

ACES & Lorain Cooperative Ministry – in collaboration with NASA &  
Other Service Providers

Presents

## Summer of Innovation Youth Camps

During the summer of 2023 ACES (Achievement through Community Education & Support) and The Lorain Cooperative Ministry (9 area churches) in collaboration with NASA and other service providers will host a Summer of Innovation (SOI) for Lorain County Youth in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> during the period June 19 – August 10, 2023. The SOI program will be presented as eight (8) separate four (4) days per week (Mondays thru Thursdays) STE(A)M (Science, Technology, Engineering (Arts) and Math) focused journeys with each Thursday serving as a Music, Arts, or game day. Most activities will take place primarily at Greater Victory Church located at 559 Reid Avenue in Lorain. All camps will run from 11:00am - 3:00pm on Monday through Thursday (kids can be dropped off starting at 10:30am). Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the program daily unless permission has been provided for the child to walk to and from the program each day. Lunch and snacks will be provided daily at no cost to students or parents.

By completing and submitting this packet you can enroll your child in any of the eight (8) week-long camps being provided from June 19 – August 10, 2023 (see Parent Camp Selection Form). If your child is accepted into the program he/she will receive an all-expense scholarship for each of the weeks being signed up for. Youth will be accepted on a first packet submitted basis until all 60 weekly scholarships have been used for the season. Scholarships are being made available by the Nordson Corporation & Community Foundation of Lorain County. Please sign your child up only for the weekly camps you are certain they will attend. If after submitting your packet, **you do not hear from us**, your child has been accepted into the program and should be dropped off at Greater Victory (559 Reid Avenue by 10:45am on the first day of their first week of the camp). Participants attending any of the camps must wear gym shoes each day that they participate. At the conclusion of the summer program (August 10<sup>th</sup>) we will celebrate youth accomplishments during the SOI Summer Experience.

It is important that you only mark the weekly camps that your child WILL ATTEND. If you sign up for a given week and your child cannot attend that week you must call us at 440-654-8018, or we will assume your child is out for the remainder of the summer. Depending on availability, we will be attending movies and probably be swimming at Maude Nieding Park pool (if allowable) one day per week beginning with week 2. If we are allowed to swim your child will need to bring a bathing suit and towel on that day (hopefully Wednesdays) each week (also they must still wear gym shoes).

Although the worst days of the COVID-19 pandemic appears to be behind us, it is important that we as a camp, and you as the parent, take as many precautions as possible to ensure the safety of all the children, staff and volunteers participating in, and delivering services, throughout the summer. Please read SOI safety measures very carefully before submitting your child's packet. If you are not willing to agree to comply with all of our safety measures we cannot accept your child into the SOI program this summer. Non-compliance with established safety measures once the camp has started may result in your child being disenrolled so please read the next page carefully before signing the enclosed forms.

ACES and our collaborating partners intend to provide STE(A)M focused, exciting summer adventures to youth in 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grade and hope you are able to join us for this year's FREE Summer of Innovation. Please call Mike Ferrer at 440-336-1501 if you have questions about our safety measures. We intend to continue masking while indoors, social distancing, engage in extensive hand washing, cleaning and disinfection of the facility on a daily basis.