

# Arden Community Recreation Association



## ACRA Summer Program 2013



### Five-week Summer Camp for Children of The Ardens

June 24 – July 26 ☒ Monday through Friday ☒ 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
At the Buzz Ware Village Center (BWVC)  
For resident children of the Village of Arden  
(Preschool to entering eighth grade)

#### Calling all Arden Kids!

Join your Arden friends for another great summer at ACRA! As always, there's a full menu of activities, field trips, visitors and special projects designed just for you. Field trips to fun destinations provide opportunities for new perspectives, and our Arden neighbors and other visitors keep us connected to the community as they share their talents and interests.

#### Parent Volunteers

**We need your help!** Monetary contributions help pay for the staff salaries, but the ACRA Summer Program relies on the volunteer efforts of the community for so much more. Please consider volunteering time to help set-up or break-down the program, drive for a field trip, act as playground monitor one day, share a skill or interest you have, or pick up produce and snacks. Please call **Terri Hansen** at **475-7427** to help with playground monitoring, or see **My Dang**, **Program Director**, to discuss other ways you can help.

#### ACRA Preschool Program

**For children age three (must be potty-trained) through entering Kindergarten**

This dynamic program uses group activities, games, water play, dress up, crafts and music to get children involved and connected. Every day children get a snack and time to play outside. Each week the Book Club brings some of our teens and parents in to share their favorite books with the kids, visitors from the community share their talents and interests, and there are field trips to nearby fun locations.

#### ACRA Core Program

**For children who are entering first grade through entering eighth grade (or age 14)**

The ACRA Core program offers a variety of activities such as nature walks, arts and crafts, music, cooking, games, sports, playground games and special trips. Getting to know our neighbors is a big part of the program, and many talented visitors are invited to lead activities. Children are welcome to choose free-form activities or sign up for organized activities such as working with visitors on special projects, or going on field trips.

#### Open House and Talent Show

Save the date and join us **Thursday, July 25 from 7-9 p.m.**, for the ACRA Open House and Talent Show. Come see what the kids have been up to. Bring a treat to share and we will provide water ice.

*Check out our Web Site*

**For registration forms, program information and volunteer opportunities, take a moment to visit our web site- <http://acratheardens.org/>**





# ACRA Summer Calendar 2013



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat & Sun
<b>JUNE</b>					22 & 23 <b>Volunteers needed</b> to help set-up on Saturday 9:30 at the Buzz Continental breakfast provided.
24 <b>ACRA BEGINS</b> On-site registration	25 <b>PRE:</b> Book Club and Games  <b>CORE:</b> Project with Shelly Robyn	26 <b>PRE:</b> Music with Pete Compo  <b>CORE:</b> Games with Peter Slattery	27 <b>PRE:</b> Project with Lisa Surbrook  <b>CORE:</b> Hike with MaryLou Robinson	28 <b>PRE:</b> Water Day  <b>CORE:</b> Water Slide	29 & 30

