

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS
Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

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Rochester Hills Museum Releases Summer Program Schedule

Travel back in time this summer for some old-fashioned fun at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm! Located along the banks of the beautiful Stoney Creek in the historic village of Stoney Creek, this nationally registered historic site is the 16 acre location for lots of summer activities, parent-child programs and camps.

Celebrate summer in our Children's Garden with the annual **Peter Rabbit Tea** on **Saturday, June 5, 1:00-4:00**. Music, tasty treats, a maze, old-fashioned toys, furry critters, crafts, stories, face painting and more. The cost is \$4 per person for Museum Members and \$6 per person for non-members. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

Terrific Tuesdays are truly terrific in the Children's Garden where parents, grandparents, and caregivers join their children for garden themed stories, crafts and treats. Children, ages 3-5, are invited from 10:00-11:00, for programs that include The Three Billy Goats, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, Breakfast with Butterflies, Alphabet Soup, Ladybug Picnic just to name a few.

Children, ages 6-10, learn about gardening with teacher and Master Gardener, Michele Dunham, from 1:00-2:30, with Sensational Soil and Wonderful Worms, Powerful Plants and their Perfect Parts, Fabulous Flowers, What's Bugging Us, Tops and Bottoms – Plant Parts We Eat, Scarecrows and much more. Join us for these Tuesdays: June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited in our corncrib classroom. The cost for each **Terrific Tuesday** is \$3 for Museum members and \$5 for non-members. All grown-ups are free!

Join us every **Wednesday in July** for **Wet and Wild Wednesdays**. From 12:00-1:00, there will be musical entertainment at the gazebo followed by water fun! Two slip and slides, a Rochester Hills fire engine "sprinkler" and the Stoney Creek stream are the best places to cool off on a hot summer day! Admission is \$2 per person. Museum members are Free!

Little House by the Creek – One Day Camps are the perfect place to be on Thursdays, June 24, July 1, July 15, July 29, and August 12. Campers, ages 7-11, travel back in time to days along the Stoney Creek in a small village and take part in

activities from the 1800s including children's chores like hauling water from the creek, candle-dipping, sewing, rug-beating, vegetable gardening, tin-punching, and butter-churning. The school marm will teach them reading, writing and 'rithmetic at the one-room schoolhouse and, if they get all of their chores and schoolwork done, there will be time to play with old-fashioned toys and go wading in the river! Re-registration is required and space is limited. Cost is \$30 for Museum members and \$35 for non-members.

In August, aspiring writers, ages 9-12, have the opportunity to take part in the **Little House in the Village Writer's Camp**, August 17-20 from 10:00-3:00 p.m. Using the Museum's unique natural and historic setting, students will read, write and illustrate a variety of genres while experiencing life in an 1860s village - working and playing like yesterday. Pre-registration is required and spaces is limited. Cost is \$120 for Museum members and \$140 for non-members.

For more information or to register, call 248-656-4663, visit our website at www.rochesterhills.org, or email us at rhmuseum@rochesterhills.org.

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