

# 2012 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

## Deerfield Township Parks and Recreation



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### Deerfield Township's Community Garden Will Grow More than Just Produce This Year!

Grow your mind...



Whole Foods and Marvin's Organic Gardens have teamed up to offer fun and educational programs in the gardens this year. Join them at 10:00am on Saturday, April 14th for a FREE composting workshop. Participants will learn how to build and maintain a compost bin, while gaining hands-on experience as they create a bin for the community garden. To see all of their great garden programs, visit the [Community Garden](#) page on our website, [www.ChooseDeerfield.com](http://www.ChooseDeerfield.com).

Grow your community....



Scout troops, clubs, and organizations can grow healthy eating habits and community connections through the [Whole Foods Adopt-A-Plot Program](#). Groups will plant and maintain a 4x4 garden plot. At harvest time, they will donate part of the produce to the Mason Food Pantry. To learn more or to adopt a plot, contact Leah at [leah.matthews@wholefoods.com](mailto:leah.matthews@wholefoods.com). Application deadline is February 25th.

\*\* Interested in an individual plot of your own? Visit our [Community Garden](#) page for more information.

### Thank You!

Deerfield Township would like to thank the following individuals/organizations for their recent support:

- Deerfield Women's Club and all of the awesome volunteers who help make our annual races possible.
- Deerfield Towne Center, Deerfield Fire Rescue, Warren County Sheriff, and all the great volunteers that helped make the annual Halloween Treat Street and Annual Tree Lighting a success!
- Eagle Scout, Alec Doscher, for building the shelter in the Schappacher Park dog run.
- Skidaddles Child Care in the Deerfield Towne Center for their fantastic face painting at our MadCap Puppet Show.

### DID YOU KNOW?

YOU CAN STAY INFORMED ON ALL THE NEWS AND EVENTS FOR DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION. SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER! VISIT THE RECREATION PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO SIGN UP!



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## ADULT PROGRAMMING: Health/Wellness

### Adult Tai Chi

Wednesdays at 10:00am



Age(s): Adults, 18 years and older  
 Dates: 6 week sessions - visit [www.ChooseDeerfield.com](http://www.ChooseDeerfield.com) for session start dates  
 Location: Deerfield Township Trustee Meeting Room  
 Resident Fee: \$18 Non-Resident Fee: \$23  
 Description: Tai Chi involves standing (or sitting) and balancing movements that replicate activities of daily living. These are exercises for overall health and well being, increased range of motion (ROM) and flexibility. The benefits are many and include increased alertness and energy.

### Women's Self-Defense

Thursday, 3/8, 6:00 - 9:00pm



Age(s): Adults and Youth (Females, 14 years and older)  
 Location: Kings Junior High School  
 Resident Fee: FREE Non-Resident Fee: \$5.00 **FULL**  
 Description: Join the Deerfield Township Sheriff's Department to learn vital skills to protect yourself. Topics include ways to avoid being a victim, what to do if you are a victim, and hands-on practice of self-defense techniques.

### Zumba

Wednesdays at 6:15pm

Age(s): Adults, 18 years and older  
 Dates: 6 week sessions - visit [www.ChooseDeerfield.com](http://www.ChooseDeerfield.com) for session start dates  
 Location: Kings Junior High School  
 Resident Fee: \$30 Non-Resident Fee: \$35  
 Description: Zumba® Fitness combines motivating music with unique moves and combinations letting you dance away your worries. It's a fusion of Latin and International music-featuring aerobic/fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body. Zumba® Fitness is an incredibly fun, easy and effective class-you'll feel rejuvenated after this high energy hour.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES ARE 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS.

## ADULT PROGRAMMING: Enrichment

### Adult Ceramics

Tuesdays at 6:30pm



Age(s): Adults, 18 years and older  
 Dates: Tuesdays, April 17, 2011 - May 15, 2012, 6:30 - 8:15pm  
 Location: Kings Junior High School  
 Resident Fee: \$75 Non-Resident Fee: \$80  
 Description: This class is designed for you to go at your own pace and uncover the artist inside. The clay medium will be explored and you will be encouraged to make things that you can use around your house. Students have made tea pots, trivets, cups, bowls, sculptures, bells, whistles, plates, vases, lamps, and even a fountain. We will be concentrating on hand building pieces, with attention to surface decoration. All tools will be provided and each piece will be fired and glazed for you to take home.

