



# 2026

## Youth Opportunities & Resource Menu

Supported by the Youth Violence Prevention Center-Kansas City (YVPC-KC)

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[www.wethryve.com](http://www.wethryve.com)

# Our Vision

Empowered Youth Thriving and Prospering in a Safe Community.

## What are community programs?

Community programs are activities, events, opportunities, and services that bring about positive community changes, services and supports.

## What are community resources?

Community resources are valuable tools in our community (such as people, organizations, and funds) used to improve the quality of life within our community.

## What age groups do the listed programs serve?

Community programs in this guide serve youth between the ages of 12-18.

## What is the ThrYve Systems Advisory Board?

The ThrYve Systems Advisory Board brings together community partners from different sectors to collectively address factors that prevent and reduce youth violence.

# Our Mission

To empower youth to be hopeful and thrive by connecting youth and families to opportunities that foster resiliency and success through coordinated systems and engaged communities of support.

## What is the Youth Violence Prevention Center-Kansas City (YVPC-KC)?

Designated as one of five YVPCs in the country, YVPC-KC is an academic-community collaboration that advances the science and practice of youth violence prevention. Through local partnerships, the YVPC-KC develops, implements, and evaluates innovative strategies to prevent violence and create safer, healthier family and community environments for youth.

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# ThrYve Youth Advisory Board



ThrYve Youth Advisory Board is for ThrYve participants who want to impact their community and gain leadership skills. There are YAB members from each ThrYve after school program we serve. Being part of our ThrYve Youth Leadership team can positively impact your community and its future, contribute to the success of the program, make positive impact on peers, serve your community, expand your network and meet people and leaders with similar interests and goals.

Our Youth Advisory Board is for ThrYve participants (8th grade and up) who want to positively impact their community and gain leadership skills. There are YAB board members from each of the ThrYve after school programs. They meet monthly on the first Wednesday, including with the ThrYve System Advisory Board to ensure youth's voices are heard when creating programs that impact them. By participating they can positively impact their community and their future. During the summer, the advisory board will meet twice a month.

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE  
PROGRAMS, CONTACT**

**(913) 897-8543  
THRYVE@KU.EDU  
WETHRYVE.ORG**



**YOUTH  
COMMUNITY  
PROGRAMS**

# ThrYve Youth Navigator Program



**THRYVE YOUTH NAVIGATOR PROGRAM IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH TO SERVE AS PEER-LEADER WITH OTHER YOUTH. THE YOUTH NAVIGATOR IS A LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR THRYVE YOUTH MEMBERS WHO ARE IN 11TH OR 12TH GRADE OR RECENTLY COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL.**

**YOUTH NAVIGATORS SERVE AS A YOUTH ASSISTANT WITH A THRYVE FACILITATOR OR STAFF. THE YOUTH NAVIGATOR POSITION IS A STIPEND POSITION WITH THRYVE TO ALLOW YOUTH TO GAIN BOTH LEADERSHIP AND WORK EXPERIENCE. YOUTH NAVIGATORS SERVE YOUTH ASSISTANT FOR OUR MIDDLE-SCHOOL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING HELPING WITH WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.**



### Youth Navigator Opportunities and Expectations:

- Receive certification as a community health worker within one year through ThrYve partners.
- Participate in ThrYve activities and events as a youth peer leader.
- Serve on the ThrYve Youth Leadership Team with the ThrYve Systems and Youth Advisory Board.
- Receive a weekly stipend for service hours.
- Be a leader and help other ThrYve youth members who are in middle school.
- Assist with ThrYve youth programs and activities with members who are in middle school.
- Serve as a peer mentor for other youth to help them make positive choices and have a positive support from another youth in the community.
- Represent ThrYve at community and partner events to share your ideas and feedback.
- Gain professional development training including working in the KU office and also with helping support youth curriculum and program.
- Opportunity to work and contribute more closely with the ThrYve KU and the Youth Violence Prevention Center- Kansas team.



# LEADUP & Thrive

## YOUTH DIGITAL NAVIGATORS

A peer-led program that builds digital and leadership skills while helping youth support peers, families, and community members across generations. Participants also have the opportunity to earn a professional digital literacy certification.

### How it works

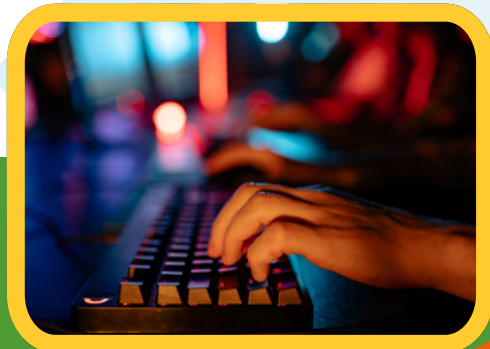
- Peer-led model for selected youth navigators
- Builds digital, instructional, and leadership skills
- Supports peers, parents, seniors, and others in the community
- Helps bridge digital divides across generations

### Training Includes

- Instructional strategies
- Digital fluency
- Ethical technology use

### Opportunities and Benefits

- ✓ Opportunity to earn IC3 Digital Literacy Certification
- ✓ Receive a laptop to use as a training device
- ✓ Opportunity to earn stipends for providing digital training and support to the community



**Interested?**  
Complete our interest form

Questions: Adrian McConnell  
(913) 897-8543  
thryve@ku.edu  
wethryve.org

# LEAD UP

## Summer Academy 2026

**Date:** July 20–22, 2026

**Where:** University of Kansas — Lawrence

A 3-day, 2-night college experience where students live in campus housing, attend interactive sessions, explore college life, and connect with other future leaders.

### During LEAD UP, you will:

- Stay in a KU residence hall
- Experience real campus life
- Receive college preparation support
- Set short- and long-term goals
- Build leadership skills
- Connect with other motivated students

### Who Can Attend?

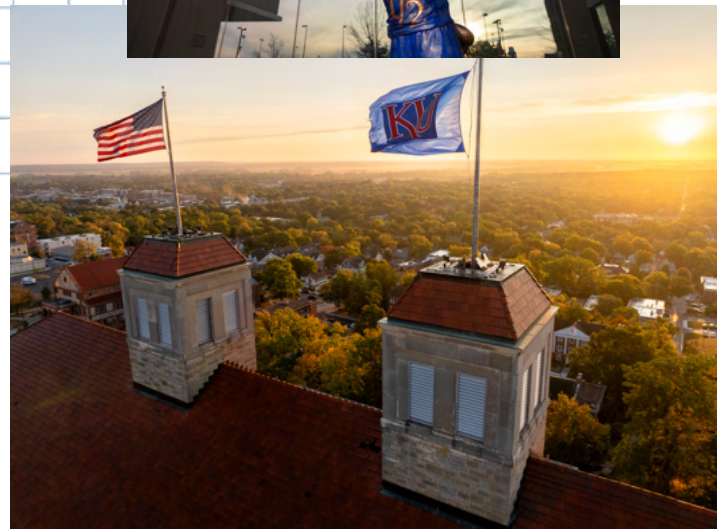
Open to rising 11th and 12th grade students connected to ThrYve and partner programs.

### Interested in Attending?

Scan the QR code now to complete the Interest Form



Spots are limited. Completing the form helps us know you want to be considered for an invitation.