1 <b>JULY</b> <b>Core:</b> Weed Creatures	2 <b>PRE:</b> Book Club and Games  <b>CORE:</b> Clocks and rulers with Cecilia Vore:	3 <b>PRE:</b> Ice Cream with the Hansens and Bike Decorating  <b>CORE:</b> Chalk art with David Yoder	4 <b>GAMES ON THE GREEN!</b> <i>10 – noon</i> (join us at the Pool for the afternoon)	5 <b>CAMP CLOSED</b>	6 & 7
8  <b>CORE:</b> Project with Lisa Surbrook	9 <b>PRE:</b> Book club and games  <b>CORE:</b> Dutch Afternoon with Hetty Francke	10 <b>PRE:</b> Woods walk with Ruth Panella  <b>CORE:</b> Papa John’s and Ice Cream with the Hansens	11 <b>PRE:</b> Art project with Hunter Clarke-Fields  <b>CORE:</b> Knitting with Denise Nordheimer, Bike ride with MaryLou Robinson	12 <b>PRE:</b> TBA  <b>CORE:</b> C & N Skate Palace	13 & 14
15 <b>PRE:</b> Activity with Dela Bryan  <b>CORE:</b> Urban Bike Project; and Project with Brooke Bovard	16 <b>PRE:</b> Book club and Cowboy songs with Cecilia Vore  <b>CORE:</b> Treasure Hunt with Archives Committee	17 <b>PRE:</b> Project with Tegan Harcourt-Brooke  <b>CORE:</b> Papa John’s and Ice Cream with the Hansens	18  <b>CORE:</b> Treasure Hunt with Archives Committee	19  <b>PRE:</b> Brandywine Zoo  <b>CORE:</b> Field Trip TBA	20 & 21
22 <b>PRE:</b>  <b>CORE:</b>	23 <b>PRE:</b>  <b>CORE:</b> Cookie Decorating with Beverley Fleming	24 <b>PRE:</b> Papa John’s  <b>CORE:</b> Ardensingers	25 <b>OPEN HOUSE!!</b> <b>7-9 pm</b>  <i>Bring a dish to share!</i>	26 <b>ALL Camp 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Farewell Luau Party!! Let’s LIMBO!!</b>	27 <b>Volunteers needed</b> to help with camp breakdown. 9am Saturday at the Buzz Continental breakfast provided!

**\*Speak with My Dang, program director on-site, or call Terri Hansen (475-7427)**



# ✦ Come to ACRA this Summer! ✦

## Summer Staff

**My Dang**, Program Director

We are happy to welcome My (pronounced "me") Dang back as our Program Director for her third year in the position and sixth year with the program! My is a certified Montessori educator whose experience includes teaching at the Elementary Workshop and Montessori Learning Centre. Her son Tauson will also attend the ACRA program again this year.

**Tina Broadbent**, Preschool Director

ACRA isn't complete without Tina as she shares her special energy and talent with the preschool kids. Tina was a teen volunteer and, while attending college, started as our Preschool Director. She is a preschool teacher during the school year.

**Jeanne Orr**, Art Director

Jeanne returns as the Director of the Art program this year, sharing her talents and life-long love of art with the children of ACRA. Jeanne has studied at Philadelphia College of Art and Longwood Gardens Botanical Illustration Studio.

**Robyn (Walker) Hallett**, Activities Coordinator

Robin attended the program when she was a child living in Ardencroft and now returns to ACRA for her 17<sup>th</sup> year as a staff member.

**Zoe Roberts**

Zoe attends Brandywine High School and is entering her senior year. She runs cross country and track, as well as playing soccer.



## July 4<sup>th</sup> Games on the Green

10 a.m. to Noon. Residents of all ages are welcome to join in the three-legged races, the 50-yard dash, egg toss, giant bubble making, slow bicycle race, tug-of-war and more – with watermelon for dessert!

## Preschool Book Club

Sadly, The Library Gild will be occupied with the Library renovations this Summer. However, we are thrilled to announce that the Preschool Book Club will be going forward with the help of some great teens! Each week our preschoolers will be joined by some older Arden kids and parents for book reading and sharing.

## Field Trip Information

ACRA adheres to Delaware's child restraint/safety seat laws (for children through age 7 and 65lbs) and retains the right to refuse to transport a child for a field trip if a safety seat is not provided. **Adult drivers are needed. Please sign up!** Trips will be canceled if we do not have enough drivers. Contact our Program Director or Activities Coordinator with any questions.

## Preschool Trips

There is no Preschool program at the BWVC during preschool field trips. Prospective preschool trip drivers, please see the Preschool Director during the program to volunteer. Preschool trips are reserved for **preschoolers only**. See calendar for schedule.

## Core Trips

The Core program is OPEN on field trip days. See the calendar for the schedule. Some activities may require special permission slips.



