



Greetings Students and Parents,

The Erie City Mission's Urban University Youth Program empowers 7th-12th grade students in Erie County toward servant leadership through a variety of experiences that include career exploration, academic enrichment, mentorship, service learning, and faith formation.

**Steps to apply:**

- Parent and student: review course schedule and program contract (see below).
  - Program spots are limited. Before applying please carefully consider the schedule commitment of each course.
  
- Student: complete and submit online leadership questionnaires.
  - [First time student](#)
  - [Returning student](#)
  
- Schedule interview with Program Director
  - Both parent and student are expected to participate in the interview as we see this communication and connection as a critical part of the equation in partnering with you in the character development of your child.

We look forward to meeting you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rose Marie Croce".

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## 2024 Summer Course Schedule

**June 10-14**

### **Introduction to Medical Careers with Dr. Jill Behm, D.O.**

Explore a healthcare pathway through face-to-face panel discussions with many medical professionals and hands-on experiences including vitals, suturing, casting, radiology, triage, and more.

**Location:** Erie City Mission Youth Classroom (1017 French St) includes off-site field trip

**Time:** 8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$30.00

**June 17-21**

### **Horsemanship with Blended Spirits Ranch\***

Be challenged through various obstacles and exercises to better understand yourself and others through learning to care for, communicate with, build a trust-based relationship with, and ride a horse.

*Please note, this course is designed for first-time students with activities that propel participants toward personal growth. We will consider returning students if space allows; however, there is an increased registration fee.*

**Location:** Blended Spirits Ranch (7401 McCray Rd, Fairview)

**Time:** 8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$50.00/First-time Student or \$100.00/Returning Student

**Student Showcase:** Friday, June 21, 1:00 p.m.

**Prerequisite:** Must participate in at least one other 2024 summer course.

\*Transportation provided from the Erie City Mission to and from BSR.

**June 24-28**

### **Multi-Course Week (choose one course only)**

#### **Wood Art**

Create and customize a keepsake box as you also learn tool safety, joinery and dovetail techniques, veneer application, and finishing processes from professionals and amateurs who specialize in wood art.

#### **Hospitality & Culinary Arts**

Student chefs will learn hands-on kitchen and hospitality management as they daily prepare, cook, and serve lunch in a professional kitchen. It will be fast-paced and require students to exercise cordiality, focus, initiative, work ethic, multi-tasking, and teamwork.

#### **Sewing & Denim Design**

Beginner and advanced students will have the opportunity to learn and enhance their sewing machine skills and have the choice to design an item from repurposed denim material. Options include: large pillow, blanket, or messenger bag.

#### **Fiction Writers Club with David Gorman, Erie Author, "Waldameer Mystery Files"**

Discover and unlock your potential as a writer through creative and interactive activities that will help you grow in the elements of storytelling and fiction writing and write a compelling fictional short story.

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant (250 West 7<sup>th</sup> St)

**Time:** 8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$30.00

**Student Showcase:** Friday, June 28, 1:30 p.m.

**July 8-12**

### **Media Communications with Brightside Media**

Unleash your creativity and express yourself in fresh and captivating ways using media and engaging team-building exercises. These activities aim to nurture personal growth, boost self-confidence, and enhance communication skills, especially in front of a camera, while collaborating with experts in the industry.

**Location:** Erie City Mission (1017 French S)

**Time:** 8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$30.00

**July 15-19**

### **Disc Golf & Pickleball\***

#### **Disc Golf**

Beginner and experienced players will learn proper grip, technique, throwing styles, rules, and etiquette through fun drills and activities focusing on skills, putting, driving, and course strategy.

**Location:** Pleasant Ridge Park (8271 Barker Rd, Fairview)

**Time:** 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$30.00 for both, or \$20.00 for one

#### **Pickleball**

Beginner and experienced players will learn or improve at the nation's fastest-growing sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. Pickleball is easy to learn, fun to play, an effective cross-training activity, and a great professional sport to follow and watch.

**Location:** Around The Post Pickleball Club (2660 Zuck Rd, Unit B)

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$30.00 for both, or \$20.00 for one

\*Transportation provided from the Erie City Mission to and from each facility if taking both.

**July 22-26**

### **Diorama/3D Art**

3D Diorama is a three-dimensional visual art form that combines elements of sculpture, modeling, and storytelling. Challenge your perception and creativity using a variety of everyday materials to model, design, detail, and paint in the world of miniatures.

**Location:** Erie City Mission (1017 French St)

**Time:** 8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$30.00

**Jul 29-Aug 2**

### **Ninja Warrior/Team & Leadership Training**

Test and improve your physical and mental focus, strength, resilience, and agility as you jump, swing, and climb through various obstacles along with challenging, strategic, and fun team building and leadership exercises.

**Location:** Sinai Sports (2311 West 15<sup>th</sup> St)

**Time:** 8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$30.00

**August 4-9**

### **MAXX Leadership with WLD Ranch & the Global Leadership Summit\***

This week is leadership to the MAXX specifically designed to challenge personal, team, and spiritual growth. We will start with four days and three nights at WLD Ranch with horseback riding, canoeing, archery, campfires, and much more! We will conclude Thursday and Friday by attending the Global Leadership Summit at Grace Church hearing from world renowned leaders such as, Craig Groeschel, Joni Eareckson Tada, Coach Mike Krzyzewski, Erwin McManus, Michael, Jr., Will Guidara, Amy C. Edmondson, Dan Owilabi, Molly Fletcher, Marcus Buckingham, and many more!

