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*CCHS Summer History Camps*

***Junior Curators, June 25-29***

The *Junior Curators* program is an interdisciplinary educational experience that allows youth to take on the roles of museum staff to research, create, and install an historical exhibit. This program encourages youth to think about historical events, people, places, or objects and go beyond what is found in textbooks. Our goal is to make youth more aware of their place in history and encourage further exploration of objects, photos, and writing exhibit texts.

Youth will:

- Research using primary and secondary sources
- Write exhibit text and object labels
- Design exhibit layout and construct exhibit

This camp will be offered to older children, for those going into **grades 4-6**. Cost: \$50/members, \$60/non-members. Daily 12-4pm. **Space is limited to 12 kids. Snack provided.**

***From Farm to Table, July 16-20***

With more and more emphasis on foods being organic, locally harvested, and non-GMO, this timely camp will educate kids on the path of food.

Campers will help tend a garden, explore chemical vs. natural fertilizers, learn about plant breeding and growing, and explore various healthy foods.

Taking food fresh from the garden, we will compare flavors with store-bought.

Also throughout camp, using our fresh garden produce, kids will have a chance to work in the kitchen, making delicious recipes.

This camp is daily, weekdays from 12-4pm. A healthy garden snack is provided, but please have campers eat lunch beforehand.

Open to students going into grades 4-6. Space is limited to 8 kids.

Cost: \$50/member, \$60/non-member.

***Pioneer Camp, July 23-27, July 30-Aug. 3***

A returning favorite! Come explore life as a pioneer through a variety of games and activity. Learn about lessons in a one-room schoolhouse, play pioneer games, fish pioneer-style. Explore the hardships and trials of homesteading with an interactive game, and experience what it's like to be an immigrant.

This camp will be daily from 12-4pm. A snack is provided, but please have kids eat lunch before arriving. Open to students going into grades K-3. Space limited to 12 kids.

Cost: \$50/member, \$60/non-member.

**About the Carver County Historical Society**

Established in 1940, the Carver County Historical Society is a private, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to collect, preserve and interpret the history of Carver County. The museum houses five local history galleries, a veterans' exhibit and a local history and genealogy library. There is no charge to visit the museum or library.

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**Art for the Visually Impaired**

Learning through the reflection on "doing". It also focuses on the visual. This class will incorporate various sights, sounds, smells, and textures. Exercises to unleash individual creativity, discussion and artistic expression. Objects from the historical society's collection will be incorporated into projects. Objects and art materials (unique textures, distinct smells, sounds, etc.) will be used for those who still have limited vision, etc.) Students will explore objects, experiment with various art materials, and learn through the process of connecting senses with experience.

**Time: 7-9pm**