**16+**

# ACCELERATED CNA COURSE

**For those interested  
in healthcare!**

## **Nurse Aide Program**

- The Nurse Aide training program at Mid-America College of Health Sciences is a 90-clock-hour program designed to be flexible and comprehensive at the same time. Enrollment is open to individuals ages 16 (with written parental approval) and above looking to pursue careers in the healthcare industry. The Nurse Aide program lays the foundation for more advanced training in healthcare.

## **For the Accelerated Program**

- June 8 – June 25, 2026
- June 29 – July 16, 2026
- July 20 – Aug. 6, 2026

***Please let us know if  
you are interested in  
this program, more  
information can be  
found here***



# Soccer as a Solution

Entrepreneurship, Wellness and Tech  
Tuesday and Thursday 10am - 11:30am  
June 9th - July 16th

**Open to all ThrYve participants**



444 Minnesota Ave #300  
Kansas City, KS 66101

**SCAN HERE TO  
REGISTER**



# TRAILBLAZER SUMMER CAMP

Explore. Create. Lead.

Find your voice. Build your future.

Middle & High School Girls

Build long-lasting friendships while exploring your interests this summer at our 100% FREE summer camp! Girls will grow in confidence, leadership, and creativity in a safe, supportive, and fun environment!



YOUNG WOMEN  
ON THE MOVE  
mind • body • spirit



## FUN & INCENTIVES

- Earn up to \$50 for participation & project completion
- Camp Pool Day
- Camp Field Day
- Camp Store Rewards
- Field Trips
- Receive up to 60 hours in community service

## CAMP DETAILS

- Dates: June 8 - July 25th
- Days: Monday - Thursday
- Time: 9am - 3:30pm

### Location:

Young Women on the Move  
(YWOM)

3148 Parallel Pkwy  
Kansas City, KS 66104

Spots are limited!

Apply by May 29<sup>th</sup>

Scan the QR Code to apply



## CHOOSE YOUR WORKSHOPS!

- Podcasting - Creating a meaningful podcast project
- Photovoice - Photography & storytelling
- Innovation Lab - Design & problem solving
- Art for Impact - Civic lens on artistic expression
- Body Talk - Health & wellness education
- Lifestyle Design - Physical fitness & wellness
- Future Me - Local college tours & career exploration

Questions or need help applying?  
Contact Asia Upton, Program Director:

asiaupton12@gmail.com  
(913) 617 - 1160



# GROUNDWORK

Northeast Revitalization Group

## Clean Water Certificate Program Overview

### Get hands-on training for in-demand jobs in Green Stormwater

- The Clean Water Certificate (CWC) program can help you get started in the growing field of green infrastructure
- The program provides training for under- and unemployed adults seeking to reenter the workforce, as well as those who wish to expand their existing knowledge base and skill sets to transition to a new position in the stormwater industry.
- Participants will develop job-readiness skills and knowledge of Green Infrastructure through participation in classroom and hands-on activities, as well as field-based experiences.
- Participants will be evaluated based on their ability to engage with the concepts and vocabulary taught throughout the training

### Certificate Details

- Introduction to Watersheds & Stormwater
- Types and Functions of Green Infrastructure
- Materials and Components
- Construction and Equipment
- Identifying and Solving Maintenance Issues
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workplace Skills

The Clean Water Training Certificate Program is a partnership with the Groundwork NRG, Center for Watershed Protection, Inc., workforce development programs, and stormwater industry employers.

Class will be held in May, June, July, and August

Class Size limited to 15 participants

### For enrollment or more information:

Clean Water Training Certificate Program

[info@northeastkck.org](mailto:info@northeastkck.org)

Dr. Marisa Gray, 913-296-2486



# REEL COLLECTORS



YOUTH JOURNEYS  
SUMMER PROGRAM



**Open to Teens 13-17**

Learn film making & multimedia skills from local pros



**9A- 2P**



**M, W, F  
June 22- Aug 7**



**Front Porch Alliance  
3210 Michigan Ave.  
KCMO 64130**

**Teens will learn hands-on training & have access to video software & film equipment to develop skills and create a short documentary.**

Breakfast & Lunch provided! Participants will spend time biking & learning road safety around Eastside KC.

*\*Workshops held at 3210 Michigan Ave. KCMO*

For More Info, Call 816-200-7236 or Email  
[YouthJourneys@FrontPorchAlliance.Org](mailto:YouthJourneys@FrontPorchAlliance.Org)

**SCAN QR CODE**



**APPLY BY  
5/31**

# YOUTH *Ambassadors*

## SUMMER PROGRAM NO DATE RELEASED YET AGES 14-18 YEARS OLD

### *Where*

Summer programming at Youth Ambassadors occurs during the week from Monday – Thursday through a six-to-eight week summer program session.

### *What*


Youth Ambassadors provides teenagers with paid specialized training in various areas, including Health & Wellness, Youth Entrepreneurship, Community Development, Life & Job Skills, and Creative Expression. Moreover, the program establishes connections for youth to access additional opportunities and resources, fostering the development of lifelong skills and ensuring their path to success.

### *Who*

Provided by Youth Ambassadors  
Youth are paid \$40 a day!!!

## QUESTIONS

 P.O. Box 22867 Kansas City, MO 64113

 816-793-3833

 [www.youthambassadorskc.org](http://www.youthambassadorskc.org)

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@youthambassadorskc



## Interest Form



**AGES 6-15  
8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!**



**JUNE 23-JULY 31 2025**

Kids on Campus is a summer camp program offered at Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC) for school-aged children with weekly fun-filled themed programming and a field trip at the end of the week. Campers will divide into small groups by age, participating in age-appropriate activities. Breakfast and snack is provided by Catholic Charities and lunch is served by the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools (KCKPS - USD 500) through the Kansas Summer Food Service Program, an equal opportunity provider.

