



# ACT Happenings

**Take Home and Share with Your Family!**

**Summer 2006**

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## Enjoy Free Summer Concert Series at Alverthorpe Manor

Begin your summer weekends early. Enjoy an array of eclectic entertainment on Thursdays, beginning June 29 and running through August 3 at Abington Art Center's sculpture gardens at Alverthorpe Manor, 515 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. You may pre-order dinners through the Center or pack your own picnic. Snacks and refreshments are sold. The concerts are free, but donations are accepted.

The concert line-up includes:

June 29 – Farr Brothers Jazz Ensemble

July 6 – Klingon Klez Klezner with a Twist featuring klezner influenced by funk, Dixie, and rock

July 13 – WXPN presents singer/songwriter Jeffrey Gaines described as the man who sounds like Otis Redding, Elvis Costello, and David Bowie wrapped

in one

July 20 – Jaffna, world fusion blending Indian and Middle Eastern

July 27 – The Ultra Kings rockabilly

August 3 – UArts Bucket Percussion Ensemble for Kids' Day

Concerts are held rain or shine and begin at 7:00 p.m. The grounds open at 6:00 p.m. Free art activities are offered for children. Kids' Day is the exception and runs 5:30-8:30 p.m., with the concert beginning at 6:30. This event features art activities from \$1-\$5, games, face painting, and offerings from a variety of community organizations, including Briar Bush Nature Center. For more information, call the Art Center at 215-887-4882 or visit [www.abingtonartcenter.org](http://www.abingtonartcenter.org).

## Abington's Summer Block Party "Pre Night Out" July 31

Don't miss the biggest and best block party of the summer! Come to Abington Township's Pre Night Out on Monday, July 31 (rain date Tuesday, August 1), 5:30-10:00 p.m. in the Abington Town Center parking lot (Target & TJ Max), Old York and London Roads. There will be food, a DJ providing musical entertainment, kids' games, and give-aways from a variety of organizations and businesses staffing information booths. This is a great opportunity to learn about the many resources and organizations serving the citizens and making Abington a

great community in which to live and work.

There will be a raffle tent filled with donated merchandise and gift certificates from area businesses and restaurants to help raise funds for Pre Night Out and give people a chance to take home great prizes. PennDot's Penn Mobile, a mobile office, will process requests for drivers licenses and ID cards. Police, fire, and military will have a presence with equipment displays and prevention information.

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## Swim Teams and Swimming Lessons in Abington Township

Summer brings opportunities for water fun and learning. Abington Township's pools, Crestmont and Penbryn, will open for the season on Saturday, June 17. Registration for swim teams at both pools begins that day. Eligible boys and girls range from entering first grade through high school and must be able to swim at least one lap. Swim team practice

will begin the week of June 19.

Group swimming lessons are offered in four ability levels from beginner to advanced, between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Boys and girls must be at least six years old or have completed kindergarten. There are two

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## Teen Camps Top List of Abington YMCA Summer Camp Offerings

Abington young people ages 13 to 15 who would like to have the opportunity to be counselors in training for several hours each day and take weekly trips to a variety of sports and activities can sign up for the Abington YMCA's summer **Teen Camp**. It runs Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. from June 19 to August 11. During that time, campers can experience serving as counselors to younger YMCA campers, and each Wednesday they will take day trips to such places as a Trenton Thunder game, the Brunswick Skate Zone, Wow Family Fun Center, miniature golf and go carts, and more. The cost is \$140/week for full YMCA

members and \$155/week for program members. Extended camp hours can be arranged.

**Teen Adventure Camp** runs August 14-25 and features weekday excursions to such places as amusement and water parks, zoos, and aquariums. The cost is \$215 for full members and \$230 for program members. Scholarships are available.

The Abington YMCA offers a wide variety of summer camp experiences, some with sports or arts themes, for boys and girls from ages 3-15. For more information contact Tina Morak, Assistant Youth Director, at [Cmorak@philaymca.org](mailto:Cmorak@philaymca.org) or 215-884-9622 ext. 1859.

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## Tennis, Golf, & Mega Sports Featured through Parks & Recreation

Whether you want to have fun flying Frisbees, learn to swing a golf club, improve your tennis serve, or enjoy learning and competing in other favorite sports, the Abington Bureau of Parks and Recreation is offering a wide range of summer sports camps. Boys and girls 7-12 can learn new ways to throw and improve their catch at **Frisbee Flying Fun** camp beginning June 19. Those ages 10-16 can find their place in one of three levels at **USA 123 Tennis** that provides one-hour sessions, Monday through Friday from June 19-July 28.

