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Greene County Summer Day Camp begins June 17

WAYNESBURG, PA. – Greene County children ages 5 to 15 years old will be able to enjoy free activities this summer when the county Summer Day Camp program launches on Monday, June 17.

The camp will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mondays through Fridays through July 26.

Pre-registration for Day Camp will be held from noon to 3 p.m., Friday, June 14, at all camp locations. Registration for day camp can be made at any time during the six-week session.

Day Camp locations include Lions Club Park in Waynesburg, Mon View Park in Greensboro, Wana B Park in Carmichaels and Ryerson Station State Park in Wind Ridge.

Sign-ups will also be held at pick up/drop off sites including Bobtown Elementary School in Bobtown, Jefferson Township Park in Jefferson, Nemaocolin Fire Hall in Nemaocolin, and Morris Township Community Center in Nineveh.

Bobtown campers will be bused to Mon View Park; Jefferson and Nemaocolin campers will be bused to Wana B Park; and Nineveh campers will be bused to Ryerson Station State Park.

Greene County children will enjoy a fourth year of an educational experience at this summer's Day Camp. "UPSTREAM", or "YoU being Physical in Science, Technology, Recreation, Engineering, Art and Math." The program will start during the second week of Day Camp at all four locations.

UPSTREAM lesson plans consist of an interactive, simple discussion explaining the theme of the lesson and a hands-on activity that engages campers to use their creativity and apply their new knowledge in constructing various arts and crafts. Campers will also improve their strategizing and problem-solving skills and conduct various experiments that will help them see science in a fun light.

Activities are broken into two age groups, ages 5-8 and 9-15. After the lesson and activities, campers then participate in a game or sport related to the lesson for the promotion of physical activity.

The program capitalized on the increasing interest in the STEM fields – science, technology, engineering and mathematics – that have been identified as key growth areas for jobs, with the potential for kids to establish an early relationship with the fields that may turn into a career path.

New to this year's programming, the Department of Recreation is partnering with Andrew Heisey, Director of the Art Program at Waynesburg University, for a Clay, Play and Spray activity that will give children an introduction to working with clay.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant awarded by the Community Foundation of Fayette County.

New to our nutrition program themed, "Lettuce Turnip the Beet", campers will be introduced to a Pallet Garden which highlights growing plants and vegetable in a variety of garden sizes and locations.

Funding for this program is provided by a Summer Food Service Partner Support Impact Grant awarded by the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

Returning this year, the Penn State Cooperative Extension will be providing four additional nutritional sessions. The lessons will focus on healthy food and lifestyle and include discussions on the importance of fruits, vegetables and water in our daily lives, and fighting foodborne bacteria.

Campers will also have a variety of other activities scheduled for them, including arts and crafts, games and additional educational programs. They may also swim at any of the three county pools for only \$2 per day.

All program will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Parents are encouraged to sign in their children prior to that time. Registration will begin at 9:40 a.m., each day.

Other programs throughout the summer are presented by the following: Dr Nancy Fox, LEAF Program – Lyme Disease Health and Awareness; the Eva K. Bowlby Public Library and the Flenniken Public Library; Greene County Conservation District; Penn State Cooperative Extension; Greene County Human Services; and Domestic Violence Services of SWPA.

Lunches will be provided to campers at all sites through a partnership with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and the Community Foundation of Greene County. The Carmichaels Area, Central Greene and West Greene School Districts will prepare the meals daily as part of the Greene County Summer Food Program, an initiative funded by

the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the state Department of Education.

All meals, supplies and activities are provided free of charge to campers. The Day Camp program is funded through the Greene County Commissioners and Department of Recreation fundraisers such as and the Dock to Lock 5K Run/Walk, which is held in May each year.

Additional sponsors of this year's Day Camp include: Community Foundation of Fayette County, Community Foundation of Greene County, First Federal of Greene County, Greylock Energy, Henry & Stewart Audiology Inc, SCI-Greene, Rotary Club of Waynesburg, TBI Contracting, UMWA and Waynesburg Loyal Order of Moose Lodge # 461.

On Friday, July 26, an end-of-the-year Field Trip will be held at the Greene County Fairgrounds.

Day Camp will not be held on Thursday, July 4.

Registration forms for each camp can be found on the Greene County website, www.co.greene.pa.us.

For more information on the summer Day Camp program, call the Department of Recreation at 724-852-5323

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