Some traditional games from the mid-1800s are just part of what the GMA’s Summer Camps for children will offer during the month of June. These camps are geared to children four to 11 years of age.

Georgia Museum of Agriculture Offers Summer Camps For Kids

TIFTON – Children from four to 11 years old can explore southern Georgia’s rich history and natural resources through hands-on activities, games, and crafts this summer at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.
Camp Director Kelly Scott said that Camp Wiregrass offers camps geared toward specific age groups: Munchkins, ages 4-5; Explorers, ages 6-8; Trekkers, ages 9-11, and a “Girls Only” session for 8-11 year olds. Each week-long session offers age appropriate activities and themes.

To register for any session of Camp Wiregrass, interested persons can e-mail Scott at museumcamp@abac.edu or register online at www.abac.edu/museum/kids-camp.

Registrations close two weeks prior to each camp, and space is limited.

Snacks, t-shirts, and all supplies are provided for each week. Explorer and Trekker campers will need to supply a sack lunch. Siblings, ABAC employee, or Friend of the Museum discounts are available. The cost is $50 per week for the Munchkin camp, and $100 per week for all Explorer and Trekker camps.

The summer kicks off with the Munchkin camp for 4-5 year-olds on May 27-30 from 8:30 a.m.-noon with “Down on the Farm.” Campers will find out what life was like in the mid-1800s. Feeding animals, gardening, and wagon rides are just a few of the activities offered for the Munchkin campers. The cost for this camp is $50.

Two different sessions are available for Explorer campers, “Good Ole’ Days” and “EcoDetectives.” Children ages 6-8 can attend either or both sessions. “Good Ole’ Days” on June 2-6 will focus on the mid-1800s culture of southern Georgia with hands-on activities including wool and cotton processing, cane pole fishing, traditional games, and wagon rides. The “EcoDetectives” will unravel the mysteries of local natural resources including collecting invertebrates from the local stream, identifying animal signs, and fishing from June 16-20. Each session is $100 per camper.

Trekkers ages 9-11 years old can take part in the “Nature’s Artists” camp from June 23-27 at the Museum. Campers will create various art projects inspired by nature hikes, stream
exploration, and local wildlife. The program includes discussions in sculpture, drawing, and painting techniques. A showcase of the campers’ artwork will be displayed at the Museum at the end of the week. The cost for this session is $100 per camper.

Female campers from 8-11 years old can also enjoy the Victorian Adventures camp from June 9-13. Campers will explore both the high society and working class lifestyles of women in the 1800s. Various activities include hosting a tea, cooking a traditional meal, candle-making, and playing traditional games. The cost for this camp is $100 per camper.

Camp Wiregrass will also sponsor three-hour workshops during July for various age groups. “The Revolution is Coming” on July 2 is geared for 8-10 year-olds in celebration of Independence Day. Campers will actually join the Museum’s militia.

“Creative Jewelry” on July 8-9 allows campers ages 8-10 years old an opportunity to create their own jewelry with a Native American flare. “Primitive Hunting Skills” on July 11 will show campers ages 6-8 years old how Native American children used games to enhance their hunting skills. Campers will test their skills through spear throwing and archery.

“Orienteering…Hugh?” on July 15 is a workshop which focuses on the traditional means of navigating with a compass. The target audience is 9-11 year olds. The final workshop, “Nature Art,” is geared to 6-8 year olds on July 18. This workshop will allow campers to create artwork inspired by their outdoor experiences.

The workshops are $25 per person per workshop except for “Creative Jewelry” which is $40 per person. The price includes snacks and supplies. For more information on the upcoming summer camps and workshops, interested persons can contact Scott at (229) 391-5224.

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