

Saturday Scholars Mini-Courses Fall 2009

Maple Avenue Middle School, Saratoga Springs

Saturdays

AM - 10 - 12

PM - 12:30 - 2:30

Oct. 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14

Snow date: 11/21/09

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 30



1. A Pirate's Life for Me! with Karen McEachen and Barbara Moore. Ever wonder about what it would be like to sail the high seas on a pirate ship?

Why did pirates wear eye patches? How did pirates find treasure and why was it buried afterward? Create your own treasure map, design a pirate flag, eat like a pirate, and sing sea shanties. Come be a buccaneer with us! Arrrrrrrrgh! (Two captains on board at all times) **Grades 3-5 AM**



2. & 3. Acting up! with Alice Ripley. Want to be an actor or actress? Learn techniques with play readings, theater games and role playing. Be ready for that next audition! **Grades 2-7 AM or PM**

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4. & 5. Adirondack Dream Catcher Farm with Cynthia Ruggiero. Meet small creatures from the farm and learn about their care. Have fun making

art from both natural and recycled objects while learning about the environment and conservation. A visual and hands on Exploration Program blending science, art and history. **Grades 4-7 AM or PM**

6. & 7. An Extraordinary Science Adventure with Lisa Whitman. Test out principles of physics and chemistry as you "play" with slime, ice cream, rockets, cola, and exploding bottles (filled with dry ice) --- cool stuff! If you're not afraid to get down and dirty with science, put on your goggles and join us as we get down to work.

Grades 2 - 4 AM Grades 5 - 6 PM



8. Art-isms with Amanda Murphy. Draw, paint, create. In Art-isms, each week you will learn about new artists and styles, such as impressionism, expressionism, and how to make art in new ways!

Grades 4 - 7 PM



9. Art Lovers Book Club with Amanda Murphy. If you love books and you love to use your imagination and create, then this class is for you! Join us as we dive into some great

books and make art inspired by what we see and read. Reading has never been so exciting! You will be creating masterpieces together as a class and by yourself. Make friends, learn about art!

Grades 2-4 AM



10. & 11. Beads & Beyond: Jewelry Making with Sharon Lombardi. Accessories and symbolism - express yourself through the art of

jewelry making! Create colorful beads out of polymer clay and learn design principles, including those inspired by the Masai tribe of Africa, a culture that thrives on the craft and artistry of jewelry making. **Grades 4-7 AM or PM**

12. Design It, Make It, Move It, Control It with Joel Jacko. Design and construct various forms of model-size vehicles using air, rubber bands, motors and weights for power. Races and rallies will be the highlight at the end of the course. You'll have an exciting, hands-on experience using science, math and technology concepts.

Grades 4-7 AM



13. Eco-Cool & Crazy Collage with Kristen Paigo. Be Green! We will re-use materials in order to make beautiful works of art. Everything from newspapers and magazines to

fabrics, beads, and flowers can be used to create cool collages. We will start out basic using cut paper, and then work up to more involved pieces. The possibilities are endless! **Grades 2-4 AM**



14. Exotic Creatures of the Wild with Joseph Biss III. Get up close with live bugs, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Habitats, ecology, and survival of these unusual animals are the focus.

What do they eat? How do they reproduce? How does man affect their survival? How do they react to man? Come find out! **Grades 2-7 AM**



15. Fantastic Memory: Games that Train your Brain with Nicole Kruse. Amaze family and friends with your memory skills! What does a coffee

drinking fish have to do with a sheep that falls out of a tree? Stories and games help train your brain, give your imagination wings and show you things you didn't know your brain could do! **Grades 4-6 PM**



16. Forensic Science & Criminal Investigation with Joseph Biss III. Learn what it is like to be a criminal detective - collecting evidence, recording evidence, DNA,

fingerprinting, microscopes, blood, bones, bullets and more. **Grades 4-7 PM**



17. From Russia with Art with Tamara Kutkovskaya. Have fun learning about the lives of the people and the traditions of this beautiful country. The instructor is a native-born speaker and

artist. Learn to speak phrases and dialogue, and decipher the Cyrillic alphabet: ... д, ж, з, к, л, м, н... Play games, make art and more! **Grades 4 -7 PM**



18. How to be a Millionaire with Brian Farr. Now is the perfect time to start children thinking about

how to make and save money. This course will teach students how other young entrepreneurs got started, and it will cover the basics of economics. Students will use their creative skills to design and market their own business! **Grades 3 - 5 AM**



19. Improv Theater with Joan Kosby. In Improv Theater, we'll act out old and new stories--and even make up our own--all without using scripts. We'll

make puppets, and use props and costume pieces, too. We'll sharpen our acting skills with theater games, movement and pantomime. We'll also learn how to make characters really come to life!

Grades 4 - 6 PM



20. Learn a Language! German I with Nicole Kruse. Have fun and be creative learning the basics of the

German from a native speaker.

Grades 2-4 PM



21. Old Masters Don't Have to be Old with Carolyn Justice. Pastel drawing, acrylic and watercolor painting.

Look at the styles of the Old Masters. How were they inspired? Find your own style and create a masterpiece! **Grades 2-3 AM**



22. & 23. Partners writing workshop: Poetry with Paul Madison. POETRY with a

PARTNER? Yep! Your mom or dad (or

grandparent, adult friend, etc.) will join you in this workshop. Working side-by-side, you will both EXPLORE the world of unrhymed poetry, EXPERIMENT with the different techniques that poets use, and then CREATE your own unrhymed poetry. Your poem and your partner's poem will both be published in the workshop magazine. Wow. Two published poets in the same house! **Magazine Publication Fee \$10.00 Grades 4-6 AM or PM**



24. & 25. Sensational Signing with Margaret McIntyre. Learn

American Sign Language by using your sensibilities: your eyes, your voice, your

hands and your feelings. In this class we will explore Deaf Culture, not only with signing, but also with songs, crafts and games that make Sign Language easy and fun to learn. **Grades 2-7 AM or PM**



26. The Art of Paper Sculpture

with Tamara Kutkovskaya. Be creative with plain paper! Create beautiful gift projects and sculptures. **Grades 4-7 AM**



27. You're Never Too Young to Save the World with Suzanne Farr.

What can kids do to make the world a better place? Can you help someone by using your imagination and your creative talents? Kids around the world have come up with fantastic ways to help others. They volunteer, organize food drives, make special gifts to comfort those who are ill. Learn about their programs and how to develop your own ideas and plans that will make everyone's world a better place to be. **Grades 3-5 AM**