### Basic Photography

Tuesdays at 6:30pm



Age(s): Adults, 18 years and older  
 Dates: Tuesdays, February 28, 2012 - April 3, 2012, 6:30 - 8:00pm  
 Tuesdays, April 10, 2012 - May 15, 2012, 6:30 - 8:00pm  
 Location: Kings High School  
 Resident Fee: \$100 Non-Resident Fee: \$105  
 Description: In this 6 week non-technical course, students will learn through lecture, hands-on practice sessions and fun homework assignments. Instructors explain and demonstrate methods that will help both beginners and students with some experience improve their photographic skills.

## LifeStory Writing Workshop Saturday, 3/3, 9:00am - 4:30pm

Age(s): Adults, 18 years and older  
Location: Snyder House at Cottell Park  
Resident Fee: \$89 (includes box lunch)  
Non-Resident Fee: \$99 (includes box lunch)  
Description: Life is full of relationships, places, events, choices and challenges. Join this introductory workshop to discover *your defining stories* and interesting ways to tell them. We will cover four building blocks of storytelling with instruction, discussions and exercises. Our focus is storytelling technique rather than grammar and writing skill. The workshop is open to adults of any writing level.



## Paint Your Own Pottery Thursday, 4/26, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Age(s): All Ages, (Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.)  
Location: Snyder House at Cottell Park  
Fee: Pieces range in price from \$8 to \$25.  
Studio Fee for Residents \$0 / Non-Residents \$2  
Description: Bring your family and friends to our paint-your-own pottery event! Each participant selects one piece of pottery from a variety of options - cups, bowls, plates, boxes, banks, and more! We provide all the supplies you need to relax and paint your piece! Finished pieces will be glazed and fired for you. Pieces will be available for pick-up at the township offices within 2 weeks of the event.



## Rain Barrel Workshop Thursday, 3/15, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Age(s): Adults, 18 years and older  
Location: Warren County Soil and Water Offices  
320 East Silver Street, Suite 300, Lebanon, OH 45036  
Fee: \$45 (includes all supplies for building the rain barrel)  
Registration: Amy Pond, Warren County Soil and Water, at 513-695-2530  
Description: Come learn about water conservation through the use of rain barrels and even make your own to take home! Rain barrels collect rain water from your down spout. They help reduce stormwater run-off and provide free water for use on your lawn/garden. Participants will build their own 55 gallon closed-system rain barrel with an overflow. Rain barrel installation and maintenance will also be covered. **Registration Deadline is March 2nd.**

CHECK OUT THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT ON OUR WEBSITE FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON CLASSES!

## Taking Better Sports Photographs Tuesdays at 5pm

Age(s): Adults, 18 years and older  
Dates: Tuesdays, February 28, 2012 – April 3, 2012, 5:00 – 6:00pm  
Tuesdays, April 10, 2012 – May 15, 2012, 5:00 – 6:00pm  
Location: Kings High School  
Resident Fee: \$65  
Non-Resident Fee: \$70  
Description: This course was created to teach basic sports photography skills. Using our 20+ years of experience photographing professional and amateur sports we have created an easy non-technical course to help parents improve their sports photography. **PREREQUISITE:** This class builds on skills learned in the Basic Photography class.



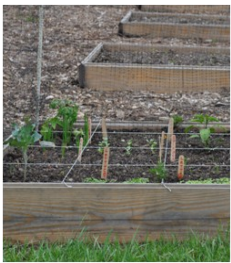
For more information or to register, please visit the Recreation page of our website or contact Stephanie at 513-701-6977 or sgebe@deerfieldtwp.com.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Community Garden Plots

Apply 2/1 - 2/29

Join your neighbors in cultivating fresh vegetables at Deerfield Township's Community Garden! The garden is located at Kingswood Park and features 4x4 garden plots. Applications for garden plots may be filed at the Deerfield Township Administration Office from February 1, 2012 - February 29, 2012. Please visit our website, [www.ChooseDeerfield.com](http://www.ChooseDeerfield.com), for more information or a plot application.



