

FREE/Low Cost Activities for Kids & Families in Newton Summer 2009

Schedule provided by Peace Connections as part of the community Circles/Bridges Out of Poverty Initiative. Please call 284-0000 for info/updates on other events.

Power Up for Summer Fun: **Community Sponsored FREE Breakfast & Lunch Program for KIDS**

- For all Newton kids ages 2-18, June 1 – July 17, Monday – Friday
- *Sunset Elementary*: Breakfast 8:30-9 am & Lunch 11:30 am-12:00 pm
- See flyers available in May, distributed through schools, SRS, Mid-Cap, Harvey Co. Health Dept., & Peace Connections
- Busing available
- For more information call 284-0000 (Peace Connections) or 284-6280, ext. 2205 (USD 373 Food Service)

FREE Activities Sessions for KIDS ages 6-12, Mon., Tues., Wed., & Thurs. mornings, 9:00-11:30 am, June 1-July 16

- at *Sunset Elementary*
- Educational activities, special programs from community groups, reading, crafts, games & more!
- See flyers available in May to **register** w/ Peace Connections or your school office.

Bible School at Various Churches – FREE unless noted (please call to register!):

- May 26-29, 8:45-11:45 am (on May 29 until 1:30 pm bring sack lunch). *Bethel College Mennonite Church*, 2600 College Ave. N. Newton, 283-3667. Age 3-6th grade. "Catch the Spirit! Join God's Work in the World" Cost: \$11 per child or \$19 per family.
- June 1-5, 6-8 pm. *St. Luke Presbyterian Church*, 808 E. 6th, Newton, 283-2191. Ages K-9. "Crocodile Dock"
- June 15-19, 9-11:45 am. *First Mennonite Church*, 429 E. 1st Newton, 283-0273. Age 4-Jr. High. "Gadget's Garage"
- June 15-19, 9 am-noon. *First Presbyterian Church*, 900 Columbus, Newton, 283-0504. Ages 3-6th Grade.
- June 22-26, 6:30-8:50 pm. *Koerner Heights*, 320 N. Meridian, 283-5696. Age 4 to 5th grade. "Crocodile Dock"
- July 12-16, Kick-off Sun. 10 am, then 9:00 am-noon, Mon.-Thurs. *Faith & Shalom Mennonite Churches*, 801 E. First, Newton, 283-7395. Age 3 through Grade 8. "Catch the Spirit: Doing God's Work in the World"
- July 13-17, 9 am-11:30. *Grace Community Church*, 1600 S. Anderson, Newton. 283-2554. For kids who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade.
- July 19-23, 5:30-8:30 pm *Salem United Methodist Church*, 115 Old Main, Newton, 283-3620. Includes FREE dinner at 5:30 pm. Ages pre-K-completed 5th grade. "Camp E.D.G.E - Experience & Discover God Everywhere."
- July 19-23, 6:30-8:30 pm. *Trinity Heights United Methodist Church*, 1200 Boyd Ave., Newton. 283-6410. Ages 4 - 5th Grade. "God at the Door"

Chisholm Trail Festival, July 2-5, events at Athletic Park and parade in downtown Newton

- Buy a button to attend all events, Adults \$4; children ages 5-12 \$2; 5 & under free (buttons on sale at all events or at area businesses)
- Come for food, concerts, parade, car show, turtle races, kids games, 5K walk/run, bike ride, stagecoach rides, talent show, performances, bus tours, baby crawl, ice cream social, dancing, etc.
- Fireworks-July 4, 10 pm, Athletic Park; Parade-July 4, 10:30 am, downtown; Community Church Service-July 5, 10 am, Athletic Park

4-H, Harvey County Extension office, Courthouse, Newton, 284-6930; Contact Ann Religa for information.

- Attend meetings for free (activities fee only to cover materials) & learn how to do a variety of things.

Harvey County Fair, July 31-Aug. 4, Harvey County Fairgrounds, First St., Newton, contact extension office 284-6930

- See exhibits at County Fair or enter your own exhibit - watch for the fair guide in the *Kansan* in July.

Kauffman Museum, 27th & Main, N. Newton, 283-1612

- Learn about prairie animals, pioneer life, & more! Tues.-Fri., 9:30 am-4:30 pm & Sat./Sun., 1:30-4:30 pm. \$2-ages 6-16; \$4-adult

Newton Public Library, 720 N. Oak, Newton, 283-2890 - Cost for programs is FREE; registration required unless noted.

