



Dear Families,

Welcome to Summer Fun!

Our theme this year is “Camping Through the Summer RV Adventures.” We will experience weekly themes of a Country Fair, Science Camp Adventure, Wild West/Cowboy Camp, Stopping at the Watering Hole for water play, a Mystery Trip on a Pirates Beach and Camp Carnivals and Talent Show with special activities associated with each topic. An added treat this summer will be visits from special guests providing hands-on experiences for the children.

This summer groups will be combined by centers for grades 1-3. In addition, there will be 2 kindergarten groups and a 4th/5th grade group.

Our center team is from **Howe and Lincoln KC** and our team color is **Blue** and our team's name is **The Blue Boo Boo's!**

We have tons of fun activities planned and are so excited for you to join us!

Please send your child with a packed lunch in a disposable bag labeled with their name. All lunches will be refrigerated until lunchtime. **Please do not send thermal bags,** as they are difficult to fit in the refrigerator space.

Here is what you will need to bring your first day:

- **A water bottle labeled with your child's name.**
- **A lunch labeled with your child's name in a disposable bag.**
- **Any documented medication labeled with your child's name and a documentation form filled out.**

You may bring a towel to sit on for outside activities or picnics.

Please remember to wear **comfortable clothes** and **tennis shoes** **(NO FLIP FLOPS)** as we will be active for much of the day.

Be sure to check your email for the Summer Fun weekly calendar for the awesome special activities throughout the summer. **See below for specific pool information.*

Summer Fun begins on Monday, June 17, 7:00a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Mt Lebanon High School 155 Cochran Rd. Park in the lot off Lebanon Ave.

Entrance C29. Room: **321 (End of Hallway near Bathrooms & Center Court/Outside Doors)**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at.

KC Lincoln phone#: **412-563-1474** email: **KCLincoln@mledp.org**

KC Howe phone#: **412-207-9016** email: **KCHowe@mledp.org**

We can't wait to see you there!

Helen Nelson & Laura Flaus

p.s. Please be prepared to show photo ID when picking up your child. Thank you!

Staff Team:

As we are a combined center, we wanted to introduce ourselves to everyone and give you a chance to get to know each of us a little bit beforehand!

Helen Nelson- Hi Everyone! My name is Miss Helen, and I am one of the Leads for Kindergarten Group 2! I am a graduate of Slippery Rock University, and I am currently pursuing my master's degree in education through Point Park University. I'm originally from Minnesota, but now live in Mt. Lebanon and love it here! This is my second summer working Summer Fun and look forward to getting to know some new faces and see some familiar faces as well!

Laura Flaus- Hello, my name is Laura Flaus and I am so excited to join the staff of dedicated professionals at Mt. Lebanon Extended Day Program. I have a degree in Early Childhood Education from the Community College of Allegheny County and have worked with children both professionally and as a volunteer throughout the past 40 years. My experience includes serving as an Assistant Daycare Director for ten years, a preschool teacher for five years, and a day camp counselor. I also volunteered as a Girl Scout Troop Leader, Sunday school teacher, and VBS teacher. I am happily married and have two adult daughters. I have lived in Mt. Lebanon for 52 years. In my free time, I enjoy visiting with my family, reading, and working in my garden. I have admired Mt. Lebanon Extended Day Program and their efforts to accommodate working families with their childcare needs before and after school, and during the summer. I know many children who have benefited from this wonderful program and look forward to becoming part of the team!

Amy Simon (AM Staff)- Mrs. Simon (AM) has a BA in Child Development/Family Relations from IUP and has worked with MLEDP for over 23 years. She loves working with children and listening to their daily stories. She also enjoys watching them make friends and seeing the bonds grow between them throughout the year. Mrs. Simon has two teenage daughters who Rock her World and loves watching them play soccer—this year they played together on their school's varsity team. Go Eagles!

Emmeline Chaney- Hello! My name is Emmeline, and I am so excited to be back for a second year of Summer Fun! I grew up here in Mt. Lebanon and received my BS in Psychology from Kansas State University. I enjoy travelling, listening to music, making art, and being outside. I love watching the kids progress, and I love their hilarious stories. Here's to an awesome Summer!

