsor Ave
563-583-9786
osfdbq.org

**AGE: GIRLS COMPLETED GRADES 3-5**
**JUN 10–12 @ 9 AM–3 PM**
**COST: $40**

At Best Franciscan Friends Day Camp, girls learn about the lives and ministries of the Dubuque Franciscan Sisters as well as Saint Francis. Get ready to make crafts, play games, sing songs, and be paired up with a sister as their “BFF.” Register by May 10.
**Capri Camp**
Capri College  
395 Main St  
563-588-2379  
CapriCollege.edu/capri-camp  
AGE: COMPLETED GRADES 3–6  
JUN 10–14 @ 9 AM–4 PM  
COST: $175  
The camp provides education on hair care, skin care, exercise, fashion, and communication. The girls will also learn about theatrical makeup, nail care, facials, and so much more!

**Young Pioneers Camp**
Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums  
405 E Main St, Platteville, WI  
608-348-3301  
Mining.Jamison.Museum  
AGE: ENTERING GRADES 2-5  
JUL 15-18 @ 1-3 PM  
COST: $35/STUDENT; $25/STUDENT WITHIN HOUSEHOLD OR GRANDPARENT MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP  
At this fun day camp, students will travel into the past and discover life in our region in the pioneering period of the early 19th century. Prospect for minerals, create unique crafts, cook over a fire, play historic outdoor games, and more. Scholarships available. Registration required.

**2024 Dubuque Area Family STEM Festival**
Dubuque County Fairgrounds  
14569 Old Highway Rd  
319-273-7397  
NEIowaSTEM.com  
AGE: ALL AGES  
APR 18 @ 4-7 PM  
COST: FREE  
Organized like a street festival or county fair, visitors stroll from activity to activity at their leisure. Exhibits feature interactive STEM activities for students and their families. Attendees may conduct amazing science experiments, observe a variety of fascinating animals, perform surgery with a Laparoscopic Surgical Trainer, test their skills on a welding simulator, measure the electricity usage of common electronic devices, and much more. The goals of the STEM festival are to promote, inspire, and engage youth in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics activities and to introduce students and parents to STEM careers in the community.

**Camp Albrecht Acres**
14837 Sherrill Rd, Sherrill, IA  
563-552-1771  
AlbrechtAcres.org  
Camp Albrecht Acres is a great resource for kids with special needs. Located on 40 acres near Sherrill, IA, Camp Albrecht Acres features week-long camp experiences filled with fun including swimming, fishing, campfires, hiking, and tons of activities. In August, they host Camp Bee A Friend, a day camp for autistic kids ages 4–12 and their typical development peers.
Spot the Difference
Can you spot 10 differences in this photo of Loras College alumni celebrating DuHawk Day on campus?

Spot the Difference Answers

Upcoming Family Events

**SAT 3/17**

Horse Play
10:30–11:30 AM @ SHENANDOAH RIDING CENTER (GALENA, IL)
3/17 and 3/31. Engage in several different horse-related activities and meet with many horses both big and small. Groom, tack, and lead the horses around the property. The horses love attention and are a great way to interact with equines for younger or more apprehensive humans. Tour The barn and meet with whoever may be inside that day while learning about the functioning of the farm and what it takes to care for these amazing animals. This is a perfect experience for families or groups that have kids too young for our trail rides. This is also a great choice for those who want to interact with horses without having to get into the saddle or ride in an outdoor environment. Ages 12 and younger must attend with an adult. $25. 200 N Brodrecht Rd, Galena, IL. 815-777-9550. shenandoahridingcenter.com.

**SAT 3/23**

Bluebird Workshop
11 AM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY CONSERVATION OFFICE (PEOSTA, IA)
Learn about the Eastern Bluebird and discuss their habitat and what struggles these birds face when it comes to nesting. You will be instructed how to build a bluebird house with provided materials and tools. Dubuque County Conservation Society provides all wood to make the bluebird houses to help keep this as a low-cost program and bring conservation home. Free. 13606 Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA. facebook.com/dubuquecountyconservation.

