

# Get Involved

## Enroll Your Child

Youth who attend Activity Night with consistent attendance and parent engagement are eligible to be enrolled in all other Adventure Central programs. Just come to Activity Night on Monday evenings from 7 - 8 p.m. See Current Activity Night Flyer for Dates.

## Volunteer

A wealth of volunteer opportunities are available, from homework assistance to going on a hike with children. Call to schedule your orientation and learn more about how you can start making a

## Give to Adventure Central

Whether you are an individual or organization, we need your help to keep Adventure Central moving forward. Call or stop into discuss giving and partnership opportunities. All levels of support are appreciated.



*"I learned to be kind to nature"*

*"The adults at Adventure Central really care about me"*



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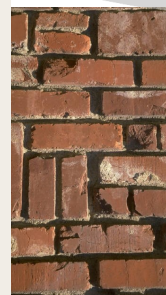
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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
&  
FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS



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*Empowering life-changing adventure...  
one child at a time.*

  
**ADVENTURE CENTRAL**  
AT WESLEYAN METROPARK



## Adventure Central is...

A trusted community-based positive youth development partnership of 4-H, Ohio State University Extension, and Five Rivers MetroParks serving at risk children in the West Dayton community since October 2000.

Using nature, staff nurtures participants in life-changing activities that strengthen values, build lasting life skills, and empower youth to explore life's possibilities.

## Adventure Central is...

Opportunity & Possibility

Partnership and Support

Learning through Nature

Reliable Safety

Lasting Value



"PARTNERS IN POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT"

# Nationally Recognized Quality

Adventure Central is the recipient of two National 4-H Program of Distinction awards.



### Activity Night >>>

Activity Night is the entry program for all Adventure Central programming. On Monday evenings, participants can drop in to experience a typical AC program. As there is space, participants will be added to the Afterschool or Day Camp programs.

### Afterschool >>>



The afterschool program serves up to 90 youth per day, Monday -Thursday throughout the school year. Youth in grades 1-12 are engaged in hands-on activities from research-based curriculum with highly trained staff. Highlights include inquiry-based learning, homework assistance, and discovery hikes.

### Day Camp >>>

Day camp provides participants in grades 1st-8th with an active, safe, fun summer. Activities are hands-on, engaging and educational, helping to reduce the "summer brain drain." Highlights include field trips, creek exploration, and an increased focus on literacy and

### Overnight Camp >>>

Adventure Central holds a three day, two night overnight camp each summer. Located at a local 4H Camp, this camp provides an opportunity for urban youth to be immersed in a natural environment. Current Program Youth ages 8-13 participate in group activities planned and led by teen camp counselors.



### Family Engagement >>>

### JET >>>



Understanding that parents are the primary influence in a child's life, family-focused programming is a key component of Adventure Central. Family fun nights provide opportunities for families to spend quality time together while parent education programs provide parents with the resources to continuously improve their parenting skills.

*"This program will help you in the long run. It helps you with leadership. It taught me the right way to handle a bad situation."*

JET stands for Job Experience and Training. This workforce preparation program gives teens real work experiences in a variety of parks settings. Teens 12 years or older can apply and interview for one of 25 positions ranging from parks services to youth education, as well as administrative, and nutrition. Teens work for eight weeks

### Teen Leadership >>>

We are committed to providing teens with opportunities for leadership, voice and choice. Through service learning, becoming a camp counselor, or attending trips and conferences, teens can develop leadership skills on their own terms.

throughout the summer and reflect on their experience through journals, group discussion, and an online blog. Applications for this award-winning program become available in February.



### 5 Program Areas

Science

Nature

Healthy Lifestyles

Technology

Literacy

### AC By the Numbers...2021

98% of parents "agree a lot" or "mostly agree" that Adventure Central staff are true partners in their child's education.

A special thanks to our community partners:



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