Summer Learning

To support student learning and personal growth, the Davenport Community Schools and our community partners have provided collaborative summer programs and services for over twenty years. We believe strongly in the role of the community in the education of our youth, particularly during out of school time and over the summer months.

Research shows that students can fall behind academically during the summer, known as “summer learning loss.” Unequal access to summer learning opportunities is linked to more than half of the achievement gap between higher and lower income youth. Expanded learning opportunities and academic enrichment during the summer can reduce and even reverse summer learning loss. Research shows that the impact of summer learning programs on academics can last for at least two years beyond participation.

This Summer Learning Guide details the many camps and youth development activities that can keep students engaged to combat summer learning loss. Through this unified effort, the Davenport Community Schools and its partners provide our students, families and community the resources needed to keep our youth safe and engaged. Please consider participating in these opportunities to keep your child learning and growing all summer long.

Sincerely,

Dr. Arthur W. Tate, Superintendent

Davenport Reads

Reading is a fundamental part of learning, so while you are out of school during the summer months we challenge your family to read together. Davenport Reads is a joint project of the City of Davenport, Davenport Community Schools and Eastern Iowa Community Colleges to ensure that people of Davenport of all ages build their knowledge and expand opportunities through reading. Please visit www.DavenportReads.org to learn about free reading resources and tools!

Davenport Public Library’s Summer Reading Program offers free programs for all ages all summer long! This year’s program runs May 30th through August 1st, and the theme is “Every Hero Has a Story.” Sign up for the Summer Reading Program at any of the three Davenport Public Library locations for a chance to win fabulous reading prizes! To get a jump start on summer, join the DPL for their Summer Reading Program Kickoff Party on Saturday, May 30th from 1-4pm at the Fairmount Street Branch for tons of superhero-themed fun! Call (563) 326-7832 or visit the library’s website at www.davenportlibrary.com to learn more about the free, fun events all summer long, including Lego Lab, Nature Craft, Stories in the Park, Tween & Teen Gaming, and much more!
Davenport Community Schools Summer Learning Programs

Davenport Community Schools offers award-winning summer enrichment and academic support programs every year in collaboration with a variety of community partners. Some programs are limited to specific schools based on funding sources and programming options, while others are open to students throughout the District. Programs provide a variety of experiences, from enrichment activities and music camps for all students to academic interventions for struggling learners.

Summer Enrichment For All Students

Stepping Stones Summer Enrichment Program
Enrolling your child in Stepping Stones brings many benefits to your child and your family. First off, there is the peace of mind felt by parents and guardians, knowing that their child is in a safe environment surrounded by a professional staff. Research shows that quality, school age “afterschool” or “out of school time” programs like Stepping Stones contribute to the overall health and well-being of school age youth. Stepping Stones offers programming for students grades K-5. The K-5 enrichment programming will occur at the Roosevelt Center and Downtown YMCA. There is very limited enrollment on these programs and they fill up fast! To check availability or for more information call (563) 528-0973.

Summer Band and Orchestra
Davenport Community Schools’ award-winning music program offers summer band and orchestra for all students from grades 4-12. Beginning string and band classes are offered for elementary students without previous playing experience. Intermediate ensembles for orchestra and band are also available. High school summer camps are offered for band, orchestra, drum line and flag squad. For more information, parents or students should contact their school’s band or orchestra teacher.
THE DAVENPORT NETWORK OF COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIPS is a representative group of over forty community agencies and organizations that provide support services to Davenport students and families. These partners provide summer enrichment and learning opportunities for our families, fulfilling a diverse range of interests.

Achieving Maximum Potential (AMP) is a state-wide network of youth councils made up of youth aged 13-21. AMP meetings and events are a time for youth to gain valuable life skills for healthy transitions into adulthood, learn about local resources, and socialize while in a supportive environment of youth with similar experiences. For more information, contact the AMP Davenport Facilitator at DavenportAMP@gmail.com or (563) 920-6041. You can also visit them online www.ampiowa.org.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley is a youth development program for students entering into 1st grade through 12th grade. The program includes educational activities, computer programs, sports, arts, field trips and more. Scholarships are available. For more information, please call (563) 324-5673 or visit their website at www.bgcmv.org.

