TAKE ON SUMMER AT THE YMCA-VORIS COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

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FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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HERE FOR YOU

The YMCA-Voris Community Learning Center (CLC) provides a place for children to go after school and take part in academic assistance, mentoring, enrichment programs and recreation. The facility also offers diversified programming, sports, open times for teen clubs, community events, concerts, art classes and business meetings. The YMCA-Voris Community Learning Center strives to provide the best programs and services to meet a wide array of community needs.

FUTURE LEADERS

We would like to congratulate all of the students at Voris Elementary on a successful school year. You've worked hard all year to keep your grades up and be responsible both at home and in your community. The Y would like to take this time to applaud your efforts and let you know that you are welcome to come join the Y this summer for a wide variety of summer programs. The Y would also like to give a special thanks to all of the teachers, volunteers and support staff for working with the Y to provide the

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FACILITY HOURS

Monday – Friday

3:00pm – 9:00 pm

Saturday

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday

9:00am-8:00pm

Y MISSION STATEMENT

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

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Firestone Park Community programs that foster youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Please read on to learn more about our involvement this spring and our upcoming programs for the summer.

PINEBOX DERBY

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Boy Scouts of America held their annual Pinewood Derby at Voris CLC on Saturday, April 28th from 9AM-11AM. A Pinewood Derby® gives a Cub Scout and an adult a project to complete as a team. They design the car together, build it, and then enter it in the race. Each boy can work with one or both parents, a guardian, grandparent, or other responsible adult. This strengthens their communication and group work skills among others.

For more information on how to sign your child up for the 2013 Pinewood Derby race, contact Elisha Murray at 330.957.5867 or via e-mail at elisham@akronymca.org.

ADULT COMPUTER WORKSHOP

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

People say that learning is a life-long endeavor. This belief was put to the test in the Firestone Park Community when a group of very diverse adult seniors registered and attended a FREE Two-Day Computer Workshop organized by the Y and Firestone Park Library. The workshop was held during the month of May and was a real hit according to Loretta Vasuta, local Firestone Park YMCA Silver Sneakers Instructor.

Y members and program participants alike sat side-by-side and received hands-on training on how to operate a computer and navigate the internet. Participants joyfully overcame their technology fears, made new friends and learned a powerful new skill which has empowered them to use technology in their everyday lives. If you are new to computers or have little or no experience using a computer, this class is for you. Each class is hands-on and meets twice a week.

Are you interested in learning how technology can help you in your everyday life? For more information about this workshop, please contact Larry Schaffner at 330.643.9148 or lschaffner@akronlibrary.org.

WEEKEND PROGRAMS

AKRON CHESS CLUB

Saturdays
10AM-5PM
FREE

Did you know that participating in mental games like chess can improve comprehension and memory? The Akron Chess Club provides a forum for players of all ages and skill levels.

ALL are welcomed to stop in any time during the day to play with other chess players to learn the game or simply improve their chess skills.

GIRLSCOUTS

Saturdays
1:00PM-3:00PM
FREE

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls—all girls—where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world.

In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. To register, contact Lisa at 330.907.3746.

OPEN GYM

Saturdays-11:00AM-4PM
COST-$5.00

Come in and enjoy a few hours of open gym at the YMCA-Voris Community Learning Center.
Register at Firestone Park YMCA in person or call 330-724-1255.

SYLVAN LEARNING CENTER

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

This summer the YMCA-Voris Community Learning Center is partnering with Sylvan Learning Center to offer beneficial workshops that focus on reading and comprehension, writing, study skills and test taking.

To register or for more information on specific workshops, please contact Elisha Murray at 330.957.5867 or elisham@akronymca.org.

SAYM

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

South Akron Youth Mentoring is opening its doors to local youths again this summer. The faith based mentorship program meets every Tuesday at the YMCA-Voris CLC from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The program uses recreation and relationships with successful adults to help youths make better decisions.

This program is FREE, open to the public, and welcomes youths from any faith.

Fun games, crafts, prizes and snacks will be provided during each meeting. For additional information about this program or to register, please contact Donald Breece at 330-699-4584.

FIRESTONE PARK YMCA SUMMER DAY CAMP

Firestone Park YMCA is looking forward to a fun-filled summer with your child. The primary goal of summer camp is to instill happiness, confidence and self assurance in our program youth. Camp activities focus on character development traits of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility and faith. Our emphasis on character development is what sets the Y Day Camps apart from other day camps.

Creating a safe environment and providing challenging activities under the guidance of a caring, well-trained staff, the Y offers children experiences that last a lifetime.

Y Summer Day Camp runs from June 11-August 24. For more information or to register, contact Cazzi Oakes at 330.724.1255. Scholarships are available to those who qualify through Partners With Youth. Call TODAY!

SUMMER CELEBRATION

The Firestone Park Citizens Council hosted the 2012 Firestone Park Summer Celebration on Saturday, June 23, 2012. Many local residents showcased their community pride and enjoyed the many festivities provided. There was food, games, amusements, live music, a parade and a car show for all who attended.

Organizations, businesses, or volunteers that would like to participate in future community events are encouraged to inquire. For more information on upcoming community events, please feel free to contact Gary Sitosky at 330.322.9246 or via e-mail at fpcc330@yahoo.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Calvary Apostolic Church of Akron is inviting 4th and 5th graders to come fellowship at Voris Community Learning Center from July 11-August 4 on Wednesday evenings from 7:30p.m.-8:30p.m. There will be bible stories, games, puppet shows, music, prizes, snacks and kids adventures. There is NO FEE to attend, so come as you are. Pre-Register by June 14 and attend on July 11 to receive your FREE Tee-Shirt on July 18. To register or for more information contact Judy Carter at 330.773.6926.

Child's Name_____ Age_____ Tee-Shirt Size _____

Emergency Phone Numbers _____

Address _____ Email _____

Comments, Special Needs, Additional Children

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UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY PEACE DAY 2012

Saturday, August 25, 2012
YMCA-Voris Community Learning Center

12PM-4PM

The Y and the Unity in the Community of Akron, Inc. with the help of other great sponsors and partners are partnering for the *2012 Unity in the Community Peace Day*. This event is FREE! There will be many different positive groups and organizations on hand to provide our community with resources and information on how to have a better and safer Akron.

Voris Elementary students are invited to this great event where FREE school supplies and book bags will be distributed to all students who register for this special event. There will also be special guest speakers, live entertainment and music, FREE food, games and much more!

For more info, contact Pastor Mayceo Smith, (Founder) or Devonn Nixon, (Unity Coordinator) of City of Joy Life Enrichment Center at 330.630.2220.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

With summer just around the corner, kids everywhere will be participating in outdoor activities such as swimming, group sports and day camps, just to name a few. Below are some things parents need to keep in mind to help keep their children safe.

- Set and enforce a curfew for your child and make sure that other caretakers caring for your child are doing the same.
- Stay on top of your child's health by taking them to a family doctor to check for seasonal allergies so that your child can be ready to take part in summer activities that are safe and fun.
- Protect your child from harmful UV rays by stocking up on sunblock with UV protection when sending your child outdoors.
- Educate your child on the importance of exercise and diet.
- Learn CPR and keep rescue equipment, a telephone and emergency numbers handy both at home and on the road.

VOLUNTEER AT THE Y

At the Y, your time and talent go a long way. As a volunteer, you play a large part in helping to solve the problems closest to home, or better yet, prevent them.

No matter how you help, you'll make a big difference as you work with others to create a feeling of connection in your community. To get started, visit us online at www.ymca.org/voris.