

## MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

### SPRING BREAK SPORTS CAMP

Three Days. Three Sports. One Unforgettable Experience.

Looking for an exciting, active way for your child to spend Spring Break? The House of the Carpenter is hosting a Spring Break Sports Camp for students in grades 1-5 during Ohio County Schools Spring Break, and it's going to be action-packed.

Over three high-energy days, campers will rotate through:

-  Basketball
-  Volleyball
-  Soccer

One sport per day, led by special guest coaches.

Whether your child is brand new to sports or already loves to compete, this camp is designed to build skills, confidence, teamwork, and lasting friendships, all in a welcoming, encouraging environment where every child can thrive.

#### What's Included:

- Camp t-shirt
- Lunch each day

#### Camp Details:

March 30, March 31, April 1  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Location: The HOC - Toni & Nancy Bedway Center for Youth



Required registration closes March 29.

**REGISTER FOR SPRING BREAK SPORTS CAMP**

\*Enter through the door under the covered parking lot and take the elevator to level 2.

### PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

A Life-Changing Opportunity for Middle School Students



Pathways to Success is more than a summer program; it's an investment in a young person's future.

Designed for students who have completed 5th through 8th grades, this four-week experience helps participants explore career possibilities and gain the practical skills they need to succeed in high school, college, and beyond.

#### What Makes This Program Different?

Through partnerships with local businesses, schools, and community programs, students will:

- Visit area businesses and meet professionals across a variety of career fields
- Learn what education and training are required for different professions
- Tour technical schools and colleges to explore post-secondary pathways
- Expand their vision for what's possible in their own futures

#### Real-World Skills That Last a Lifetime

Participants will complete a personal finance course sponsored by West Virginia Saves, learning how to manage and grow their money wisely.

They will also receive hands-on instruction in:

- Communication and teamwork
- Problem solving
- Professional etiquette
- Resume writing
- Interview preparation

#### Earn While You Learn

Students who actively participate will receive a stipend, which will be used to open a savings account at WesBanco through the West Virginia Saves program, giving them a strong financial start they can continue building on.

#### Important Details

- Applications Open: April 1
- Application Deadline: June 8
- Maximum Students Accepted: 10
- Attendance is required Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM during:
  - Week 1: June 22-25
  - Week 2: July 6-9
  - Week 3: July 20-23
  - Week 4: August 3-6

#### Please note:

- Sessions are held every other week to allow families flexibility for summer plans and vacations.
- Transportation to and from site visits and lunch will be provided. Students may also communicate urgent, last-minute circumstances as needed.
- This is a high-impact, small-group opportunity designed to give students confidence, direction, and practical tools for success.
- The Pathways to Success application goes live on April 1. Watch our Facebook page for the link, and don't wait! With only 10 spots available, this program fills quickly.

### DON'T MISS A THING IN MARCH

#### Public Weekly Calendar of Events

<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FOOD PANTRY: 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>• THRIFT STORE: 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>• AA: 12:00-1:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• THRIFT STORE: 9:00am-6:30pm</li> <li>• GUITAR, 3rd-12th Grade: 3:00-6:00pm</li> <li>• AFTER SCHOOL, 6th-8th Grade: 3:30-5:15pm</li> <li>• ARCHERY, 6th-12th Grade: 3:30-4:15pm</li> <li>• ARCHERY, 3rd-5th Grade: 4:30-5:15pm</li> <li>• FOOD PANTRY: 4:30-6:30pm</li> <li>• CARDIO DRUMMING: 5:30-6:30pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FOOD PANTRY: 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>• THRIFT STORE: 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>• AA: 12:00-1:00pm</li> <li>• SMART RECOVERY: 6:00-7:00pm 1st &amp; 3rd for family &amp; friends of those in recovery 2nd &amp; 4th for those overcoming substance use</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• THRIFT STORE: 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>• THE LAUNCH PAD: 3:00-4:15pm (2nd &amp; 4th Thurs.)</li> <li>• AFTER SCHOOL, 6th-8th Grade: 3:30-5:15pm</li> <li>• BALLET, 1st-5th Grade: 6:00-7:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FOOD PANTRY: 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>• THRIFT STORE: 9:00am-3:00pm</li> <li>• REAL TALK: March 27th (Wheeling Nailers Game)</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AA: 10:00-11:00am</li> </ul>

• Our Youth Programs are based on the Ohio County Schools calendar. If school is cancelled for any reason, our Youth Programs will also be cancelled that day.

• New Guitar applicants will be waitlisted, as all slots are currently full. However, we encourage you to register your child as we typically move through our list quickly.

• To register for the After School Program, you must email Haddae in place of filling out a registration form: [hallen@houseofthecarpenter.com](mailto:hallen@houseofthecarpenter.com).

• To register for all other youth and life-skills programs, please visit <https://www.houseofthecarpenter.com/ministries>.

### YOUR GIFT TODAY BUILDS HOPE FOR TOMORROW

Spring is a season of renewal and, at The House of the Carpenter, renewal happens every day because of you.

When a neighbor walks through our doors facing hardship, your generosity is already at work. It becomes food in a pantry, help with a utility bill, guidance during a difficult transition, and reassurance that no one has to face tough times alone.

As we step into a new season, we invite you to be part of that growth. Click the "Donate Today" button to make your Spring gift and help continue the work that strengthens our entire community.

To learn more about planned or estate giving, please contact Rev. Dr. Bill Wendell, Executive Director, at (304) 233-4640 or [bwendell@houseofthecarpenter.com](mailto:bwendell@houseofthecarpenter.com).

**DONATE TODAY**

### WV NIP TAX CREDITS ARE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

West Virginia Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) tax credits are AVAILABLE NOW on a first-come, first-served basis.

Donors who give \$500 or more in a single gift and pay West Virginia personal or corporate income tax may be eligible to receive these valuable tax credits.

Due to limited availability, interested donors are encouraged to act promptly.

With immediate questions or to get started, please contact Rev. Dr. Bill Wendell.

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