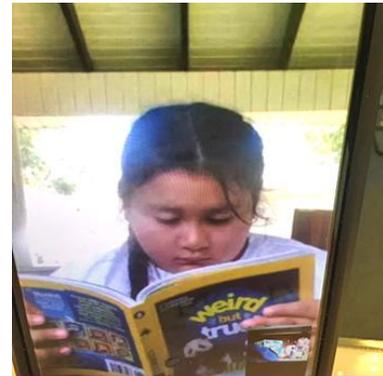


## Partnerships Made Virtual Summer Camp a Reality



Summer camp at our Opportunity Center is a time-honored tradition for many children in our community. It's where they explore new skills, experiences and knowledge—and where they develop lifelong interests. This year, COVID-19 did not stop our annual fun and creativity. Thanks to a group of generous community partners—from Arts Herndon and Friends of Claude Moore Park to Loudoun Literacy and Bell Home Organizing—summer camp is on! We're just delivering it a little differently.

Instead of coming to the Opportunity Center for a few hours each day, campers receive a weekly resource packet with everything they need to participate in our STEAM activities via small groups on Zoom calls.

Throughout this month, campers in our virtual summer camp have enjoyed mindfulness exercises, gardening, painting, creative movement, science experiments and reading time, among other fun activities.

"I enjoyed making boats with aluminum foil," said one camper. "It was awesome to test if my boat would sink or float."

Watching the children explore their creativity has been particularly gratifying for camp coordinator Yahaira Hanon, who



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organizes the resource packets and facilitates the activities. She loves sharing comments like this one from a new camper: "I like painting, because you can be you, to stay in a different world. It is like an imaginary world of dream."

Many of the children served by INMED's summer camp experience difficult home lives and have been especially hard hit by the coronavirus pandemic. Attending summer camp helps distract them from the negativity of the present, while narrowing the learning attrition gap that these students face. In all cases, INMED's summer camp is keeping many children engaged in education.

"My children like summer camp," says one mother. "They look forward to it with enthusiasm, and for that I am grateful."

If you would like to make an in-kind or financial donation to support our summer camps or virtual after-school program, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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## What's the Latest News on Paxton Campus?



INMED USA recently held the first of a series of community engagement meetings via Zoom to present plans for the INMED School at Paxton Campus in Leesburg. The presentation was led by Dr. Linda Pfeiffer, founder and CEO of INMED Partnerships for Children and INMED USA Programs Director Jennifer Smith.

Attendance was impressive, and our team spent more than 20 minutes answering questions at the conclusion of the presentation. [ink](#)

"We were pleased with the level of positive interest among the neighbors," said Smith. "I believe we have great community support for the vocational education opportunities we'll be offering—and we're excited to take a portion of the Paxton property back to its agrarian roots and continuing Rachel Paxton's legacy of helping children in need."

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the presentation. [CLICK HERE](#) to show your support for this project by emailing the Leesburg Town Council.

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## Health & Wellness Videos on INMED USA Website

In an effort to bolster our digital outreach in



this time of virtual reality, we are developing a page of useful resources on our website to help children and families strengthen their health and well-being during the coronavirus pandemic and beyond.

We'll be offering everything from inspirational videos to cooking demonstrations to fitness activities you may enjoy and learn from at home.

More important, these videos are being recorded by program participants, volunteers and community partners who want to share their talents and skills—in Spanish and English.

**CLICK HERE** to check out our library, and visit weekly to see our new offerings. If you would like to contribute a video to our collection, please **CLICK HERE**.

## Community Partner Spotlight: Claude Moore Rec



THANK YOU to Claude Moore Recreation Center for donating STEAM activity bags for our virtual summer camp. The bags were stuffed with items to spark the curiosity of kids in pre-K - 8th grade—from binoculars to science experiments to books in Spanish.

Special thanks to the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum, Loudoun Parks & Rec, Loudoun Public Library, Loudoun Cooperative Extension Office, Loudoun Literacy Council and Safe Routes to Schools for contributing items to the goody bags!

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