**REGISTER HERE:**

When: **June 15 - July 23, 2026**



## **25 AMERICAN ROYAL AGRICULTURE STEM CAMP**

**June 9, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

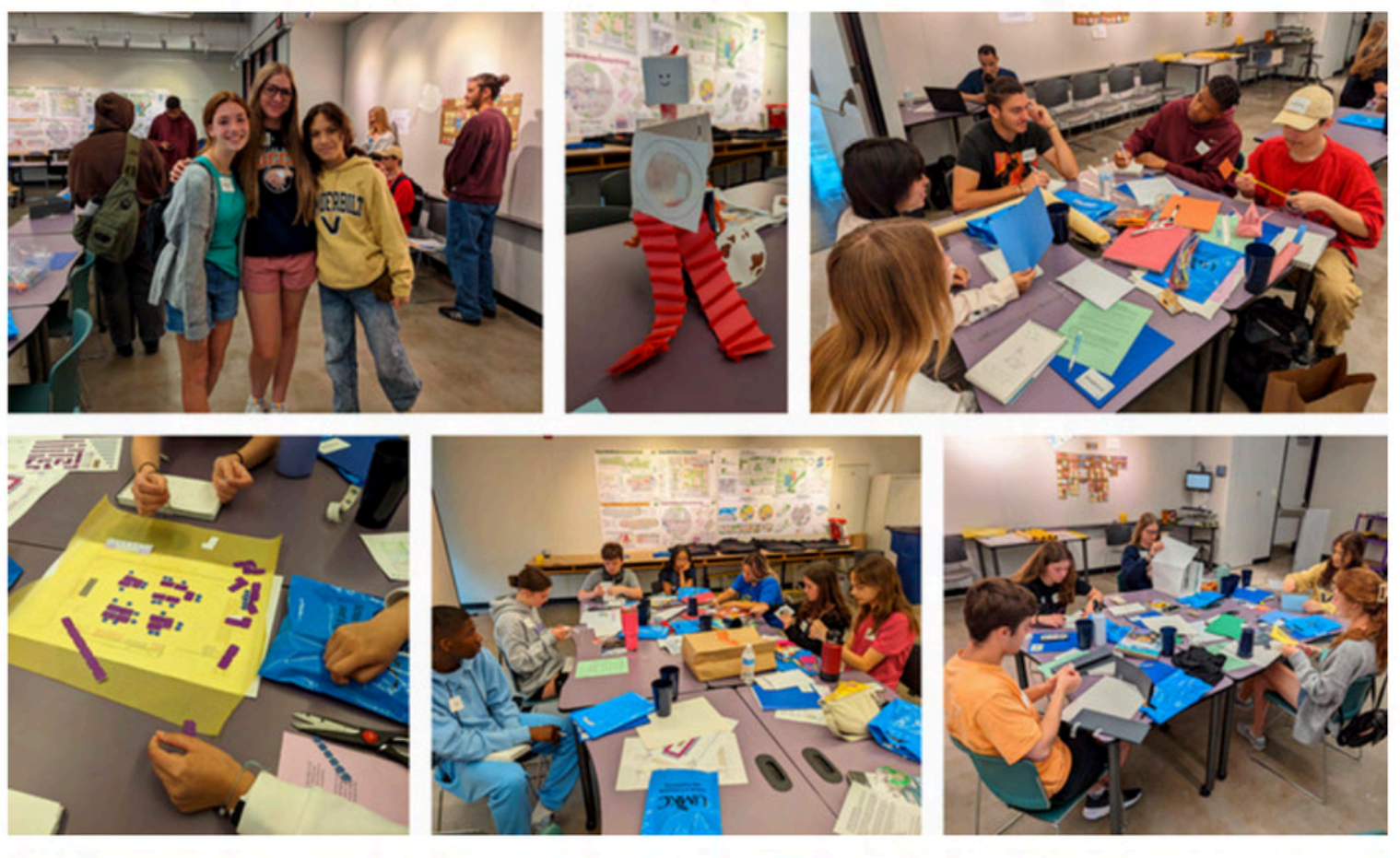
The American Royal STEM Camp experience is intended to engage **25 middle school students (6th, 7th, and 8th graders)** in the Kansas City Region in a 1-day agriculture (ag) based STEM experience. Students will participate in discussions and hands-on activities that are directly connected to the ag industry and ag careers. As a day camp, there will be a variety of themes to expose students to a broader spectrum of agriculture. These may include topics related to plant, animal, and ag technology content areas.

Registration will close on Friday May 2nd. Camp Fee is \$5 per student.



# JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup> 2026

# DESIGN DISCOVERY SUMMER PROGRAM



## Want to Learn More About a Career in Design?

Kansas City Design Discovery is a two-day program for high school and college students interested in studying [Architecture](#), and would also like to learn about the contributing fields to architecture such as [Urban Planning + Design](#), Landscape Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Industrial Design.

If you are considering studies in Architecture, or the related fields, this is your opportunity to find out more about what going to design school at UMKC and your eventual career might be like, as well as to learn the fundamentals and history of design. We'll also cover how to prepare for college, what to look for in a collegiate design program and more about the design program at UMKC.

**Sophomores,  
Juniors, and  
Seniors**

**Apply here:**



# Design Camp in KC

*Sophomores,  
Juniors and  
Seniors*



Join us for KU Design Camp and enjoy a valuable educational experience while working on projects that enhance your creative portfolio. KU Design Camp is a pre-college summer program offered to high school students who are entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year and are interested in Architecture or Design.

## Design Camp in Lawrence

Dates:

May 31- June 6, 2026

Location:

KU's Lawrence Campus

**REGISTER** →



The KU School of Architecture & Design offers a week-long day camp opportunity for high school students in and around the Kansas City metro area. Students select one morning workshop led by members of KU faculty. Lunch is provided each day and guests are invited for an open house at the end of the week to see what their campers created.





**Ages  
12-17**



# KU ESPORTS CAMP

**\$250**

Exciting Activities for All Ages.

**Two Options: Valorant and Overwatch 2**

 June 23-25, 2026 and July 7-9, 2026

 9:00am - 3:00pm

 Kansas Student Union Esports Facility  
(1301 Jayhawk Blvd, Lawrence, KS 66045)

## Camp Highlights

- Training from Kansas Esports players and coaches
- Improve game knowledge, skill, teamwork, communication and leadership
- 3 days on-campus in the Kansas Esports Facility
- Multiple titles to choose from: Valorant, & Overwatch 2
- Lunch included each day



KU

# 2026 School of Engineering Summer Camp



*The KU School of Engineering offers two separate, overnight, weeklong camps each July. This is a unique opportunity for an in-depth exploration of the wonders of engineering through hands-on activities. This experience also provides an introduction to KU engineering facilities and faculty, the KU campus and the broader Lawrence community.*

## Camp Sessions

- For Rising 9th & 10th Graders - July 12-17, 2026
- For Rising 11th & 12th Graders - July 19-24, 2026

If you are Interested In this program, please let ThrYve know.



# Youth PROGRAMMING Heartland 180

## OPEN CIRCLE

This structured support group for any youth integrates relational theory, resiliency practices, and skills training. It is designed to increase positive connection, strength, and competence. This perpetual group provides a landing place for youth who are still seeking their place

## GIRLS CIRCLE

This structured support group for girls and gender expansive youth integrates relational theory, resiliency practices, and skills training. It is designed to increase positive connection, strength, and competence.

## THE COUNCIL FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN

This is a strengths-based group approach to promote boys' and young men's safe and healthy passage through pre-teen and adolescent years. In this structured environment, participants gain the vital opportunity to address masculine definitions and behaviors and build capacities to find their innate value and create good lives individually and collectively.

## 180 DEGREES PROGRAM

The 180 Degrees Program is a Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum for Middle and High School students aimed at helping them direct their future by increasing self-awareness, self-development, social awareness and responsibility. This outcome-based curriculum measures both academic and personal development.

