



## ***Summer Learning Opportunities 2026!!***

*The Blount County Education Foundation, in partnership with Blount County Board of Education, is pleased to announce summer learning opportunities for Blount County Students! BCEF is providing activities in several areas for the summer of 2026:*

- *School-based and District-wide Enrichment “Sign-up” Camps*
- *21st Century Learning Sites/Literacy/Numeracy/Enrichment Camps at the elementary schools.*
- *SAIL Camp: Susan Moore Dreamcatchers Camp (Year 11)*

*BCEF will be providing funds for supplies and resources for all of the camps and staff for many of them. Camps are provided across the district in every community at no cost for parents and students through grants awarded to BCEF and BCBOE from community partners. Camps in June include breakfast and lunch at no cost to the campers.*

*Since 2011, 17,596 students have attended BCEF Summer Program Camps!*

### ***Summer Program Mission and Beliefs:***

***The mission of the Blount County Summer Learning Program is to foster excellence through high-quality enriched learning experiences while inspiring and nourishing student curiosity and personal growth!***

#### ***Summer Learning Beliefs – We believe that:***

- *High impact summer learning programs are best and most productive when a whole child development approach is used.*
- *In order to equip tomorrow's leaders, we must develop academically successful and emotionally strong individuals who approach the world with curiosity, creativity, and empathy.*
- *Enthusiastic learning cultures have to be fostered and developed through providing a wide variety of enrichment experiences.*
- *Students can be best supported for continuous improvement through an ambitious academic program rooted in student achievement and enrichment.*
- *Collaborative family and community partnerships are critical to summer programming success.*

**Literacy/Numeracy/Enrichment Camps are a joint partnership with BCBOE and Alabama 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning.**



School	Theme	Camp Dates
Appalachian Spark Camp	Red, White, & Blue Summer Spark	June 1 - 19
Blountsville Elementary Explorers	Out of this World	June 1 - 19
Cleveland Elementary Pathfinders	Nature Navigators	June 1 - 19
Hayden Primary Camp	Camp U.S.A.	June 1 - 19
Hayden Elementary/Middle Camp	Space	June 1 - 19
Locust Fork Elementary Camp	Dig In! Discovering Our Past, Building Our Future!	June 1 - 19
Southeastern Camp	Ready, White, & Blue Summer	May 26 - June 15
Susan Moore Elementary Dreamcatchers*	The Arts - Where a Million Dreams Begin	June 1 - 26

**\*Susan Moore Dreamcatchers is also a SAIL (Summer Adventures in Learning) Coalition Camp.**

**All the Literacy/Numeracy Camps include breakfast and lunch at no charge to campers!**

# SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMPS

Enrichment Sign-up Camps information is below. Registration directions are in the last column on the right. Some of these may be full already.

Camp Category	Camp Title	Camp Location	Dates/Times	Grades	Camp Leader	Email to register for camp:
<b>Visual Arts</b>						
	Moments with the Masters in May	Hayden Primary	May 26th - 29th 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	5th - 12th	Billie Miller and Keith Miller	bmiller@blountboe.net
	High School Art Camp	Hayden Primary	June 15th - 17th 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	5th - 12th	Billie Miller and Keith Miller	bmiller@blountboe.net
	Elementary Art Camp	Hayden Primary	June 8th - 10th 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	K - 4th	Billie Miller and Keith Miller	bmiller@blountboe.net
	Elementary Art Camp	Appalachian	May 27th 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	5th - 6th	Jennifer White	Camp is full!
	Elementary Art Camp	Appalachian	May 28th 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	3rd - 4th	Jennifer White	Camp is full!
	Media & Design Art Camp	Locust Fork Elementary	June 8th - 12th 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	4th - 5th	Anna King	alking@blountboe.net

