

Contact Information

Blue Ash YMCA Camp Creekwood

Emily Caton

5000 YMCA Drive

Cincinnati, OH 45242

ecatone@cincinnatiymca.org

513-791-5000

ACA Camp ID # 9026745

ACA Member # 55032

Project Title

Discover Cincinnati

Project Explanation

Discover Cincinnati is an Adventure Camp in which campers will learn about their city. The camp will revolve around local history, landmarks, community heroes, and transportation. Each week the campers will research and explore the city through field trips, library visits, and historians.

The program will take place 2 days each week for 10 weeks. The 1st day of each week will be the research component and the 2nd day will be the hands-on component. The program will also include camper projects to display what they are learning. For example:

Day 1: Campers will visit the library and research the rail system and history of trains in Cincinnati.

Day 2: Campers will visit the Cincinnati Museum Center to view the train displays and view the trains from the viewing tower.

The program will be planned by a group of licensed teachers and implemented by a licensed teacher. The program will include 12 campers from our traditional day camp program in 2nd-4th grades at a minimal fee to the parents. The parent fee will be \$50 for the 10 week program.

The topics covered in the program will include:

- Intro to Cincinnati History
- Cincinnati rail system
- William Howard Taft
- Cincinnati Sports History
- Music History & Music Hall
- Police/Fire History
- Art History
- Harriet Beecher Stowe
- Downtown

Purpose

Discover Cincinnati is an exciting new program that will supplement campers' day camp experience. If we intentionally do these things we can help prevent summer learning loss and give our campers a head start when they return to school.

The program is important for the prevention of summer learning loss and providing campers with a program to supplement their social studies curriculum. The program will benefit 2nd through 4th grade students with the focus on the following Ohio Learning Standards:

- 2nd grade Learning Standard of People Working Together
- 3rd grade Learning Standard of Communities
- 4th grade Learning Standard of Ohio in the United States

The long term benefits of this project include providing an outline for future camps that focus on other academic areas, decreasing the amount of summer learning loss that students experience, and opening the doors to a more formal partnership between camps and schools.

Budget

The total cost of the project is \$4000. The amount being requested from the ACA, Ohio Grants Program is \$2500. The only other source of funding is a minimal parent fee of \$50 for the 10 week program. The remaining cost will be covered by our camping program.

The grant money will be used as follows:

\$1800	Staffing – Staffing includes a counselor to implement the program for 2 days/week for 10 weeks. The planning committee (group of licensed teachers) will be directors and volunteers.
\$500	Busing – The Y has a mini bus that will be used, so this will cover the cost of gas.
\$1000	Field Trips – Each week will include 1-2 field trip locations that cost \$5-\$8 per person.
\$700	Program Supplies – Supplies that are needed for camper projects to go with each week's research/field trip.

The project will be affected if the entire amount of funding is not awarded. Staffing, field trip and supply money will have to be cut back, so we don't have to charge the parents a substantial amount. The parent fee will have to be raised to cover the basic needs and costs to run a quality program.

Time Framework

Discover Cincinnati will run June 9, 2014 through August 15, 2014. Funding is needed by May 15, 2014 so field trips can be secured and supplies purchased. Although this request is to fund Discover Cincinnati the summer of 2014, the hope is to add this as a camping program that runs each summer through grant funding or parent fees.