GIRLS CIRCLE



THE COUNCIL  
FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN

180° LLC  
Enhancing Lives One Degree at a Time



REFER NOW

 [www.heartland180.org](http://www.heartland180.org)

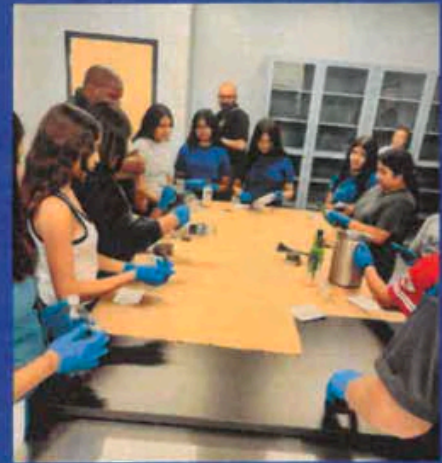
 913-521-3311

 [H180Program@heartland180.org](mailto:H180Program@heartland180.org)

July 27<sup>th</sup> - July 31<sup>st</sup> 2026

# KCKPD Summer Youth Academy

Hosted at the Training Academy  
7340 State Ave.  
9am to 2pm



This one week summer program for youth ages 12-15, is a fun, interactive learning experience designed to:

- familiarize youth with the many aspects of police work
- promote greater understanding between youth and law enforcement
- promote safety skills & tools needed to peacefully deal with conflict



Applications are available at South, East and West Patrol, the KCK PAL or by calling/emailing (913) 573-6006 [lgolubski@kckpd.org](mailto:lgolubski@kckpd.org)



**Topics covered: patrol procedures, evidence collection, conflict resolution, crisis intervention, fire arms safety, criminal investigations, CPR, tactical team & more!!**



**Free Driving Courses**  
**800 N. 5th Street**  
**Kansas City, KS**  
**66101**

Ages 15-18

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for ages individuals **15 to 18** in Kansas. Despite this sobering statistic, Driver's Education was removed from the schools in the 1990's due to budgetary cuts. At PAL, students learn smart driving skills directly from police officers through this course that is certified by the state of Kansas. Officers teach the students the basic class and road courses, and students are required to successfully pass both. Safe drivers mean safe roads for us all! To date, nearly 100 students have already successfully completed this vital course. (Kansas Residents Only).

- Must become a PAL member (free) and complete 30 hours of community service at PAL during program hours
- PAL Program open Monday through Thursday 5-8 pm

**Learn more and  
get involved  
Here:**





# SUMMER CAMP



# 2026



**STEAM, Reading, Fishing, Kayaking,  
Ceramics, Sports, Fieldtrips**

**June from Monday to Thursday  
9am to 2pm**

**Reserve your spot today!  
\$60 registration fee**



## **MORE INFO HERE**

Let us know if you are interested, so we can register you!

**Ages 9-12**

SUMMER

WONDER  
CAMP  
2026

FUN AT EVERY STAGE!

SPOTS LIMITED – ENROLL TODAY!

AGES 3 1/2 – 5



AGES 6 – 9



wonderscope.org/wonder-camp

Ages 5-12



**PARKS &  
RECREATION**



# SUMMER Camp

**REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 13TH!**

**June 1 - June 26**

Eisenhower community center  
2901 N 72nd St. KCK, 66109  
913-596-7050

**July 6 - July 31**

Beatrice Lee Community Center  
1210 N 10th St. KCK 66102  
913-551-0438

**MONDAY – FRIDAY 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM**  
**\$40/CHILD/WEEK**

For Ages 5-12 years old.  
5 year olds must have attended kindergarten

**DCF SUBSIDIARY  
ACCEPTED**

**KDHE  
LICENSED  
CHILD CARE**

**BREAKFAST &  
LUNCH PROVIDED**

**MANDATORY PARENT MEETING SATURDAY MAY 30, 10:00 AM**  
**EISENHOWER COMMUNITY CENTER**

Visit [www.wycokck.org/wycoparks](http://www.wycokck.org/wycoparks) for registration and information.  
Contact 913-573-8327 for assistance.



# BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

Our 9-week program runs June 4th – August 1 2025, Monday – Friday, 7am to 6pm.

Affordable with low to no program fees.  
Call 816-361-3600 for details.

The financial decisions that young people make today will impact their future. That's why Boys & Girls Clubs pair youth with supportive Club mentors and volunteers to develop the financial skills that can lead to workplace readiness, lifelong financial stability and overall success.

## Ages 5-12 **ATOMIC BLAST!**

Kids ages 5 – 12 learn math and science skills through fun activities and nurture a love of learning through reading comprehension and writing exercises.

## Ages 13-18 **MONEY MATTERS**

## **CAREER LAUNCH** Ages 13-18

CareerLaunch encourages Club members ages 13 to 18 to assess their skills and interests, explore careers, make sound educational decisions and prepare to join our nation's work force.

All of these programs and more at [bgc-gkc.org](http://bgc-gkc.org)



Scan the QR code to learn more

Ages 10th- 12<sup>th</sup> Grader

Only waitlist available!



# **CAMP FURY 2026** **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

**July 27 - 31, 2026 | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

OPEN TO GIRLS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED 9TH-12TH GRADE

# Summer **ARTS** Camps!

June 1 – August 21

Ages 5-15

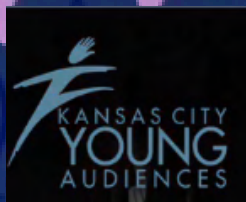


Music • Theatre • Art • Dance

**Trade screen time for stage time this summer!** Get your kids into a world where they're not just watching stories— they're *living* them. Our 11-15 age group classes are designed especially for teens. [Visit our class catalog to see all of the camp options.](#)

Middle  
School!  
Ages 5-13





AGES  
11-15

# JUNE TEEN CAMPS

JUNE 1 - JUNE 5	9AM - 12PM	FUTURE VOICES VOCAL LAB
	1PM - 4PM	SEW WHAT?
JUNE 8 - JUNE 12	9AM - 12PM	FUTURE VOICES VOCAL LAB
	1PM - 4PM	CREATIVE WRITING
*JUNE 15 - JUNE 18	ALL DAY	BROADWAY BOUND
JUNE 22 - JUNE 26	ALL DAY	BROADWAY BOUND
*JUNE 29 - JULY 2	ALL DAY	CAMP AMERICANA

\*4 DAY CAMP DUE TO HOLIDAY CLOSURES



YMCA OF  
GREATER KANSAS CITY



# YMCA - Wyandotte Flag Football

5-12<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE

PRACTICE  
STARTS MAY  
25<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>



AGES: 5+ through 12th Grade  
DAYS: 1 practice per week, 1 game per week.

In Youth Flag Football, the focus is on teamwork in a positive and structured environment. Children learn how to throw, catch, run routes and other aspects of the game that will keep them active and develop skills such as hand-eye coordination. In addition, children will have an opportunity to develop leadership skills and build self-esteem as they learn.

The Y's youth flag football programs are sponsored by the Kansas City Chiefs. Flag football participants receive exclusive Chiefs jerseys and medals, as well as access to Chiefs football camps, special events for families, and appearances by KC Wolf and the Chiefs Cheerleaders. Thanks to a grant from USA Football benefitting the YMCA of Greater Kansas City girls flag football program, prices are reduced for girls flag football leagues.

# 2026 Young Writers Camp

SINCE 1983, THE GKCWP HAS OFFERED CREATIVE WRITING CAMPS IN LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. PARTICIPANTS WILL WRITE DAILY IN A CREATIVE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT. THE SESSIONS ARE DESIGNED AND LED BY EXPERIENCED TEACHERS OF WRITING. AT THE END OF EACH SESSION, WRITERS WILL SHARE THEIR FAVORITE PIECES WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILIES AT AN OPEN MIC CELEBRATION.

WE WORK WITH YOUNG WRITERS WHO ALREADY LOVE TO WRITE AND THOSE WHO WANT TO ENJOY WRITING MORE. EACH YEAR, WE WORK WITH DIVERSE YOUNG WRITERS, FROM THOSE WHO WANT TO BRING A FANTASY NOVEL THEY ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON TO BUDDING POETS LOOKING FOR INSPIRATION TO WRITERS NEEDING TO FIND ENCOURAGEMENT TO SHARE THEIR IDEAS.

FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL WRITERS!

SESSION 2: JULY 21ST-24<sup>TH</sup> 9AM-2PM

REGISTER BY JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>





We are proud of the success Journey to New Life clients have achieved in such a short time, but we can't do it alone! One of the reasons our costs stay low and more funding goes directly toward client services is because we have a large roster of volunteers who give their time and talent every month. Journey to New Life is always looking for:

Office help Mondays through Fridays, any time between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donation receivers and sorters

Gardeners to help with our annual planting and tending

Movers to pick up and deliver donations as well as help clients on their move-in day

First Stop Services intake specialists (under direction of First Stop Services Director), assist First Stop Services clients with basic needs following release from prison and help them to connect to other needed resources.

Assistance in employment services, including mock interviewing

Any other professional skills

Volunteer Contact

Tiffany Bush

Volunteer Coordinator



Ages 13-18



**FARMERS  
ON THE RISE**  
YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP

## Apprenticeship Program

**Farmers on the Rise program starts Monday, June 2nd**

Farmers on the Rise Youth Apprenticeship is designed for individuals aged 13 years old to summer after high school graduation (school grades 7th - 12th), who are seeking to develop agricultural and workforce skills

Farmers on the Rise youth apprentices work cooperatively to learn and master the skills of transplanting, direct seeding, mulching, field and greenhouse maintenance, integrated pest management, irrigation, harvesting, post-harvest handling, farmers market, production planning, beekeeping, tool maintenance, community engagement, and volunteer management.

**This is a paid apprenticeship with a schedule of approximately 20 hours per week.**

**More information  
and registration  
here:**



# JR. GROWERS SUMMER CAMP

**FOUR-DAY CAMP SESSIONS  
HELD MONDAYS-THURSDAYS**

**8 WEEKLY SESSIONS  
IN JUNE & JULY**

**FOR AGES 9-12**



Our programming is always pay what you're able.  
Learn more and register online at:  
[www.kcfarmschool.org/jr-growers-camp](http://www.kcfarmschool.org/jr-growers-camp)



Jr. Growers will:

Work alongside farmers and  
community leaders to learn about  
regenerative agriculture;

Learn to grow & cook their own food  
and pick up some serious ag skills;

Engage in awesome S.T.E.A.M activities;  
Make and market goods for sale at our  
farmers market;

Sharpen their teamwork,  
communication & leadership skills;  
and create many lasting summer  
memories on-farm, hands-on.



## YMCA SUMMER CAMPS

**Ages 11-18**

### YVC SUMMER OF SERVICE

Youth ages can make a difference in their community this summer through service projects that are rewarding, fun and educational through the Youth Volunteer Corps of Greater Kansas City's Summer of Service program.

For more information, contact Shiri Achiri Asangwe  
[sasangwe@yvc.org](mailto:sasangwe@yvc.org) 816.933.5060 or [kansascity@yvc.org](mailto:kansascity@yvc.org).

### CAMP WOOD YMCA OVER NIGHT CAMP

**Ages 7-17**

Tucked within the beautiful Flint Hills of Kansas, Camp Wood YMCA gives youth an opportunity to participate in life-changing, outdoor experiences that foster healthy decision-making, lasting friendships, skill development, and strengthened values in a safe, friendly environment. Traditional and teen camps are available all summer, as well as specialty camps centered on the culinary arts, construction, leadership and outdoor activities like horseback riding.

**Weekly starting June 9th - August 4th**

**ALL THAT AND MORE FROM THE YMCA**



**Scan here to  
register and  
learn more**

MORE THAN A CAMP. A SUMMER EXPERIENCE



# ALL DAY Summer STEM CAMP



## Camp Fire

Heartland

REGISTER ONLINE

Location:

1444 Southwest BLVD,  
KCK, 66103

8 Weeks!  
JUNE 8-JULY 31



Ages  
6-14

### What your camp gets:

- ✓ Outdoor Adventures
- ✓ Daily Snack
- ✓ Recognition Badge
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Water Play
- ✓ Sports Science
- ✓ Safety
- ✓ Science Experiments
- ✓ Sports & Games

- **SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE**
- **MULTI-CHILD DISCOUNT**



### What parents get:

- ✓ Convenient Scheduling
- ✓ Strong Safety Measures
- ✓ Safe Community
- ✓ Secure drop-off and pick-up
- ✓ Weekly Newsletters
- ✓ Consistent Camp Fire Staff

Camp Fire Heartland Summer Camp is fully licensed by the Kansas Department of Health & Environment and accredited by the American Camp Association



*Camp Fire Heartland is a non-religious organization, and no religious instruction is included in our summer camp programming.*



 YOUTH VOLUNTEER CORPS

# SPEND SUMMER WITH YVCKC

*Get involved, make a difference!*

## OUR MISSION

We engage youth in team-based service experiences that build life and work skills while inspiring a lifetime ethic of service.

## CAMP STYLE SERVICE

Dive into our action-packed summer program, where every week brings new adventures! With a fresh lineup of exciting projects, you'll have 4 different ways to make a difference every week. Join us for 8 fun-filled weeks from **June 9-August 1**, from Monday to Thursday. We partner with agencies across the KC metro to support and expand their impact. Some of our youth's favorite projects include the Humane Society of KC, Blessings Abound, Upper Room, and Global One Urban Farming. Ready for a summer you won't forget? Sign up today!

[LEARN MORE](#)

[& SIGN UP:](#)



## WHAT IS YVC?

YVC is a network of affiliated organizations across the U.S. and Canada that engage youth ages 11-18 in team-based, structured, diverse, flexible service-learning opportunities.

## SATURDAY PROJECTS

Looking for more ways to give back? Our Saturday Projects offer exciting one-day volunteer opportunities throughout the summer! Meet like-minded peers, and make a difference—all in just a few hours.

Each Saturday, we partner with local nonprofits and community organizations to tackle hands-on projects that create real change. From environmental cleanups and food pantry support to working with animal shelters and community gardens, each project is unique and impactful.

Flexible & Fun: Whether you're joining for one Saturday or every weekend, these projects are a great way to stay involved, earn service hours, and connect with the community.

# UPPER ROOM KC

## SUMMER ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Enrollment for the **FREE 2026 Summer Academic Program** opens on **March 9th**



### Summer Attendance Incentive Program

Students can earn up to \$150!

- \$150 if your child has 0 absences
- \$125 if your child has 1 absence
- \$100 if your child has 2 absences

\*Attendance is based on participation during instructional hours (8:00am-3:00pm)

To qualify students must also:

- Have no major discipline infractions
- Complete required leadership component activities
- Complete pre- and post-program assessments
- Remain enrolled through the end of the program



This year's program will run from June 1st through July 24th, Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM, across 13 sites in the Kansas City area for students K-8.

We provide hot meals and incentives for attendance, behavior, and grades.

The Summer Academic Program is designed to prevent the "Summer Slide" by keeping students engaged through learning and enrichment activities like field trips, art, and music lessons.

Spots will fill up fast, so don't wait! We will update you all on our socials when enrollment goes live!

