

Media Alert
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Community Services YMCA Hosts Events For National Summer Learning Day

July 6, 2009 -- On July 9, the Community Services YMCA, a branch of the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati which oversees CincyAfterSchool, will continue summer education with students who participated in Cincinnati Public Schools 5th quarter by hosting National Summer Learning Day events.

The events – to be held at four locations throughout the city (a complete list is at the bottom) – are aimed at encouraging learning through games and other fun activities. Students are also asked to bring workbooks they were given during their 5th quarter. Summer Learning Awards will be presented in August to students who complete them.

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National Summer Learning Day is organized by the National Center for Summer Learning to focus attention on how quality summer learning programs help close the achievement gap and promote healthy development.

SUMMER LEARNING TIPS: HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF SUMMER

The National Center for Summer Learning encourages parents to make the most of children's summer break with the following suggestions:

- Locate a summer program that fits your budget. Programs offered by schools, recreation centers, universities, and community-based organizations often have an educational or enrichment focus.
- The library is a great, free resource. Check out books that interest your child. Participate in free library summer programs and make time to read every day.
- Take free or low-cost educational trips to parks, museums, zoos and nature centers.

- If you are taking a day trip by car, choose a place with an educational theme. Camping is also a low-cost way to get outside and learn about nature.
- Practice math daily: Measure items around the house or yard. Track daily temperatures. Add and subtract at the grocery store. Learn fractions while cooking.
- Play outside. Limit TV and video games. Intense physical activity and exercise contribute to healthy development.
- Do a community service project. Teach your child how to volunteer in your community and show compassion to others.
- Keep a schedule. Continue daily routines during the summer with structure and limits. The key is providing a balance and keeping kids engaged.
- Prepare for fall. Find out what your child will be learning during the next school year by talking with teachers at that grade level. Preview concepts and materials over the summer.

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July 9th – National Day of Summer Learning Cincinnati Locations

Millvale Recreation Center

3303 Beekman Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45225
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pleasant Hill Library

1400 W. North Bend Rd.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45224
10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Hamilton Ave. Library

4219 Hamilton Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45223
2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Melrose YMCA

2840 Melrose Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206
10:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Educational tic tac toe, counting game, tutoring with the students. Distributed close to 1000 packets to 5th quarter schools. Fun activities and going through workbook. Through CincyAfterSchool. Help them work through the packet.