

## Summer Plus 2024 Class Choices

The following are the class choices for Juniors and Seniors. Please review them carefully and decide on your top 16 choices from 1 - 16 before beginning the registration paperwork. When you register, you will be required to select your choices in the system using 1 as your most desired to 16 as your least. We will make every effort to give you top choices, based on availability, scheduling and time of registration. All class placement is done on a first come/first served basis.

\*\*The Community School reserves the right to cancel any offering that does not meet minimum registration. If this happens, you will be assigned to one of your other choices.

**CALLING ALL KIDS** – Designed for children that will complete Kindergarten in June 2024 or those entering Kindergarten in September 2024, this program offers our youngest campers the chance to have the camp experience and move from class to class, while still in a safe and nurturing environment. Campers will enjoy classes which will include Active Alligators (Physical Education); Road to Reading; Science Spectacular; Arts and Crafts; Move to the Beat (music and dance) and Lots of Letters (reading and writing activities), along with lunch and recess. Classes are created to be age appropriate, fun, and educational.

**Juniors (Grades 1 – 3) and Seniors (Grades 4-7)** will be assigned to 6 of the following classes, based on their choices and availability at time of registration. Classes will run daily for an hour, and lessons will build as the summer progresses.

### JUNIORS

#### SCIENCE/MATH/TECHNOLOGY

##### **DESIGN AND BUILD**

Plan a “city” from start to finish while working with the concepts of size and scale. Then “build” it using items found around the house and at camp.

##### **MAGICAL MATH**

Use numbers to solve all kinds of riddles and problems! Have fun with Sudoku, Color by Numbers, card games and more as you explore the magic of numbers in our everyday life!

##### **OCEAN ODESSEY**

From clownfish to starfish to seahorses, learn about undersea creatures without ever getting wet! Create your own exotic underwater creatures.

##### **ROCKETS, MICROSCOPES & COOL CHEMISTRY**

Become a scientist by doing experiments in a laboratory setting: chemistry experiments, making tornadoes, launching rockets, creating crystals, analyzing small life forms, experimenting with electricity, discovering how planes fly! This is a hands-on course with activities and experiments that will be truly enlightening and educational.

##### **SENSATIONAL SCIENCE STUFF**

Science is everywhere and it is fun! Experience all kinds of silly experiments and learn about the ecological connections between the people and other creatures who call our Earth their home and the importance of helping our world get greener.

## **READING/WRITING/SELF EXPRESSION**

### **ANIMALS A – Z**

Every day you will learn about a different animal as you go through the alphabet, from Alligators to Zebras. There are so many to explore!

### **I LOVE TO READ**

Explore the fun of reading in this program designed for the young reader. Read at least one book per week as a group and take turns reading out loud. Then continue with the book's theme to create craft projects to support creative skills.

### **ONCE UPON A TIME**

Young readers and writers will create their own ending to stories that they have read, as well as write and illustrate their own books in a journal they can keep.

### **PUZZLES, RIDDLES and SCAVENGER HUNTS**

Read the directions, figure out the “how-to” and then go on an adventure – reading, speaking, or exploring - to solve them! Not everything is what it seems, and that is what makes it fun.

### **RACE INTO WRITING**

Keep those pencils moving all summer long! Use picture books and other brainstorming tools to explore the writing process. Your child will work on his or her writing fluency, all the while developing confidence and an “author’s voice.”

## **ARTS/CRAFTS**

### **COLOR ME HAPPY**

Coloring has moved far beyond just paper and crayons. Explore your creative side while using new mediums and techniques to create a perfect project. Coloring outside the lines is fine!

### **DESIGN YOURSELF**

Use everyday materials to create one-of-a-kind outfits for your favorite doll. Create paperdolls and their wardrobes, and then have fun in a make believe world!

### **ENDLESS CREATIONS**

Create three-dimensional projects, such as masks, puppets, and imaginary creatures, using air-drying clay, *papier-maché*, dough and many other fun materials. Endless possibilities!

### **HOW TO DRAW....ANYTHING!**

Be creative and have fun! Using all kinds of art supplies, learn the basics of drawing. The only limit is your imagination!

### **WATERCOLOR WONDERS**

Explore the world of watercolor painting! From simple books and techniques to special papers and brushes, watercolor is a fun and easy way to develop a love of art.

## **COOKING/FOOD/NUTRITION**

### **BUILD IT- EAT IT!**

A little bit of technology and a lot of yummy fun. Students will design their creation and then use simple food items – pretzels, gumdrops, marshmallows, etc. – to “build” it! Once their creation is complete, it is extra fun to eat!

### **CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE!**

Dark! Light! Bittersweet! – Chocolate kisses!!! Chocolate fudge!!! In this course we will explore CHOCOLATE: books and stories about chocolate, chocolate in different cultures, where it comes from, how it's made, and of course – we will be creating lots and lots of chocolate treats!

