



Stepping Up

A monthly newsletter for STAIR parents
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Summer Camp, Anyone?

With activities ranging from rock climbing to study skills, there is a summer camp to suit every family's interest and budget. Listed below are names and contact information of a few of the summer camps listed in the March 16th and March 24th Times-Picayune. For The Times-Picayune's complete list of 2008 summer camps, including dates and fees, go to the nola.com website. Under "News+Biz," click on "The Times-Picayune." Type in 'summer camps' in the "New Site Search" box at the top of the page and then click on "Parents and Children."

- **A Time To Dance Camp**, 3439 Kabel Drive, Algiers, 393-0552
- **Aurora Summer Camp** at Aurora Tennis and Swim Club, 5244 Gen. Meyer Ave. New Orleans 392- 3300
- **Camp Victory**, 5708 Airline Drive, Metairie 733-5005
- **Elmwood Park Summer Camp**, 1517 Carol Sue Ave., Terrytown 392-0217
- **Jefferson Parish Public School System Summer Day Camps**, Jefferson Parish 736-1817
- **Jefferson Youth Foundation Summer Camp**, various locations, 347-2510
- **Kay's Kaleidoscope of Summer Fun**, 2975 Behrman Highway, Algiers 362-2185
- **Kingsley House Summer Camp**, 1600 Constance St., New Orleans 523-6221
- **Lakeview Presbyterian Weekday School Summer Camp**, Louis XIV St., New Orleans, 488-2172
- **Little Bumblebee Summer Camp**, 120 E St., Belle Chasse, 391-9881
- **Moon College Tae Kwon Do Camp**, 3406 Jurgens St., Metairie, 376-5254
- **Mount Carmel Academy Summer Camps**, 7027 Milne Blvd., New Orleans 288-7626
- **My House Safe and Smart Summer Camp**, 1801 Willow St., New Orleans 895-4242
- **New Hope Baptist Church Enrichment Camp**, 1807 LaSalle St., New Orleans 523-5935
- **Pentecost Baptist Church Educational and Outreach Program Summer Day Camp**, New Orleans, 283-8328
- **Project Prodigy**, 3121 St. Bernard Ave., New Orleans 621-8936
- **Rayne Memorial UMC Vacation Bible School Camp**, 3900 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans 899-3431
- **Sewing Camp** at Hancock Fabric Stores in Metairie, Gretna, and Slidell, 884-9627
- **Spartan Sports Skills and Speed Camp**, 5326 Glendale St., Metairie, 837-9438
- **St. Edward the Confessor/ Kidcam Summer Day Camp** 4920 West Metairie Ave., Metairie, 800-229-9761
- **St. James Methodist Church of Louisiana Language Arts Camp**, 1925 Ursuline Ave., New Orleans 822-8138
- **St. Philip Neri Drama Camp**, 6600 Kawanee Avenue, Metairie, 887-5600
- **Summer Day In The Vieux Carre**, 419 Decatur St., New Orleans, 589-2636 ext.228
- **University of New Orleans Metropolitan College Summer 2008 Kids Programs**, 280-7100
- **Wetlands Camp**, 6588 Baratavia Blvd., Marrero 589-2330



STAIR Family Reading Workshops: Students enjoyed special guests from **Radio Disney** during STAIR Family Reading Workshops at Holy Angels Congregational Center and Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Radio Disney provided a shared reading and all students won Radio Disney prizes and giveaways.

Important Dates:

- **Thursday, April 3:** Zephyrs Opening Day at Zephyr Stadium (call 734-5155 for info on children's and family nights at the park)
- **Wednesday, April 9:** STAIR Family Reading Workshop at Lafayette Academy with special guests from the **New Orleans Hornets' Bookmobile** and **The Parenting Center from Children's Hospital**
- **Saturday, April 12, 2008: *Healthy Kids Day***, 10am-2pm at Andrew H. Wilson Charter School, 1111 Milan Street, YMCA of Greater New Orleans will celebrate *Healthy Kids Day*. The day is a great opportunity for families to engage in play and learn more about the importance of children's health.
- **Saturday, April 19: Reading to Rover** visits STAIR at Berean Presbyterian Church
- **Wednesday, April 23:** STAIR Family Reading Workshop at St. Paul's United Methodist Church with special guests from **Radio Disney** and **The Parenting Center from Children's Hospital**
- **Sunday – Monday, April 27- May 3:** National Volunteer Week
- **May 1 – 15:** STAIR graduations at all sites (check with site director for specific dates)
- **Sunday, May 11: *Happy Mother's Day*** to all mothers, grandmothers, and aunties!

The Teen Center for Non-Violence is now open!

Students in grades 8-12 are invited to join this safe haven for teens that offers after-school and Saturday programs including dance, art, poetry, ACT/SAT preparation classes, field trips and much more. **Call 366-9025 or visit the center at 2031 Hancock Street in Gretna or visit their website, www.teenfriendlygno.com** for more information.



The Visiting Pet Program's Reading to Rover pet handlers and canines visited young family members during STAIR's Family Reading Workshop at Rayne Memorial Presbyterian Church. Children chose their favorite book and waited patiently for their turn to read to 'Meghan' (above), 'Obon' (below), and 'Forest' (to the left), three very lovable and well-behaved dogs!



Need Help Filing Your Income Taxes?

The New Orleans Public Library has FREE Income Tax preparation help, including determining whether one qualifies for the **Earned Income Tax Credit**, every Friday by appointment from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm. To make an appointment, call **596-2580**.