Good Afternoon from Genesee Country and Village Museum!

We are reaching out to welcome you to the sponsored camp opportunities at GCV&M this summer for new and returning students. This is an opportunity for students who may not be financially eligible for camp opportunities to engage in what GCV&M has to offer, and allow them to experience the beauty of the natural and historical world.

I. From Teacher to Student

The scholarship opportunity allows teachers to sponsor a student for one of our week-long camps at no cost to the school or families. Teachers may hand pick the sponsored student(s), using the following link, <u>https://forms.office.com/r/KdSYMBThTB</u>. These could be high risk students, students with shortages of extracurricular activity, or students that need the kinds of social and cerebral development to supplement a smooth return to the classroom this coming fall. However, a teacher may also blanket the offer to families and students that may benefit from a sponsored summer activity, leaving specific placements to parent and student interest.

II. Placement

Student placement will be on a first come, first serve basis, both with scholarship placement and camp availability. In the case of extra camp availability and funding, GCV&M may be able to accommodate a second week of camp for some students. Our goal this summer regarding the placement of campers is to provide as many students as possible with a week-long camp experience.

III. Extra accommodations: lunches and transportation

Our funding allows for full scholarship, including a camp lunch and transportation from select Rochester locations. There are two pick-up/drop-off destinations during the summer, one in Rochester and one in Brighton that allow for easy transportation to and from the Museum. The first location is the Dr. Alice Holloway Young School of Excellence, with buses picking up students at 8:30AM, and dropping them off after the day at 5:15PM. The second location is the Allendale Columbia School in Brighton, with a pick-up at 8:55AM and a drop off at 4:45PM.

Please consider our sponsored opportunities at GCV&M this summer; we hope to see students from your school here soon! We hope to be able to provide students with a welcoming and introspective atmosphere, and allow them opportunities to experience certain extracurriculars that have possibly been stifled due to the ongoing pandemic. With our structure of each camp at approximately 12 students and being primarily outdoors, GCV&M is able to provide a social and welcoming space to students during this time, and allow for parents to be assured their child has experiences that are abundant with curiosity and social safety. Thank you for all your work as an educator, and thank you for considering the opportunity for your students.

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