

Youth Programs

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
38762	Mon	Sept 16	6:30 - 7:25 pm	\$20/\$25
38763	Wed	Nov 13	5:15 - 6:10 pm	\$20/\$25

Instructor: Magic Team of Gary Kantor

Location: Alcott Center

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. **No class on October 14 and November 11.** (CE)

Grade: K - 8

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38767	Mon	Sept 9 - Dec 16	5:30 - 6:30 pm	\$185/\$230

Instructor: Swindell

Location: Alcott Center

Safe Sitter Babysitting Class



The Safe Sitter program is a medically accurate childcare curriculum, designed to prepare 11 - 13 year olds to be safe and nurturing babysitters. 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. Classes run 2 consecutive Fridays, and every student must attend both classes for completion. (ES)

Age: 11 - 13 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38673	Fri	Sept 27 - Oct 4	6 - 9 pm	\$60/\$75
38674	Fri	Nov 8 - Nov 15	6 - 9 pm	\$60/\$75

Instructor: Safe Sitter

Location: Twin Creeks Park

Mandarin Chinese



Come discover Mandarin Chinese with highly qualified curriculum designed for English speaking children who have a desire to learn. This first level is designed for all beginners. The program has been carefully developed by educational specialists in the field of foreign language instruction. Students build oral language skills through games, songs, and hands-on activities. A workbook is included. (ES)

Code	Grade	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38675	2 - 5	Wed	Sept 25 - Dec 11	4:30 - 5:15 pm	\$169/\$210
38676	6 - 8	Wed	Sept 25 - Dec 11	5:30 - 6:15 pm	\$169/\$210

Instructor: Discovery

Location: Alcott Center



Computer Game Design



Ever wish your kids would do more with the computer than sit and play video games? What if they created their very own computer game program? This course uses specially designed software with a graphical programming language 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, sound effects and more. 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. If you're new to our Computer Game Design course, we will get you started quickly. If you've previously attended our class, we will be introducing a new game; so, you'll get to learn some new techniques. **No class on November 30.** (CE)

Age: 9 - 13 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38887	Sat	Nov 23 - Dec 21	11 am - 12:30 pm	\$95/\$120

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 November 30.** (CE)

Age: 6 - 9 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38881	Sat	Nov 23 - Dec 21	9:30 - 10:30 am	\$95/\$120

Instructor: Program To Learn

Location: Alcott Center

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 put their minds to. All new lessons are taught every session. **No class on July 4.** (ES)

Age: 6 - 12 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38667	Thu	Sept 19 - Oct 10	4:30 - 5:15 pm	\$47/\$58
38668	Thu	Oct 17 - Nov 14	4:30 - 5:15 pm	\$47/\$58

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. All new lessons are taught every session. **No class on October 31.** (ES)

Age: 6 - 13 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38669	Thu	Sept 19 - Oct 10	5:30 - 6:30 pm	\$47/\$58
38670	Thu	Oct 17 - Nov 14	5:30 - 6:30 pm	\$47/\$58

Instructor: Young Rembrandts

Location: Alcott Center

Picasso's Drawing, Painting & Sculpture Workshop

In this exciting course, students create illustrations and sculpted figures from a variety of fantasy references. Various characters, such as mermaids, elves, fairies and dragons will be explored. Children will learn to develop an individual style and will improve their drawing and sculpting skills, while learning to creatively work within the framework of the fantasy world. Classes are taught by published and experienced artists. All supplies are included; but, please bring a smock. **No class on November 11.** (ES)

Age: 6 - 12 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38689	Mon	Sept 16 - Oct 7	4:45 - 5:45 pm	\$86/\$107
38690	Mon	Oct 21 - Nov 18	4:45 - 5:45 pm	\$86/\$107

