

THE FUN OF VACATION LEARNING



Summer is a time for children to grow, not lounge, but also a time to have fun. Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center is conducting a minicamp this summer for youngsters in the Marvell and Elaine communities to advance their educational development and their enjoyment.

Like most of BGACDC's educational programs, the main focus of the camp is reading. Every child needs to read during the summer to avoid the loss of reading skills, the downside of summer vacation for grade-school kids. The two-hours-a-day camp, which is for children three to twelve years old, devotes 30 minutes a day to each child's reading.

Children also take computer coding and a class in cooking. For pre-kindergarten children, the focus is on identifying colors, the alphabet and numbers, but they also engage in reading.



Computer coding is taught by BGACDC's Shepherd intern, Berucha Cintron. Its arts coordinator, Diamacious Sims, teaches visual arts. The Phillips County Extension and UAMS East staff teach "Cooking Matters," where children get their own time at the stove preparing delicacies.