

Youth & Teen Programs

Chess Club

Make the right move and learn the fine art of chess. Chess is a wonderful game of skill and strategy that promotes critical thinking and teaches many skills, including problem solving, decision-making, logic, reasoning, patience and persistence. Learn from certified chess coach, Frank Swindell, and be able to challenge others at the game. Frank has numerous students in the top 100, and his chess team has won Nationals. In 2007, he had instructed a Kindergarten State Champion, an 8th grade State Champion and a 4-time consecutive State Champion. Instruction will be geared toward individual ability; so, beginners and advanced students are both welcome. The advanced chess class is for students who have mastered checkmates Queen, 2 Rooks, 1 Rook, and 2 Bishops. The class will focus on chess notation, using check clocks, and mastering the Knight and Bishop Checkmate, as well as pins, forks and skewers. The elite chess club is for students who have attended the advanced chess class, and now are preparing to participate in local, state and national chess tournaments. Students in this class will be taught tournament strategies, analyzing chess games, and completing chess puzzles. Each registrant will receive a free chess board and chess pieces. We accept late registrants. **No class on January 15 and February 19.** (CE)

Grade: K - 8

Code	Level	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
361102-01	Regular	Mon	Jan 8 - Mar 19	5:30 - 6:30 pm	\$141/\$176
361102-02	Advanced	Mon	Jan 8 - Mar 19	6:30 - 7:30 pm	\$192/\$240
361102-03	Elite	Mon	Jan 8 - Mar 19	7:30 - 8:30 pm	\$257/\$321

Instructor: Swindell

Location: Alcott Center



Magic Class

Children are guaranteed to have a great time as they learn fascinating tricks from a professional magician! Amaze family and friends with tricks that involve cards, ropes, coins, mind reading and more. While the tricks may appear difficult, you'll discover that they are quick to learn and easy to perform. All materials are provided and each child receives a magic kit to take home. Children are grouped by age level and always learn tricks that are age appropriate. Additionally, children can sign up for this class again and again since brand new tricks are taught at each session. (CE)

Age: 5 - 12 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
361107-01	Wed	Jan 17	6:30 - 7:25 pm	\$20/\$25
361107-02	Tue	Mar 13	5 - 5:55 pm	\$20/\$25

Instructor: Magic Team of Gary Kantor

Location: Alcott Center

Safe Sitter Babysitting Class

The Safe Sitter program is a medically accurate childcare curriculum, designed to prepare babysitters to be safe and nurturing. Our instructors will teach important life skills and safe habits in this high quality course. Students learn about a wide variety of topics through discussion, practice and role-play. Every student must attend both classes for completion. **No class on December 8.** (BO)

Age: 11 - 15 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
361114-01	Fri	Dec 1 - Dec 15	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$60/\$75
361114-02	Fri	Jan 12 - Jan 19	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$60/\$75
361114-03	Fri	Feb 9 - Feb 16	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$60/\$75

Instructor: Gangware

Location: Twin Creeks Park

NEW Rock Your Bedroom

Learn about a career in interior design, while creating a miniature version of your bedroom. Can't decide on a color scheme? No problem. As we design the bedrooms we will also discuss color theory, so you can apply it to your room. Leave with a plan to redecorate your bedroom, and be inspired to consider interior design as a career for your future. (CE)

Age: 12 - 16 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
361181-01	Sat	Jan 13	1 - 2:30 pm	\$42/\$53
361181-02	Sat	Mar 3	1 - 2:30 pm	\$42/\$53

Instructor: Ideahappy

Location: Alcott Center

Amazing Art

Amazing Art combines all your favorite art projects and mixed media in this unique class. Kids will make tie dye shirts (art smocks for the session), experience pottery painting, create fired ceramic arts, paint a canvas acrylic painting, and do recycled arts projects. Lessons will include concepts and techniques kids can use for a lifetime, and the experience of creating awesome projects will result in great self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment. Finished work will be taken home immediately. This is a drop off program; and, there are all new lessons every season. **No class on December 26 and January 2.** (BO)