PGA and USGTF pros from Par Breakers Golf Academy will teach the fundamentals of golf, rules, conduct, etiquette, and sportsmanship to boys and girls 7-15 years old in **Junior Golf** camps running in June and August. They will hold contests and award prizes as well. They will also hold a **Birdie Golf** camp for those ages 3-7 to nurture an interest in golf through age-appropriate games.

The Skyhawks run a series of sports camps for boys and girls of all ages. Some focus on a single sport, such as flag football, while others cover basketball, baseball, and soccer in one camp experience. The new **Mega Multi Sports Camp**,

run by the US Sports Institute, allows boys and girls 5-14 to experience more than 15 different sports in one week. Campers receive technical instruction in sports from around the world, then play the game. Afternoons feature the USSI Olympic Games and World Cup competitions.

For registration and information about these and other camps offered through Abington Bureau of Parks and Recreation, call 215-576-5213 or visit [www.abingtonact.org](http://www.abingtonact.org) and click "Things To Do," then "Summer Camps."

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## Amusement Park Tour for Teens

If you are between the ages of 13 and 16 and think it would be cool to visit six amusement parks in six weeks, then Abington Bureau of Parks and Recreation can make it happen. A fee of \$285 will cover all transportation and admission charges to such parks as Hershey, Knoebles, Great Adventure, Dorney, and more. The first trip is scheduled for June 26. The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 5:30 p.m. Obtain registration forms from the Bureau at 515 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown or call 215-576-5213.

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## Music, Food, and Helpful Resources Featured at Pre Night Out

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Pre-Night Out brings community members together to rally for National Night Out the following evening, August 1. "Give Neighborhood Crime & Drugs a Going Away Party" remains the national theme for this program marking its 23<sup>rd</sup> year. On

Tuesday, August 1, people in cities and towns across the nation are asked to keep their porch lights on and sit outside to show their awareness.

This event is sponsored by the Abington Township Joint Town Watch Council, the Abington Township Police Department, and Abington R.E.A.C.T. (Radio Associated Citizens' Teams).

## Life Guarding & CPR/First Aid Certification Courses

Abington Township Bureau of Parks and Recreation is offering two options for life guarding and CPR/First Aid certifications this summer. Two courses will be held at the Greater Plymouth Community Center, 2910 Jolly Road, Plymouth Meeting. The cost is \$200 which covers books, masks, and certifications. Two courses, June 6-14 and July 5-13, will be held Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. All instructors are Red Cross certified and work under Aquatics Coordinator Bill Bergan who has taught courses in Abington in the past. Recertifications are offered for \$100. Eligible persons must bring proof of current certification and

attend the first and last day of each course to demonstrate water skills and pass tests.

For registration and information, contact the Center at 610-277-4310.

The Abington Bureau of Parks and Recreation will also offer a life guarding certification course in early July. Visit [www.abingtonact.org](http://www.abingtonact.org) for time and location. First Aid certification and recertification will be held June 13, and CPR certification and recertification will run on June 14, both at the Ardsley Community Center, 2828 Spear Avenue, Ardsley. To register, contact the Bureau at 215-576-5213.

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## Teen Service Needed for Abington and Roslyn Reads

If you are a boy or girl between the ages of 12 and 17 and would enjoy helping a younger child learn to read, you can earn service hours by participating in the young adults program at either the Abington Free Library or its Roslyn Branch this summer.

Teens will help kindergarten through third grade children practice their reading skills. Register for one hour a week for at least four weeks. This program will run on Mondays (6:00-7:00 or 7:00-

8:00 p.m.) and Tuesdays (10:00-11:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) at the Abington Free Library from June 20 through August 8. It will take place at the Roslyn Branch on Mondays between June 26 and August 14 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. A required training session on read aloud techniques takes place June 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Abington Free Library, 1030 Old York Road, Abington. For more information, call 215-885-5180 ext. 13.

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## Two Abington Art Center Summer Camps for Young Artists

Knowing that the summer gives boys and girls extra time to pursue creative interests, the Abington Art Center is running two camps. **Making Art Intense** is for those 9-12 years old who are looking for a challenge while having fun. Young artists will spend time with supportive teachers as they try new techniques in painting, drawing, sculpture, and mixed media. This camp is being offered July 10-14, 17-21, and 24-28 for mornings, afternoons, or an extended day.

