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## College for Kids (and Grandparents too!)

This summer, kids of all ages have the opportunity to experience college life on both campuses of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. They can study, play, and stay overnight with their grandparents during [Grandchildren's University](#) in Whitewater, or spend the days with learning and exploring their peers in Janesville at [College for Kids](#).

On June 21 and 22, [Grandchildren's University](#) returns to Whitewater once again. Now in its eighth year, grandparents and grandkids can declare major from past favorites, including chemistry, genetics, metal art, and paleontology. New to GCU this year is the biology major, which will focus on mammal skulls and tracks. This major will be taught by George Clokey, who also teaches field courses to Yellowstone National Park each summer. In addition to class time, participants can stay overnight in the residence halls, go bowling and swimming and play games together. "I love to see the excitement about learning shared between grandchildren and their grandparents," says Matt Vick, program director.

In Janesville, the Rock County campus will be a laboratory of creativity and wonder July 29 through August 2 at the youth-only [College for Kids](#) program. Students in [grades 1-5](#) can choose from music, art or science classes, including new offerings yoga and clay 101. The [6-9 graders](#) pick from more advanced offerings like chess, where they can master the game and participate in a tournament at the end of camp or menu makers where they will create a menu, shop for food, and make their own meal. For more than 15 years, the Rock County campus has welcomed kids from all over the region, and enjoyed seeing some of them come back to Rock County as college students. "I absolutely love having our campus full of kids and am so excited to see them grow and take on the world," says Molly Cook, program director. "Giving them a positive experience with higher education at a young age is what makes these summer camps the best part of my year here at Rock!"



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## Summer Garden & Landscape Tour Return

Back by popular demand are summer [garden and landscape tours](#)! Join us this summer for tours of the [Prairie and Nature Preserve](#), held three times throughout the season. The prairie tours

take place in the 100+ acres of nature preserve on the northwestern edge of campus that have been restored and actively managed with native plant species. In addition to the prairie tours, several tours will be offered of the “campus core” in August, including the landscaping around the Minnieska Falls, Chopp and Salisbury Arboretums, Memory Garden, micro-prairie, and gardens near Heide, Hyer, and White Halls. In addition to exploring the annuals and perennials in our landscapes and sustainability practices we employ, we will dig into campus history during the tours.

Wes Enterline, UW-W’s [sustainability](#) coordinator, will lead the tours. Space is limited and all tours are free with [registration](#).





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## Cello Fest to Host Free Concert

Experience the passion and dedication of cellists of all ages after attending the workshops and rehearsals of the annual [UW-W Cello Fest](#). The culmination of this year's Spring Cello Fest will be a free concert in Light Recital Hall at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The concert is free, open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

The theme for the day is "Playing Cello Vocally" where the works in the concert will prominently feature the sort of "song without words" composition that so many composers love to write for the cello. Meet Benjamin Whitcomb, Professor of Cello and Music Theory, Christopher S. Ramaekers, Director of Orchestras at the UW-Whitewater and guest artist Christine Crookall from Augusta University. Assisting with the day's events will be the UW-W students majoring in cello, who will also perform a feature piece by themselves on the final concert.



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## Landscapes, Architecture and the Golden Hour

Are you a budding photographer looking to improve your skills? Do you love Wisconsin's natural and manmade beauty? We have a program for you! Join us for a [traveling digital photography workshop](#) through Wisconsin's breathtaking landscapes and urban architecture. We will depart from the Rock County campus in Janesville on Saturday, June 15 and travel through the countryside to Madison, where we'll find great settings for photo backdrops. We'll take advantage of the coveted "golden hour" and practice various techniques with professional photographer, Michelle Lavigne.

A popular instructor at the Rock campus since 2017, Michelle patiently guides students during these field trainings and shares her passion for photography. "Our lives are lived in moments and photos are the way to preserve these moments," Michelle says. "Capturing a moment, I get to make memories permanent. But there's this extra layer, the making-art side. The part that creatives love." Charge up your camera, capture the memories, and [register today!](#)



Michelle Lavigne, photographer & instructor

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## News and Upcoming Events:

From beginner to the Sun Salutation to Warrior poses, there's a session for everyone! Check out our [Summer Rock County Yoga](#) classes offered in Janesville throughout the summer. Affordable classes – some sessions are free for military families!



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Calling all youth wrestlers! Designed for students entering kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, our [Wrestling Events](#) focus in skill development, becoming a better competitor, and teammate skills.



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Richard Harris, coordinator of student veterans and military services, recently collaborated with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War to provide a presentation on younger veterans. The organization focuses on homeless veterans and veterans hospitals, and provides support to the UW-W Veterans Lounge.



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Create your own podcast in our [Radio Clinic](#)! Kids will learn how to create audio for online audiences by using editing software and digital microphones. Half-day clinics held June 24-28 in Janesville.





Through a partnership with [Variety the Children's Charity of Wisconsin](#), speech pathology students, instructors and other student volunteers will host [Chatter Matters](#), an overnight camp for children with special needs who use assistive communication devices and their immediate family members, June 20-23.



Did you know that the [Camps and Conferences](#) office hires over 400 camp directors and counselors during the summer months? These dedicated coaches, faculty, student athletes and student musicians work hard to support dozens camps and hundreds of campers all summer long.



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