



Arden Community Recreation Association

2020 ACRA Summer Co-op

A 5-week summer program for the children of the Ardens

June 22 – July 24 ☛ Monday through Friday ☛ 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

At the Buzz Ware Village Center (BWVC)

For resident children of the Villages of Arden, Ardentown, and Ardencroft
(Preschool to entering eighth grade)

Calling all Children of the Ardens!

Join your friends for another great summer at ACRA! As always, there's a full menu of activities, events, visitors and special projects designed just for you. Connections between our children, and the villages is at the heart of the fun!

ACRA Preschool Program

For children age three (must be potty-trained) through entering Kindergarten

This dynamic program uses group activities, games, water play, dress-up, crafts and music to get children involved and connected. Every day children get a snack and time to play outside. Each week the children will enjoy special events and activities - there is always something fun going on in our Preschool!

ACRA Core Program

For children who are entering first grade through entering eighth grade (13yrs)

The ACRA Core program offers a variety of activities such as nature walks, arts and crafts, music, cooking, games, sports, playground games and special events. Getting to know our neighbors is a big part of the program, and many talented visitors are invited to lead activities. Children are welcome to choose free-form activities or sign up for organized activities such as working with visitors on special projects, learning a new game, trying out a new talent, or participating in special ACRA sponsored events.

What is ACRA?

The Arden Community Recreation Association, founded in 1948, provides recreational, educational and social activities throughout the year to residents of the three Ardens. ACRA unites the three communities of Arden, Ardentown and Ardencroft. Our mission is to build community within our villages. ACRA is for all ages and transcends class, race, religion and family circumstances in its welcome to events and programming. The goal of our summer co-op is to create an environment in which our children can play, work and learn together, and in which the involvement of community volunteers is an intrinsic part. Together we can continue this fine tradition.

Open House and Talent Show

Save the date and join us **Thursday, July 23 from 7-9 p.m.**, for the ACRA Open House and Talent Show. Come see what the kids have been up to. Bring a treat to share!

Special Events and Activities

Special events generally take place on Fridays either on-site or as a destination. Some examples include, water slides, bowling, zoo and large inflatables. These are ACRA-sponsored events: our staff will be in attendance, but a parent or guardian must be responsible for transportation to and from off-site events, and to attend with the participating child. If you have ideas or suggestions for events or destinations for future years, please talk to Terri Hansen or any of the ACRA Board members.

No fees!

The ACRA Summer Co-op is **free** and open to all children of the Ardens. It is funded by donations from residents and the villages. **Our summer camp currently costs roughly \$250 per child (\$50/week)—the best camp buy in town!** Due to the generosity of our community and success of our annual solicitations, we are able to waive both the snack fee AND the activity fee for the 2020 summer co-op. If you have not yet contributed, please consider writing a check (payable to "ACRA"; send to Pete Compo, treasurer), contribute using the paypal link in the online registration, the website or at sign-in on the first day. We welcome you as a volunteer to help make the co-op run smoothly. Contact Clare Consavage for opportunities to help

Children must be registered to attend - How to sign up

Please review **Co-op Policies** below for eligibility requirements. **You can register on-line prior to the first day of the co-op.** Visit www.acracommunity.org **An email will also be sent out to addresses that we have on file from previous years that will have the link to the registration and the emergency form.** The separate emergency contact form should be printed and filled out and handed in at sign in on the first day. Registration questions? Contact Clare Consavage at clareconsavage@gmail.com or 928-580-7379. A separate form including a parent's/guardian's signature must be completed for each child. We understand that the timing of the co-op can be a challenge for families – please contact Clare to discuss; over the years many families have come up with creative solutions to enable their children to participate in our unique co-op.

Meet the ACRA Board

ACRA Summer Co-op Committee: Clare Consavage (chair) Lisa Surbrook, Terri Hansen

ACRA Board: Pete Compo, Pam Politis, Jen Abernethy, Csongor Pinter, Clare Consavage, Michelle Doner, Beverley Fleming, Joe Grippe, Ben Gruswitz, Annie Gutsche, Terri Hansen, Renta Brito-Cherrin, Jeannie Stith-Mawhinney, Mary Brent Whipple, Samantha Jordan,

ACRA Code of Conduct

For the safety and enjoyment of all campers, ACRA has established a Code of Conduct to help children realize that they are responsible for their own actions. ACRA expects staff and campers to honor its core values of respect, responsibility, caring and honesty.

- Show kindness and consideration toward others.
- Present a good role model to younger community members.
- Play safely and think before acting.
- Respect other's property and personal space.
- Solve problems peacefully. Use words not actions.
- If a solution isn't reached, report the problem to summer co-op staff.

Summer Co-op Policies

1. ACRA Summer Co-op attendance is limited to:
 - Resident children of the three Ardens
 - Children of Staff
 - Grandchildren of residents on a first-come first-served basis (space-permitting). Please register early to assure your child a space.
 - Out-of-town children staying with an Ardens' resident for two or more consecutive nights may attend ACRA while visiting, space-permitting. A fee of \$30/day, \$100/week is requested for out-of-town guests. Registration forms must be filled out on-line and payment received in advance.
2. All attending children must have a registration form signed and turned in by their parent or guardian. All non-resident grandchildren and out of town guests must also have a registration form signed by both the parent/guardian and the resident host. For registration materials, visit www.acracommunity.org or contact Clare Consavage.
3. Families are asked to provide 3 hours of volunteer service to the co-op.
4. All children must remain at the co-op on any day they attend unless the parent picks them up or the parent has a Permission to Leave Co-op form on file with the Co-op Director.
5. Corporal punishment is against ACRA policy. This applies to staff, aides, and volunteers.
6. The Preschool Program is for children who are potty-trained, and age 3, up to entering kindergarten in September. The Preschool director may determine that a child is not ready for ACRA.
7. The Core Program is open to children entering 1st through entering 8th grade. Inappropriate behavior may be, at staff recommendation, cause for the Board to suspend privileges.
8. The summer co-op is free to all participants who are residents of the Ardens. Our suggested donation is \$250/child for the full 5-weeks
9. Electronic games and cell phones are not permitted to be used at the ACRA Summer Co-op. **Please note: there is no secure place to store personal belongings.**