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## Free Programs for Children Return to the Scioto Mile This Summer

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** – This summer, *FountainSide* presented by *Sunny 95 (94.7FM)* returns to the Scioto Mile with a variety of free children's activities. This delightful series produced by Columbus Recreation and Parks Department offers fun and educational programs encompassing arts, crafts, music, dance, healthy living and physical fitness in Bicentennial Park.

An array of themed activities, games, arts and crafts await. Columbus Zoo & Aquarium and The Turtle Lady get wild with creatures of all kinds with on June 8. On June 15, Thurber House and CDC Head Start will get crafty while creating animal-inspired art. Then on June 22, Captive Born Reptiles and McKnight Outdoor Education Center will host an exploration of animal artifacts, reptiles and amphibians. At every *FountainSide*, Local Matters and Lowe's Plant & Grow will host educational workshops and the Lazer Kraze Treat Truck will offer free frozen treats all summer long.

In addition to *FountainSide*, Bicentennial Park is also home to *Rhythm on the River* and *Movies on the Mile*, an eclectic series featuring touring artists, local musicians, arts organizations and movies on select evenings. All performances and programs are free and open to the public. For more information on programs along the Scioto Mile, please visit [www.SciotoMile.com](http://www.SciotoMile.com).

### June Program Descriptions

Celebrate summer at **FountainSide presented by Sunny 95 (94.7FM)** with a variety of FREE children's activities on the Scioto Mile. Splash around the fountain and participate in an array of hands-on learning activities hosted by various community organizations in Bicentennial Park on select Wednesdays throughout the summer from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This season kids of all ages can enjoy activities with our favorite fountain friends, discover the fascinating world of reptiles and wildlife, show their team spirit in celebration of the 2016 Olympic Games, cool off with a sweet snack from the Lazer Kraze Treat Truck, and so much more! All of these fun activities take place around the Scioto Mile Fountain presented by the American Electric Power Foundation.

#### June 8 – Summer on the Scioto

It's summertime on the Scioto Mile! Kick it off on the wild side with animals from [Columbus Zoo & Aquarium](#) and [The Turtle Lady](#). Show your creativity with the Art Shark from [Columbus Museum of Art](#), make pinwheels with [OSU Urban Arts Space](#) or craft your very own crown with [Miss Ohio 2015](#), Sarah Hider. Act out summer scenes with [Dramatic Impact](#) or blow bubbles with [St. Vincent Family Center](#). Then go green while learning about streams with [Franklin County Soil & Water](#). Don't forget to join our fountain friends from [Lowe's](#) and [Local Matters](#) for more interactive fun before enjoying a cool treat from the [Lazer Kraze Treat Truck!](#)

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### **June 15 – Walk on the Wild Side**

Love animals? This day is for you! Cuddle up to a cute adoptable pet from the [Capital Area Humane Society](#). Learn about Ohio’s native creatures with [Ohio Wildlife Center](#) and explore the beauty of butterflies with [Franklin Park Conservatory](#). Make your own crazy creature craft with [Thurber House](#), design a wild animal mask with [CDC Head Start](#) and get creative with caterpillars with [Macaroni Kid](#). Throw the perfect pitch and hang with Krash the “krazy” parrot from the [Columbus Clippers](#). Don’t forget to join our fountain friends from [Lowe’s](#) and [Local Matters](#) for more interactive fun before enjoying a cool treat from the [Lazer Kraze Treat Truck](#)!

### **June 22 – Reptile Round-Up**

Let’s explore creatures of all kinds! Discover the fascinating world of reptiles, amphibians and insects with [Captive Born Reptiles](#). Experience hands-on learning and wild animal artifacts with [McKnight Outdoor Education Center](#) and construct tropical crafts with [Columbus Children’s Theatre](#). Then get a little exercise with [Buckeye Mobile Tour](#) and [Columbus Crew SC](#). Don’t forget to join our fountain friends from [Lowe’s](#) and [Local Matters](#) for more interactive fun before enjoying a cool treat from the [Lazer Kraze Treat Truck](#)!

### **June Calendar Information—*FountainSide* presented by Sunny 95 (94.7 FM)**

Date & Time: June 8, 15 and 22, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Bicentennial Park, 233 Civic Center Dr., Columbus, OH 43215

Description: Join us for *FountainSide* presented by Sunny 95 (94.7FM) for a variety of free children’s activities and interactive fountain play at Bicentennial Park on June 8, 15 and 22 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Information: <http://www.sciotomile.com/events/fountainside/>

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