

Ellie Club Summer Program

Soon to be 4th and 5th graders

To meet the needs of the incoming 4th and 5th graders, we are again offering our summer camp-like program as outlined below. During the 8-Week Summer Session, from June 23- August 15, our program offerings will consist of theme-related one-week program blocks. Each week block will include time focused on a particular interest area. This summer there will be one overnight campout, possibly two. The one for sure is to Champoeg and Oaks Park the final week.

We have cut back on overnights this year because of the wonderful opportunities we have this summer! Thanks to a grant from United Way we are able to partner with the outdoor experts from the City of Eugene and Children and staff from Centro Latino Americana for some new advanced outdoor experiences! During weeks 2-7 our adventures will be enhanced by the presence of new friends to learn from and to learn with. Mary has been working closely with leaders from both organizations to develop these new and exciting adventures and is very excited about all we will learn and the new friendships we can make. To kick-off the summer together, we are going to have a gathering for summer families to meet all the Staff from all three organizations. An email will be sent in mid-June giving the details.

If you have any questions about these new programs feel free to call or email Mary.

Ellie Summer Themes and Tuesday All-day Field Trips:

Ellie Regular All-day field trips (Weeks 1 through 7) will be on Tuesdays.

The one overnight trip (week 8) to Oaks Park, will leave early on Tuesday and return late on Wednesday.

Week 1: June 24:	Theme for June 23-27: Tuesday All-day fieldtrip:	-Down on the Farm, out on the Creek- Mary's House on Little Fall Creek
Week 2: July 01:	Theme for June 30-July 03 (closed July 4) Tuesday All-day fieldtrip:	-Make New Friends- Challenge ropes course at Spencer Butte and first outing with our Centro Latino friends.
Week 3: July 08:	Theme for July 7-11: Tuesday All-day fieldtrip:	- Paddling skills to an ancient forest - Canoe at Clear Lake
Week 4: July 15:	Theme for July 14-18: Tuesday All-day fieldtrip:	- Exploring Skinner Butte top to bottom- Rock Climb Skinner Butte columns and letter boxing
Week 5: July 22:	Theme for July 21-25: Tuesday All-day fieldtrip:	-Oregon Coast castle building and Ocean explore- Devil's Elbow
Week 6: July 29:	Theme for July 28-Aug 01: Tuesday All-day fieldtrip:	-Hot Fun in the Summer Time- Rafting the Willamette
Week 7: Aug 05:	Theme for August 04 – 08 Tuesday All-ay fieldtrip:	-Tree Climbing - Peterson Barn
Week 8: Aug 12/13:	Theme for August 11-15: Tuesday/Wednesday Overnight fieldtrip:	-An Amusing Adventure- Oaks Park Amusement park in Portland, then Champoeg St. Park

Due to the advanced planning, some trips may need to be changed later, if necessary. You will be notified weekly about any schedule changes.

During these weeks, there will be ample opportunity to engage in games and art activities, and for children to make some decisions about how they want to spend their time (the usual Ellie Club experience). There will be time each day for activities, and short outings to explore the weeks' theme. Then each Tuesday, Mary, her support staff, and the kids will head off on their weekly adventure. We are closed on July 4th (which falls on a Friday this year).

Then to wrap-up the summer activities, we will have a fun gathering to interact with friends and families that we have come to know over the term. More information about this event will be announced in late July/early August.

There will be smaller trips around town each week that Mary will tell you about in your weekly summer newsletter. The newsletter will include the permission slips for the week and the list of what your child will need in the way of extra clothes, etc., for upcoming events. Some of the trips may include trips to Robinson Theater, on the U of O campus, to watch plays; Willamalane Parks for the children's concert series, and anything else new and exciting that can be found around town!

In order to make this special summer opportunity available, we have revised how summer care for this age group is scheduled. The only Block Scheduling option for Tuesdays and other – field trip days – will be all-day care from 7:30 until 5:45. Non fieldtrip Mondays, Wednesdays, and all Thursdays and Fridays will have our regular Block Schedule options.

We are excited about this opportunity to schedule more adventure during the summer months and hope it will be fun for all the children.