

Look local to keep kids busy this spring break

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There will be multiple opportunities for families to keep their kids busy this spring break.

Here are some of the options available locally:

The **Willamette Heritage Center** is offering spring break deals and activities for kids and families.

- There's a \$15 family admission pass, where people can bring up to two adults and three children. This is happening between March 27 and April 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- The WHC will lead a hunt for clues of Shaun the Shorn Sheep from March 27 to March 31. Download a free spring break passport to fun from the WHC website and stroll the grounds of the Oregon State Capital for clues. The searches will go from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The scavenger hunt is free.

- WHC is also offering museum after hours. On March 27, the Heritage Center is staying open late. Tours will be held as well as behind-the-scenes looks and fun activities for guests of all ages. The event will go from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost for adults will be \$8,

seniors (65+) \$7, \$5 for students, and \$4 for youth (6-17). Admission is free for WHC members and children 5 and under.

- Wind, water, and wool activities will also be an option. These are drop-

activity (wind, water, and wool) is \$3 for WHC members and \$5 for non-members.

For more information on the WHC spring break activities, go to the WHC website at willametteheritage.org.

The **Willamette Humane Society** is offering spring break camps for kids. Campers will learn about animal welfare and the power of community service while engaging in animal-themed games, outdoor activities, guest speakers, and projects. Campers will also gain basic animal training skills and spend quality time with adoptable pets.

March 27 through March 28 is reserved for kindergarteners through second graders from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 29 through March 30 is reserved for third graders through sixth graders also from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Camp is located at the Willamette Humane Society on Turner Road. The cost is \$95 per child and includes take-home projects and a camp souvenir. Visit the WHS website to register.

The **Gilbert House Children's Museum** has a spring break camp planned involving the subject of science. It goes from March 27 to March 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$150 for Gilbert House

members and \$170 for non-members.

Kids ages five through 12 will enjoy a week exploring chemical reactions through hands-on demonstrations and science experiments. Go to the Gilbert House website to register for camp.

The **Salem Family YMCA** and the Monmouth-Independence Family YMCA will be offering a spring club for children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. The club will be held on the final week of March.

Each day will be themed with a different STEM activity such as Ice Melt, Sink or Float, Bottle Flip, and much more. At the end of the week, the kids will have an opportunity to hike around Silver Falls State Park.

The price is \$40 per day or \$180 for the week. For more information, contact the youth development office coordinator Kathy Martin-Willis by calling 503-581-9622, ext. 753.

The **Kroc Center** will be hosting spring break camps. Kids will have a chance to embrace their inner chef or super hero. Kids can be signed up for a day or for all seven days. Each day, campers will do a variety of activities based on their camp. They will also be swimming each day along with enjoying other parts of the Kroc Center like the game room and rock wall.

- The Top Chef camp will educate kids ages eight to 12 about kitchen safety and reading recipes. They will also have an opportunity to cook a different food each day of camp. The days will be on March 23 through March 24 and March 27 through March 31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For members, the class is \$40 per day, \$175 per five days, or \$190 for seven days. For non-members, the class is \$45 per day, \$215 for five days, and \$235 for seven days.

- The Super Hero camp is for kids ages five to seven who enjoy super heroes. The days will be on March 23 through March 24 and March 27 through March 31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For members, the class is \$40 per day, \$175 for five days, or \$190 for seven days. For non-members, the class is \$45 per day, \$215 for five days, or \$235 for seven days. For more information call 503-798-4791 or visit the website at salem.kroccenter.org.

During spring break, **Keizer Elementary School** is offering free lunch and activities from March 27 to March 31. Kids and teens ages one to 18 are welcome to attend. Lunch will be open from noon to 1 p.m. each day and activities will be open from noon to 1:30 p.m.

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