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Family and the Arts

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CLEVELAND: Come dig in the sand

It's not summer 'til you get as much sand in your shorts as in your plastic pail. So what are you waiting for? Come to the annual Sand Sculpture Contest sponsored by the Arts Collinwood Arts & Drama Camp and explore some literally gritty artistic themes. It runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Villa Angela Beach, Lake Shore Boulevard and East 174th Street, where families can enjoy the sun and the water while making satisfying creations with their favorite sand toys. Admission and supplies are free, and there will be prizes for everyone. Refreshments will be sold, with proceeds to benefit the camp. Call 216-692-9500 and leave a message or e-mail info@artscollinwood.org. And don't forget hats and sunblock.

CLEVELAND: Asian culture celebrated

You can savor the good taste of Asian culture in more than one sense at the Asian/Pacific American Federation Heritage Day celebration. Your mouth will enjoy the array of foods while your eyes and ears are entertained by performers presenting a fan dance, Indian classical dance and more from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday in the rotunda of Cleveland City Hall, 601 Lakeside Ave. Noted immigration lawyer Margaret Wong and Joseph Meissner from the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland will speak on the value of immigration. Admission and parking are free. Call 216-664-2319.

WESTLAKE: Festival offers more than art

In how many ways can you feel good at the St. John West Shore Hospital Festival of the Arts? Well, you may run out of fingers and toes to count on, kids. First, there will be art of all kinds for you and your family to look at and buy -- this is one of the biggest juried art shows in the United States. But you can make art there, too, such as jewelry and ceramics, listen to live musical performances and eat yummy food. Plus, the hospital's community outreach will offer free screenings of blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose. All those things are great for your body and mind, but the festival has some extra things for your heart and soul: opportunities for you to donate nonperishable foods for the needy; to attend a public, outdoor Mass, and for adults to donate blood. The festival, on the hospital grounds at 29000 Center Ridge Road in Westlake, runs 6 to 9 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Mass will be 9 a.m. Sunday; health screenings are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Festival admission is free; a parking shuttle will run Saturday from the Church on the Rise (directly across Center Ridge Road from the hospital entrance) to the festival. Call 440-827-5474 or go to www.sjws.net and click on Community Involvement.

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