



Summer Activities For Children

Play And Learn



Two unique local programs for youngsters, one offering indoor and the other outdoor activity, combine fun with learning experiences.

The Children's Museum, Forty Fort, offers hands-on exhibits and special sessions featuring fascinating subjects like Whittling and Woodcarving, Sculptures from Foil-Wire, Paper Hats and Bug vs Insect. Summer hours are 1-4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with special hours for certain

programs. Nominal admission is charged non-members. Call 288-3107 for specific information.

Susquehanna Riverlands, a 1200 acre project of PP&L located near Berwick, offers nature study and recreational programs by a resident naturalist. Special programs for the summer include: Pond Life, Indian Artifact Exhibit, Wildlife Puppets and Weeds or Wildflowers. Dates and times are listed in the events section of this tabloid or call 542-2306.

The Osterhout Library,

Professional Dinner Theatre

Summer is the ideal time to enjoy the air conditioned comfort of Genetti Dinner Theatre. Located at the Best Western Genetti Motor Lodge, Route 309, Hazleton, it is the region's only professional year-round dinner theatre.

Summer schedules includes "Ten Little Indians," July 6-23; "The Sunshine Boys," July 27-August 13 and "Annie," August 7-September 3.

Wilkes-Barre offers a variety of special programs to interest children. Museums, such as the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkes-Barre, the Swetland Homestead, Wyoming or Anthracite Museum Complex sites at Eckley, Ashland and Scranton offers fascinating exhibits that can be enjoyed by youngsters.

Municipal parks and recreation programs provide activities for children. State parks offer various facilities.

Tourist Agency To Open Denison House



The historic Denison House in Forty Fort will re-open to visitors in late July in conjunction with the move of offices to the site by the Luzerne County Tourist Promotion Agency.

While details of a formal agreement are being worked out, a management agreement with the Tourist Agency has been approved in principal by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, administrators of the property. Terms of the agreement will provide

furnishings of the period 1790-1820 from the Commission collection. The Tourist Agency will occupy the service building adjacent to the house and will offer tours on a daily basis.

Weekend tours will be conducted by the volunteer group that formerly managed the site as the Friends of the Denison House Inc.

The Denison House, built by Nathan Denison in 1790, is the oldest structure in the Wyoming Valley. Constructed around a

huge central chimney, the house is unusual to Pennsylvania, reflecting an architectural style prevalent in Connecticut and New England.

Denison was one of the first 40 permanent settlers from Connecticut in the Wyoming Valley. It was for this group that the Borough of Forty Fort was named. Denison served in the local militia achieving the rank of Colonel. He negotiated the surrender treaty following the ill-fated battle of Wyoming during the Revolutionary War.

Forty Fort and Wyoming are known as the most historic communities in the Wyoming Valley with numerous sites that reflect the region's colonial heritage. Tourist Agency plans include development of expanded tours that will include the Swetland Homestead, Children's Museum, Wyoming Monument, Forty Fort Meeting House and other nearby places of interest.

Join a Hunt For Treasure



All that glitters - and more will be the object of a search at Moon Lake Park by the Black Diamond Treasure Hunters Club.

Would be treasure hunters are invited to join members of the club on Saturday, August 6 for an "International Treasure Hunt." For an entrance fee of \$25, (\$20 if registered by July 6), participants can hunt for buried treasure in the form of old coins, silver, and valuable tokens that can be exchanged for prizes ranging from silver dollars (current value about \$18) to equipment for the next hunt.

Basic equipment for the hunt is a metal detector which is used to locate the treasures. It's a finders-keepers affair with two one-hour sessions, the first starting at 10:45 a.m. and the second at 2 p.m. Time in between is filled with films, how-to sessions and equipment dealer demonstrations.

More information can be obtained from Hunt Chairman George Walko at 287-3602.

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