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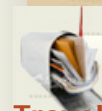
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Frontier Country Attractions Offer Children's Summer Day Camps

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(CENTRAL OKLAHOMA) – School may be out during the summer, but children can still learn and have some fun during one of Frontier Country's many summer day camps.

Several tourist attractions in central Oklahoma are offering camps to keep children active and give parents a break this summer. The camps cover everything from art, sports and science to Oklahoma history and heritage, so your children will not be bored this summer.

Science Museum Oklahoma is offering two weeklong day camps that focus on aviation and science for children in second through sixth grades. In "Pilot's Pursuit," held June 23 to 27, children will discover the forces of flight, practice piloting skills, and experiment with parachutes and reaction rockets. And for an extra \$50, children 9 and older can fly with University of Oklahoma aviation instructors over Lake Thunderbird. The museum also offers "Science Challenge," July 14 to 18, where children get to investigate how things work, examine chemical reactions and tinker with technology. Both camps run daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and cost \$295. Call 405-602-6664 or visit www.sciencemuseumok.org for registration details.

The **Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum** offers three half-day camp sessions that explore and celebrate the uniqueness of Oklahoma from the pioneer days to the present. "This is MY Oklahoma" camp provides children ages 5 to 11 the opportunity to dig for crystals from the Great Salt Plains and create works of art while learning about Oklahoma. During camp "Junior Ambassadors" children ages 12 to 15 get behind-the-scenes museum experience, give museum tours and assist teachers while learning about Oklahoma heritage. The weeklong camps are offered starting the weeks of Jun. 9, 16 and 23 and run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$75 for Oklahoma Heritage Association members and \$100 for



non-members with lunches provided. Call 405-235-4458 or visit www.oklahomaheritage.com for registration details.

From June 16 to 20, the **Harn Homestead Museum** is teaching children in grades first to fifth about Oklahoma agriculture and history during its "Territorial Fun Day Camp." Children will participate in hands-on learning lessons, play games and make arts and crafts in a historic farm setting. The cost is \$25 per day or \$100 for the week with snacks provided. It runs 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with before and after care available for an extra cost. Call 405-235-4058 or visit www.harnhomestead.com for registration details.

"Art Scope" is back and in its 10th year teaching children ages 8 to 12 drawing, painting, sculpting, theatre, dance and music. Run by the **Chickasha Area Arts Council**, children can learn from real artists and watch guest presentations. The two-week art camp is held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 9 to 20 at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma campus in Chickasha. The cost is \$150. Call 405-222-2338 or visit www.chickashaarts.org for registration details.

Children of all ages can get more hands-on experience with art during one of 12 different day camps offered at the **City Arts Center** in Oklahoma City. Camps run May 27 through Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and cover almost every art medium, including clay, assemblage art, acting, painting, sewing, puppetry, video production, weaving, photography and more. The camps range in price from \$112-140 and include a T-shirt. Before and after care is offered at an extra cost. Sign up by May 17 and to receive a 10 percent off camp enrollment. Call 405-951-0000 or visit www.cityartscenter.org for registration details.

In the Edmond area, children can learn to swim and perfect their swim strokes at one of **Pelican Bay Aquatic Center's** four swim camps offered in June and July. "Camp Neptune" and "Camp Nautilus" are offered for varying skill levels run from 8:40 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and cost \$150 per child. Call 405-216-7655 or visit www.edmondok.com for registration details and exact dates. There's also a COW-c Kids Camp June 23 to 28 at the **Central Oklahoma Wakeboarding Center** in Guthrie where children, ages 8 to 13, can learn to wakeboard. The camp runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$225, including all rental equipment, T-shirt and 270 minutes of cable instruction. Call 405-282-9253 or visit www.wakeboardoklahoma.com for details.

Also, Summer Blast at **Camp Edmond** is held July 21 to 25 and July 28 to Aug. 1 at Mitch Park in Edmond. Children ages 5 to 12 will explore arts and crafts, science and pottery, and participate in games, relays and dodgeball. The camp costs \$150 for the first child, and \$115 for additional children in the same family. Call 405-359-4630 or visit www.edmondok.com for registration details.

Central Oklahoma's Frontier Country is full of exciting activities and summer camps for children. Visit www.oktourism.com or call (800) FUN-OKLA for a free 2008 vacation travel guide and to learn about other events in Frontier Country.

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