



SUMMER ACADEMY IS A HUGE SUCCESS

Our first Annual Summer Academy sessions have officially finished. The Summer Academy included two separate four-week sessions that met daily from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Wednesday's included our Community Day Trips to the Milwaukee County Zoo, American Family Field Tour, Oconomowoc Police Station and Library, Delafield Police and Fire Station, lunch at the Cornerstone Pub and Lumber Inn, bowling at the Village Bowl and ice cream at Culver's.

It was a special experience observing the amount of growth, maturity, and overall endurance that occurred each week. After the first few days, the students went home absolutely exhausted, as we were moving and learning. Eventually they knew what to expect daily and looked forward to the next challenge and opportunity.

Our new Academy focused on the following core areas: Physical & Emotional Wellness, Healthy Cooking, Communication & Listening Skills, Independent Living and Social Skills, Power of Art, and Volunteer Experiences at the Lake Country Dockhounds.



SUMMER



Miss Kelly and Miss Lori, from Associated Bank, taught a weekly lesson on Financial Literacy. We learned about savings and checking accounts, credit cards, how a bank is set up, and the importance of saving your money. We then took a fun field trip to the Associated Bank in Oconomowoc where we received a personalized tour.

Miss Debbie and Miss Chole, from Community Smiles Dental, visited our classes and presented a lesson on Oral Health and the importance of taking care of our gums and teeth. Miss Debbie taught us about plaque and the proper way to brush and floss. Each student received a new toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss!



WENDY'S WHEREABOUTS

What a fun filled summer with so many new events! We have offered a variety of classes in our beautiful teaching kitchen; including healthy snacks, cake pops and Italian specialties. The cooking classes create opportunities for development of a variety of skills, including social, math, teamwork, fine motor, and the very important, daily living. It is fun to step back and watch all of those important skills being developed! Our fitness classes are always a hit, with team building, games, overall strength and conditioning being the focus. Food Truck Fridays are a great addition to our calendar, a relaxing event where we can socialize and enjoy some great food together! The Lapham Peak hike and scavenger hunt was a blast; and we will definitely be adding more of these hikes down the road. I look forward to Fall together and getting to know many new participants! I am grateful to be part of this exciting journey!

LAPHAM PEAK SCAVENGER HIKE



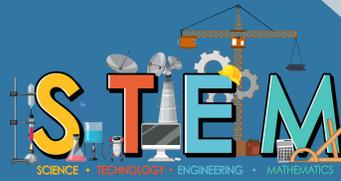
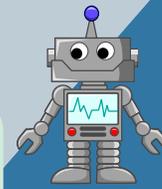
HEIDI'S HAPPENINGS

In June and August, we enjoyed a Sunday afternoon supporting our very own Lake Country Dockhounds Team. We created a High Five Tunnel at the beginning of each game and as each Dockhound starting player was introduced, we gave them a high five and wished them good luck in their game. We sat together with our friends and cheered them on to victory! We love Louie the Dockhound Mascot as he cheered with us!

Throughout the Summer Academy, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, our students volunteered at the Dockhound Stadium, working on developing their soft skills. We cleaned windows, tables, and stadium seats, as well as pulled weeds and picked up trash. After volunteering, the Dockhound Staff organized some fun activities as we hit baseballs, played cornhole, and basketball. We worked hard and then had some fun!



4TH QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS



Journey21 is excited to partner with Cyberhawks-Arrowhead High School, and is launching the FIRST Robotics and STEM Club, empowering the IDD community starting this October. Registration will be open in September and the details include:

Club Name: Cyberhawks FIRST Robotics Club

Description: Cyberhawks FIRST Robotics Club is a 12-week introductory camp into Lego robotics. In this camp, members will learn basic coding and building skills, gain engineering experience, as well as develop invaluable collaboration skills.

Where: Journey 21 Enrichment Center

Group Size Limit: 12 participants (As a pilot for this year)

When: Every other Sunday from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Start Date: Sunday, October 8, 2023

Cost: \$225.00



"COMMUNITY CREATES OPPORTUNITIES"



Journey21 is excited to partner with TOPSoccer and we have planned a soccer clinic, with two different time slots available, for next quarter with dates of November 8th and 15th, December 6th, 13th and 20th. Registration will be open in September!

Description: Come and join us and learn the basic fundamentals of soccer including ball shots, passing, shooting, and fitness & agility training. Coach Roni Andrews, the Program Director of TOPSoccer, will lead the clinic.

Where: Journey21 Enrichment Center

Group Size Limit: 20 participants

When: 1st Session, 5:00-6:30 pm and 2nd Session, 6:30-8:00 pm (you pick the time that works best for you)

Start Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Cost: \$200.00



AMERICAN FAMILY FIELD TOUR



NEW FACES AT JOURNEY21

WELCOME



CRAIG HEINZE
18-21 TRANSITION ACADEMY INSTRUCTOR

I am excited to join the Journey21 team. I have been caring for people since the early 90's as an undergraduate at UWM Child Care Center. After graduating with a Bachelor's degree in early childhood education, I moved to public education and taught at Merton Primary school for 27 years in five-year-old kindergarten, first and second grade. I was blessed working with so many great families and coworkers during my tenure at Merton. There is no place like the Lake Country community.

My beliefs in education are: Every student can be independent and in-charge of their own learning. Students are most successful with routines and procedures. School is not just about academics, but rather the growth of the whole person. Relationships drive the classroom community as well as professional cohesiveness. Content can be delivered with enthusiasm and personality. Humor is an important part of teaching and life. Learning and teaching is fun!

Some of my outside passions are competitively sailing on Nagawicka and Pewaukee lakes, and curling at the Kettle Moraine Curling Club, as well as, bonspieling throughout the midwest. I also enjoy working with my hands in construction/carpentry. The theme with all these activities is that the goal is always to be successful but the path/formula changes constantly giving me an opportunity to problem solve, learn and grow. I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with the families and staff at Journey21. I'm positive that I will be learning and growing during this new adventure.



BILLY HIRSCHFELD
LEARNING ACADEMY AND PROGRAM ASSISTANT

I'm excited to start this next chapter in my career by joining the Journey21 team. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Communications Degree in 2019. For the past four years, I worked at Arrowhead Union High School as a Special Education Teacher's Aide, assisting the teachers and students who need help inside and outside the classroom. I found joy working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in an academic setting and look forward to making a career in the field of education. Currently, I am the Defensive Line Coach for the varsity football team at Arrowhead High School. In addition, I'm the Assistant Coach for the Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Team. I look forward to bringing my athletics, knowledge, and passion to the Journey21 participants.

On May 4, 2023, I married my wonderful wife, Ashley. We love going on nature walks and exploring the trails in state parks. Both of us enjoy the game of basketball; playing some shootaround at the park, watching college and pro basketball, and discussing different approaches to the game. We also enjoy spoiling and loving our pup, Cody.