

Keep Those Busy Minds, Busy This Summer!

Spring has arrived, and with it, the parent pondering over what to do with those active minds while on summer break. Of course, summer should be a recipe for enjoying the time without homework and alarm clocks, but also exploring some different opportunities and challenges. Summer offers the chance to create family memories, build new relationships and expand learning beyond the classroom walls. Many options exist based on age and interest, so we hope you find an experience that works for your family and is cherished for years to come. Below you will find a curated list of options for all age ranges and interests.

Bringing Family Together	Offerings
<p>There are few things better than learning together as a family. These options are all family friendly and offer a great opportunity for the summer months!</p>	<div data-bbox="688 718 1568 814" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Connect here: Courtesy of Butler County MetroParks</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1040 821 1190 919" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p data-bbox="688 894 997 926"><u>Crazy Cardboard Regatta</u></p> <p data-bbox="688 926 1097 957">Saturday. July 20, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM</p> <p data-bbox="688 957 1008 989">Voice of America MetroPark</p> <p data-bbox="688 989 1544 1178">BOATS! BOATS! BOATS! Cardboard boats, that is. The MetroParks of Butler County presents the 10th Annual Crazy Cardboard Regatta. Do you think you've got what it takes? Then, sign your team up to build your own cardboard boat and join the amazing race around the lake! Sea legs aren't quite ready; you say? No problem! Vendors, entertainment, activities, and more await you upon shore. So, come on out for some summer family fun, and don't forget to keep calm and boat on! FREE for spectators!</p> <div data-bbox="1052 1209 1185 1308" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p data-bbox="688 1276 1016 1308"><u>Ultimate Adventure Camp</u></p> <p data-bbox="688 1308 1016 1339">June 24-28, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM</p> <p data-bbox="688 1339 1528 1371">Rentschler Forest MetroPark Cummins Shelter - 5701 Reigart Rd. Hamilton</p> <p data-bbox="688 1371 1560 1528">Enjoy each day's theme with fun and interactive activities such as: exploring our cultural history, creeking, hiking, tie-dying, and games. This camp is geared towards children 6-9 years old. Pre-registration required by Monday, June 17, 2019. June's Ultimate Adventure Camp activities will slightly differ from July. Please join us for both!</p> <div data-bbox="922 1566 1039 1665" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p data-bbox="688 1633 846 1665"><u>Photo Walks</u></p> <p data-bbox="688 1665 1036 1696">Monday. June 17, 7:00-8:30 PM</p> <p data-bbox="688 1696 1560 1728">Voice of America MetroPark - Gazebo - 7850 VOA Park Dr., West Chester, OH</p> <p data-bbox="688 1728 1568 1885">Join us for a summer evening at VOA as we search for good compositions that capture the evening light. Meet at the Gazebo for a short discussion with photographer Susan Milinkovich as she shares tips on the different types of light, how that light can impact your image, and how to use light correctly to create great photographs.</p>

Family Fun Continued



Summer Night Hike

Saturday, June 1, 9:00-10:30 PM

Harbin Park 1300 Hunter Road Fairfield Ohio 45014

FREE and open to all ages. Meet at Shelter A.

Pre-registration is required by 5/31/2019 for this event by calling 513.867.5348.

Can you see in the dark? Probably better than you think! Explore Harbin Park with us at night time as we do fun activities and discover nocturnal critters. Please bring a flashlight with a narrow beam (rather than a wide beam) as this will help when we look for these nocturnal critters.

[Midpoint Library](#)
[Connect here: Calendar](#)

*Most programs require registration beforehand, please see site for more details

Drake Planetarium: Back to the Moon

All Ages

6/1/2019 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (more dates available)

Reach for the stars - literally - as you lay on our carpeted floor and view "Back to the Moon" with Drake Planetarium.

Family Storytime

Drop-in Summer Storytimes--June 3-July 23 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

MidPointe Library West Chester- Community Room A/B

No registration required

Children and their parents are invited to join us this summer on either Monday or Tuesday for stories, songs, and rhymes. Storytimes are geared for ages 3 through 5, but all are welcome.



Families Code Together: 3-D Printing

MidPointe Library Monroe, Monroe Rothwell Community Room

June 15th 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Grades K-3.

Registration for this event begins 5/16/2019

Contact: Miss Sarah- swyatt@midpointelibrary.org

In this monthly program, students and their parents will learn the basics of coding using fun programs and activities. Parents will also discover free resources and fun ways to encourage learning at home. Computers are provided by the library.