Dads’ Club creates opportunities for physical activities that are enjoyable, promote a child’s confidence in his or her ability to be physically active, and involve friends, peers, and parents. Dads’ Club offers summer t-ball and softball, spring and fall soccer, fall flag football and winter basketball. Dads’ Club’s emphasis is on development and sportsmanship in a fun, family atmosphere. Scholarships are available. Call (563) 326-6080 or visit their website at www.dadsclubsports.com to learn more.

Davenport Parks and Recreation
Spend your summer with Davenport Parks and Recreation, where professional staff offer quality programs and services for all ages and abilities. Fun summer activities include camps, sports, special events, performing arts, environmental education, swimming, and much more! Check out the summer catalog online at www.cityofdavenportiowa.com/parks or call (563) 328-7275 for more information.

Davenport Parks & Recreation’s Junior Theatre
DJT offers theatre, dance classes and a variety of camps. With week-long Performing Arts Camps, Teen Intensive Camp, Specialty Camp, and even dance camps for students as young as 3 years old, everyone can get involved. All theatre classes and camps conclude with a performance onstage for family and friends. For more information, call (563) 326-7862 or visit their website at www.DavenportJuniorTheatre.org.

Eastern Iowa Community Colleges Summer Learning Camps
EICC’s summer camps provide hands-on learning experiences for kids. EICC camps connect kids to new experiences, new skills and new friends. Outdoors, indoors, teamwork, fun and challenges – each camp offers kids an opportunity to explore something unique AND to learn practical skills they can continue to use when school starts. For camp details and registration, please visit their website at www.eicc.edu/summcamp.

Learning in our Community through Summer Enrichment Programs

School-Year Habit: Spelling Words
Summer Substitute: Spell words with sidewalk chalk, family game of scrabble
Figge Art Museum - Summer Kids Classes
This summer, the Figge will offer all-day workshops for kids, introducing them to drawing, painting, mixed media and sculpture. Sign up for a single session or a series. Participants should dress for art activities and bring a sack lunch, beverage and snack. Please visit www.figgeartmuseum.org for more details.

Friendly House offers an affordable and fun Summer Daycare Program for youth who have completed kindergarten-5th grades, with registration on a week by week basis. The program utilizes themed weeks much like a summer camp, including enrichment activities, arts and crafts, swimming, games, gardening and field trips. Scholarship opportunities are available. For more information, visit www.friendlyhouseiowa.org or contact Monica at (563) 323-1821 ext. 29.

Iowa Law Enforcement Camp
Iowa Quad City Law Enforcement Camp is sponsored by the Davenport and Bettendorf Police Departments and the Scott County Sheriff’s Office. The camp is a 27-hour glimpse of what law enforcement is all about, and any student (16 years or older) in high school or college who is interested in a career in law enforcement may apply. Applications can be submitted at www.CityofDavenportIowa.com or at any of the three agencies. For more information, contact Detective Rachelle Kunde at rkunde@scottcountyiowa.com. Space is limited!

The Putnam Museum - Spend the summer discovering, inventing and engaging in amazing experiences at the Putnam Museum! Summer camp programs are available for youth entering grades K-8. Before and after care (pre-registration required), multiple child discounts, and scholarship opportunities are available. To learn more, visit www.putnam.org/Education/SummerCamps

The River Music Experience - RME’s Rock Camp USA program features three 2-week sessions in the summer for young musicians ages 8-18. Participants rehearse their chosen songs, record them during dress rehearsal, and perform a concert in the Redstone Room! Sessions start in June. To learn more, visit http://rivermusiceexperience.org

Scott County Family Y offers summer programs ranging from swimming, dance, and other sports to licensed child care locations, resident camp, and day camp. Most importantly, at the Y, no one is turned away due to an inability to pay. For more information about summer programs at the Scott County Family Y, visit their website at www.scottcountyfamilyy.org or call any branch.