## Children's Book Swap

Saturday, 3/10, 10:00am—12:00pm

**Location:** Snyder House at Cottell Park  
**Fee:** 1 to 1 swap on donated books. Books should be appropriate for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade.  
**Description:** Donate the gently used books your child has outgrown and have them pick out new ones for free at our Book Swap! Convenient donation locations include Skidaddles at the Deerfield Towne Center. Drop off books now through March 2nd. Check our website for more details!



## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, 4/7, 10:00am and 11:30am

Anticipation is in the air for our annual Easter Egg Hunt Egg-stravaganza at Cottell Park. Even the Easter Bunny is looking forward to it!

There will be two rounds of hunts, starting at 10:00am and 11:30am. Children are divided into age groups for each round. This is a FREE community event; no registration is required.



## Paint Your Own Pottery

Thursday, 4/26, 6:00 - 8:00pm

**Age(s):** All Ages, (Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.)  
**Location:** Snyder House at Cottell Park  
**Fee:** Pieces range in price from \$8 to \$25.  
 A one-time studio fee applies - Residents \$0 / Non-Residents \$2  
**Description:** Bring your family and friends to our paint-your-own pottery event! Each participant selects one piece of pottery from a variety of options - cups, bowls, plates, boxes, banks, and more! We provide all the supplies you need to relax and paint your piece! Finished pieces will be glazed and fired for you.



## Movies in the Park

Select Fridays at dark

Enjoy a movie under the stars with your friends and family! Grab your blanket and join us for this FREE public event. All movies start at dark.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Movie</u>	<u>Rating</u>
May 18, 2012	Cottell Park	The Smurfs	PG
June 8, 2012	Landen-Deerfield Park	The ZooKeeper	PG
June 22, 2012	Cottell Park	Spy Kids 4	PG
July 13, 2012	Fleckenstein Park	The Green Lantern	PG-13
July 27, 2012	Cottell Park	Cars 2	G
August 3, 2012	Landen-Deerfield Park	The Muppets	PG
August 24, 2012	Cottell Park	Dolphin Tale	PG
September 7, 2012	Fleckenstein Park	Journey 2	PG
September 21, 2012	Cottell Park	Pirates! Band of Misfits	PG



## Concerts in the Park

Dates Vary

### Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra

This year's summer performance will be held at Otterbein in Lebanon on June 15th. Please check our website for additional details on this free public event.

### Landen-Deerfield Park

In partnership with the Warren County Park District, Deerfield Township sponsors Concert In The Park events at Landen-Deerfield Park. All concerts begin at 6:00pm. For more information, please contact the Warren County Park District at 513.695.1109.

## PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

Deerfield Township and the Mason-Deerfield Arts Alliance have partnered to bring a family friendly Performing Arts Series to the community.

All tickets are \$2 per person; children 2 and under are free. Tickets are sold at the door.

Seating is limited and begins 1/2 hour prior to each event.

### Frisch Marionettes

Sunday, 2/19, 3pm

**Location:** Kings High School Auditorium  
**Description:** Exquisite marionettes, costumes and settings combine with the spell binding melodies of Engelbert Humperknick to bring one of the most classic of all fairy tales to life.

### Cincinnati Symphony Brass Quintet

Sunday, 3/11, 3pm

**Location:** Kings Mills Elementary Stage/Cafeteria  
**Description:** The world-renowned brass section of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra hits the streets when the CSO Brass Quintet performs in smaller, intimate community settings. From classical gems and stately fanfares to romping jazz and holiday favorites, the CSO Brass Quintet draws in crowds of all ages.

