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**SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES PARTNERS FOR THE 2023
YOUTH SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Shelby County Office of Education and Youth Services selected 11 programs to receive \$12,000 each to help waive summer camp costs for more than 600 children.

Office of Education & Youth Services				2023 Shelby County Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Partners			
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis (901) 278-2947 info@bgcm.org	Carpenter Art Garden (901) 249-3577 sarah@carpenterartgarden.org	Camp Memphis @ For The Kingdom (901) 383-1802 info@ftkmemphis.com	Heal the Hood (901) 566-0743 bhunt@hthmemphis.org				
Kingdom Hearts Enrichment Center (901) 314-2523 rcl_kingdomhearts@yahoo.com	Learning Journey Academy (901) 314-2523 thelearningjourneyacademy@yahoo.com	LilyRoze Studios (901) 308-2135 info@lilyrozesstudios.com	Memphis Dream Center (804) 677-3196 info@memphisdreamcenter.com				
Enroll your child in a summer camp today.	PURE Youth Athletics Alliance (901) 596-3546 melvincole@pureyouth.org	Rusty Autohouse (901) 609-0839 pcesnonprofit@gmail.com	Willing Souls Church (901) 213-6438 memphisjuneleenth@gmail.com				

Shelby County, TN – On Tuesday, May 2, 2023, the Shelby County Office of Education and Youth Services announced it has selected 11 partner organizations for the 2023 Shelby County Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Program. The local summer camp programs received a grant of \$12,000 from the 2023 Shelby County Summer Camp Grants program to provide free or low-cost placements to children across Shelby County. The capacity of the selected programs will allow enrollment scholarships for 686 children.

The participating summer camps represent a group of diverse opportunities for youth including STEM, reading/literacy, outdoor adventures, mentorship, and many others. By providing access to enrollment scholarships in summer camp programs, more families can feel the relief that their children will be involved in summer activities that advance their learning experiences.

Partnering organizations for the 2023 Shelby County Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Program are:

1. Boys and Girls Club of Greater Memphis
2. Carpenter Art Garden
3. For the Kingdom
4. Heal the Hood
5. Kingdom Hearts Enrichment Center
6. The Learning Journey Academy
7. LilyRoze Studios
8. Memphis Dream Center
9. PURE Youth Athletics Alliance
10. Rusty Autohouse
11. Willing Souls Church

Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris: “For many young people, summer camps are fun, enriching, and educational experiences that create memories campers will carry with them throughout their lives. Through the Shelby County Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Program, participating camps can provide youth in Shelby County with a positive summer camp experience for free or at low-cost to their families. It is my hope that we all continue to identify strategies to support the youngest members of our community, help keep them on the right path, and invest in our young people’s future.”

Reginald Milton, Deputy Administrator of the Shelby County Office of Education and Youth Services: “Families should have fun and educational alternatives for their children when school is out during summer and cost should not be the issue keeping some youth from these experiences. Now, the Shelby County Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Program will give hundreds of children the opportunity to bond with their peers, learn new skills, and be in a safe environment during summertime. I would like to thank Mayor Lee Harris for this innovative program and entrusting the Shelby County Office of Education and Youth Services with ensuring its success.”

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