United Neighbors is a community-based agency that provides services in housing, youth programs, neighborhood watch and improvement, and health education. Their summer park program runs from 9am-3pm five days a week, from June 8th through July 10th. For more information, visit www.unitedneighbors.com or call Bonnie Beechum at (563) 322-7363 ext 210.
Free Activities!
Best Kept Secrets Hidden in Plain Sight that are FREE to Children and Families

YouthFest at Fejervary Park
Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 8th for the biggest, greatest youth event of the summer! This year’s event runs from 10:00am-2:00pm with live music, food, and fun. Visit over 30 vendor booths and bounce houses while enjoying live entertainment and music blasting through Fejervary Park. End the day cooling off at Fejervary Pool! (General admission prices apply for the pool).

GOAT (Get Out And Trail)
Bring your family and friends out to enjoy miles of recreation trails along Iowa’s Duck Creek, Illinois’ Rock River, and our shared Mississippi River. Travel these trails on Saturday May 9th, from 9:00am-1:00pm, when various park hosts will have refreshments available to those who need a rest during their ride. This is a free event and no registration is needed. Join us!... After all, May is Bike Month! #GetOutAndTrail

Track & Field Club – Monday Nights
Davenport Parks and Recreation is offering free Junior Track and Field Club for kids ages 6-14. This is a non-competitive program to introduce track and field to children. Kids will be divided according to their age and perform in hurdles, long jump, springing, relays, and running. Snacks provided, medals awarded. Monday nights from 6:00-7:30pm, June 8th through July 13th at Brady Street Stadium.

People in Motion
This summer, let Davenport Parks and Rec show you how to have fun in your own back yard and save money at the same time! Family fun including crafts, activities, entertainment, and our Mobile Playground. You will also learn about many low cost programs and activities in the area. Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00pm. All ages welcome!

United Neighbors Juneteenth Celebration
Come join the community to commemorate the ending of slavery in our country! This celebration will highlight cultural diversity in the Quad Cities through educational programs, activities, and performances. LeClaire Park, Saturday, June 13th. Rides, food, entertainment, and family activities 11:00am-9:00pm.

Music on the Levee
Come enjoy the best jazz music in the Quad Cities while enjoying the beautiful scenery of LeClaire Park! Sunday nights at 7:00pm. Friday and Saturday concerts Bix Weekend (July 31st-August 1st). Concessions available.

Tennis Block Party
Come join the neighborhood and have fun learning/playing Tennis! This grand event is brought in partnership by Davenport Parks and Recreation, United Neighbors, Davenport Schools, BI-State and Missouri Valley. The event will take place at West High School on May 16th from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Fejervary Park Family Fun Days
Come play for free family fun days! Family activities, petting zoo, bounce houses, and games at each event. Fun Days run Noon-5:00pm on April 18th, May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, September 19th, and October 17th. Contact Davenport Parks and Recreation for more information: 563-326-7812.

Graduation Destination
End the summer with the biggest back to school event in the Quad Cities! Visit over 20 vendors and administrators from area schools. Talk to counselors and caseworkers to see what you need to graduate or re-enroll into school! Contact the Davenport Community School’s Drop Out Prevention Program at 563-449-4196. Event takes place August 15th at The River’s Edge.
Davenport Community
Schools Community Café

Many summer enrichment programs offer breakfast and/or lunch provided by the Davenport Schools Food and Nutrition Summer Program. Meals are also available at a variety of schools and community sites to any child ages 1-18 at no charge. Adults are welcome to accompany children to the various summer food service program sites, but meals are for children only. All sites will operate Monday through Thursdays from June 15th-August 6th (closed on Fridays) unless otherwise noted. The tables shown at the right of this page are a complete list of meal sites, dates and times.

### Outdoor Sites

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This map of community partners highlights the many programs, events and services helping students prevent summer learning loss. These specific sites are featured as they are associates of the Network of Community and School Partnerships (NCSP). Through the collaborative efforts of the community and schools, NCSP fosters quality learning opportunities and collaborative problem-solving to enhance the quality of life of all Davenport citizens. Broad partnerships with youth and family service agencies and parent advocates results in a dynamic array of programs and services addressing the needs of youth, families and the community throughout the year. We are happy to highlight these summer learning partnerships and are excited to celebrate the NCSP services that are supporting our schools across the community.