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Exciting summer program set to begin at 5 schools

Great Explorations offers hands-on learning, enrichment for area youth

HOUGHTON – Children at five local schools are invited to take part in a safe, fun and affordable summer program called Great Explorations.

Great Explorations will provide two four-week sessions of dynamic, hands-on learning experiences, a variety of enrichment activities and daily recreation. Activities will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the sessions, which run from June 16 to July 15 and from July 19 to Aug. 13.

Activities are open to elementary children at Houghton-Portage Township Schools and elementary and middle school children at the public schools of Calumet-Laurium-Keweenaw, Chassell, Dollar Bay-Tamarack City and Lake Linden-Hubbell.

“Great Explorations is a great way for children to stay active and learn new things during the summer,” said Pat Rozich, project director. “The hands-on approach to learning and the wide variety of activities will engage the many interests and academic needs of children in a fun and engaging manner.”

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Rozich added that the program, which is funded through the Michigan Dept. of Education, can help to offset summer learning loss. Summer learning loss commonly occurs on long summer breaks and affects most children.

Mornings will focus on hands-on math, science, literacy/language arts and social studies. Afternoon enrichment activities will include music, art, book clubs, tae kwon do, canoeing, field trips and much more. Healthy meals and daily sports/recreational activities also will be provided.

Children may attend every morning, all day or whatever fits best with a family's schedule. Modest income-based user fees help to offset program costs, and scholarships are available.

To learn more about the program or to sign up, parents may call the Great Explorations Site Coordinator at participating schools:

- C-L-K Middle School – Cheryl Gruver or Stacy Crouch, 337-0311 ext. 3309
- C-L-K Elementary – Carl Arko, 337-0311 ext. 4090
- Chassell – Treneice Marshall, 523-4385
- Dollar Bay-Tamarack City – Derek Gardner, 482-5800
- Houghton – Heather Simpson or Loren Aho, 482-0456 ext. 3240
- Lake Linden-Hubbell – Stacey Cotey, 296-6221 ext. 217

Great Explorations is funded through a 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant from the Michigan Dept. of Education. B-H-K Child Development Board is the project's fiscal and administrative agent.

The C-L-K Elementary program is being offered by C-L-K schools but is similar to Great Explorations. In addition to Great Explorations, Houghton Elementary is offering a Kids Kamp. Contact Wendy Wiitanen at 482-0456 for more information about that program.