The Camp Wiregrass week-long camps and daily workshops for children will begin at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC on May 26. Camps and workshops will run through mid-July. Registration is required for each camp or workshop.

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 through
Camp Wiregrass at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Camp Director Kelly Scott said that Camp Wiregrass provides a fun, interactive and educational environment in a unique setting. Each week-long camp or workshop 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. Discounts are available for siblings, ABAC employees, and Friends of the Museum.

Week-long sessions in June include a snack, a t-shirt, programming, all supplies and afternoon water games. June week-long sessions are $100 per camper and run from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Campers will need to bring a sack lunch.

The summer kicks off with Munchkin camp for 4-5 year-olds on May 26-29 from 8:30 a.m.-noon with “Animal Antics.” Campers will meet the local animal residents at the Museum’s Langdale Nature Center. Camp activities will include fishing, bug exploration, and watering farm animals. The cost for this camp is $55.

Two different week-long sessions are available for children ages 6-8 who are called the Explorer campers. They can attend either or both “Native American Explorers” and “Animal Adaptations.”

“Native American Explorers” on June 8-12 will focus on Native American history and culture. Campers will learn primitive hunting skills such as archery and will discover the importance of games to keep tribal peace. They will also learn various life skills including gardening and pottery.
Explorers will discover how animals survive in the wild with “Animal Adaptations” on June 22-26. Campers will learn about various habitats and explore the adaptations of fish, mammals, birds, reptiles, and insects. They will study birds, go fishing, and meet the animals of the Museum. Each Explorers camp costs $100 per camper.

Trekkers ages 9-11 years old can take part in the “Wildlife Adventures” camp from June 23-27 at the Museum. Campers will explore the research techniques used by wildlife biologists. With the help of ABAC’s Forest Resources professors, the campers will learn telemetry, non-lethal trapping, and skull/pelt/track identification. 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 15-19. 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, and playing traditional games. The cost for this camp is $100 per camper.

Camp Wiregrass will also sponsor workshops during the month of July for various age groups. The workshops are $30 per person except for the two-day workshop, “Sew a Friend,” which is $55 per person. The price includes snacks and supplies with programming from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

A “Printers Workshop” on June 30 will allow campers a chance to explore the world of historic printing by creating their own prints and exploring the Museum Print Shop. This workshop is reserved for campers 9-11 years old.

“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. “One Room School” on July 7 will allow campers ages 6-8 years old an opportunity to experience a typical day in a one-
room schoolhouse. “Sew a Friend,” a two day workshop on July 9-10, allows campers to create a doll of their very own. Previous experience in sewing is not required.

Use your wits to solve puzzles and decipher riddles as participants compete in a heart-thumping scavenger hunt through the late 1800s and early 1900s with the “Amazing Race Georgia Historic Style.” This workshop is for children ages 8-10 and will be held on July 14.

“Games and Traditional Toys” on July 16, for children of all ages, is a workshop which focuses on childhood play before TV and video games. Come play old favorites as well as learn a few “new” games from the 1800s. Campers will also create their own old-fashioned toys to take home.

For more information on the upcoming summer camps and workshops, interested persons can contact Scott at (229) 391-5221, via e-mail at museumcamp@abac.edu, or visit the website www.abac.edu/museum/kids-camp.

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