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OU offers services for kids of employees

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Oakland University offers many services for children, from toddler, preschool and kindergarten programs at Lowry Center for Early Childhood Education to summer camps in arts, math, science, sports and writing.

This article is the seventh in a weekly series on OU employee discounts and services. The **first story** covers various discounts. The **second story** features entertainment discounts. The **third story** lists fitness and health services. The **fourth story** describes free and discounted personal counseling. The **fifth story** includes theme park discounts, and the **sixth story** covers career guidance resources.

Lowry Center for Early Childhood Education

The Lowry Center for Early Childhood Education offers toddler, preschool and kindergarten programs, giving priority to children of OU students, faculty and staff members.

Lowry's curriculum is designed to promote the cognitive, social and physical development of children in a nurturing environment. The center's teachers are early development specialists with degrees in early childhood and elementary education. Oakland graduate and undergraduate students often are on staff at Lowry, learning the latest teaching methods while the children reap the benefits of their enthusiasm.

Lowry is part of the **School of Education and Human Services (SEHS)** and the Department of Human Development and Child Studies. It is licensed by the State of Michigan and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Each year, the center offers an Enviro-Explorer's Summer Camp, which gives children from 18 months to 6 years of age a chance to explore science and math and participate in arts and crafts, dramatic play, music, outdoor play and nature walks.

Lowry is at the southeast corner of campus at Adams and Butler roads. Its new location will be in the new SEHS building, which will open in September 2002.

For more information about the center and its programs, call (248) 370-4100.

Summer Camps at Oakland University

Here's a look at OU's many **summer camps** for youths:

Arts

- Summer Youth Arts Day Camp — Students receive instruction in music, theatre, dance and visual art as well as combined arts experience. The camps end with a final performance and art show. For more information, call (248) 370-2030.
- Summer Middle School Arts Day Camp — Students receive instruction in music, theatre, dance and visual art as well as combined arts experience. The camps end with a final performance and art show. For more information, call (248) 370-2030.

Mathematics

- Summer Mathematics Institute — The Summer Mathematics Institute typically begins in late June and ends in early August. Students from grades 9-12 are selected for this program based on exceptional talent and interest in mathematics. They take two four-credit undergraduate courses covering mathematical concepts from probability theory, number theory, group theory, combinatorics, graph theory, statistics and algebra for college credit. Participation is free. For more information, call (248) 370-3430.

Sports

- OU offers youth sports camps in basketball, swimming and soccer. For the latest information, visit the **Sports Camps**

Web page.

Writing

- Writing Workshop — In this workshop, which typically runs two weeks in early July, teachers work with children, in grades 1-12, in small groups and on an individual basis to develop skills in planning, composing, revising and editing all types of writing. This year's workshop will be at a school in the Bloomfield Hills School District. For more information, call (248) 370-3054.

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