

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. Each registrant will receive a free chess board and chess pieces. We accept late registrants. 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. **No class on April 10.** (CE)

Grade: K - 8

Code	Level	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
461102-01	Regular	Mon	Apr 3 - May 22	5:30 - 6:30 pm	\$110/\$138
461102-02	Advanced	Mon	Apr 3 - May 22	6:30 - 7:30 pm	\$150/\$188

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
461107-01	Tue	May 23	6:30 - 7:25 pm	\$20/\$25

Instructor: Magic Team of Gary Kantor

Location: Alcott Center

Basic Drawing

Explore the art of drawing using various materials and combinations. We will introduce sketching, shading, one-point perspective, landscape, still life and figures. Our instructor works with students individually, so all level participants are welcome to enroll. The fee includes all supplies. (CE)

Code	Age	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
461101-01	6-8 years	Wed	May 10 - May 31	5 - 6 pm	\$75/\$94
461101-02	9-12 years	Wed	May 10 - May 31	6:15 - 7:15 pm	\$75/\$94

Instructor: Nasir

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 March 28.** (BO)

Age: 6 - 11 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
461149-01	Tue	Mar 7 - Apr 18	5:45 - 6:45 pm	\$120/\$150
461149-02	Tue	Apr 25 - May 23	5:45 - 6:45 pm	\$100/\$125

Instructor: Sunshine Crafts

Location: Alcott Center

Expressions In Paint & Clay

This workshop is all about expressing yourself. Learn to paint animals, sculpt funny characters, and create colorful works of art. This class encourages the development of creative thinking and problem solving. All projects will be completed and ready to take home that day. (BO)

Age: 6 - 13 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
461113-01	Mon	Apr 17	4:30 - 6 pm	\$35/\$44

Instructor: Picasso's

Location: Alcott Center

Multi Media Art

Explore the art of multi-media drawing using various materials and combinations, including craft like projects. Charcoal, pastels, paint, watercolor, pen and ink, wood and pencil projects will all be introduced. Since our instructor works with each student individually, all levels of participants are welcome to enroll. The fee includes all supplies. (CE)

Code	Age	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
461109-01	6-8 years	Wed	Apr 5 - Apr 26	5 - 6 pm	\$75/\$94
461109-02	9-12 years	Wed	Apr 5 - Apr 26	6:15 - 7:15 pm	\$75/\$94

Instructor: Nasir

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. (BO)

Age: 11 - 14 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
461114-01	Fri	Mar 10 - Mar 17	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$60/\$75
461114-02	Fri	Apr 7 - Apr 14	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$60/\$75
461114-03	Fri	May 12 - May 19	6:30 - 9:30 pm	\$60/\$75

Instructor: Gangware

Location: Twin Creeks Park

Young Rembrandts

Our elementary learners are at the crucial time of development when they decide whether they're good at something or not. This decision will affect not only the rest of their academic career, but their lifetime learning as well. The Young Rembrandts elementary program provides the tools this age-group needs to succeed at drawing - a teaching tool from which the majority of learners prefer and all learners benefit. Our program works because it's not only hands-on and visual, it's simply fun. Add to this our innovative guided instruction, topics that kids love and relate to, and instructors that know how to reach this group. We take kids from thinking they're not artists, to knowing they can achieve this, and everything else they can imagine. (BO)

Age: 6 - 12 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
461119-01	Thu	Apr 6 - Apr 27	4:30 - 5:15 pm	\$57/\$71
461119-02	Thu	May 4 - May 25	4:30 - 5:15 pm	\$57/\$71

Instructor: Young Rembrandts

Location: Alcott Center

Young Rembrandts Cartooning

There's no better way to get a jump on spring than with our fun Young Rembrandts cartoon class. Hop into the month of April with our funny frogs drawings. These drawings will delight our students as they learn how to tell jokes through drawing. Your heart will smile when you see the cute and cuddly creatures your student will draw in our baby animals and vintage phone lessons. And it doesn't stop there; our lively cartoon class is packed with hilarious and silly characters and scenes. (BO)

Age: 6 - 12 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
461118-01	Thu	Apr 6 - Apr 27	5:30 - 6:30 pm	\$57/\$71
461118-02	Thu	May 4 - May 25	5:30 - 6:30 pm	\$57/\$71