### Playhouse In The Park: River Rat and Cat

Friday, 5/4, 7pm

**Location:** Kings Mills Elementary Stage/Cafeteria  
**Description:** River Rat and Cat learn that they don't need to be the same or even like the same things in order to be good friends. Their arguments and daily tiffs must take back seat importance when faced with the imminent destruction of their habitat by the over-eager Dale Beaver.

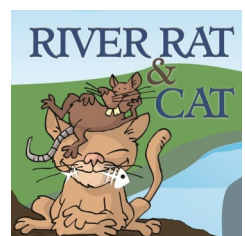
### Cincinnati Opera: Little Red Riding Hood

Saturday, 5/12, 3pm

**Location:** Kings Mills Elementary Stage/Cafeteria  
**Description:** A lively Little Red and a comical wolf join forces to share playful lessons on the importance of personal safety, proper diet, and good health. Our delightful adaptation of the classic Grimm Brothers fairy tale is sure to help keep children on the right path.

To see a complete listing of performances, please visit the [Performing Arts page](#) under Recreation on our website, [www.ChooseDeerfield.com](http://www.ChooseDeerfield.com).

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A special thank you to artswave presents...



# DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP RACING SERIES

## Races

Register at [www.runningtime.net](http://www.runningtime.net)

### Run for the Green 5K Trail Run - Saturday, March 17, 2012

Start out your St. Patrick's Day Week with a hardy workout. This course consists of approximately 3.1 miles of mostly densely wooded, winding dirt/mud trails within Landen-Deerfield Park. Elevation changes of up to 50 feet with two calf-deep creek crossings. Proceeds benefit Deerfield Township Parks.



### Butterfly Walk 5K Run and 1 Mile Charity Walk - Saturday, May 12, 2012

Join us at Cottell Park for the Butterfly 5K run and 1 mile charity walk for CancerFree KIDS. This charity event is a time to remember those who have passed and a time to celebrate life with fun, music and festivities for the whole family.



### DHV Run 5K Run and Fitness Walk - Saturday, June 16, 2012

Come on out and join us at Cottell Park for a 5K run and fitness walk. It should be a Fun, Festive, Family Event. Proceeds from this race will help fund the Veterans Memorial at Cottell Park.

### Powder Keg 5K Trail Run - Saturday, August 25, 2012

The Powder Keg 5K Trail Run is presented by Deerfield Township and the Mason-Deerfield Arts Alliance. This course explores the trails of the historic Kings Mansion. All proceeds benefit the Mason-Deerfield Arts Alliance and goes toward future arts programming.



# DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP SUMMER CAMP

## Kindergarten Camps

Children 5 years old through entering Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year.  
Weekly Camp Rate: \$35 Resident / \$40 Non-Resident

Camp: Splish Splash  
Location: Cottell Park  
Session 1: July 16 - 19, 1:00 - 3:00pm  
Session 2: July 23 - 26, 1:00 - 3:00pm (same activities as Session 1)  
Description: Campers will enjoy age appropriate water games and fun crafts. Don't forget your towel and shoes that can get wet!

Camp: Nature Wonders  
Location: Cottell Park  
Session 1: August 6 - 9, 9:30—11:30am  
Description: We're exploring nature through hands-on activities, games, and crafts. Our themes this year will be spider webs, tracks, and camouflage.

## Preteen Camps

Youth entering 6th - 8th grade for the 2012-2013 school year  
Weekly Camp Rate: \$35 Resident / \$40 Non-Resident

Camp: ETO - Explore the Outdoors  
Location: Kings Mills Elementary / Carter Park  
Dates: June 25 - 28, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Description: Enjoy nature as we hunt through the woods on a geocache, get up close to reptiles in a live animal visit, create unique nature inspired art, and more!

Camp: Game-a-palooza!  
Location: Cottell Park/Mason Bowl (meet at Mason Bowl on Tuesday)  
Session 1: August 13 - 16, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Description: Finish off your summer with a week full of fun games and sports! Enjoy Mason Bowl on Tuesday and a cool Campers vs. Counselors challenge on Thursday!

