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2025 Summer Camp

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Golden Years Academy: Explore, Learn, Create

Back by popular demand! Come join us for our second LLI “summer camp” at Goshen College. This is a unique event that offers a wide variety of learning activities presented by experts in their field. “There are no tests or homework; just the fun of learning!”

We are limiting the enrollment to 20 people, so it’s sure to be an intimate learning experience. You will have the opportunity to acquaint yourself with the Goshen College campus and all that is happening there. And you will have the opportunity to make new friends. See all the wonderful classes listed below!

Pricing

\$230

Price includes registration for the event, and the following meals: brunch, lunch and dinner on Monday, lunch and dinner on Tuesday, and Thursday lunch.

*Registration after **May 9**, add \$25*

Registration

Course information, secure registration and payment are available online.

Registration Deadline: May 23, 2025

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Schedule

MONDAY, JUNE 2

- 8:30–9 a.m. **Welcome & Orientation with Continental Breakfast**
Welcome Center
- 9:30–10:30 a.m. **Nyai Oyer Gamelan Experience**
- 10:45–11:45 a.m. **The Potawatomi of Michiana, past and present**
- 12–1 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30–2:30 p.m. **Pickleball (and Table Games)**
- 2:45–3:45 p.m. **Genealogy Journey: Discovering Your Ancestral Story**
- 4–5 p.m. **Normalizing Academic Support**
- 5–6 p.m. **Dinner**

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

- 9–10 a.m. **Promoting Campus Sustainability**
- 10:15–10:30 a.m. **Travel to tour**
- 10:30–11:30 a.m. **Edible Forest Tour**
Luke Gascho’s home
- 12–1 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30–2:30 p.m. **A Quick Introduction to Clay**
- 2:45–3:45 p.m. **New Life for an Historic Building: The Renovation of Westlawn Hall**
- 4–5 p.m. **Maple Scholar Student Projects at Goshen College 2025**
- 5–6 p.m. **Dinner**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

- 9–10:30 a.m. **Pumpkinvine Trail Story presentation**
- 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Bike to Shipshewana**
OR
Lunch at Mooy’s and Shipshewana Flea Market

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

- 9–10 a.m. **Come Play with the Stars!**
- 10:30–11:30 a.m. **Inside The Globe**
- 11:30 a.m. –12 p.m. **Debrief/Take away**
- 12–1 p.m. **Lunch**

Activity Descriptions

MONDAY, JUNE 2

Nyai Oyer Gamelan Experience

Marcia Yost

In this experience, you'll explore the gamelan's role in Indonesian culture, its journey to Goshen College, and enjoy creating gamelan music together. No experience needed—just an adventurous spirit!

Marcia Yost is Goshen College Director of the Arts: Engagement and Outreach



The Potawatomi of Michiana, past and present

Rich Meyer

Every descendant of European settlers should answer three key questions about Indigenous neighbors: whose land was this, how did they lose it, and where are their descendants today? This session covers these questions, the removal period, diaspora, survival, resurgence, and more.

Rich Meyer has guided groups along the 1838 Trail of Death, learning from Potawatomi historians, artists, cooks, and leaders, while aiding Mennonite institutions in connecting with Potawatomi resource people.



Pickleball (and Table Games)

David Janzen

Having played tennis at Bethel (KS), Pickleball became a delightful discovery 12 years ago. I'm a retired HR director from GC, living in Elkhart and Goshen since 1969 and a member of Fellowship of Hope Mennonite Church.



Genealogy Journey: Discovering Your Ancestral Story

Eric Bradley

Curious about your family roots? But where to start? This session introduces Goshen College's Mennonite Historical Library's genealogy collection, explores print and online resources, shares best practices, and may reveal something new about you!



Eric Bradley is the Head Librarian of the Mennonite Historical Library at Goshen College, where he oversees operations for a comprehensive collection of resources on Amish, Hutterites, Mennonites, and related groups.

