SUMMER 2023

MAMMOTHLY CREATIVE
MAHASKA COUNTY ARTS & CULTURE

Youth Activity Guide
There are wild and wooly things for children to do all year long in Mahaska County. Stay connected to nature, create something new, get lost in a good book, appear on stage, or learn about the amazing history of the county!

The Arts and Culture Roundtable is a coalition of organizations all dedicated to help give meaning and joy to our lives and connect us to friends, family, and neighbors. We’re out to show you that Mahaska County’s Art and Culture sector isn’t just big, it’s MAMMOTHLY CREATIVE!
301 South Market Street
Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577
641-673-0441
www.oskaloosalibrary.org

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

Weekly Youth Programs
Afternoon Story Time - Mondays at 4:00 pm
Rhyme Time Story Time - Tuesdays at 10:30 am
All Ages Program - Wednesdays at 4:00 pm
Yoga Story Time - Thursdays at 10:30 am
STEAM Story Time - Fridays at 10:30 am

Teen Programs
Movie Mondays - 2nd Monday of the month 4 pm to 6 pm
Crafts or Gaming Tuesdays - 4th Tuesday of the month 4 pm to 5 pm

Kim “Gigi” Blackwell Makerspace Lab
The Library’s Makerspace Lab is open to all ages. There are six main areas to the lab - Rock Tumbling, 3D printing, Sewing & Fabrics, Robotics & Electronics, Photography & Video Editing, and the Crafter’s Corner.

Makerspace Lab Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 2 pm to 5 pm
Thursday - 2 pm to 6 pm

2023 Summer Reading Program
June 5th thru July 20th

The Summer Reading Kick-off Party is June 5th from 5 pm to 7 pm. There will be hot dogs, popcorn, bottled water, yard games and other activities in the Reading Garden (or on 3rd floor if the weather is bad).

Summer Reading is for EVERYONE - there are Grand Prizes for Adults, Teens, 3rd-5th Grade, K-2nd Grade, Read to Me, and Babies. Enjoy reading or listening to books or magazines, track your minutes, fill out your Reading Log, turn it in, and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing for your age group. Keep reading, filling out reading logs, and each reading log becomes an entry into the Grand Prize Drawing for your age group!
2023 Oskaloosa Art Center
SUMMER ART CAMP
TIME TRAVELERS
Start up your DeLorean, hop in your TARDIS, or jump into that wormhole! This summer we are leaving 2023 behind... and ahead!
Registration is OPEN!

For ages 6-12
(campers must be 6 or older on or before their first day of camp)

Oskaloosa Art Center
FACE of Mahaska County
## Oskaloosa Art Center
### SUMMER ART CAMP 2023
#### Ages 6-12

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### Register Online!
www.faceofmahaska.com

Limited scholarships available! Email us at faceofmahaska@gmail.com

115 1st Ave W, Oskaloosa, IA 641.676.4694
Spring & Summer Programs & Activities

Knee-High Naturalist programs are free activities for kids ages 5 and younger. The program activities are designed to help foster learning about nature and exploring the outdoors. Adults that bring the children to the program need to remain with them during the program.

Pre-registration is required to participate. Call (641) 673-9327 to sign up.

9:30 – 10:30 am
Environmental Learning Center
April 11 “Birds”
Kids will learn some fun facts about birds and play games related to the theme.

Homeschool Science Lab
Call (641) 673-9327 to sign up!

April 14 “Woolly Mammoths”
10:00–11:00 am or 1:00–2:00 pm
Environmental Learning Center

May 4 “Fishing @ White Oak”
10:00–11:00 am or 1:00–2:00 pm
White Oak Conservation Area
2647 Ventura Ave., Rose Hill, IA 52586

May 23 “Fossil Dig”
1:00–3:00 pm
Russell Wildlife Area
2254 – 200th St., Oskaloosa, IA 50577

Critter Cafe
Bring your lunch to the Environmental Learning Center from to dine lunch in the Discovery Lab with the naturalist and a featured live animal that lives at the ELC. Following lunch, tour the ELC or take a hike on the trails!

