

# Summer '23 ENRICHMENT CAMPS



## ROCK ISLAND MILAN SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

# OF  
CAMPERS:  
**89**

Spring Forward partnered with the Rock Island-Milan School District to offer four summer enrichment camps at no cost to families for students first through sixth grade. The five-week camps, offered to students in need of an academic boost combined academics with fun and engaging activities.

Summer camp can replace the historical mandatory summer school model. Spring Forward camps have proven this over the past ten years by welcoming thousands of students to camps with an overwhelming majority making academic gains.

**SITE 1: DENKMANN**  
(Denkmann, Longfellow, and Eugene Field)

**SITE 2: RICMS**  
(Center and Rock Island Academy)

**SITE 3: EARL HANSON**  
(Earl Hanson and Frances Willard)

**SITE 4: RIDGEWOOD**  
(Ridgewood and Thomas Jefferson)

Spring Forward also employed teachers at the **Martin Luther King Center Camp**

**109**

**88**

**78**

**75**

## Academics

One of the goals for summer camps was to help fill in the learning gaps and equip children with new skills. Morning instruction included math and reading in small groups with teachers using the district's curriculum to help provide a smooth transition from summer to the 2023-24 school year.



**June 12 - July 14** (off July 3 & 4)  
**Monday - Friday, 9 am - 2pm**

	M	T	W	TH	F
9-9:30AM	Check-in and Breakfast				
9:30 - 11:45AM	Reading (M/W) - Math (T/TH)				Field Trips
11:45AM - 12:30PM	Lunch and Recess				
12:30 - 2PM	Enrichment with Community Partners				

**38.2 HOURS OF MATH & READING INSTRUCTION PER STUDENT**



**50.5 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING HOURS PER STUDENT**

**BE THE LIGHT**

Our camp theme was "Be the Light" in memory of friend and former Ascentra Credit Union CEO and Rock Island alum Dale Owen. Dale was a champion of summer learning and inspired all to get involved and pay it forward, leaving us with a simple message of inspiration to "Be the Light".





# Afternoon Enrichment

Enrichment activities were planned to provide students with opportunities to learn beyond the traditional classroom setting. Campers participated in a broad range of activities that included yoga, art, dance, cooking, and music.

## ENRICHMENT PARTNERS

- Junior Achievement of the Heartland
- Rock Island Parks and Recreation
- Illinois Extension
- WQPT PBS
- Figge Art Museum
- Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum
- Rock Island Public Library
- American Red Cross of the Quad Cities Area
- Quad City Animal Welfare Center
- MAI: Tae Kwon Do, Karate & Hapkido
- Ballet Quad Cities
- Quad City Symphony Orchestra
- Putnam Museum and Science Center
- First Tee of the Quad Cities
- Quad Cities Animal Welfare Center
- Lego League
- Figge Art Museum

**6** FIELD TRIPS PER CAMPER



## FIELD TRIPS

- Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse
- Nahant Marsh Education Center
- Highland Park Bowling
- Centennial Park Sprayground
- Wildcat Den State Park
- Bettendorf Family Museum
- Boy Scout Camp at Loud Thunder
- Western Illinois University
- Whitewater Junction
- Maquoketa Caves
- Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois



**"The Spring Forward Summer Program has been the highlight of my children's summer break. We're so grateful for the safe, fun, and high quality experiences and activities that our family wouldn't have otherwise had the personal resources to provide."**

**-PARENT**



Camp ended with a pool party for campers and families at Whitewater Junction. The party was a reward for campers who attended 80% of more camp days.



Campers attended **Stepping up for Summer Learning** at the Vibrant Arena along with 500 other campers from the Boys and Girls Club, Martin Luther King Center, Skip-A-Long, and It's a Child's World. The John Deere sponsored event is the single largest summer learning celebration in Iowa and Illinois.

**25**  
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**40**  
VOLUNTEERS