Get Ready for #WarhawkCamps 2021

After a year hiatus, many popular summers camps are returning to UW-Whitewater.

Campus will once again be full of action this summer with youth campers. Academics, athletics, music and more will be explored at both the Whitewater and Janesville campuses as well as in online virtual experiences. There’s something for kids of all ages.

Budding journalists can explore media through several workshops during the Kempa Journalism Kamp. High school students can choose their own adventure through workshops in Broadcasting, Writers Circle, Sports Media and Photojournalism. Award-winning professionals will critique participants’ school publication or portfolio and campers will work in state-of-the-art studios and labs. The event culminates with competing for fun prizes in the annual KEMPA Kup. Program will be held in Whitewater July 18-21.

Girls entering grades 5-12 are invited to several sessions of volleyball camp. Campers will focus on skill development and refinement of forearm and overhead passing and digging, setting, front and back row attacking, serving, and blocking from beginner to advanced levels. Campers will learn from members of the UW-W women’s volleyball team and head coach Stacy Boudreau, one of the top 10 active coaches in NCAA Division III. Camps held in Whitewater throughout June and July.
Warhawk middle level and high school band camps are back in an all new virtual format. We will help campers enjoy and strengthen a solid base of musical knowledge, performance skills and broaden their definition of music. We create a positive, safe and fun learning environment. Our philosophy is designed to nurture the camper as a whole person with a focus on fun. In addition to playing experience, campers will have the opportunity to choose up to three elective classes including Movies & Music, Jazz Improvisation, Musicals, and Music Around the World. Band camps will take place online in late July.

Rock County is in on the summer fun too! Campers in the Escape Room DIY clinic will discover the complexities and fun of designing their very own escape room and will begin by escaping ours! Imagination, critical thinking, and problem-solving will be at the forefront, and enhanced with iPads, robots, engineering, secret codes and more! Families and friends will be invited to take on the campers’ challenge. These half-day clinics are open to kids age 6 to 14 and will be held in Janesville June 21-25.

Most camps have a risk-free registration up to 21 days before they start. All camps have safety protocols in place, and camp directors and staff are eager to get summer 2021 started. Check out our full lineup of summer programs on our website.
Early Childhood Conference Exceeds Expectations in New, Highly Accessible Format
UW-W's signature conference went virtual, and the results are in.

Since 1978, UW-Whitewater has hosted the Early Childhood Conference (ECC) on campus. The two-day event was filled with keynote talks, breakout sessions, and musical performances. In recent years, participant numbers had declined and the pandemic forced cancellation of the 2020 event. ECC Conference Coordinator Kristen Linzmeier (Curriculum & Instruction) made the decision to pivot and change the format of the event to a month-long conference via Canvas. With the support of Continuing Education Services (CES) and the leadership of CES Conference Coordinator Amanda Aegerter, the event kicked off on April 1 for nearly 750 educators. “Through this accessible and affordable format, we were able to engage with 40% more participants than in recent years,” Linzmeier said. “In addition, participants from the Midwest and abroad logged in and learned from presenters and each other all month long.”

Participant feedback on the content and format was overwhelmingly positive, with flexibility and accessibility topping the list. Comments included:

*It was really convenient to view sessions at night after my own kiddos were in bed. I never had to get my own childcare to participate and the discounted price was helpful! It was also really great to be able to choose any session, at any time. My husband also enjoyed listening in on the information which is really great for a dad of four young kiddos!*

*I loved everything about this year's virtual ECC. All of the sessions I watched I absolutely felt as if I needed it. It was a great reminder and there was plenty of great new information to learn.*

*I learned so much more this year by doing it virtual. I watched several sessions two times, took tons of pictures and even did videos on my phone, especially for the music instruction.*
I was able to attend my first choice presenter, even if they had a full session. I was able to watch at a time when my schedule allowed it.

I was unsure of this format in the beginning, I thought it might be something I would procrastinate. But it was just the opposite. I found that when I had extra time or quiet time I looked forward to finding an interesting workshop no matter what day or time it was. I could be comfortable in my home and not have to spend the extra time driving to Whitewater.