	Elementary Art Camp	Cleveland Elementary	June 22nd - 23rd 8:00-12:00	K-2nd	Kathy Gilliland	Camp is full!
	Elementary Art Camp	Cleveland Elementary	June 24th-26th 8:00-12:00	3rd - 6th	Kathy Gilliland	Camp is full!
	Summer Art Exhibition & Family Night	Multipurpose Center in Cleveland	July 28th 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	All grades	Billie Miller, Keith Miller, Tina Chery, Denise Lybrand	<a href="mailto:ccleveland@blountboe.net">ccleveland@blountboe.net</a>
<b>STEAM Camps</b>						
	STEAM Time	Blountsville Elementary	June 8th - 12th 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	4th - 6th	Melanie Ganus	<a href="mailto:mganus@blountboe.net">mganus@blountboe.net</a>
	Mission STEM Possible	Cleveland Elementary	June 1st - 3rd 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	4th - 6th	Brett Thrasher/ Cheryl Richards	<a href="mailto:bthrasher@blountboe.net">bthrasher@blountboe.net</a> <a href="mailto:clrichards@blountboe.net">clrichards@blountboe.net</a>
	Robotics Camp	Cleveland High School	June 22nd - 26th 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	7th - 12th	Josh Young/ Brett Thrasher/ Riley Lyles/ Katrina Jennings	<a href="mailto:jdyoung@blountboe.net">jdyoung@blountboe.net</a> <a href="mailto:bthrasher@blountboe.net">bthrasher@blountboe.net</a> <a href="mailto:rslyles@blountboe.net">rslyles@blountboe.net</a> <a href="mailto:katrina@blountboe.net">katrina@blountboe.net</a>
	STEM Camp	Locust Fork Elementary	June 1st - 5th 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	4th - 5th	Daneal DeLoach	<a href="mailto:dpdeloach@blountboe.net">dpdeloach@blountboe.net</a>
	STEM Careers #1	Southeastern High School	June 2nd 1:00-4:00	7th-8th	Jackson Millwood Heather Nanney Kaley Hollingsworth	<a href="mailto:jamilwood@blountboe.net">jamilwood@blountboe.net</a> <a href="mailto:hnanney@blountboe.net">hnanney@blountboe.net</a> <a href="mailto:kdhollingsworth@blountboe.net">kdhollingsworth@blountboe.net</a>
	STEM Careers #2	Cleveland High School	June 3rd 1:00-4:00	7th-8th	Jackson Millwood	<a href="mailto:amilwood@blountboe.net">amilwood@blountboe.net</a> <a href="mailto:hnanney@blountboe.net">hnanney@blountboe.net</a> <a href="mailto:kdhollingsworth@blountboe.net">kdhollingsworth@blountboe.net</a>
	STEAM Camp	Appalachian	May 27th 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	3rd - 4th	Sheila Turner	Camp is full!
	STEAM Camp	Appalachian	May 28th 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	5th - 6th	Sheila Turner	Camp is full!
	STEAM Camp	Southeastern High School	June 9th - 11th 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	5th - 6th	Ryan Buchanan	<a href="mailto:rcbuchanan@blountboe.net">rcbuchanan@blountboe.net</a>
	STEAM Business & Entrepreneur Camp	Susan Moore Elementary	June 15th - 18th 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	6th - 11th	Michelle Shelton	<a href="mailto:mshelton@blountboe.net">mshelton@blountboe.net</a>
	Broadcasting Camp	Blountsville Elementary	June 1st - 5th	4th - 5th	Melanie Ganus	Camp is full!
	High School Broadcasting Camp	TBA	July 21st - 22nd 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	8th - 12th	Gregg Armstrong  Special Guest: Chris Stewart, University of AL Play by Play Announcer for Football and Basketball	<a href="mailto:ccleveland@blountboe.net">ccleveland@blountboe.net</a>  Other Special Guests: James Allen, WQSB; Cameron Hudson, Equipment Specialist; Robbie McAlpine, WCRL
<b>Music Camps</b>						

