Don’t Sweat the Summer Stuff:
Tips and Tactics for Leading a Smooth and Exciting Summer Learning Program

Wednesday, February 25th, 2015
Webinar Tips

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Mission:

To create safe, healthy, and enriching learning experiences during out of school time for children and youth ages 5-19. AOSN is a sponsored initiative of Arkansas State University Childhood Services and is one of 48 statewide afterschool networks in the U.S. supported by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.
Don’t Sweat the Summer Stuff!!

Agenda

❖ Welcome and Overview of Quality Summer Learning
  Laveta Wills-Hale, *Network Coordinator*, Arkansas Out of School Network/Astate Childhood Services

❖ A Framework for Quality Summer Learning and Introduction of Guest Panelists
  Kristin Koenigsfest, *Out-of-School Time Professional Development and Leadership Coordinator*, Arkansas Out of School Network/Astate Childhood Services

❖ Guest Panelists Give Program Overviews and Tips for Leading Successful Programs

❖ Grade Level Reading Campaign
  Laveta Wills-Hale

❖ Overview of Library Resources
  Lisa Donavan, *Youth Services Coordinator*, Central Arkansas Library System
Quality Summer Learning Programs
Summer Learning Loss

2/3 of the achievement gap seen in 9th graders is caused by summer learning loss in early elementary school.

Low-income students experience a loss of 2 months worth of reading achievement.

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Due to a lack of practice at home, on average students lose 2.6 months of mathematical computation over summer months.

Teachers typically spend between 4 and 6 weeks reteaching material that students have forgotten over the summer.

Students score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer compared to the end of the school year.

A Framework for Implementing a Quality Summer Learning Program

- Purpose
- Program Sustainability
- Planning
- Staff
- Partnerships
- Individualized
- Intentional
- Integrated
- Unique Program Culture

Source: The National Summer Learning Association’s Summer Starts in September: A Comprehensive Planning Guide for Summer Learning Programs
Guest Panelists:

**Kyle Meredith**, Director of the Bella Vista Unit - Boys and Girls Club of Benton County

**Scott Richards**, Operating Director - Camp War Eagle (Springdale/Rogers, AR)

**Seth Paddock**, Director - J. Austin White Cultural Center (Eudora, AR)
- How do you engage partners?

- How do you structure your learning?

- What do you feel the strongest aspects of your program are and why?
Boys and Girls Club of Benton County
Bella Vista, AR
Camp War Eagle
Springdale/Rogers, AR
Students from the center engage and have fun with AmeriCorps members that serve as Center staff.
How do you Structure your Learning?
What are the strongest aspects of your program?
Lisa Donavan
Youth Services Coordinator –
Central Arkansas Library System
- Contact your local library!
- Request summer reading promotional materials and library card applications.
- Get children signed up for summer reading activities.
- Arrange for field trips to the library.
- Invite a librarian to your program.
- Find out about available online/electronic resources.
- Follow your library’s social media pages for regular updates.
National Summer Learning Day:
Friday, June 19th, 2015
Arkansas out of School Network/ Astate Childhood Services
Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

- **February 26th, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 pm** (North Little Rock): Out-of-School Time Roundtable

- **March 6th, 8:45 a.m. -3:45 p.m.** (Little Rock): PQA Basics

- **March 7th, 8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.** (Rogers): PQA Basics

- **March 17th, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.** STEM Academy (Springdale)

- **March 19th, 10:30 a.m. -1:00 pm** (Pine Bluff)

- **April 2nd, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.** STEM Academy (Little Rock)

- **April 21st, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Webinar - Engaging Parents and Families in the OST Space

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Arkansas Youth Development Institute

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“There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart.”
Cecilia Thaxten