Planning for next year’s conference is underway. Visit our website next spring to check out what ECC has in store for 2022.
Let [Continuing Education Services](#) help you plan and host your next event. Whether your upcoming events will be held on campus, off campus, or virtually, we can help set up registrations, accept payments, respond to inquiries, process invoices, and set up virtual platforms. From enrichment events for kids or your professional organization’s annual meeting, our expert team can help make the event a success. We assist groups associated with UW-W and those with no affiliation too. Now accepting requests for Fall 2021 and beyond. Contact us at [cesevents@uww.edu](mailto:cesevents@uww.edu) to get started.

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**Farewell Friends**

Next month, we will say goodbye to four dedicated colleagues who have made lasting impacts at UW-Whitewater.
Joan Littlefield Cook has been at UW-Whitewater since 1998, first as faculty in the Department of Psychology. Throughout her 20+ years on campus, she served as department chair, Director of Academic Assessment, and currently as Interim Associate Vice Chancellor leading several units, including Continuing Education. Joan will retire at the end of June, and is looking forward to much more free time and her first grandchild.

In her nearly 30 years at UW-Whitewater, Carrie Lencho has served students, faculty and staff in a wide variety of programs. As the coordinator of credit outreach, she managed summer session, Winterim, cohort and PIE programs, and was the recipient of the Academic Staff Excellence Award in 2015. Carrie will also be retiring at the end of June and will be missed by her many colleagues across campus.

Laura Montez is leaving UW-Whitewater in June for another professional adventure. Currently serving as the Educational Pathways Coordinator and Online Graduate Student Recruiter, Laura is returning to work with her passion: K-12 education. She and her family will be moving to Delray Beach, Florida where she will serve as principal at Divine Savior Academy.

A longtime member of the Continuing Education team, Lynn Smith now serves adult and nontraditional students as part of the Student Diversity, Engagement and Success unit. Lynn has held a few different positions on campus, and for the past 10 years has been a passionate advocate and champion for the 700+ returning adult students at UW-W. She will be retiring next month and shifting her focus to her other joys: family, friends and lots of outdoor fun.

Please join us in thanking these Warhawks for their service to UW-Whitewater. You will be missed!
**News and Upcoming Events:**

**Chatter Matters**, UW-Whitewater’s camp for families with children with special needs who use assistive communication devices, is making the move! After spending its first several years off site, families and Communicative Sciences and Disorders faculty and students will be spending a long, fun weekend on campus. Arts and crafts, adaptive sports, campfires and more are in store for Chatter Matters campers June 17-21. Have fun!

Are you looking for a safe and active way to enjoy the outdoors? Join us for guided tours of UW-Whitewater’s prairie, campus gardens and arboretums in July and August. See why we have been
recognized with numerous awards for our sustainability efforts on our grounds. Space is very limited for the tours and registration is required.

Help students graduate sooner! Summer Session courses are now open for registration and several have spots available. These three- or six-week classes are a great way to earn up to 12 credits over the summer and help students stay on track to earning their degree in four years. Open to any college student at UW-W or beyond, from incoming freshmen through graduate studies. Learn more about all offerings this summer at our website.
Brian Dennis from the Cybersecurity Center for Business at UW-W discussed the ways the Center provides outreach and training for businesses and organizations on Wisconsin Public Radio’s The Morning Show. Listen and learn about the ways UW-W is providing education to protect cyber systems and have good cyber hygiene.

Are you thinking of a career advancement or change? Continuing Education offers advanced career training programs that lead to professional positions in high demand fields like certified pharmacy technician and freight broker/agent. Looking for individual classes? We have those too. Hundreds of flexible, affordable online classes with start dates each month, with titles like Marketing Your Business on the Internet and Speed Spanish will help you develop your skills and get ahead. Fun personal enrichment classes are available too!

UW-Whitewater cares deeply about the health and safety of our community. For information on COVID-19 testing, reported cases, submitting vaccination records, and more, please visit the Warhawks Return webpage. Stay informed and stay safe!

Get tested. Help stop the spread.
Free, fast COVID-19 testing on campus for anyone age 5 or older. uw.edu/warhawks-return/testing