### **COOKIES FROM SCRATCH!**

Learn all about the science behind cookies by using different ingredients to change flavors, textures and more. Use your knowledge to create delicious and good-for-you recipes that you will really enjoy!

### **INCREDIBLE EDIBLES**

One piece of pizza + two pieces of pizza = 3 pieces of pizza!! Students will strengthen their skills in math concepts such as counting, measuring, adding, and subtracting by preparing and enjoying a wide variety of easy-to-cook foods, such as pudding, cookies, healthy snacks, etc. Along the way, see how much fun it is to mix food and math!

## **MUSIC/ DANCE/EXERCISE**

### **FOOTLOOSE**

Using a variety of popular music styles, you can express yourself with new moves that are creative and exciting. Traditional movement (like line-dancing), hip-hop, African and Latin dance moves, combined with a little “street funk,” are sure to create a unique dance experience!

### **MUSIC AND MOVEMENT**

Sing for enjoyment and improve your skills at the same time, all while moving to the beat! In this program, we’ll sing and dance to familiar and “new to you” songs, chosen to help everyone grow their voices.

## **SPORTS/GAMES**

### **BASEBALL**

Play Ball! Enjoy America’s favorite summer sport. There will be instruction in fielding, throwing, hitting, base running, pitching, and general baseball strategy. (Younger students will play T-Ball.)

### **BASKETBALL**

Learn techniques in ball handling, passing, shooting, rebounding and defensive moves. Grades 1 – 3 will use a smaller, free-standing hoop and play half-court.

### **SOCCER**

Increase your enjoyment of the game by improving your skills in dribbling, heading, kicking, trapping and throwing. Learn correct soccer techniques that will make the game more exciting and interesting.

### **SO MANY GAMES**

Have a great time while playing a different game or sport every week! Learn the basic history and rules of the games, as well as teamwork and sportsmanship. Play games like Kickball, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee and many, many more – usually outside on the lawn!

### **TENNIS (AM Only)**

Learn to play tennis – a sport for a lifetime. In this popular program students will learn and practice the skills, techniques and strategies for singles and doubles play. Students will be divided by skill level within their class: beginner and intermediate. Enrollment is limited.

### **YOUNG RUNNERS**

Running is a sport that you can enjoy for your entire life, and it is never too soon to start! Learn the basics of stretching and warming up, and how to run safely. Since students will be running during this class, sneakers are required.

## SENIORS

### SCIENCE/MATH/TECHNOLOGY

#### **BUILD IT FROM THE BOTTOM UP**

Design blueprints and build prototypes and contraptions that do fantastic things! Make plans and create models of familiar sites from the world around us. Explore the effects of gravity and the influence of the inclined plane! Practical physics and total fun! This class will use common materials and imagination to construct models.

#### **GREEN SCIENCE**

Our summer scientists will discover fun ways to make our planet a bit greener--and better for all of us--as they learn about the ecological connections between the people and other creatures who call our Earth their home. They will explore all kinds of living organisms, discover what life in the sea is like, conduct their own science experiments, and create eco-themed works of art.

#### **LEGO CONSTRUCTION**

Explore the world of Legos through finding or imagining plans and creating structures to match! We provide the Legos and you provide the imagination and develop your skills! Move through basic projects and explore intricate designs!

#### **S.T.E.M.**

Short term design challenges and problem-solving experiences to excite the imagination and stretch the mind! Work collaboratively to find solutions.

### READING/WRITING/SELF EXPRESSION/LANGUAGE

#### **INTRODUCTION TO SPANISH**

Learn the basics of this very important language or improve on what you have already learned. This class will be taught on a conversational level, with focus on everyday life and activities.

#### **INTRODUCTION TO SPEECH AND DEBATE**

Public speaking is one of the most important skills you can learn! In this class you will select and research current event topics from both sides, and then work as a team to prepare arguments for formal debates.

#### **JOURNAL YOUR ART**

Enjoy the process of creating an illustrated writing journal in which you use your growing vocabulary to describe your surroundings, sketch the things that you see, and form a habit of observation and description that can continue throughout your life!

#### **SUMMER PLUS NEWSLETTER**

Work with your team to create a weekly Summer Plus newsletter. Your writing, pictures and illustrations will let your fellow campers know what happened during the week, and what to look forward to in the coming week. This is a great class for anyone who loves to write and create.

#### **WRITERS ODESSEY**

In this class you will brainstorm and produce short stories, poetry, non-fiction, journal entries, short stories and plays, and more. Bring your imagination!

### ARTS/CRAFTS

#### **CLAY CREATIONS**

Students will have an opportunity to explore their own creativity and express themselves through clay. They will create clay pieces ranging from trivets and pots to boxes and bowls as they learn the techniques and experience the pride that comes with accomplishment and creativity.