Age: 6 - 11 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
361149-01	Tue	Dec 5 - Feb 27	5:45 - 6:45 pm	\$235/\$294

Instructor: Sunshine Crafts

Location: Alcott Center



Young Rembrandts

Back to school is in full swing as we present a bountiful selection of drawings that introduces our students to a fascinating world of color, pattern and design. We say farewell to summer in our detailed still life drawing of a beach. We explore color usage and composition in our chameleon and fire truck drawings. In keeping with the season, our stylized fall leaves drawing challenges our technique and color scheme. Our students will learn cultural themes as they draw and color Kawaii inspired art. All this and more awaits your child in a Young Rembrandts classroom. **No class on December 28.** (BO)

Age: 6 - 12 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
361119-01	Thu	Dec 7 - Jan 4	4:30 - 5:15 pm	\$63/\$79
361119-02	Thu	Jan 11 - Feb 1	4:30 - 5:15 pm	\$63/\$79
361119-03	Thu	Feb 8 - Mar 1	4:30 - 5:15 pm	\$63/\$79

Instructor: Young Rembrandts

Location: Alcott Center

Young Rembrandts Cartooning

For all kids who need to stay engaged and laughing, our cartooning classes are surely the most fun you can have while learning. This entertaining program combines Young Rembrandts' innovative, hands-on teaching method with light-hearted subject matter that engages children, their sense of humor, and their vivid imaginations. Maintaining a quick pace and drawings that tell a story also help kids to stay on-task, learn from their mistakes, find new solutions to a problem, and communicate ideas and concepts through pictures - skills with lifetime benefits. **No class on December 28.** (BO)

Age: 6 - 12 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
361118-01	Thu	Dec 7 - Jan 4	5:30 - 6:30 pm	\$63/\$79
361118-02	Thu	Jan 11 - Feb 1	5:30 - 6:30 pm	\$63/\$79
361118-03	Thu	Feb 8 - Mar 1	5:30 - 6:30 pm	\$63/\$79

Instructor: Young Rembrandts

Location: Alcott Center

NEW Snow Globe Workshop

Looking for a fun winter project? Give snow globes a try. Using a variety of materials and approaches, students will experiment with colorful accessories and characters, perfect for creative expression. Kids will have fun designing their own personal snow globe, then shaking it up to see the snow swirl around. Projects are completed and ready to take home for the holidays. (BO)

Age: 6 - 12 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
361113-01	Fri	Dec 1	4:15 - 5:30 pm	\$43/\$56

Instructor: Picasso's

Location: Alcott Center

NEW Castle Workshop

Join Young Rembrandts as we travel back in time to the Middle Ages. Princesses, knights, castles, and even dragons highlight the spectacular drawings we will produce. Not only will our students learn how to illustrate period-specific characters and scenes, but they will also strengthen their drawing and coloring skills. From knights in shining armor, to elegantly-dressed maidens, our students will learn how to compose a well-drawn figure. Get ready for an exciting, medieval imagery. (BO)

Age: 6 - 12 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
361140-01	M, W, F	Dec 18 - Dec 22	12:30 - 2:30 pm	\$129/\$161

Instructor: Young Rembrandts

Location: Alcott Center

NEW Teen Paint Workshop

Take time to chill with others as you create a masterpiece that you might want to give as a gift or use to embellish your home. Either way, we will all create the same artwork using acrylic paints. No experience needed, just a willingness to learn. Dress for a mess. Each paint workshop will feature a different theme. (CE)

Age: 12 - 16 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
361180-01	Fri	Jan 12	6:30 - 8 pm	\$50/\$63
361180-02	Fri	Feb 9	6:30 - 8 pm	\$50/\$63
361180-03	Fri	Mar 9	6:30 - 8 pm	\$50/\$63

Instructor: Ideahappy

Location: Alcott Center

High School Ski Trips

Join the Buffalo Grove Park District for some High School Ski Trips! The informational meeting will be at 6:30 pm at the Alcott Center on Thursday, December 7. At this meeting we will go over registration, policies and procedures, trips, and the equipment rentals. Pricing for each trip will also be discussed at this meeting. For more information regarding the High School Ski Trips please contact Allison Christopoulos at 847.850.2146 or at allison@bgparks.org.