- *Library Summer Reading Program* - June 1-August 2. Read a set number of books to earn prizes and receive an invitation to the pool party on August 2. For children read to, reading on their own, those reading chapter books and for young adults.
- *Library Children's Story Times* - Storytimes for Preschool age 3-5, Toddler age 6 mo.-2, Imagination Station ages 6-8. Starts June 1.
- *Wed. Morning Get Creative!* – Wednesdays June 3-July 22, 10:30 am. For ages 9-12. Workshops include learning about art, animals, nature, CSI investigating, balloon twisting, juggling, crafts, etc.!
- *Thurs. Afternoon "Express Yourself"* – Thursdays June 4-July 23, 6-8 pm. For ages 12-18. Workshops include learning about art, ductigami, crafts, jewelry, manga drawing, gaming, etc.! *No registration required.*
- *Library Family Library Day* is every Wednesday at 1:30 pm, starting on June 4. All ages are invited to come for various programs including juggling, puppet shows, magic shows, mad science, etc! *No registration required.*
- *Gaming Mondays* 3-5 pm & *Movie Saturdays* 3-5 pm for ages 12-18. Begins June 1. *No registration required.* Come & go.

Newton Recreation Center, 415 N. Poplar, Newton, 283-7330

- *Discovery Camp* for students ages 5-12. Starting May 22-Aug. 12, 7 am-6 pm M-F. Offers daily activities to provide a safe, positive, educational, stimulating, and fun experience for kids. Snacks provided. Cost is \$88 week (each additional child \$75) or \$26 per day (except for adventure days \$30). SRS assistance, cash, check, credit card accepted. Students will participate in Kids Summer Food program from June 1-July 17 and at other times and on adventure days, will need to bring a sack lunch. *Fill out enrollment form.*
- *Everyone Should Play (ESP) Scholarship Program* - available to those receiving assistance on the school's reduced lunch program or those families who have a vision card. Children will be allowed to participate in Newton Recreation Center activities (sports and aquatics, NOT Discovery Camp) for a reduced rate based on need - contact Lori Hein at the Rec Center for more information.
- *Toddler Gym Time* – July 2-23. Ages 18 months-3 years. \$10/session and *Play School* – July 3-21. Ages 3-5 years. \$5/class

Newton Swimming Pool, located in Athletic Park, 5th Street, Newton, 284-6087

- Opens May 23, Mon.-Sun. 1-5 pm; and Mon.-Fri. 7-9 pm for Family Swim.
- Pay at pool (Age 5 & under - free; 5-13 - \$2; 14 & up - \$2.50; Family Swim \$6 for family of 5 and \$1.75 individual) or buy pool coupons (\$42/book of 25) at Newton Rec Center. Swimming lessons available – contact the Rec Center (ESP scholarship available)
- Wading Pool at the swimming pool is FREE for children age 5 and under – must be accompanied by an adult.

Peace Connections, 612 N. Main, Newton, 284-0000 - All programs are FREE.

- *Explore* - come & go anytime Mon.-Thurs. 10 am-5 pm, to hand stamp your own card, fold a paper crane for peace, enjoy our library, try our emwave computer program, and more!
- *Giving Garden* - volunteer your time at the garden located at 6th & Pine. Call Peace Connections to sign up to work.

Salvation Army School Supply Program, 208 W. 6th, 283-3190

- The Salvation Army will offer free school supplies to families that qualify based on income. Applications accepted June 29-July 23.
- Summer Camp – June 15-19 Cost: \$10 Kansas City (free transportation by bus) Applications due June 1.

Sand Creek Nature Trail, located east of Bethel College tennis courts, N. Newton

- Take a free nature walk through the woods along Sand Creek - see many kinds of plants, trees, wildlife, etc.

Summer Latchkey, Sunset Elementary, 619 Boyd, 284-6570 x316 or 217-6383 (Sherry Duell, coordinator)

- Weekdays, May 26 – July 31 (not on July 4), 6:30 am-6:00 pm. Daily activities & weekly field trips with free breakfast, lunch & snack.
- Enrollment required for those new to summer latchkey. Enrollment fee: \$25/child, \$50/family max. Enroll at elementary schools.
- Daily fee: \$17/day & \$20/field trip days. (Half price for those staying 6 hours or less.) No minimum time/days to attended - charged only for days of attendance. Scholarships offered based on qualification for free (50% off) and reduced (25% off) meals. SRS approved.