Normalizing Academic Support

Jan Kauffman

How have GC's demographics changed in 10 years? What impacts students' persistence? Learn about the Developing HSI grant, Academic Success Center staff, and how academic support services are expanding.

Jan Kauffman, Associate Dean of Student Success, combines expertise in student life and academics, fostering success with a broad understanding of higher education.



Promoting Campus Sustainability

Dan Barwick

In this class, students will explore the Sustainability Coordinator's role in fostering campus conservation and sustainability. They'll learn to enhance environmental stewardship through building and grounds maintenance, and understand the importance of data collection and reporting for Goshen College's sustainability initiatives, promoting a holistic approach to campus sustainability.

Dan Barwick, a Goshen College graduate and current Sustainability Coordinator, played a key role in deploying 200 electric vehicles for Lyft's Express Drive program in Colorado, the largest EV deployment in the state's history. After a decade in Denver, he returned to Goshen to champion environmental initiatives.



TUESDAY, JUNE 3

Edible Forest Tour

Luke Gascho

Luke will lead a tour of his 2.5-acre fruit, nut, and berry orchard, showcasing regenerative agriculture. Participants will explore polyculture design, soil health, pest management, and opportunities for resilient food systems.



Luke Gascho served as executive director of Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center for 22 years until retiring in 2019. He also chaired Goshen College's sustainability and environmental education department.

A Quick Introduction to Clay

Merrill Krabill

We'll explore working with clay and its creative process. It's a wonderful material. You'll create a small piece to be fired, ready a few weeks later. No experience needed.

Merrill Krabill served on Goshen College's faculty from 2001–24. Educating students and witnessing young artists' fresh perspectives opened new personal possibilities for him.



New Life for an Historic Building: The Renovation of Westlawn Hall

Brian Mast

Built in 1950 for dining and as a women's dormitory, come hear how Westlawn Hall has been revitalized as the state-of-the-art Center for Nursing and Public Health, featuring a renovated kitchen, dining hall, lobby, and commons. Wear walking shoes for the tour!

Brian Mast, Director of Facilities, has worked at Goshen College for 21 years, previously serving as the Music Center's Executive Director. He is deeply committed to the mission and vision of Goshen College and creating spaces where students, faculty, and staff thrive.



Maple Scholar Student Projects at Goshen College 2025

Andy Ammons

Discover Maple Scholars, an intensive 8-week summer research experience where Goshen College students collaborate with faculty or campus mentors. Weekly gatherings foster a scholarly community discussing projects spanning arts, sciences, and humanities. Students will briefly present their summer projects.

Andrew Ammons (Andy), Professor of Biological Sciences at Goshen College, studies honey bee behavioral genetics, analyzing human-relevant behaviors like aggression, alcohol sensitivity, aging, and circadian rhythms.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

OPTIONS:

Pumpkinvine Trail Story and Bike to Shipshewana

Norm Kauffmann, a founding member of the Pumpkinvine Committee, will lead presenters in sharing the Pumpkinvine Trail story before leading a group bike ride. Bring your own bike or rent one for \$30.

Lunch at Mooy's and Shipshewana Flea Market

Take a van to meet bikers at Mooy's for lunch (not included in registration). Afterward, we'll visit the flea market for a couple hours.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Come Play with the Stars!

Amy Budd

Curious about how Goshen College creates fresh and exciting theater to the Umble Center Stage? Join theater students and Associate Professor Amy to explore production steps and try working with a short, contemporary script.

Amy Budd has worked as a theater artist and educator for thirty years, collaborating with professionals and learners of all ages. Amy teaches performance and history courses here at GC.



Inside The Globe

Jason Samuel

Attendees will tour the station, learn The Globe's history, and explore the Center for Communication Studies. Camp-goers will discover communication department success, student involvement, and the radio station's connection with the community.

Jason Samuel, associate professor of communication and director of Globe media, is a 1992 Goshen College graduate. Since joining his alma mater in 2003, he has led the radio station to state and national awards, including five for best in the country and ten for best in the state.