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# DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP SUMMER CAMP

## 1st - 5th Grade Camps

Youth entering 1st - 5th grade for the 2012-2013 school year  
Weekly Camp Rate: \$35 Resident / \$40 Non-Resident

**Camp: Nature - Medieval Adventure**  
Location: Kings Mills Elementary/Carter Park  
Dates: June 18 -21, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Description: Nature and imagination combine for an awesome adventure as we explore the woods in search of a dragon's egg! On our journey, we'll get in touch with nature as we play fun games and create cool crafts!

**Camp: Nature - Reptiles**  
Location: Kings Mills Elementary/Carter Park  
Dates: June 25 - 28, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Description: Discover what it's like to be a reptile as we explore these fascinating creatures. Campers will enjoy hiking, crafts, games, and a live animal visit.

**Camp: Kitchen Concoctions**  
Location: Cottell Park  
Dates: July 2 - 5, 9:00am - 12:00pm (Camp is held on July 4th.)  
Description: Join us for some 4th of July fun as we create tasty treats, play traditional picnic games, and make fun crafts! (Please discuss food allergies with the Camp Director when registering.)

**Camp: Sports of all Sorts!**  
Location: Cottell Park/Mason Bowl (meet at Mason Bowl on Thursday)  
Session 1: July 9 - 12, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Session 2: August 13 - 16, 9:00am - 12:00pm (same activities as Session 1)  
Description: Traditional sports and crazy games have been combined into our own "Amazing Race!" Campers will have a blast while practicing teamwork and good sportsmanship. Everyone's a winner as we enjoy our final day of camp at Mason Bowl!

**Camp: Wet and Wild!**  
Location: Cottell Park  
Session 1: July 16 - 19, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Session 2: July 23 - 26, 9:00am - 12:00pm (same activities as Session 1)  
Description: Join us for some Wet and Wild fun as we soak up some imagination on our summer camp cruise! Campers are guaranteed to get wet at every port we visit! Don't forget your towel and shoes that can get wet!

**Camp: Arts and Crafts**  
Location: Cottell Park  
Dates: July 30 - August 2, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Description: Let your camper's creativity shine through as we do arts and crafts. Campers will round out their day with fun games, too!

**Camp: It's Science!!!**  
Location: Cottell Park  
Dates: August 6 - 9, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Description: Grab your lab coat and join us for a fun week of scientific exploration! Campers will enjoy hands-on science activities, games, and crafts.



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For registration information, please visit the Summer Camp page of our website, [www.ChooseDeerfield.com](http://www.ChooseDeerfield.com).



## 2012 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION DATES

Early registration for Deerfield Township residents begins on March 1, 2012.

Open registration for residents and non-residents begins on April 2, 2012.

## REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Don't wait until the last minute to register! All programs have a minimum number of participants required. Decisions to cancel programs are usually made 1 week prior to the event.

## METHODS OF REGISTERING

Registrations are accepted via the mail, in person at the township office, or over the phone using a credit card. Some programs may offer online registration through our website, [www.ChooseDeerfield.com](http://www.ChooseDeerfield.com). **To register by phone, call 513.701.6977.**

Payment is required at time of registration. Please make checks payable to Deerfield Township. Cash (exact change) and credit cards (MasterCard, Visa) are accepted.

All participants must have a current [Programming Agreement](#) on file at the township office. Programming Agreements are valid for the entire programming year (September 2011– August 2012). Please visit the Recreation page of our website for Adult and Youth Programming Agreement forms.

## REFUNDS/CANCELLATIONS

Participant requested changes must be made no later than 10 business days prior to the first day of class. Refunds are subject to a \$5.00 processing fee and will only be granted when requested no later than 10 business days prior to the first class meeting. Since decisions to maintain classes are based on enrollment at the first session, no refunds are granted after the first session. In case of maximum enrollment or class cancellation by Deerfield Township, you will be granted a full check refund. Please allow 10 business days for processing of all refunds.

## REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

If you have any questions on programs or registrations, please contact Stephanie at 513.701.6977 or [sgebe@deerfieldtwp.com](mailto:sgebe@deerfieldtwp.com).



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