Register here!

Deadline: May 22<sup>nd</sup>



College  
For  
Kids

SUMMER  
2025  
MCC  
PROGRAMS

MCC METROPOLITAN  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
LEARN HERE ANYWHERE

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Ages  
11-15

MIDDLE  
SCHOOLERS

Make summer FUN!

Join in the fun at MCC's College for Kids program.

MCC College for Kids offers enrichment opportunities for kids and teens ages 11-15 in a fun and safe environment where they will enjoy educational and hands-on learning activities in a college setting.

The classes are designed to engage kids in new experiences, develop new interests, teach meaningful skills and excite students about learning.

LEARN  
MORE  
HERE:





**YOUTH  
COMMUNITY  
EXPERIENCES**

# Girls Empowerment



## INTEREST FORM SUMMER CAMPING TRIP

June 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Location: Basswood Resort

Adventure-filled weekend, with music, bonding, and  
lifelong memories!

There are limited spots for this field trip.  
Please notify us of your Interest as soon as  
possible!

# Followed By FOOTBALL CAMP

**JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SATURDAY**  
**8 AM TO NOON**

Bishop Ward Field- N. 16<sup>th</sup> & Armstrong Ave.  
KCK Police & Community Coaches  
Meet KC World & Chiefs Players!



Questions: Steven James  
thryve@ku.edu



(913) 897-8543



[wethryve.org](http://wethryve.org)

# Boys II MEN ThrYve CAMPING

**June 4th- 6th 2026**

Basswood Resorts

Embark on an unforgettable journey with ThrYve's Boys 2 Men camping trip! An adventure filled with bonding, outdoor skills, and lifelong memories!



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[wethryve.org](http://wethryve.org)

**Register Now**

# MADAM PRESIDENT CAMP

## Summer 2026

**June 8th-12th**

Notre Dame de Sion High School

**\*CAMP FULL\***

**June 15th-18th**

Johnson County Community College

**\*CAMP FULL\***

**June 22nd-26th**

KU-Edwards Campus

**\*CAMP FULL!\***

**July 6th-10th**

Unbound-KCK

**July 13th-17th**

Harry S. Truman Library &  
Museum

**\*Hurry-Half Full!\***

**July 20th-24th**

Northland Career Center

**\*Hurry-Half Full!\***



**MADAM PRESIDENT<sup>®</sup>**  
★ *camp* ★

Madam President Camp offers girls the opportunity to learn about their gifts and talents, and to explore how to use their abilities to become authentic, powerful leaders in their communities and, ultimately, the world.

Our curriculum is designed around five core themes: Leadership, Civic Engagement, Activism, Communication, and Self-Discovery.

**Limited scholarships are available for campers who need financial assistance.**



**scan here!**

Ages 5-17



Camp Hope is a traditional summer camp experience for youth who have, or have had, cancer. It has been held yearly since 1983. Unique in its ability to assist campers' needs through a fully functional, on-site medical team, Camp Hope campers are able to enjoy traditional summer camp activities including, but not limited to, swimming, bowling, miniature golf, fishing, hiking, arts & crafts, and more. It is a time for them to be around peers who have, or have had, similar life-altering illnesses and to be in a setting that lets them forget about their diagnosis while they have one of the best weeks of their lives.

Camp Hope is held the third full week of June each summer. Most years it starts on Father's Day.

Camp hope is **FREE** for attendies

**Learn more here:**



**urban  
scholastic  
center**  
FROM HERE FOR HERE

All  
Ages

### Summer Enrichment

The summer equivalent of Life Enrichment where students participate in bible study, fun games, exercise, science projects, book studies, and field trips.

**The Urban Scholastic Center**  
**2900 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS 66102**

**LEARN MORE**





# Kansas City ZOO & AQUARIUM



[For more  
Information &  
Registration](#)

## June 1st-August 14th

Join us on your summer break for animal antics, fun games, crafts, experiments, and animal encounters! Four-day camps (Monday - Thursday) are available all summer long. Single-day camps are also available on select Fridays throughout the summer.

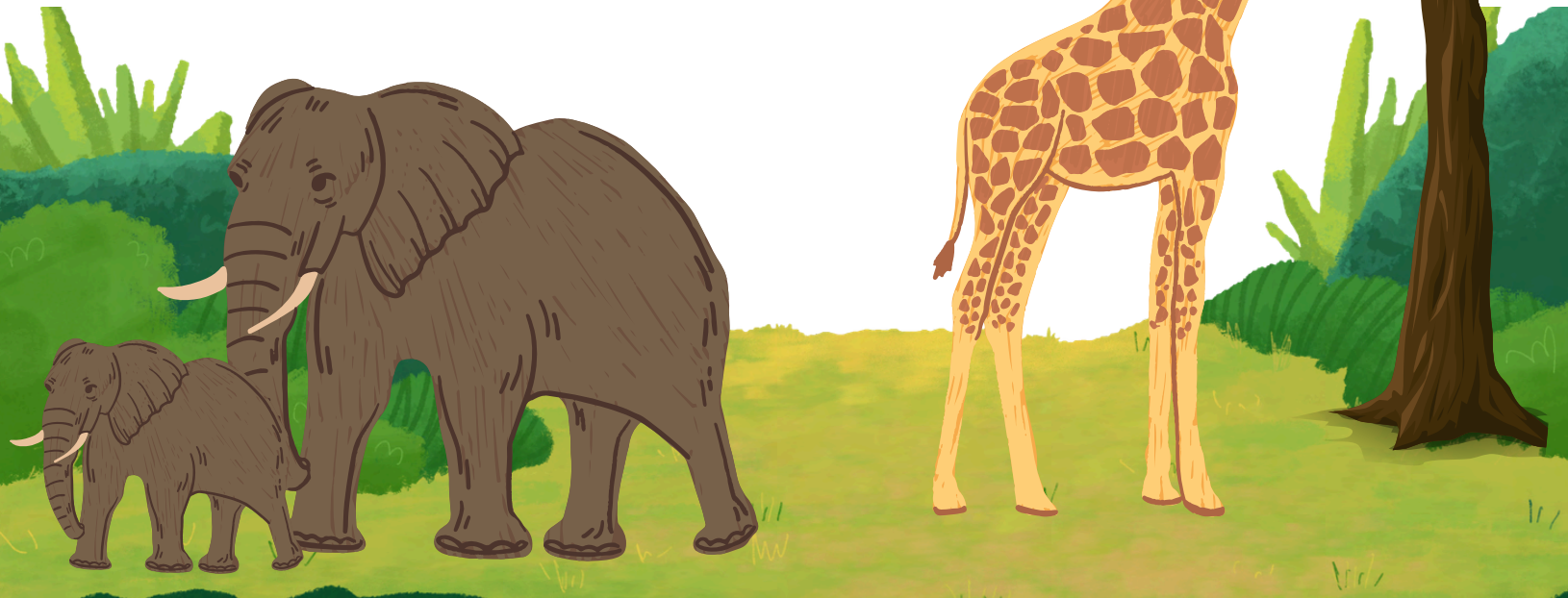
We're excited to offer Friday Half Day camps for Pre-K students. Pre-K campers must be potty trained to attend camp.