Instructor: Picasso's

Location: Alcott Center

Picasso's Expression in Paint & Clay

Paint and sculpt baby animals such as puppies, kittens, monkeys and hedgehogs! This exciting course is an introduction to drawing, painting and sculpture. Young students learn to draw and paint colorful animals and sculpt cute lovable creatures. Students are will work with pencils, markers, paint and clay. All sessions incorporate new projects, which are completed and ready to go home that day. Classes are taught by published and experienced artists and teachers. All supplies are included; however, please bring a smock. **No class on November 11.** (ES)

Age: 3 - 6 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38691	Mon	Sept 16 - Oct 7	3:30 - 4:30 pm	\$74/\$92
38692	Mon	Oct 21 - Nov 18	3:30 - 4:30 pm	\$74/\$92

Instructor: Picasso's

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, make recycled art projects are more. 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 works will be taken home immediately. There are all new lessons for every session. (ES)

Grade: K - 5

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38662	Tue	Sept 17 - Nov 5	4:30 - 5:30 pm	\$137/\$171

Instructor: Sunshine Craft

Location: Alcott Center

Sculpting & Drawing

This class is for introductory and continuing students and is designed to introduce them to the world of sculpture and drawing for sculpture projects. Students are explained the purpose of the drawing for sculpture and how it differs from other types of graphic art. Students, along with a professional sculptor, will create a portrait, figurative or relief sculpture, and drawing. Beginning students will be provided clay and the use of minimal sculpting tools for their first session. Thereafter, participants will be required to purchase their own clay and sculpting tools, while still borrowing minimal sculpting tools from the instructor. Participants will also have the option of firing their project at the end of class for an additional fee of \$5 - \$10, depending on the size of the sculpture. **No class on October 14.** (CE)

Age: 7 - 15 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38996	Mon	Sept 23 - Nov 18	5:15 - 6:45 pm	\$120/\$150

Instructor: Kovalevskaya Location: Alcott Center

Canvas Creations

From start to finish, step by step, our instructor will take you through the process of creating your own masterpiece on canvas. We will show you the tools, brushes, methods and secret techniques needed to create the desired effect. Watch your canvas art come alive. Your instructor will be demonstrating a different painting selection for each project, based on participants and materials required. Some masterpieces will be completed in one class, some may take multiple classes (the instructor will keep it and return it to you at the next class). All canvas, supplies and materials are included. You will love it! (ES)

Grade: 1 - 5

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38664	Fri	Sept 20 - Oct 25	4:30 - 5:30 pm	\$128/\$160

Instructor: Sunshine Craft Location: Alcott Center

Wondrous Watercolor Arts

Students begin by creating their own tie dye shirts, which are used as painting smocks for the remainder of the program. This begins to illustrate the wonder of blended colors. Kids will then be exposed to watercolor painting using many techniques to combine elements of drawing, crayon and wax resist, collage art, journaling, recycled watercolor art, texturing and all aspects of the 7 major art elements of line, shape, form, color, texture, space, and value. Kids love the expression of creativity they realize with each and every finished project. All finished pieces will be taken home immediately. All supplies, including the t-shirt, are provided. (ES)

Grade: K - 5

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38665	Fri	Sept 20 - Oct 11	5:30 - 6:30 pm	\$69/\$86
38666	Fri	Oct 18 - Nov 8	5:30 - 6:30 pm	\$69/\$86

Instructor: Sunshine Craft Location: Alcott Center



NEW Science Anytime



Life is one big exploration. No matter what the season, science is everywhere! Join us as we explore the world around us through hands-on, mind blowing, eye popping experiments. This program is sure to get your body moving, your brain boggled, your hands dirty, and leave you asking for more! (ES)

Age: 5 - 10 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
39032	Tue	Sept 17	5:45 - 6:30 pm	\$20/\$25

Instructor: Outside-In-Learning Location: Alcott Center

NEW Fossil Hunters



Celebrate National Fossil Day! Join us for fun experiments and discover how fossils are formed. Test your skills and uncover buried bones. Even touch the ancient, as we explore real fossils from millions of years ago and make your own fossil take home! (ES)

Age: 6 - 12 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
39033	Sat	Oct 19	11 am - 12 pm	\$20/\$25