Christie Keane (PM Staff)- Ms. Christie (PM) graduated from Slippery Rock University with a BS in Elementary Education and a specialization in Early Childhood Education. She taught for 15+ years in a private school, teaching 2nd & 3rd grade and Transitional Preschool. She has been working with MLEDP for 4+ years and has worked with the School Age Program as well as Kindergarten Care. Ms. Christie loves working with children and watching them progress and develop. She also thinks that they are very funny! In her free time Ms. Christie enjoys spending time with her family, hiking, eating, and attending concerts with her husband, brother, and friends.

Tanner McFoy- (PM Staff)- Hello my name is Tanner, This will be my first year of Summer Fun. I grew up here in Mt. Lebanon and graduated last year from the high school. I attend Coastal Carolina University down in South Carolina. I am an inspiring elementary education major and hope to teach within the district one day. I love to run, play golf and much more. I am super excited to meet everyone and help and watch them grow.

POOL

June 21st, 9:15 – 10:30 we take the children to the pool to be evaluated by the lifeguards. The staff will use the information you provided at registration and your child's demonstrated ability in the water to determine the areas of the pool your child may use. If your child does not attend Summer Fun on 6/21, he/she may come to the pool for the evaluation. Children not attending will be evaluated on their 1st pool day. Pool begins 6/24 week.

Beginner swimmers will play in the beach entry area of the pool. Puddle Jumpers are recommended by the pool for any non-swimmers.

Intermediate swimmers will play in the shallow end of the main pool up to the overhead flags. They may use the slide with parent permission and meeting the pool requirements.

Proficient swimmers, who pass the deep water test and have parent permission may use the full pool.

- **Per MLEDP policy, all kindergarten children will be assigned an orange band. They will play with friends in the beach entry area of the pool, getting to experience the sprinklers and water play together.**
- We staff to a ratio of 1:6 for children in grades K-3 and 1:8 for children in grades 4-5. We have our own lifeguard on staff which accompanies the groups, daily.
- Each group will be assigned a time to go to the Mt. Lebanon pool 3 times each week for a 75-minute period between the hours of 1:00 - 3:45. These pool days are noted below and will be on the weekly activity calendar.
- Please send your child to Summer Fun in their bathing suit on pool days. Please also send a towel, a change of clothes (including underwear), and any other items your child may need at the pool (flip flops, goggles, Red Cross Lifeguard approved life jackets, etc.)
- *Please do not send money for the snack bar.* We plan to enjoy the time in the pool. MLEDP will provide an afternoon snack.
- Children will be sun-screened prior to their scheduled pool time, in addition to any outside time in the sun.
- Prior to the start of Summer Fun, we would appreciate if you could let us know about your child's swimming ability and their comfort level around the pool, even though they will all be orange bands it allows us to have similar comfort levels grouped together and keep an eye on any children that struggle or are not as comfortable with the pool.
- Also prior to the beginning of summer we suggest having your child practice changing by themselves out of swimsuits, as this can be a struggle for some children. This will allow your child to be prepared and able to change themselves when it comes time at Summer Fun.

As you see, we have the late swim every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. If you are planning on picking up your child between 4:00 and about 4:30, your child will still be in their swimsuit with their clothes over top. This will help us to transition quickly back up to the school so we can get back in time for PM snack and for anyone picking up right after our pool time!

Pool Schedule:

K: Hoover, Jefferson, Markham	Monday, Wednesday, Friday,	1:00 – 2:15
K: Foster, Howe, Lincoln, Washington	Monday, Wednesday, Friday,	2:30 – 3:45
Foster/Howe:	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	1:00 – 2:15
Hoover/Jefferson/Washington:	Monday, Tuesday, Friday	1:00 – 2:15
Lincoln/Markham:	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,	2:30 – 3:45
4th/5th Grades:	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,	2:30 – 3:45