**Locations:** WLD Ranch (7351 Woolsey Rd, Girard) & Grace Church (7300 Grubb Rd)

**Time:** August 4 – Drop Off: 3:00 p.m. at WLD.

August 7 – Pick Up: 3:00 p.m.

August 8 & 9 – 9:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$50.00

**Prerequisite:** Must participate in at least two other 2024 summer courses.

\*Transportation from the Erie City Mission to and from each facility.

**Thursdays**

### **Servant Leadership Outreach**

In order to apply and practice servant leadership, we will be partnering with the Erie Bible Club as they host weekly connection picnics for the neighborhood by the Frontier Picnic Pavilion.

All summer students must participate in at least one of these outreach dates.

Thursdays: June 13, 27, July 11, July 25, August 1 from 1:50 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.

### **Semester Details**

- Scholarships and transportation needs are considered upon request.
- Each course accepts between 6-12 students and includes a nutritious meal.
- Questions? Call the Director of Youth Ministries at 814-572-2365.



## Program Contract

### **Our Mission:**

Urban University (UU) seeks to develop junior high and high school students in Erie County toward servant leadership through a variety of experiences that include career exploration, academic enrichment, commerce, service learning, mentorship, and faith formation.

Students and families are not required to be of Christian faith to participate in UU; however, components of the program incorporate life and leadership principles from the Bible which are encouraged and practiced for character development and life-long success.

### **We (the parent and the student) agree to the following expectations of the Urban University program.**

1. Participation: *I have made a decision to be a part of this program; therefore, I will take full advantage of the opportunity.*
2. Challenge: *I am willing to stretch myself to grow.*
3. Respect: *I understand the importance of respecting my leaders, my peers, and the property and materials I have the privilege to use.*
4. Grades: *I commit to giving my best in my education*
5. Language: *I will use my words to build others up.*
6. Cell Phones: *I understand that cell phones and media devices are not permitted to be used during program hours unless a leader allows it for an educational purpose or experience. Cell phones are collected upon arrival to the program and redistributed upon dismissal.*
7. Communication: *If I do not understand a UU policy or decision, I will take responsibility to share my questions or concerns with a staff member.*
8. Travel: *I will practice respect when traveling in UU vehicles, properly using seatbelts, demonstrating appropriate noise levels, and keeping my hands to myself.*
9. Dress Code: *I understand the dress code is neat and modest—no tank tops or camisoles, no visible undergarments, pants must be pulled up to waist, shorts must be at least fingertip length, closed toe shoes are required.*
10. Attendance: *I understand, as the student, that I am committing to 100% attendance and to giving my best. I understand, as the parent, that I am expected to communicate in advance if my student is sick or not able to attend the UU program.*

### **We (the parent and the student) understand that if these expectations are not followed, or if any of the following misconduct occurs, it will result in immediate dismissal from the Urban University program.**

1. Behavior that threatens any person's right to feel and be safe.
2. Behavior that includes inappropriate touching of a person's body, and/or using disrespectful or sexual language, inferences, or actions.
3. Behavior involving purposeful destruction of property, or theft.
4. Use of vaping, smoking, drugs, or alcohol.
5. Disrespect or refusal to follow directions of Urban University staff or mentors.

**By completing the Urban University Program Application, we (the parent and the student) acknowledge that we have read and carefully considered these program expectations and commit to giving our best to get the most from this opportunity.**

## Biblical Leadership Principals

### Compassion

- “And be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:32 MEV)
- “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” (Colossians 3:12 NIV)

### Excellence/Giving Your Best

- “And whoever compels you to go a mile, go with him two.” (Matthew 5:41 MEV)
- “Don’t let anyone make fun of you, just because you are young. Set an example for other followers by what you say and do, as well as by your love, faith, and purity.” (1 Timothy 4:12 CEV)

### Integrity

- “Say only yes if you mean yes, and no if you mean no.” (Matthew 5:37a NCV)
- “Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.” (Titus 2:7 ESV)
- “God delights in those who keep their promises and abhors those who don’t.” (Proverbs 12:22 TLB)
- “Put the word into action. If you think hearing is what matters most, you are going to find you have been deceived.” (James 1:22 The Voice)
- “Stop judging by the way things look. Be fair and judge by what is really right.” (John 7:24 ERV)

### Perseverance

- “And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t get discouraged and give up.” (Galatians 6:9 TLB)
- “Dear brothers, is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy, for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow. So let it grow, and don’t try to squirm out of your problems. For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete.” (James 1:2-4 TLB)

### Positive Attitude

- “Brothers and sisters, think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. Think about the things that are true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected.” (Philippians 4:8 NCV)
- “Do everything without complaining or arguing.” (Philippians 2:14 NCV)
- “A cheerful disposition is good for your health; gloom and doom leave you bone-tired.” (Proverbs 17:22 MSG)

### Power of Words

- “Your speech should always be gracious and sprinkled with insight so that you may know how to respond to every person.” (Colossians 4:6 CEB)
- “My dear brothers and sisters, always be willing to listen and slow to speak. Do not become angry easily.” (James 1:19 NCV)
- “Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.” (Ephesians 4:29 NLT)
- “Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.” (Proverbs 16:24)
- “A gentle answer makes anger disappear, but a rough answer makes it grow.” (Proverbs 15:1 ERV)

### Respect

- “Treat people the same way you want them to treat you.” (Luke 6:31 NASB)
- “Love each other as brothers and sisters and honor others more than you do yourself.” (Romans 12:10 CEV)

### Service

- “When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.” (Philippians 2:3-4 NCV)
- “Help each other in troubles and problems. This is the kind of law Christ asks us to obey.” (Galatians 6:2 NLT)