### **DIY SPA**

Lotions and potions and everything for self-care! Learn how to make candles, soaps, lotions, scrubs and more, then bring home your products to pamper yourself.

### **KNITTING, CROCHETING AND MACRAME**

Create beautiful handmade items to keep or give! Start as a beginner or enhance what you already know, this class will leave you with skills for a lifetime.

### **MAKE IT BY HAND**

Handcrafted items are very popular, and there are many mediums that you can use to make special one-of-a-kind items for yourself or others. Using special materials, this class will explore and create hand-made masterpieces.

### **ORAGAMI AND JAPANESE PAPER FOLDING**

Learn this centuries old art form and create beautiful sculpture from paper. Bring your patience as you learn and leave with stunning creations.

### **PAINTING, PROPS AND THEATRE TRICKS (AM only)**

Put your creativity to work designing, drawing, painting and building! We'll create the scenery, masks, props, etc., for scenes in our end-of-summer performances.

### **JEWELRY GEMS**

Do you love jewelry? Is there a special necklace or bracelet you would love to create? Here is your opportunity to design your own jewelry and then make it. In this course students will learn the techniques for making jewelry out of silver, beads, clay, wire, etc. and then create their own "original" pieces. More advanced students will design and make more complex projects.

## **COOKING/FOODS/NUTRITION**

### **BUILD A BAKERY**

Everybody loves cakes and cupcakes!!! Not only do they taste good, but they can be works of art! In this class, we will bake and ice basic cakes and cupcakes and then go on to learn enhancing techniques to create treats with fancy flavors, cool twists, and new and creative decorating details.

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### **COOKING AROUND THE CALENDAR**

6 weeks, 6 holidays! Explore and create festive favorites from Passover and Easter; Fourth of July; Halloween; Thanksgiving; Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanza; New Year's and Valentine's Day.

### **THE BREAKFAST CLUB**

It's not just bacon and eggs! Have fun learning about all different breakfast traditions from around the world, and then create them. A delicious breakfast is the bonus!

## **MUSIC/THEATRE/DANCE/EXERCISE**

### **A BROADWAY MUSICAL FOR ALL! - PM (2 Periods)**

Sing and dance your way through an adaptation of a wonderful musical production! The program will culminate with a performance at the end of the summer program. (Meets 2 periods per day.)

### **CHOREOGRAPHY FOR YOUNG DANCERS**

Learn how dances are constructed, putting basic and advanced steps together with your favorite music. Collaborate on a short dance that can premier at our end-of-summer performance.

## **GUITAR**

From folk to blues, classical to rock...learn to play guitar in just six weeks! Understand different styles of guitar and guitar playing while taking the first steps in reading music and playing chords.

## **PIANO KEYBOARDING**

For students new to piano or with some keyboarding experience! Students will learn musical selections using an electronic keyboard and headphones.

## **SUMMER PLUS SINGERS**

Sing for enjoyment and improve your skills at the same time—there are so many kinds of songs to enjoy singing! Develop your singing technique and gain performing experience! In this program, we'll sing traditional and popular songs, familiar and “new to you,” chosen with your strengths and areas for growth in mind.

## **YOGA FOR BEGINNERS**

Stretch your mind and body as you learn basic yoga positions. Gentle stretching and breathing exercises will be taught as well.

## **SPORTS/GAMES**

### **BASEBALL**

Play Ball! Enjoy America's favorite summer sport. There will be instruction in fielding, throwing, hitting, base running, pitching, and general baseball strategy.

### **BASKETBALL**

Back for another season! Learn techniques in ball handling, passing, shooting, rebounding and defensive moves.

### **CHESS: THE GAME OF KINGS**

Learn how to play the most popular game ever invented! – where the game came from – the rules of the game – how the pieces move – and some important strategies for winning. If you already know the basics, this course will give you a chance to hone your skills. Compete in a chess tournament with your classmates!. Beginner or advanced.

### **FLAG FOOTBALL**

Practice for the fall season in this action-packed class. Skills in throwing, catching, punting, and kicking will be taught. All are welcome!

### **GAMES BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS**

Have fun learning or re-learning many of the card and board games your parents played. Then take it up a notch with more difficult games of strategy! Have an idea for a new game? We can make it happen!

### **GOLF**

Learn the basics of this popular sport. Use of clubs, putting, rules and scoring will all be covered. Age and size appropriate equipment will be provided.

### **NET GAMES**

If a game involves moving an object over a net, you will learn how to play it! Badminton, volleyball and some that you have never heard of will be included in this fast-paced, fun class.

### **SOCCER**

Increase your enjoyment of the game by improving your skills in dribbling, heading, kicking, trapping and throwing. Learn correct soccer techniques that will make the game more exciting and interesting. (Repeats welcome!)

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