

OHC plans 'Throwback Thursday' series for kids

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WALHALLA — The Oconee Heritage Center will be taking kids back in time this summer.

The center's "Throwback Thursdays" series will kick off on June 7, assistant curator and education specialist Jennifer Moss said.

"Throwback Thursdays is a new program that we are starting," Moss said. "We usually do a summer camp each summer, but this year we wanted to change it up and do something that's consistent and weekly during the summer that families can enjoy and bring (kids) to."

A different program will be offered each Thursday from June 7 to Aug. 2.

The first session focuses on Oconee County history.

"We'll be covering the sesquicentennial, why it's happening, why it's important," Moss said.

"We'll have a little party for it, play some dress-up and write about what it was like living here in 1868 in Oconee County."

Music day is June 14.

"We will be learning about musical instruments that would be typically used in Oconee

County," Moss said. "We're going to have some local musicians come in and play for the kids. We'll be making our music and our own musical instruments."



Moss

Nature Day on June 21 will focus on the importance of Oconee County's natural resources.

"We'll be having a couple of guest speakers talk about the important plants, animals and different features of Oconee County," Moss said.

June 28 will focus on recreation.

"We'll talk about hiking and biking and safety-related things," Moss said.

"We'll talk about other recreation experiences here in Oconee County."

In the Kitchen will be the focus July 12.

"We're going to be showing about what it was like for people of the past cooking," Moss said. "We'll have some demonstrations — making butter, showing them how to use other kitchen utensils that we don't have today."

The July 19 event will focus on farming.

"We'll be bringing some farm animals in and talking about agriculture here in Oconee County," Moss said. "Discovering different types of farm processes and things that have changed from then to now."

The theme July 26 will be In the Home.

"We'll discuss how life was different," Moss said.

"We're going to do some other skills like making candles and soap — things that were in use around the home back 150 years ago."

The theme of the last session, on Aug. 2, is Play!

"We're going to go through and play tons of different games that children of the past would have played, that we don't necessarily play today with our electronic age,"

Moss said. "It'll give the kids the chance to unplug and get off the electronics."

All sessions will run from 3-5 p.m.

"Throwback Thursdays" is \$10 per day for Oconee Heritage Center members and \$15 for non-members.

"If you want to, you can purchase a membership to reduce those costs," Moss said.

OHC memberships are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for a family.

Registration is required for "Throwback Thursdays." To register, contact Moss at (864) 638-2224 or moss@oconeeheritagecenter.com.

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