12:00 - 1:00 pm
Tuesday, June 6th
“Box Turtles”
Tuesday, July 11th
“Corn Snake”

MOVIE NIGHTS!
AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER
STARTS AT 7PM
FRIDAY, JUNE 23
FRIDAY, JULY 14
MOVIES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Mahaska County Environmental Learning Center
2342 Hwy. 92, Oskaloosa, IA 52577
(641) 673-9327 / www.mahaskaconservation.com

Soon to be open longer hours!
Summer Day Camps
For Kids

To sign up for any day camp, contact the Mahaska County Conservation Board by calling (641) 673-9327 or email decook@mahaskacountyia.gov. Space is limited!

- Registration is now open!
- Cost is $10.00 per day/per child. Pay by cash or check to MCCB. (adult is free)
- Payment is due by the day of camp.
- Select one or more days of camp – it’s up to you!
- Bring a snack and water bottle to camp each day.
- Camp details will be sent to all families that sign up.
- Children attending Knee-High Naturalist Camp must have an adult remain with them. For all other camps, kids may be dropped off no earlier than 15 minutes before camp starts and then picked up right after camp ends for the day.

**Knee-High Naturalist Camp “Let’s Explore Nature!”**

June 12, 13 and 15, 2023
10:00 am – 12:00 pm (each day) at Environmental Learning Center
$10.00 per day/per child (adult is free)
Ages: 5 & younger  (LIMIT OF 15 CAMPERS)

- Monday, June 12:  “Grow As We Go” - learn about animal life cycles & metamorphosis
- Tuesday, June 13: “Water Wonders” - explore what lives in a pond next to the ELC
- Thursday, June 15: “What’s Wild?” - learn lots of cool things about wild animals

**Jr. Naturalist Camp “Explore Mahaska County”**

June 19, 20 and 23, 2023
9:00 am – 12:00 pm (each day) at various county parks
$10.00 per day/per child
Ages: 6-10  (LIMIT OF 15 CAMPERS)

- Monday, June 19:  “Habitat Hikes” at Environmental Learning Center
- Tuesday, June 20: “Outdoor Skills” at Quercus Wilderness Area
- Thursday, June 22: “Fishing & Fossils” at Russell Wildlife Area

**Challenge Camp “Ultimate Outdoor Adventures”**

June 26, 27 and 29, 2023
9:00 am – 12:00 pm (each day) at various county parks
$10.00 per day/per child (adult is free)
Ages: 11 & older  (LIMIT OF 15 CAMPERS)

- Monday, June 26: “Canoeing” at Russell Wildlife Area
- Tuesday, June 27: “Fishing & Bowfishing” at Russell Wildlife Area
- Thursday, June 29: “Camping Basics” at Eveland Access Campground
Spring & Summer Programs & Activities

EVELAND ACCESS
SUMMERFEST
JUNE 3, 2023
3:00 - 8:00 PM
LIVE MUSIC:
PERFORMANCE EMCEE: STACEY CRAIG
3:00-4:00 PM SISTERS B
4:15-5:15 PM JAKE SCHRODT
6:00-7:00 PM ROBERT DETCH!
AFTERNOON EXTRAS FOR EXTRA FUN!
ROCKET LAUNCHING
YARD GAMES
MUSIC LESSONS IN SHELTER HOUSE
SMOKIN’ PORK
MAHASKA KETTLE CORN
SMOKIN’ FATTY’S BBQ
3:00 PM BEEF OVEN COOKING DEMOS
4:00 PM BEEF OVEN FOOD SAMPLING
5:00 PM SMOKIN’ FATTY’S BBQ MEAL (FREE-WILL OFFERING)

EXPLORE THE SOLAR SYSTEM AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER
3 DAYS OF EXPLORATION!

Wednesday, July 5, 2023
10:00-11:00 am
1:00-2:00 pm

Thursday, July 6, 2023
10:00-11:00 am
1:00-2:00 pm

Friday, July 7, 2023
1:00-2:00 pm
6:30-7:30 pm

Come and experience our solar system in a way that you have never seen! MCCB is offering the public an opportunity to go inside a Digitarium and view the solar system in a 360-degree inflatable viewing room. It’s incredible to find yourself submersed in outer space while digital images surround you! Reservations are not needed. Stop by during one of the dates and times listed above. Please park behind the ELC and enter the main lower-level door.
GEORGE DAILY YOUTH THEATRE PRESENTS