**Exploring Art in August** is designed to fine-tune drawing and painting skills for boys and girls ages 6-12. This camp will focus on creating

large, bold, and colorful works of art based on science fiction, cartooning, and more. Young artists will also learn ways to sculpt and create prints, collages, and photographs. This camp is available August 7-11, 14-18, and 21-25.

All one-week camp sessions cost \$170 for members and offer an option to attend extended day sessions for an additional \$40 for the week. These classes are held at the Abington Art Center located in Alverthorpe Manor, 515 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown. For information and registration, call 215-887-4882.

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## Movies Under the Stars Returns This Summer to Alverthorpe Manor

The Hiway Theater of Jenkintown is providing three free movie nights on Thursdays in August on the lawn at Alverthorpe Manor, 515 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown. They will feature **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (PG) on August 10, **Ferris**

**Bueller's Day Off** (PG-13) on August 17, and **Psycho** (R) on August 24. These features begin at 8:00 p.m. Those attending should bring their own chairs or blankets. For more information call Jess Tholey at 215-884-6538.

## Summer Parenting Workshops and Book Previews Offered by The Parenting Center at Abington

The Parenting Center at Abington works to educate and support parents to raise their families in emotionally healthy ways by providing information and skills to encourage parents to grow and make connections with other parents. This summer the Parenting Center is offering four workshops with a discount for those who register for all four. These workshops include **Coping with Sibling Rivalry** July 12, **Turning Down the Heat in Your Home: How to Keep from Boiling Over with Anger** on July 19, **Truths about Consequences** on July 26, and **Turning Conflict into Cooperation – The Skill of Problem Exploration** on August 2. All workshops will be held at the Parenting Center, 1130 Old York Road, Abington, 7:00-9:00 p.m. The cost to members is \$8 per workshop or \$28 for all four. For non-members the charges are \$12 per workshop or \$44 for the group.

The Parenting Center will offer a free discussion group **New Mother/New Baby** on July 6, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Mothers and their babies under one year old are invited to share experiences, discuss a mother's new role, and discover more about baby's development. This gathering also offers mothers opportunities to make new friends.

Two book preview discussions will be held this summer at the Abington Free Library, 1030 Old York Road, 10:15-11:15 a.m. The group will discuss **Kids Are Worth It** by Barbara Coloroso on July 17 and **Your Child's Self Esteem** by Dorothy Corkshill Briggs on July 31. Parents need not have

read these books to attend. There is no cost but registration is required at the Library at 215-885-5180 ext. 28.

Parents of infants and toddlers who are looking for an opportunity to share experiences and concerns while their children play in the same room can register for **Play 'n Share**. Sessions are being offered on Tuesdays, July 11-August 1, 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Pre-registration is required.

For more information and registration, call 215-576-0586.

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### Teen Journaling at Abington Library

Those ages 12-18 can try their hand at journaling this summer, using any combination of art, poetry, and writing to express themselves on paper. Led by artist and journaling enthusiast Diana Trout, this creative journaling activity will meet on Wednesdays in July from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Abington Free Library. Those attending are simply asked to bring a journal or notebook. Registration begins June 5. For more information, contact Reference Librarian Linda Jones at 215-885-5180 ext. 13.

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### Save This Date:

**Unity Day** at Crestmont Park, Saturday, September 9, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. featuring a community day to enjoy entertainment and food, buy from vendors, and collect helpful community information at booths.

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## Register for Swim Teams and Swimming Lessons

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three-week sessions: June 26-July 14 and July 17-August 4. Registration will be held June 20, 9:00 a.m., at both pools. The cost is \$15 per session. Private lessons can also be arranged with the life guards and cost approximately \$10 per half hour.

Each pool will also run special nights for

children and teens. Visit [www.abingtonact.org](http://www.abingtonact.org) and click "Things To Do" for event postings. For further information, contact Abington Bureau of Parks and Recreation at 215-576-5213 or the pools from June 17 on: Crestmont – 215-659-5259, Penbryn – 215-884-8907.

*The Abington Community Taskforce (ACT) is a coalition of parents and Abington- and Rockledge-based educational, religious, social service, recreational, civic, and law enforcement agencies. Its mission is to create a responsible, caring, and safe community. ACT welcomes comments, suggestions, and ideas for future events, programs, and articles. For more information, contact ACT at 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001, 215-517-2720, or online at [www.abingtonact.org](http://www.abingtonact.org) ("Contact Us"). ACT would like to express appreciation to Abington Memorial Hospital for its assistance in printing this publication.*