Instructor: Outside-In-Learning Location: Alcott Center

NEW Thanksgiving For The Birds



Fall is a beautiful season in Illinois! This is a great time to show our feathered friends how much we appreciate their color and song, and create a Thanksgiving feast for them to enjoy! We'll learn some bird basics and surprises before creating a take home feast. Please make us aware of any food allergies upon registration. (ES)

Age: 5 years and up

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
39034	Sat	Nov 9	11:15 am - 12 pm	\$20/\$25

Instructor: Outside-In-Learning Location: Alcott Center



Everyday Etiquette & Dining Skills



The importance of teaching manners to children at an early age is vital to their success in life. Learning the soft skills today will expand their knowledge and give them an edge in preparation for the future. Topics included are magic words, meeting and greetings, introductions, eye contact, shaking hands, telephone etiquette and taking messages, party savvy, sending and responding to invitations, writing thank you notes and other acts of kindness, and dining skills. Students attending this class must follow the dress code. Girls must wear dresses or dress pants and boys must wear a shirt and tie (sport coat optional). No athletic wear, jeans or flip flops please. (CE)

Age: 7 - 13 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38759	Sat	Oct 26	10 am - 12:30 pm	\$42/\$53

Instructor: O'Brien Location: Alcott Center

NEW Cakepops



Learn the delicious art of making and decorating your own handmade treats. By the end of the class, children will complete a delicious and spectacular dessert that may just be too awesome to eat. All supplies are included; but, participants are encouraged to bring an apron to wear during class and to bring a container to carry their treats home. Learn how to create 2 versions of delicious cakepops. You will put together oreo cookie/cream cheese and Nutella/brownie cakepops. Students will learn how to put together and decorate these bite size snacks. All ingredients, materials, and melting pots are provided for students. **Please note:** Our cake recipes and icing may share equipment with peanuts, corn syrup or tree nuts, and all contain gluten. (CE)

Age: 4 - 12 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38933	Sat	Sept 7	10 - 11 am	\$25/\$31
38934	Sat	Sept 21	10 - 11 am	\$25/\$31

Instructor: Vasile Location: Alcott Center

NEW Scary Monster Cupcakes



Learn the delicious art of making and decorating your own handmade treats. By the end of the class, children will complete a delicious and spectacular dessert that may just be too awesome to eat. All supplies are included; but, participants are encouraged to bring an apron to wear during class and to bring a container to carry their treats home. Participant will enjoy making scary monsters, eyeballs and ghoulish cupcakes. You will be working with buttercream icing, pastry bags, edible embellishments, fondant cutouts, chocolate and candies. All decorating tools, including cupcakes, icing, and decorations are provided. Decorating tools are for class use only. **Please note:** Our cake recipes and icing may share equipment with peanuts, corn syrup or tree nuts, and all contain gluten. (CE)

Age: 4 - 12 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38935	Sat	Oct 12	10 - 11 am	\$25/\$31
38936	Sat	Oct 26	10 - 11 am	\$25/\$31

Instructor: Vasile Location: Alcott Center

NEW Cozy Brownie Mittens



Learn the delicious art of making and decorating your own handmade treats. By the end of the class, children will complete a delicious and spectacular dessert that may just be too awesome to eat. All supplies are included; but, participants are encouraged to bring an apron to wear during class and to bring a container to carry their treats home. Participants will decorate a pair of brownie mittens with buttercream frosting that we will decorate with sprinkle sugars and candy embellishments, which will be attached with a colorful piece of string licorice. All decorating tools, including brownie, icing, and decorations are provided. Decorating tools are for class use only. Please note: Our cake recipes and icing may share equipment with peanuts, corn syrup or tree nuts, and all contain gluten. (CE)

Age: 4 - 12 years

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
38937	Sat	Nov 2	10 - 11 am	\$25/\$31
38938	Sat	Nov 16	10 - 11 am	\$25/\$31

Instructor: Vasile Location: Alcott Center