	<i>Beginning "Steps" for Band Membership: Marching and Playing Fundamentals</i>	<i>Cleveland High School</i>	<i>April 20th-24th 3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.</i>	<i>7th-11th</i>	<i>Thomas Duke</i>	<i>Camp is completed!</i>
	<i>Rookie Music Camp</i>	<i>Hayden High School</i>	<i>April 27th-28th 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>6th-12th</i>	<i>Jonathon Steinman</i>	<i>jbsteinman@blountboe.net</i>
	<i>Movin' On UP Music Camp</i>	<i>Pennington High School</i>	<i>June 1st -5th 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.</i>	<i>7th-12th</i>	<i>Elizabeth Boone</i>	<i>eboone@blountboe.net</i>
	<i>Fundamentals of Guard</i>	<i>Susan Moore High School</i>	<i>May 28th-29th 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. May 30th 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>7th-12th</i>	<i>Skylar McHan</i>	<i>ismchan@blountboe.net</i>
	<i>Keeping the Beat Percussion Camp</i>	<i>Locust Fork High School</i>	<i>July 13th-17th 8:00-12:00</i>	<i>6th-12th</i>	<i>Christian Cowart</i>	<i>ctcowart@blountboe.net</i>
<b>Theater Camps</b>						
	<i>Elementary Theater Camp</i>	<i>Locust Fork Elementary</i>	<i>June 15th - 19th 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</i>	<i>4th - 6th</i>	<i>Andrea Horn and Jodi Johnson</i>	<a href="mailto:ahorn@blountboe.net">ahorn@blountboe.net</a> <a href="mailto:jmjohnson@blountboe.net">jmjohnson@blountboe.net</a>
	<i>Elementary Theater Camp</i>	<i>Cleveland Elementary School Cafeteria</i>	<i>June 22nd - 26th 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</i>	<i>2nd - 6th</i>	<i>Jodie Johnson and Andrea Horn</i>	<a href="mailto:jmjohnson@blountboe.net">jmjohnson@blountboe.net</a> <a href="mailto:ahorn@blountboe.net">ahorn@blountboe.net</a>
	<i>High School Performance Theater Camp</i>	<i>Hayden High School</i>	<i>June 15-19 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</i>	<i>6th - 12th</i>	<i>Morgan Newton and Chelsea Roper</i>	<i>manewton@blountboe.net</i>
	<i>High School Technical Theater Camp</i>	<i>Hayden High School</i>	<i>June 22-26 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.</i>	<i>6th-12th</i>	<i>Morgan Newton and Chelsea Roper</i>	<i>manewton@blountboe.net</i>
<b>Unique Interest</b>						
	<i>Chef's Camp</i>	<i>Pennington High School</i>	<i>May 26th-27th 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</i>	<i>6th - 10th</i>	<i>Victoria Miles</i>	<i>amiles@blountboe.net</i>
	<i>Chef's Camp</i>	<i>Appalachian School</i>	<i>May 27th 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</i>	<i>3rd-4th</i>	<i>Briar Fowler</i>	<i>bafowler@blountboe.net</i>
	<i>Chef's Camp</i>	<i>Appalachian School</i>	<i>May 28th 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</i>	<i>5th-6th</i>	<i>Briar Fowler</i>	<i>bafowler@blountboe.net</i>
	<i>Archery Camp</i>	<i>Locust Fork High School</i>	<i>June 15th - 17th 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</i>	<i>6th-12th</i>	<i>Wayne Howse and Rick Crouch</i>	<i>dwhowse@blountboe.net</i>
	<i>Getting Ready for Kindergarten</i>	<i>Appalachian School</i>		<i>Incoming Kindergarten Student</i>	<i>Jonathan Cleveland</i>	<i>jcleland@blountboe.net</i>