### Cost:

**\$265 for Four-Day camps**

**\$65 for Friday Full-Day camps**

**\$33 for Pre-K Friday Half-Day camps**





# ATTEND ALA SUNFLOWER GIRLS STATE!



**CURRENT HIGH  
SCHOOL JUNIOR**



**APPLY BY MAY 1**



**MAY 31 - JUNE 5**



**TELL YOUR FRIENDS  
TO APPLY!**





# Three Trails

## CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

## Teen Camp

**(June 16-20th)** is an opportunity for those ages **13-17** to gather and build friendships with like-minded young people in a Christ-centered environment. They will discover more about God and his purpose for their lives, while also building relationships and having a blast.

## TSAO Camp

The Salvation Army Outdoors Camp (TSAO) allows campers to engage in teambuilding activities and learn outdoor living skills. Campers will have the opportunity to build confidence and learn skills in teamwork and leadership all while experiencing Christ in creation and maintaining the exciting feel of a summer camp.

## Kids Camp

Kid's Camp #1 June 23-26 Ages: 7-12

Kid's Camp #2 July 8-11 Ages: 7-12

Each eligible camper may only attend one Kid's Camp.

This ultimate summer camp experience allows kids ages 7-12 to discover God through creation. Kids will have fun outdoors in nature away from all the distractions of everyday life. Campers will get messy, play games, and build lifelong friendships.





**YOUTH &  
COMMUNITY  
RESOURCES**



# SUMMER P.A.L.S.



## Partners in Active Learning

Does your student need academic support before the new school year?  
Students entering Kindergarten- 6th grade during 2026-2027 school year will receive academic support & emotional enrichment.

SCAN QR CODE:



PARENTS



VOLUNTEERS



DATES

June 30 - July 30, 2026

EVERY TUES, WED, THURS



TIME

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

For More Info & Volunteer Sign-Up, Contact Lindsay Waltner  
Phone: 816-200-7236 Email: [Lindsay@FrontPorchAlliance.org](mailto:Lindsay@FrontPorchAlliance.org)

Classes Hosted at 3210 Michigan Ave., KCMO 64130

# WYCO/KCK Activities

**JUN  
13**

10:00 AM  
12:00 PM

## PAINT IN THE PARK

-Paint, relax, and enjoy the park.  
@ Pierson Park

**JUN  
13**

10:00 AM  
1:00 PM

## SHOEBOX STADIUM CHALLENGE

-Create your own shoebox soccer stadium.  
@ Armourdale Community Center

**JUN  
13**

6:00 PM  
9:00 PM

## JUNETEENTH IN THE DOTTE

-Celebrate freedom and culture together.  
@ Kaw Point Park

**JUN  
17**

5:30 PM  
7:30 PM

## MY SOCCER UNIFORM

-Design your own custom soccer jersey.  
@ Armourdale Community Center

**JUN  
24**

5:00 PM  
8:00 PM

## SHOEBOX STADIUM CHALLENGE

-Create your own shoebox soccer stadium.  
@ Joe Amayo Community Center

**JUN  
27**

10:00 AM  
12:00 PM

## PAINT IN THE PARK

-Paint, relax, and enjoy the park.  
@ Kensington Park

**JUL  
18**

6:00 PM

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

-Summer's biggest celebration at the lake.  
@ Wyandotte County Lake Park



**PARKS &  
RECREATION**

**PARKWOOD POOL  
&  
SPRAY PARKS  
2026 OPENING DAY  
MAY 23**

**SPRAY  
PARKS**

**OPEN MEMORIAL DAY  
WEEKEND TO LABOR DAY**

**HOURS OF OPERATION  
SUN-SAT: 9AM-9PM**

**ADMISSION  
FREE**

**LOCATIONS  
CLIFTON PARK  
75 S. 23RD ST  
EISENHOWER PARK  
2901 NORTH 72ND ST  
HEATHWOOD PARK  
PARALLEL PKWY & N. I1TH ST.**

**PARKWOOD  
POOL**

**CLOSED SATURDAY, JULY 4TH**

**HOURS OF OPERATION  
MON: CLOSED  
TUE-SAT: 12PM-7PM  
SUN: 2PM-6PM**

**ADMISSION  
\$1 - DAILY ENTRY**

**LOCATION  
950 QUINDARO BLVD  
KANSAS CITY, KS 66101**

# Avenue of Life

Anytime Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Location  
Equipping Center  
500N 7th Street  
Kansas City, KS, 66101

We gather diapers orders on Wednesday evening from 4:00 - 6:30 PM

Location  
Equipping Center  
500N 7th Street  
Kansas City, KS, 66101

## Teach a Class

Classes take place twice a week, Wednesday evening from 4:00 - 8:00 PM  
and Saturday morning from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Location  
Equipping Center  
500N 7th Street  
Kansas City, KS, 66101

And Many More  
Opportunities Here:



Ages  
5-16

**Summer  
Resource!**

**SCAN FOR MORE  
INFORMATION:**



KC United! Youth Sports &  
Education Initiative  
2400 North 20th Street, Kansas  
City, KS 66104  
[Kcunitedsports10@gmail.com](mailto:Kcunitedsports10@gmail.com) |  
913-999-8181

## READING

KC United! provides basic reading supports for all participants who need it and desire it! Sessions will be 1:1 with an qualified instructor whose whole purpose is to help the student gradually make progress (in partnership with the local school district) from where they are (based on current reading grade) to where they can be.

## MATH

KCU! provides age appropriate math programs (in partnership with the local school district) for all participants who need it and desire it. Sessions will be 1:1 with a qualified instructor whose whole purpose is to help the student gradually make progress from where they are (based on current reading grades) to where they can be.



**SAFETY FIRST  
COURTESY ALWAYS**

# Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader Program

Ages 5-10



**Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader Program- This initiative was designed to engage with children and inspire them to learn. Once a month, COPPS and MPS officers respond to Parker Elementary School and read from selected books to the Kindergarten, First and Second grade students. The selected reading always supported whatever character trait the school was teaching for that month. These sessions usually last about ½ hour, and always end with a question and answer session.**

**Point of Contact: Officer Elaine Moore (913) 573-8720  
[edmoore@kckpd.org](mailto:edmoore@kckpd.org)**

# "SYSTEM-INVOLVED"

## Youth and Families

Heartland

180

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES?



#### *Justice-Involved*

Youth and families who have come in contact with the justice system are eligible to enter our programming at no cost. Whether it is the youth or a member of the household, justice system involvement would qualify all to participate.



#### *Mental/Behavioral Health*

A new mental/behavioral health crisis would allow for youth and their families to engage with our programming. This referral could come from any of the professionals in a youth's life, and would allow for the youth and their family to receive services at no cost to foster support for all who are working through the crisis.



#### *DCF or CINC*

Youth and families that are involved with a DCF or CINC case would automatically qualify for services at no cost. Whether youth are in foster care or the family is engaged in a CINC case, all would be able to engage in our programming.



REFER NOW



[www.heartland180.org](http://www.heartland180.org)



913-521-3311



[H180Program@heartland180.org](mailto:H180Program@heartland180.org)

# Parkwood Pool Partnership Programs

## **Kansas City, Kansas Public School (KCKPS) Free Lunch Program**

KCKPS Nutritional Services will be serving **free** lunch and a snack Tuesday through Friday at Parkwood Pool. The lunches will begin on Tuesday, June 7 and end Friday, July 29.