Ski Trip Dates

Monday, January 15 Cascade Mountain | Friday, February 2 Wilmot Mountain | Monday, February 19 Chestnut Mountain



NEW Nail Polish Mat Workshop

What do nail polish, duct tape and design all have in common? In the process of creating a custom nail polish mat out of duct tape, we will also explore the fields of product and packaging design. This nail polish mat also makes a great gift, and really comes in handy for sleepovers. (CE)

Age: 12 - 16 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
361182-01	Sat	Jan 20	1 - 2:30 pm	\$50/\$63
361182-02	Sat	Feb 3	1 - 2:30 pm	\$50/\$63

Instructor: Ideahappy

Location: Alcott Center

Fun-gineering

Students work in teams using LEGO® simple machine kits to learn about structures and forces, levers, wheels and axles, pulleys and gears. Then, they will bring their machines to life while exploring motors and energy. (BO)

Age: 7 - 10 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
361158-01	Thu	Dec 7 - Dec 21	6 - 7:20 pm	\$74/\$93

Instructor: Joan TechStars Computer

Location: Alcott Center

Minecraft® - A Networked Adventure

TechStars grants you access to a proprietary Minecraft world you can't get on your own. Learn fundamentals of computer networking through this unique Minecraft experience that also allows you and your friends to work in multiplayer mode, as you mine, craft and build together to survive. Working with a partner, use your skills to explore all the secrets the world has to offer, including a mysterious castle filled with challenges. No matter whether you are new to Minecraft or already love the program, this program is for you. (BO)

Age: 8 - 12 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
361159-01	Thu	Feb 8 - Mar 1	6 - 7:15 pm	\$93/\$116

Instructor: Joan TechStars Computer

Location: Alcott Center

NEW Cursive Create Class

What's not to love about cursive? It's an art form that utilizes both sides of the brain, that is beneficial in developing fine motor skills; and, it is still important to be able to read cursive. It teaches patience and discipline; and, it's equally important to have an attractive signature. Finally, according to Highlights magazine, handwriting is a key component of literacy in preschool and early childhood. We will focus on learning approximately 3 letters per week, with a short art exercise at the end of each class, which is tailored to your grade level. You must register for this class by January 2. Registration will not be accepted after January 2. (CE)

Code	Grade	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
361183-01	2	Tue	Jan 9 - Mar 6	4 - 5 pm	\$179/\$224
361183-02	3 - 4	Tue	Jan 9 - Mar 6	5 - 6 pm	\$179/\$224
361183-03	5 - 6	Thu	Jan 11 - Mar 8	4 - 5 pm	\$179/\$224
361183-04	7 - 12	Thu	Jan 11 - Mar 8	5 - 6 pm	\$179/\$224

Instructor: Ideahappy

Location: Alcott Center

SAT Practice Tests

Find out where you stand. Are you interested in taking practice SAT tests without it counting towards college admissions? This program is designed to allow students to take 2 SAT practice tests, along with 7 strategy sessions to help boost your SAT score. Students will become familiar with how the new SAT format works, along with being able to practice reading, writing and math, to find your weaknesses and strengths. After each test, students will receive a detailed score report, which breaks down your SAT test to your individual strengths and weaknesses. **Please note:** The February 3 and March 3 classes are test days. The times for these 2 classes are 9 am - 1 pm. The remaining classes are 9 - 10:30 am. (CE)

Age: 13 - 18 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
361179-01	Sat	Jan 6 - Mar 3	9 - 10:30 am	\$260/\$325

Instructor: HiFiKids Corp

Location: Alcott Center

