

## Introduce A New Summer Hobby to Your Kids

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According to a survey by Training and Developing Agency for Schools, 55% of 1000 parents surveyed stated that their children spending too much time on computer games and watching television is their biggest concern about summer.

Fortunately, Milwaukee-area parents need not worry about keeping their children active and engaged during the summer months with options such as learning to sail on Lake Michigan through the programs provided by the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center.

MCSC offers classes for children as young as 8 years old, as well as family-focused sessions. For younger adventurers, ages 8-12, MCSC offers a Prams in the Park program where U.S. Certified Instructors will introduce your students to water safety, rigging, sail theory and basic maneuvers at Juneau Park and Discovery World.

With flexible meeting times throughout the day, this week long program can benefit even the busiest family.

For older children, ages 12-17, MCSC offers four levels of youth classes. Kids can learn about every aspect of sailing while experiencing it first hand on Lake Michigan with experienced and certified instructors. Classes are offered at convenient times throughout the day and on weekends. In 2010, the MCSC introduced a Family Learn-to-Sail program for parents and children to take sailing lessons together.

"This is a great way for families to have fun, work together as a team and experience one of the world's greatest natural resources," said Peter Rieck, Executive Director of MCSC.

Interested families can call 414-224-9424 for more information.

If you and your family want to experience sailing before signing up, the MCSC offers a summer event that allows you to "test the waters."

On Saturday, June 18, you and your family are invited to the 2011 Summer Sailstice celebration where MCSC staff will be giving free sailboat rides for everyone from 11am to 4pm. Membership with the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center is required for most classes, which is available at low cost and includes access to the MCSC's facilities and maintained fleet of boats.

For more information or to enroll your children in any of the MCSC's programs, visit [www.sailingcenter.org](http://www.sailingcenter.org) or call 414-277-9094. Following basic sailing instruction, young sailors have a variety of options with the MCSC. Intermediate and advanced classes are encouraged for kids who would like to continue improving their skills.

The Milwaukee Community Sailing Center (MCSC) is a non-profit 501 (C) (3) agency providing educational and recreational sailing programs to the greater Milwaukee community. Those who wish to gain access to Lake Michigan and learn to sail are welcome at MCSC regardless of age, ability or financial concerns.

The MCSC's two-story, environmentally "green" building is the Milwaukee lakefront's newest addition and offers classrooms and community room, as well as access to one of the area's finest lake views and a fleet of 80 sailboats.

For more information on the MCSC visit [www.sailingcenter.org](http://www.sailingcenter.org).