THEATRE CAMPS • SUMMER ’23

INFINITE PLAY • SIDE A
1. JUNE 5-9
INFINITE MONKEYS (K-12TH)
SHAKESPEARE [PM] (4TH-12TH)
2. JUNE 12-16
ART. UNLEASHED! (K-12TH)
3. JUNE 19-23
DINO DAZE (K-3RD)
THE NEVER-ENDING PLAY (4TH-12TH)
TO THE SCENE SHOP & BEYOND (6TH-12TH)
4. JUNE 26-30
BABY MONKEY, PRIVATE EYE (K-3RD)
ENDLESS PULP • ALBERTA MIDNIGHT (4TH-12TH)

INFINITE PLAY • SIDE B
5. JULY 10-14
MUSICAL THEATRE/INTO THE UNKNOWN (K-3RD)
MUSICAL THEATRE/MAKIN’ A SCENE (4TH-6TH)
MUSICAL THEATRE/MAKIN’ A SCENE (7TH-12TH)
6. JULY 17-21
INFINITY FALLS • GAMES CAMP (K-12TH)
7/8. JULY 24- AUG. 4
INFINITE ADVENTURES (K-12TH)

ONLY $85 PER WEEK!
9AM-4PM MON-FRI

CONTACT US!

BONUS TRACKS!

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KNOTS, LOOPS, AND OTHER TWISTED CRAFTS
Family All Ages
June 10
Historic Skill Demonstrations
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enjoy our annual salute to textiles! Visit with demonstrators and artisans showcasing different historic skills. Themed scavenger hunts and other interactive activities available around the site. All of our historic buildings are also open for exploration.

Free admission, donations appreciated.

LAURA’S DAYS
Family All Ages
July 11-28
Family Activities
Our annual family event with crafts, games, and exploration is back!

Three different series of craft activities will be offered every Tuesday–Friday throughout July. This is not a day camp. The goal of this program is for the adults and children to do the activities together. Adults must remain with their children. Most activities are designed for children ages 6-10. Any special notation regarding ages or skill levels are listed with the activities. Or a modification will be available. Younger siblings are welcome to join in to the best of their ability! Each day we’ll feature a building or exhibit before heading to the craft barn to make the craft.

Please come to the museum building upon arrival (go through the blue door). We suggest bringing a water bottle and dressing appropriately for the activity. A few of our days include playing outside and on the nature trail, so be sure to wear durable shoes.

New this year: Program fees apply only to the number of children participating. Younger siblings under 5 who are present but will not be participating in the activity do not need a ticket. If supplies are used, a ticket is needed. Adults are not charged. Participants are welcome to explore the site after the program, since the program fee covers admission.
Each session will be offered at 11 a.m. 15 person limit per time slot (adults included in the number). Registration required. Priority registration goes to Historical Society members.

Pricing (per person)
$8 non-members
$5 members

Week 1: Special Topic – Remembering the Civil War
July 11 – Butter and Hardtack
July 12 – Drums and Music
July 13 – Flags and Banners
July 14 – Uniforms and Drilling (craft: canteen and/or kepi hat)

Week 2:
July 18 – Clay Train Engine
July 19 – Fringed Braided Mat
July 20 – Laundry with soap carvings
July 21 – Schoolyard Games (craft: ball in cup)

Week 3:
July 25 – Pull Candy
July 26 – Parlor Art
July 27 – Gardening
July 28 – Outdoor Games (craft: chalk and/or paper boats)

DOG HOLLOW RENDEZVOUS
Family All Ages
August 5
Historic Re-enactment
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Historic Re-enactment with the Timberwolf Rendezvousers. Visit with a great group of buckskinner to learn about the fur trade era. Demos, vendors, and music. Public is welcome to visit the encampment and all of our historic buildings are also open for exploration.

More details coming soon!

Free admission, donations appreciated.
FIND YOUR FUN
FIND YOUR Y
MAHASKA COUNTY YMCA SUMMER CAMP

Summer is a time for kids to be kids. Y day camp is the place to make every summer day a great one!

Days will be filled with:
» Opportunities to explore and try new things
» Plenty of physical activity and games to keep bodies active
» New friendships and plenty of fresh air
» Fun camp activities to engage brains including:
  » Fishing
  » Canoeing
  » Archery
  » Hiking
  » Art
  » Science

For a better us.

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 22ND

K-5th grade
Full week or half week rates available

May 30 through August 18

Financial Assistance Available

To register contact Morgan Holle
641.676.7700
morgan.holle@mahaskaymca.org