For the Younger Ages

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OZOBOTS: Mission to Neptune Game

6/19/2019 (Recurring Dates) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

MidPointe Library West Chester Storytime Room

Grades 3-5. Registration required.

Ozobots won the 2018 Family Choice Award and other awards as well. They are small coding robots that can be programmed with a computer. Children can also program them simply with markers and paper! They can even be controlled with an App on your phone! Beginners and experienced users are welcome.

Bricks & Blocks

MidPointe Library West Chester

West Chester Community Room A/B

For the Teen/Tweenagers

6/10/2019 (Recurring Dates), 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Everything is awesome at our Bricks & Blocks Club! Builders must be in K through 3rd grade. Come build with us!

Minecraft

**MidPointe Library West Chester
Storytime Room**

6/7/2019 (Recurring Dates), 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM

Registration begins 5/18/2019

Join us for this closed server Minecraft session moderated by library staff. This is not an instructional program. Experience in Minecraft is necessary. The event is limited to children and tweens (grades 3-6th grade) who have registered for this program. We will play creative mode the first half of the program and Survival mode the second half of the program. Please arrive a few minutes before the start of the program.

**[Midpointe Library](#)
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Teen Anime Club

**MidPointe Library West Chester
West Chester Community Room A/B
Saturday, June 15, 2019, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Breakout EDU

**MidPointe Library Monroe
Monroe Rothwell Community Room
6/13/2019, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Grades 4th-8th**

Contact: Casey Binik-Thoma: cbinik-thomas@midpointelibrary.org

Join us for Breakout EDU. Teens will work together to solve various puzzles to open a locked box, similar to an escape room.

**Butler Tech Summer Programs
[Connect Here: Programs](#)**

2019 Summer Camp Information coming soon!

Looking for summer camps that are fun and educational? Butler Tech and its community partners have the answer! Summer enrichment camps get kids involved in hands-on activities that also get them thinking about careers. They'll also stay sharp with science, technology, engineering and math skills while building up problem-solving abilities.

Multiple Age Ranges

**Northwestern Center for Talent Development
[Connect Here: Summer Opportunities](#)**

Ages 4 and older

Life-changing residential and commuter programs providing challenging enrichment, honors and Advanced Placement® courses taught in a highly supportive environment. From early childhood through elementary, middle and high school, Center for Talent Development (CTD) gifted summer programs encourage gifted kids to explore academic areas of interest and connect with a community of peers.

**Johns Hopkins Gifted and Talented
[Connect Here: Summer Programs](#)**

Grades 2-6

CTY's gifted and talented summer programs offer bright students the opportunity to engage in challenging academic work in the company of peers who share their exceptional abilities and love of learning. While the focus is on rigorous academics and learning, the social experience that results from bringing these students together is an integral part of the program.

Mathnasium STEM Camp
[Connect Here: Mathnasium West Chester](#)

Camp Dates: June 3rd-August 9th
Phone: (513) 275-7000

Summer Math Camp is a great way to keep students' math skills sharp and give your child fun activities to do. Our flexible programs are tailored to meet your child's specific goals and get them ready for the upcoming school year.

Theatre Summer Camp
[Learn More:CincyShakes](#)

Camp Dates: June 10- July 26, 2019
Phone: (513) 381-2273
Address: 1195 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH

Grades 1-12

Pirate, Spy, Fairy, Monster, Comedian, Actor... Be them ALL at Theatre Summer Camp! Juniors Camps for 1st-6th Grade AND Seniors Camps for 7th-12th Grade Available. Join Cincinnati's most buzzed about professional theater company Downtown for Theatre Summer Camp, led by Cincinnati Shakespeare Company's professional teaching artists! Students from Grades 1-12 can join us all day 9am-5pm at any (OR ALL) of the 9 themed weeks. All weeks include a Friday performance for families.

Feedback Forum

We want your input! What do you want to know more about?
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<https://www.facebook.com/lakotagifted/>

OR go to our Lakota Website :

www.lakotaonline.com/gifted

Upcoming Event:

When: Thursday, April 10th **Time:** TBD

Where: Lakota East High School

What: Screening of *Angst*, the film



Angst is an IndieFlix Original, documentary designed to raise awareness around anxiety. The film includes interviews with kids, teens, educators, experts, parents and a very special interview with Michael Phelps.