

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



**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 Donovan, *Youth Services Coordinator*, Central Arkansas Library System



# Quality Summer Learning Programs



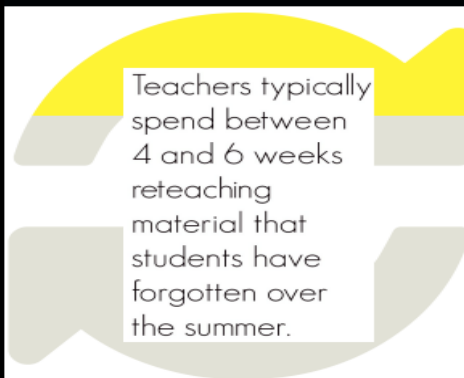
# Summer Learning Loss



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.



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

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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.



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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

## 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





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# J. Austin White Cultural Center Eudora, 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 Donovan**

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.





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# National Summer Learning Day: Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015



**Arkansas out of School Network/  
Astate Childhood Services  
Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities**

- **February 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 pm** (North Little Rock): Out-of-School Time Roundtable
- **March 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 a.m. -3:45 p.m.** (Little Rock): PQA Basics
- **March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.** (Rogers): PQA Basics
- **March 17<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.** STEM Academy (Springdale)
- **March 19<sup>th</sup> , 10:30 a.m. -1:00 pm** (Pine Bluff)
- **April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.** STEM Academy (Little Rock)
- **April 21<sup>st</sup>, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Webinar - Engaging Parents and Families in the OST Space

Visit the TAPP Registry to register for these workshops and many more: <http://professionalregistry.astate.edu/registry.asp>



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PARTICIPATED IN THIS WEBINAR.

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[aosn.org](http://aosn.org) for more information and resources.*



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