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# Township to offer summerlong recreation day camp

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## SHELBY TOWNSHIP

When the kids are out of school for the summer, many parents and children may be thankful for an energy-channeling outlet away from television and video games.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, beginning June 20 and ending Aug. 12, the Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department will offer a summer day camp at Duncan Elementary and Monfort Elementary.

The program is open to children entering first through sixth grades in the coming school year. Participants will experience fun activities, games, team-building exercises, sports games, arts and crafts projects, and more.

Parents can choose to send children every day or choose which days they attend based on the posted weekly schedule or personal schedules.

PRM Director Joe Youngblood said his department would accept registration through the first



**ABOVE:** Campers learn about police activities during the township's summer day camp last year.

week of the program, which has been going on for about 40 years.

"The summer day camp is a wonderful program," Youngblood said. "The kids look forward to it during the summer, and it's a great way for kids to get a break from being at home and not sitting around the house bored."

Youngblood, now 45, said he

attended the summer day camp when he was a student at Crissman Elementary. His favorite part, he said, was a track and field day against the other elementary school at Swinehart Field at the end of the program, followed by a picnic.

Now, he said, the end-of-program celebration focuses on a pic-

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**TOP:** Elementary school children play in the soccer fields during the township's summer day camp last year. **ABOVE:** Shelby Township day camp participants show off their frog crafts last year.

# Camp

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nic and games at Mae Stecker Park.

At press time, Cindy Martel, who is in charge of the program, said there were approximately 100 kids registered at Duncan Elementary and approximately 75 kids registered at Monfort Elementary.

A site leader, assistant leader and recreation aide supervise each location and brainstorm the curriculum, Martel said, which is posted on the day camp website. She said most of the leaders are teachers, so they have experience working with children.

"There is an overall theme for the week, and one special event on Wednesdays," Martel said, adding that last year included a Harry

Potter week and a water week with an inflatable slide and other water games. "We try to keep everyone informed."

Sites will be closed on Friday, July 1, and Monday, July 4.

Participants must bring their own sack lunch and drinks to camp each day. They are responsible for additional fees for the ice cream truck that will visit every Friday and occasional, non-mandatory pizza lunches.

Activities are divided into upper and lower elementary for all activities that involve running, throwing and kicking, but the groups come together for more passive recreation, such as watching movies, playing board games, and doing arts and crafts projects.

Registration fees cover the entire eight-week program and can-

not be prorated.

The first child costs \$250, the second child costs \$150, and the third child on costs \$85 each. Nonresidents of Shelby Township and Utica must add \$25 per family.

Duncan Elementary is located at 14500 26 Mile Road, east of Schoenherr. Monfort Elementary is located at 6700 Montgomery

Drive, north of 23 Mile and east of Mound.

For more information or to register, call the Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department at (586) 731-0300 or visit [www.shelbyprm.wix.com/summerrec](http://www.shelbyprm.wix.com/summerrec).

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