## What is ACRA?

The Arden Community Recreation Association, founded in 1948, provides recreational, educational and social activities throughout the year to residents of the three Ardens. ACRA unites the three communities of Arden, Ardentown and Ardencroft. Our mission is to build community within our villages. ACRA is for all ages and transcends class, race, religion and family circumstances in its welcome to events and programming. The goal of our summer program is to create an environment in which our children can play, work and learn together, and in which the involvement of community volunteers is an intrinsic part. Please support us by making a contribution during our annual door-to-door fund drive, attending and working on our events, and letting us know what types of programming you would like to see sponsored. Together we can continue this fine tradition.

## Parents, we need you!

The ACRA Summer Program is free and open to all children of the Ardens. It is funded by donations from residents and the villages. **Our summer camp currently costs roughly \$215 per child—the best camp buy in town!** If you have not yet contributed, please consider sending in a contribution, made payable to "ACRA" to: Pete Compo, 1900 Sherwood Road (475-6883) We welcome you as a volunteer to make the program run smoothly. Contact the Program Director for opportunities to help.

## How to Sign Up

Please review **Program Policies** below for eligibility requirements. Registration forms will be available on the first day of camp. If you wish to sign up in advance, please contact Terri Hansen at 475-7427

### Children must be registered to attend.

A separate form including a parent's/guardian's signature must be completed for each child. A snack fee of \$15/child or \$30/family is requested. If you prefer to bring a snack for 70+ kids one day, contact the Program Director when the program begins. To cover the costs of field trips and special in-camp activities, an activity fee of \$25/child is requested. Scholarships are available.

## Meet the Team

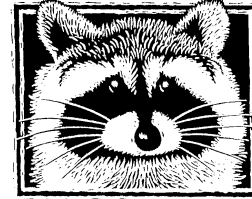
**ACRA Summer Program Committee:** Co-chairs Terri Hansen and Jill Moncarz.

**ACRA Board:** Keri Del Tufo-chair, Pam Politis-vice-chair, Annie Gutsche-treasurer, Toby Ridings-secretary, Gilles Auffret, Terri Hansen, Pete Compo, Beverley Fleming, Steve Mausolf, Jill Moncarz, Mary Brent Whipple, Alex Rudzinski, Jan Rudzinski, Alan Threefoot.

## ACRA Code of Conduct

For the safety and enjoyment of all campers, ACRA has established a Code of Conduct to help children realize that they are responsible for their own actions. ACRA expects staff and campers to honor its core values of respect, responsibility, caring and honesty.

- Show kindness and consideration toward others.
- Present a good role model to younger community members.
- Play safely and think before acting.
- Respect other's property and personal space.
- Solve problems peacefully. Use words not actions.
- If a solution isn't reached, report the problem to summer program staff.



## Summer Program Policies

1. ACRA Summer Program attendance is limited to:
  - Resident children of the three Ardens
  - Children of staff
  - A limited number of spaces are available for grandchildren of residents on a first-come first-served basis. Please register early to assure your child a space. For registration materials call Toby Ridings 475-4253.
  - Out-of-town children staying with an Arden resident for two or more consecutive nights may attend ACRA while visiting, space permitting. Donation suggested.
2. All attending children must have a registration form signed by their parent or guardian. All non-resident grandchildren and out-of-town guests must have a special registration form signed by both the parent/guardian and the resident host. Please see the Program Director for a form.
3. Families are asked to provide three (3) hours of volunteer service to the program.
4. All children must remain at the program on any day they attend unless the parent picks them up or the parent has a *Permission to Leave Program* form on file with the Program Director.
5. Corporal punishment is against ACRA policy. This applies to staff, teen aides, playground monitors and volunteers.
6. The Preschool program is for children who are potty trained, and age three up to entering kindergarten in September. The Preschool director may determine that a child is not ready for ACRA.
7. The Core program is open to children entering 1<sup>st</sup> through entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Inappropriate behavior may be, at staff recommendation, cause for the board to suspend privileges.
8. The summer program is free to all participants. Some special activities may require a small fee.
9. Electronic games and cell phones are not permitted to be used at the ACRA Summer Program. **Please note: There is no secure place to store personal belongings.**