	<i>Getting Ready for Kindergarten</i>	Cleveland Elementary School		<i>Incoming Kindergarten Student</i>	<i>Marlana Matthews</i>	mgmatthews@blountboe.net
	<i>Getting Ready for Kindergarten</i>	Hayden Primary School		<i>Incoming Kindergarten Student</i>	<i>Kim Harbison</i>	kharbison@blountboe.net
	<i>Getting Ready for Kindergarten</i>	Locust Fork Elementary	June 8th - 9th	<i>Incoming Kindergarten Student</i>	<i>Amy Williamson</i>	awilliamson@blountboe.net
	<i>Getting Ready for Kindergarten</i>	Susan Moore Elementary		<i>Incoming Kindergarten Student</i>	<i>Michael Vise</i>	mhvise@blountboe.net
	<i>Get Ready for Senior Year #1</i>	Southeastern High School	June 2nd 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	11th -12th	<i>Kaley Hollingsworth and Heather Nanney</i>	<a href="mailto:kdhollingsworth@blountboe.net">kdhollingsworth@blountboe.net</a> <a href="mailto:hnanney@blountboe.net">hnanney@blountboe.net</a>
	<i>Get Ready for Senior Year #2</i>	Cleveland High School	June 3rd 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	11th-12th	<i>Kaley Hollingsworth and Heather Nanney</i>	<a href="mailto:kdhollingsworth@blountboe.net">kdhollingsworth@blountboe.net</a> <a href="mailto:hnanney@blountboe.net">hnanney@blountboe.net</a>
	<i>Journalism Camp</i>	<i>Southeastern High Room 303</i>	<i>July 7th - 8th 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Ashleigh Wofford</i>	<a href="mailto:anwofford@blountboe.net">anwofford@blountboe.net</a>
	<i>Farm Summer Fun</i>	<i>Appalachian High School</i>	<i>July 13th - 17th 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</i>	<i>K-5<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Debbie Goble</i>	<i>Camp is full.</i>
	<i>Jr. Fire Academy</i>	<i>Southeastern High School</i>	<i>June 1st - 5th 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Ages 12 and up</i>	<i>Blount County Fire and EMS Association</i>	<i>Camp is full!!</i>
	<i>Kids Day on the River</i>	<i>Provided by Friends of the Locust Fork</i>	<i>June 13 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</i>	<i>All ages!!</i>	<i>A Kids and Family Event! This event offers exciting experiences with nature and nature's creatures on the banks of the beautiful Locust Fork River. This award-winning event is for all children and their families! The day is fun-filled, activity packed, includes lunch!</i>	<i>Friends of the Locust Fork Register at: <a href="http://www.flfr.org">www.flfr.org</a>.</i>
	<i>Blount County Livestock Camp</i>	<i>Blount Co. Multi-Purpose Center in Cleveland</i>	<i>June 17 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</i>	<i>3rd -12th</i>	<i>Blount County Extension Service - Come learn from County Agriscience Instructors and Extension Staff about the daily care, feeding and exhibiting of Beef cattle, sheep and goats.</i>	<i>Blount County Extension Service - Note – This is an Extension Service Camp and there is a camp fee to attend. Call 205-274-2129 for details.  Do not bring your own animals. You must wear closed toe shoes, no Crocs or sandals. Parents and Adults are welcome to attend.</i>
	<i>4-H Kids Sewing Camp</i>	<i>Blount Co. Multi-Purpose Center in Cleveland</i>	<i>June 23-26 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</i>	<i>3rd-12<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Blount County Extension Service - Come learn the basics of hand and machine sewing.</i>	<i>Blount County Extension Service - Note – This is an Extension Service Camp and there is a camp fee to attend. Call 205-274-2129 for details.</i>

						<i>This is limited to 10 youths who need a machine. More may attend if they can bring their own sewing machine.</i>
	<b>4-H River Kids Camp</b>	<i>Blount Co. Multi-Purpose Center in Cleveland</i>	<b>June TGA</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Blount County Extension Service Come learn basic water safety and learn how to kayak with County Extension staff. Exact dates and times of this camp are highly dependent on stream water deepness on a given day.</i>	<i>Blount County Extension Service - Note – This is an Extension Service Camp and there is a camp fee to attend. Call 205-274-2129 for details.  Camp days will be planned after seeing the number and location of interested youth.</i>
	<b>Additional Extension Service Camps:</b> <i>*Sportfishing Camp *Entomology Camp *Cooking Camp *Pottery Camp</i>	<i>Blount Co. Multi-Purpose Center in Cleveland</i>	<b>Dates for Camps TBA - Call the Extension Office for information.</b>	<b>Varies by Camp</b>	<b>Blount County Extension Service</b>	<i>Blount County Extension Service - Call 205-274-2129 for details.</i>