**SUN 3/24**

RARE Raptor Program
NOON @ E.B. LYONS INTERPRETIVE CENTER
The RARE Group is a non-profit raptor rehabilitation and education organization that was founded in 2015. Located in Iowa City, IA, The RARE Group is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and conservation of birds of prey throughout Iowa. Volunteer educators accompany the live avian ambassadors for a unique education experience. Learn about what we do at The RARE Group, the life of Iowa’s native raptor species, the importance of raptors in our ecosystem, what you can do to help these birds have a successful life in the wild, and meet these raptors up close and personal. 8991 Bellevue Heights Rd. 563-556-0620. minesofspain.org.
**TUE 4/2**

**Early Explorers: Fur**
10–11 AM @ NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM
Programs include a variety of hands-on and active activities, including a craft and a game. Ages 2–5 with parent/caregiver. RSVP suggested. $10/toddler Non-members; $8/toddler members; adults free. 350 E 3rd St. 563-557-9545 x222. RiverMuseum.org/early-explorers.

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**FRI 4/12**

**The SpongeBob Musical**
7 PM @ GEORGE WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL ROLLING AUDITORIUM
4/4–4/6 at 7 p.m.; 4/7 at 2 p.m. The Visual and Performing Arts organization at Washington Middle School brings more than 150 middle school students together to perform on stage and work behind the scenes to produce this major, fully costumed and recycled materials and will grow into plants that attract butterflies and other pollinators. Paint a rock that you can place in your new pollinator garden once replanted in your yard. Gather around for story time and listen to Gwendolyn’s Pet Garden by Anne Renaud at 1, 2, or 3 p.m. Drop in anytime. Activities will take about 1 hour to complete. Children must be accompanied by an adult. $5/family. 11084 W US HWY 20. galenaarc.org.

**SAT 4/13**

**Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers: Rebecca Lansing**
10–10:30 AM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY
As a professional soloist, Rebecca has appeared as the soprano soloist for several Masterworks throughout the Midwest and Gulf Coast. Rebecca currently performs locally with the jazz group JazzQ as the lead vocalist. With a background in early education, Rebecca loves to bring song, dance, and stillness to the families of Dubuque. All ages. Free. 360 W 1st St. 563-690-0151. nisom.com.

**SUN 4/14**

**Afternoon Tea: Children’s Garden Party**
1–3 PM @ MATHIAS HAM HISTORIC SITE
Bring the kids to this spring–time tea! Herbs or flowers will be planted for them to take home. Enjoy a traditional afternoon tea with a garden theme. Afternoon tea series at the MHHS are open to all ages. They happen the second Sunday of the month throughout the spring. Each month will feature a different theme. Enjoy an assortment of finger sandwiches, treats, and a variety of teas or lemonade. Menus will vary by month. Members: $20 adults, $10 youth; Non-members: $25 adults, $15 youth. 2241 Lincoln Ave. 563-557-9545 x212. rivermuseum.org.

**FRI 4/19**

**Wahlert Catholic High School presents Mary Poppins**
7:30 PM @ GRAND OPERA HOUSE
4/19–4/20 at 7:30 p.m., 4/21 at 2 p.m. Everyone’s favorite practically perfect nanny takes the stage in this Super-califragilisticexpialidocious musical adventure presented by Wahlert Catholic High School. The jack-of-all trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing upon request (please call ahead). $12. 51 N Grand-view Ave. 563-543-6024. seatyourself.biz/gwms.

**SUN 4/21**

**Beauty and The Beast**
1 PM @ UD HERITAGE CENTER
A talking teapot, an enchanted rose, and a talking clock ... it could only be Beauty and the Beast! The Panto Company USA brings the beloved musical to life with flawless comic banter and lavish dance routines, providing impressive festive entertainment for all ages. As Belle is held captive in the castle, families will love finding out if she falls in love with the Beast before the last petal falls from the enchanted rose. Will the Beast’s selfishness cost him the world he once knew and the hand of the beauty that has captured his heart? Join all your favorite characters to find out in this unforgettable and magical adventure! 2255 HWY 20. 563-585-7469. www.dbq.edu/heritagecenter.
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