Instructor: Young Rembrandts

Location: Alcott Center

Computer Game Design

Ever wish your kids would do more with the computer than just sit and play video games? If they like computers, this is the class for them. Each student will be provided a laptop computer for use during the class. Specially designed software with a graphical programming language is used, so children can easily create multimedia computer games and animations. Developing a script or program is done by simply snapping together graphical program blocks, much like LEGO bricks or puzzle pieces. Participants will learn to create computer games with custom background settings, characters, animated movements and sound effects. Make games like Pong, Hungry Fish, Pumpkin Chase, Ghosts and Ghouls, Pacman, Hockey Shootout, Space Invader, Catch the Goods and Pirate Ships, while learning to make your own. If you're new to our class, we will get you started quickly; if you've previously attended, we will be introducing a new game, so you'll get to learn some new techniques. Students will receive a USB drive with the game design software and games they made to take home at the conclusion of class, but will not get to take the computer home. **No class on April 15.** (CE)

Age: 9 - 14 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
461121-01	Sat	Apr 1 - Apr 29	11:30 am - 1 pm	\$98/\$123

Instructor: Program To Learn

Location: Alcott Center

Pre Engineering With LEGO WeDo Robotics

Kids, come join us and have fun building with LEGOs and experiment with engineering solutions to some fun problems. While using a LEGO WeDo Robotics Construction Set, our pre-engineering class introduces robotics to young children. Your child will learn about mechanical design, while manipulating motors and sensors. Each participant will be teamed with a partner to utilize a laptop computer to program their models. Each class will present a new design challenge, stimulating your child's creativity. This is an excellent opportunity for children to get hands-on experience, while having a whole lot of fun with LEGOs. Our introductory course is a great way to prepare creative minds for Program To Learn's series of robotics courses. No prior experience is necessary. **No class on April 15.** (CE)

Age: 6 - 9 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
461126-01	Sat	Apr 1 - Apr 29	10 - 11 am	\$98/\$123

Instructor: Program To Learn

Location: Alcott Center

Robotics Programming

A turtle robot cleverly disguised as a race car, Pro-Bot offers students an enticing, engaging, and hands-on experience with Logo programming, as well as robotic controls. There is no stopping the fun or the learning in this fast-paced class. **No class on March 30.** (BO)

Age: 7 - 10 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
461133-01	Thu	Mar 16 - Apr 13	6 - 7:15 pm	\$86/\$108

Instructor: Joan TechStars Computer

Location: Alcott Center

NEW Polymer Potions

Polymers are all around us. Plastic bags and tennis shoes are examples of polymers. We will mix and measure to create our own polymers, using safe ingredients in our chemistry lab. We will make our own polymers that you can wear and play with; and, we'll figure out new ways they can be used in our lives, as well as for some surprising results. Find out about people who use polymers in their work, and how it affects us in our everyday life. This is an exciting field with many applications. **No class on March 28.** (BO)

Age: 8 - 12 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
461169-01	Tue	Mar 7 - Apr 18	4 - 5 pm	\$149/\$186

Instructor: Wicked Science Location: Alcott Center

NEW Innovation & Engineering Club

We will be brainstorming ideas for the best new hot toy, transportation unit, and ways to help those who are in need with handicaps or injuries. Bring your ideas, or just bring yourself and be part of our idea machine. We will kick-start our thinking into action, and make our ideas come alive. We will also look at making electrical circuits to figure out how to light up our new spaces. All this activity promotes critical thinking and problem-solving, everything needed to boost those 21st Century skills. Come join us in the fun, creating and building. **No class on March 29.** (BO)

Age: 8 - 12 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
461170-01	Wed	Mar 8 - Apr 19	4 - 5 pm	\$149/\$186

Instructor: Wicked Science 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. An alternative to enrolling into the class is that students may download the Android app, and practice the same 4 SAT tests from any Android smart phone or tablet. Payment coupons to access the SAT prep Android app are available for \$65, and can be purchased at the Alcott Center registration desk during regular business hours. **Please note:** Practice tests will be taken on April 29 and June 3; and, for those 2 class dates, classes will be from 9 am - 1 pm. **No class on May 27.** (CE)

Age: 13 - 18 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
461179-01	Sat	Apr 1 - June 3	9 am - 10:15 am	\$260/\$325

Instructor: HiFiKids Corp Location: Alcott Center



Ice Skating & Sledding

The Willow Stream Park winter sports area will be open until February 15, depending on snow and freeze conditions.

The unsupervised sled hill is located at the north end of the park. The most convenient place to park is at the north entrance (Farrington Drive) near the pool. The sledding hill is lighted at the top.

The park also has a large ice skating area. The rink is located on the south side of the park off of Old Checker Road. The sled hill and rinks are lighted until 10:30 pm.

By using the sledding hill and skating areas, you assume responsibility for injury and for determining that all conditions are safe.

Parents are responsible for the supervision of their own children. Supervision is not provided by the Park District. Please be careful and considerate of others.

Sledding and ice skating are hazardous recreational activities and can involve substantial personal risk.

Ice skating is permitted in the designated area only. No one is permitted on any lake or pond.