## **Don't forget the great Summer Public Library Programs:**

### **● Blountsville Public Library**

- **Theme - Unearth a Story**
- **Registration begins**
- **Program Dates June 5**
- **Special Programs**
  - **June 5 - Friends of the Locust Fork**
  - **June 11 - Herpetology - Study of Amphibians and Reptiles by Indya Guthrie**
  - **June 12 - B'ville Fire and Police Departments**
  - **June 15 - Snead's Farmhouse Petting Zoo**
  - **June 26 - Ozzy the Dog, Kona Ice, Top Reader Awards**



### **● Oneonta Public Library**

- **Wednesdays in June and July at 10 a.m. - Storytime with Mr. Ricky**
- **Summer Reading Events**
  - **June 2 - Dino Tales with Bright Star Theatre**
  - **June 5 - Mr. Breakfast**
  - **June 9 - Cardboard Dinosaurs Craft**
  - **June 12 - LEGO Program with C3Brix**
  - **June 12 and July 11 - LEGO Club**
  - **June 16 - Alabama Wildlife Center**
  - **June 18 - Ventriloquist Marc Griffiths**
  - **June 25 - Leslie Clines and Ozzy, The Dog**
  - **July 6 - Mr. Breakfast**
  - **July 7 - Skins 'n Skulls**
  - **July 10 - Brandon Herring, Magic**

- *Teen Summer Reading - June 4, 11, 18, and 25*

# The United States of America's Semiquincentennial!!

Let's Celebrate the USA!!! See below for ideas for Families to join the CELEBRATION!!!



**SPECIAL EVENT!!!** Attend the musical, "1776," presented by the BC Community Arts Council! This will be a special event for Blount County Students and Families. Tickets are free but **MUST** be reserved by June 11.

1776 The Musical

Date: June 17

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: BC Arts Council Theater, 6801 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. West, Oneonta

Reserve your Tickets by emailing [ccleveland@blountboe.net](mailto:ccleveland@blountboe.net). Include your NAME, PHONE, and NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS ATTENDING.

## In Blount County Special Opportunities:

- June 28<sup>th</sup>: Locust Fork Baptist Church July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration and Fireworks, Locust Fork Town Park, 6 – 9 p.m. Open to all!
- July 4<sup>th</sup> at Blountsville Historical Park (Hwy 231 North of Blountsville): Sounds of Liberty, 12:30 p.m. – Patriotic Program, Ringing of the Liberty Bell, Entertainment, FREE Homemade Ice Cream and Lemonade with hot dogs for sale.
  - The Park is also open for tours on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Come walk the Stagecoach Road and visit the Church, Post Office, Jail, General Store, and Museum featuring life in the 1800's!
- Visit the Blount County Memorial Museum for Blount County's History – 204 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East, Oneonta; 205-973-0465; Tuesdays – Thursdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free!
- Visit Palisades Park – 2 log cabins from the 1800's

## Beyond Blount County:

- American Village in Montevallo, AL
  - Sweet Home 250: July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>: Musical Performances, History, Food, and Fireworks
- Constitution Village and Burritt on the Mountain in Huntsville, AL
- Alabama Archives and Museum in Montgomery, AL

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- Alabama Power Foundation
- Alabama 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning
- Alabama Education Association
- ASAP Grant from State Education Department
- The Blount Countian
- Blount County Extension Service
- Blount County Fire and EMS Association
- Blount County Literacy Council
- Blountsville Public Library
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Caring Foundation
- Cawaco RC&D Council
- Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
- Daniel Foundation of Alabama
- Friends of the Locust Fork River
- Mike and Gillian Goodrich Foundation
- Hometown Bank of Alabama
- James Milton and Sallie R. Johnson Foundation
- Oneonta Public Library
- Regions Bank Foundation
- SAIL Coalition
- Chris Stewart, University of Alabama Broadcaster
- William A. and Gladys Rebecca Foust Sylvester Legacy Fund
- United Way of Central Alabama
- Wallace State Community College
- Walmart
- WCRL Radio
- *And many more local partners across the county supporting their school's camps!!!*



***Camps begin May 26th and go through July 28th!!! BCEF is thrilled to provide these wonderful summer learning opportunities through our great partnership with the Blount County Board of Education!!!***

