

Subject: Instant HR/Payroll: It's SUMMER!!

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It's Summer!

Need some chillaxin'? Coming up later in June and July are a few opportunities to relax and enjoy this time of year. Please encourage your faculty and staff to try:

- *Summer Travel Planning*
Join Rita Rowand, Mason's Cultural Tours Program Manager on Wednesday, June 29 at noon to learn more about travel opportunities through the new Mason Cultural Tours program, which invites everyone to take part in cultural travel programs throughout the world. At this meeting, you will learn about destinations which incorporate learning and fun, while traveling with friends of Mason. Learn how you can participate and take advantage of group rates and travel in comfort and safety with the services of a Mason Study Abroad staff member. To register, please visit <http://hr.gmu.edu/learning/hr.php>. This session will be videoconferenced to Arlington and SciTech.

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- *Reminder: Summer Flex*

Senior leadership is providing additional holiday leave for salaried faculty and staff this summer. Called Mason Flexible July, it includes:

- Four hours of additional holiday leave when Mason closes administrative offices at 12:30pm on Friday, July 1.
- Four hours of additional Special Flex Holiday leave that can be used, with supervisor permission, during July or August of 2016.
- A special promotion of flexible work schedules for the month of July to encourage the use of flexible scheduling such as working four 9-hour days and one 4-hour day.

NEW! The FAQ is available on the [HR & Payroll homepage](#).

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- *Reminder: The Future Is Bright: Celebrate Summer in the Faculty/Staff Lounge*

Please join us in the Faculty/Staff Lounge in the Johnson Center (formerly the Bistro) on **July 7** from 11:30am -1:30pm as we celebrate summer and look forward to a bright future together at Mason. Bring your lunch or just come for dessert and enjoy some free giveaways while supplies last.

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- *Summer Bridge Camp*

Sometime summer camps end a little too soon leaving a time that needs to be "bridged" before public elementary schools start. To help with that challenge, HR & Payroll is piloting a summer bridge camp from August 15-September 2 for children ages 6-10. Choose 1, 2, or 3 weeks. The theme is detective camp and it will be held on the Fairfax Campus. Additional details, including pricing, will be coming soon. In the meantime, if you have questions or would like to discuss this new opportunity, please contact Tina Morris at 3.5807 or via email at tmorris1@gmu.edu.

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- *Summer Kind*

The folks who make Kind bars, are sponsoring #kindawesome, a sweet opportunity to give a shout out to someone who is being kind. You celebrate their kind act and they receive a free Kind bar. Sweet and simple. Go for it at <https://www.howkindofyou.com/>.

Here are some other resources to help practice summer kindness.

- [Reward & Recognition DIY](#)
 - [Pinterest](#)
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- *Summer Surprise*
Stay tuned for future Mason Summer opportunities!