## **Learn To Swim Program**

The YMCA of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City Kansas Public Schools and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas are launching a Learn to Swim program. The program, funded by a grant from Warner Media, will provide swim lessons at no cost to students in the Kansas City, Kansas, Public Schools.

## **Swimming Lessons at Parkwood Pool: YMCA/ GEHA**

Through a partnership with the YMCA of Greater Kansas City, 200 Wyandotte County youth will be receiving swimming lessons at Parkwood Pool from May 31st- July 15th, through a generous sponsorship from GEHA.

More information about these partnership programs will be available at Parkwood Pool.

# CARE AT HOME



## **DO YOU OR YOUR LOVED ONES NEED:**

*HELP CLEANING YOUR  
HOUSE?*

*MEDICAL SUPPLIES?*

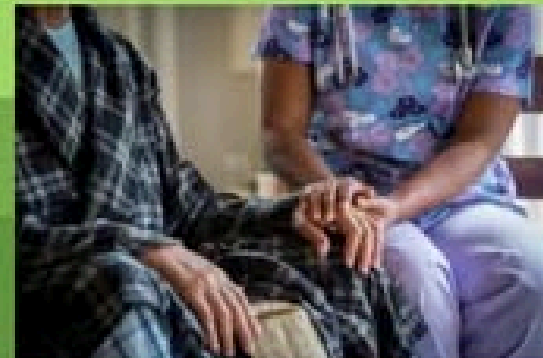
*A LIFT CHAIR?*

*HOUSEHOLD ITEMS?*

*YARD CLEAN UP?*

*HELP CUTTING GRASS?*

Those who qualify for this program can choose their own worker. For more information on the Senior Care Act Program, contact the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging at (913) 573-8531 and ask for Information and Assistance. Or visit our office at 849 N 47<sup>th</sup> St, Kansas City, KS, 66102.



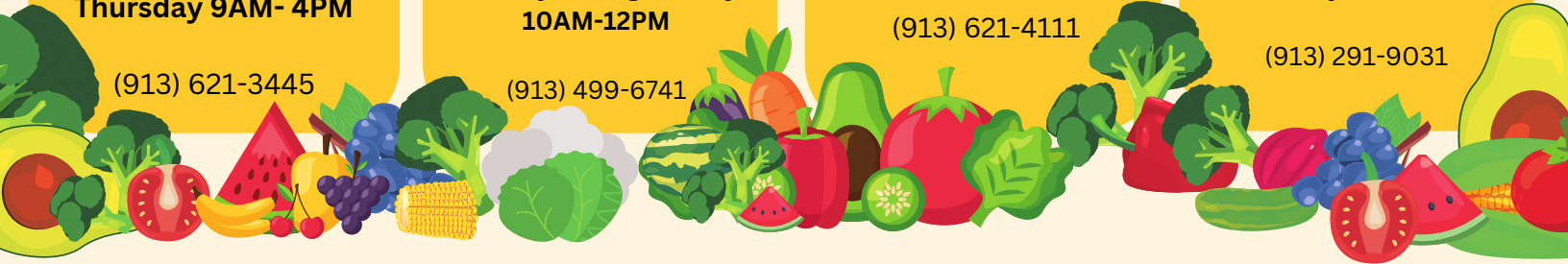
## Food Pantries in Wyandotte County

**Catholic Charities  
Wyandotte County**  
  
600 Minnesota Ave,  
Kansas City, KS 66101  
  
Wednesday through  
Thursday 9AM- 4PM  
  
(913) 621-3445

**Bridge of Hope  
Community Church  
Food Pantry**  
  
1925 N 11th St, Kansas  
City, KS 66104  
  
Monday through Friday  
10AM-12PM  
  
(913) 499-6741

**MCRC Food Pantry**  
1130 Troup Ave, Kansas  
City, KS 66104  
  
Monday through Friday  
10AM-5PM  
  
(913) 621-4111

**Giving Hope Food Pantry**  
  
6640 State Ave, Kansas  
City, KS 66102  
  
Tuesday: 6-7:30 PM  
Saturday: 9AM-1 PM  
  
(913) 291-9031



Vibrant Health Wyandotte  
21 N 12th St 300  
Kansas City Kansas 66102

Make an Appointment:  
913-342-2552

[appointments@vibranthealthkc.org](mailto:appointments@vibranthealthkc.org)



Equitable access to healthcare is a human right

The patient is at the core of everything we do

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There is great power in our combined efforts

We celebrate the differences in who we are, what we've experienced, and how we think

We embrace innovation and change, striving to be better every day



**KCFARM  
SCHOOL**  
AT GIBBS ROAD

**Learn More Here:**



We provide plant starts, seeds, compost, supplies, mentorship, community, and solidarity. Through Let's Grow Wyandotte, we help people grow food; and by growing together, we create tomorrow better than today.

KC Farm School provides information on selecting your garden site, planning your garden space, deciding what to grow when and how, how to start your own seeds, how to harvest, how to save seeds, and how to prepare food from the garden.

We also host hands-on opportunities to learn how to build a compost pile, care for bees, tend chickens, and even grow native plants from local experts.

Launched in 2020 in response to the pandemic, we've worked with 400 households to grow food in backyards, front yards, in pots, on patios, in straw bales, and climbing up fences across Wyandotte County, all increasing food sovereignty in our community.

This year, our team has planned multiple on-farm workshops, a garden tour, volunteer opportunities in the greenhouse a community-wide Fall workshop, shared meals, and several informal gatherings.

**The program is FREE to all Wyandotte County residents.**

If you're a resident of another county and want to join, let us know! We can arrange a pay-what-you're-able sliding scale.

*Let's*  
**GROW**  
*Wyandotte!*

*Vamos a*  
**CULTIVAR**  
*Wyandotte!*

# THRYVE SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

The Systems Advisory Board meeting is open to youth and their parents. It is made up of many organizations throughout the city. Find out what's happening in our community. You have a voice! We meet in-person from 3:00-4:30 PM. Contact ThrYve if you are interested in attending. Look Forward to seeing you!

## UPCOMING DATES:

**June 3, 2026**

**September 2, 2026**

**December 2, 2026**

ThrYve youth,

Let us know what summer activity you choose to join!

Email: [thryve@ku.edu](mailto:thryve@ku.edu)

Call: 913-897-8543

Facebook and Instagram: @WETHRYVE



# THRYVE PARTICIPANTS—

PLEASE INFORM US OF THE SUMMER  
OPPORTUNITIES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN  
! FOR SOME YOU WILL NEED TO APPLY  
BASED ON THEIR PROGRAM GUIDELINES.



**Access this guide online!**

**YOUTH FIRST AND LAST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH SCHOOL :** \_\_\_\_\_

# PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR TOP THREE SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

**RANK**      **PROGRAM NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ALTHOUGH WE CAN'T GUARANTEE PLACEMENT IN A SPECIFIC SUMMER OPPORTUNITY, WE'D LOVE TO GAUGE YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROGRAMS THAT APPEAL TO YOU MOST. SHARING YOUR PREFERENCES HELPS US UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE EXCITED ABOUT, AND WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO GET YOU INVOLVED IN A PROGRAM YOU'RE INTERESTED IN, BASED ON AVAILABILITY.**