

THE CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS

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From The Director's Desk...



Our summer session has officially started. We have a wonderful summer planned for all our friends. Fun field trips, water play, and special activities at the sites. It should be a

fun summer for all the rooms.

Part of our summer plans include replacing our roof at the James Avenue site. We are in the process of raising \$30,000.00 to complete the project. You and your family can help by purchasing shingles for \$25.00 each and/or you can volunteer. Watch for the display in the lobby at our James Avenue site. We will add your name to a shingle once you've purchased one. Another way that your children can contribute is by bringing spare change to their class to donate to the project. Starting June 15th and ending August 1st all the James Avenue classrooms will have a display where you can drop

your spare change. The room that raises the most money will receive a pizza party. This is a good way for you to encourage donating and volunteering with your child. Families can volunteer the day of the roof project which is Saturday August 13th or volunteer on one of the committees preparing for the day. Please contact myself if you have any questions. Donations can be made out to The Children's Center and turned in at the James Ave site.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our program, we feel privileged to be part of your child's early learning experiences.

Until next time,
Kim Nelson
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES at The Children's Center

We Need You! We have some very important volunteer opportunities coming up.

- ★ **Aug. 13th, Roof Repair Day**
- ★ **Helping with 3rd of July Parade - either with set-up or you can come and walk in the parade that day.**

If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Kim Nelson (373-7979 or kcnelson@alchildrenscenter.org)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 17 Nicks Kids Show Event, Activity Room at James Avenue Site
June 19 Happy Father's Day!
June 21 First Day of Summer
July 3 Albert Lea's 3rd of July Parade
July 4 All Sites Closed - Have a Safe 4th of July!
Aug. 13 James Avenue Roof Repair Day
Sept. 2 All Sites Closed - Staff Prep. Day
Sept. 5 All Sites Closed - Labor Day
Sept. 6 First Day of Fall 2011/2012 Session



FREE Sample Saturday Series



SATURDAY, JUNE 18th - Free Swim - Albert Lea Aquatic Center AND Nina - Edgewater Park 10am

Nina embraces the dynamic poses of yoga, the explosive power of martial arts and the grace and spontaneity of modern & ethnic dance. Ages 9 and up.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25th - Butterfly Yoga (Kids & Adults) - Edgewater Park - 10am

This is a great opportunity to share and learn with your kids and grandkids! This class is intended for all ages including children, especially from ages 3 to 6. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

SATURDAY, JULY 9th - Geocaching - Brookside Landing/Boathouse - 10am

Like treasure hunts? Geocaching is for you! This activity allows people with GPS devices, to find hidden containers, called geocaches, hidden all over the world, including here in Albert Lea.

SATURDAY, JULY 16th - Free Swim - Albert Lea Aquatic Center AND Nordic Walking - Edgewater Park - 10am

This easy and effective walking workout allows you to use up to 90% of your muscles. It also improves your posture, balance, and toning.

SATURDAY, JULY 23rd - Qigong - Edgewater Park - 10am

Bring the preventive and curative power of Qigong into your life. The slow graceful movements, mental concentration and breathing involved in Qigong are especially effective in reducing stress.

SATURDAY, JULY 30th - Architecture Walk - Marion Ross Performing Arts Center - 10am

Come and take a walk with us as we explore downtown Albert Lea and uncover its rich history.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th - Free Swim - Albert Lea Aquatic Center

The Sample Saturday Series is being sponsored by the National Vitality Center Board of Directors with help and in conjunction with Community Ed, SHIP, and many volunteers.

