

Summer Adventure – Middle School Class Descriptions for Students Entering 6th-9th Grade

NOTICE: ALL CLASS OFFERINGS DEPEND ON ENROLLMENT.

WEEK 1: June 15 – June 19th

PERIOD A

#101A & #101B Cooking: Staples of the States

*****this is a two-period class*****

Take a road trip through the United States, making different cuisines from each region of the country. From the Northeast to the Southwest, taste the foods that are considered staples across the country. Come join us for a yummy and fun week!

#102A Optical Illusion Art

Did you know that you can create art that tricks your eyes into seeing three-dimensional shapes on two-dimensional surfaces? In this class, you will learn geometrical tricks to create an illusion of depth in your artwork. You won't believe your eyes when you see all the amazing drawings that you will create in this class.

#103A BestCoast Video Productions

Learn to film, produce, direct, edit and host your own TV show. You will develop and edit multiple video segments together to create a full-length show worthy of a million views! Each week a new episode will be created and uploaded.

#104A Point and Click Adventures

Classic gamers love the functionality of the traditional point-and-click game. See if you have what it takes to conquer games such as Machinarium, Botanicula and Samorost 2.

#105A Racing Robots

Get into the driver's seat as you help Ollie, a racing robot, execute tricks, move about, and take on student-created tracks. Race the other robot teams and see if you have what it takes to be a Coding Champion!

#106A Soccer

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#108B Expressive Cartooning

Dive face-first into basic techniques of designing realistic cartoon characters. Explore the visual language of facial expressions by studying the “looks” of popular cartoon characters. Then draw your own cartoons by focusing on face variation and details. Let’s face it, you don’t want to miss out on this cartooning class!

#109B Let’s Get Our Hands Dirty!

Dig right in and get your hands dirty, learning the best ways to plant new seeds and cuttings. Get practical “green thumb” experience by working in the gardens around the JAMS campus. Discover the magnificent plant life that’s all around us on field trips to local parks. At the end of the week, you’ll take home your own plant so you can maintain and care for it. This hands-on class will definitely GROW your love of planting!

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#111B Summer Dance

Spend your week dancing, creating and performing, all while having fun. In this session, you will learn different styles of dance such as Hip Hop, Jazz, Salsa and Swing dance. No prior dance experience necessary.

#112B Field Games

Let’s hit the field and have a fun day of games, including Kick Ball, Dog Catcher, Capture the Flag, Steal the Bacon, Red Light/Green Light, Relay Races and more! Improve your coordination, stamina and overall fitness in a fun and exciting way.

#113B Flag Football

Flag football is perfect for students who want a complete introduction to America’s game, or for those who simply want to brush up on their skills. Students will learn skills on both sides of the ball, including the core components of passing, catching, route running, and de-flagging, all presented in a fun and positive environment. Students will also engage in full-sided games of flag football by creating their own offensive and defensive plays.

WEEK 2: June 22 – June 26

PERIOD A

#201A & #201B Cooking: Foods and Flavors of Latin America

Come create and taste dishes ranging from the traditional flavors of Colombia to the modern flavors of the Caribbean. Enjoy the ingredients that make Latin foods so diverse, master new recipes, and have tons of fun!

#202A Oil Pastel Party - Basics

Oil pastel colors are versatile and fun to work with! Learn how to draw with oil pastels by smudging and mixing colors together to achieve different results. We will cover oil pastel basics and learn how to produce a variety of effects, including soft, muted shading, subtly blended color passages, vibrant sweeps and slashes of pure color. The possibilities are endless when you create art with oil pastels!

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#208B Nature's Watercolors

Watercolors allow artists to expand their creativity with different textures, like making colors bleed, splatting, and even adding rubbing alcohol or salt for cool results. Come and experiment while making paint swatches and creating paintings of nature.

#209B The Art of DJ'ing and Beat Making

Interested in creating and recording your own electronic music track? Want to be the next Billie Eilish, Clairo or Roddy Ricch? In this class you will learn how to make trap and dance beats, record and auto-tune vocals, and sample various live instruments and sounds to create your own music. By the end of the week you will have your own MP3 files to share with the world!

#210B Gamify with Twine

Everybody has a story to tell. *Twine* is a simple but powerful online tool you can use to create dynamic stories that change with every telling. With *Twine*, you'll learn how to "gamify" your writing and get an introduction to the exciting new world of Interactive Storytelling.

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Come and test your decorating skills in our “Nailed It”-themed class. It’s all about the dessert – let’s see if you have what it takes to be the champion. Come join us for a yummy and fun week!

#302A Fashion Sketching

If you are an artist or fashionista, this class is for you! You will learn how to sketch fashion figures by learning proper proportions. We will cover basic line drawing techniques to ensure that our sketches are centered and balanced. Start designing your own fashionable items in this fashion-sketching course!

#303A Podcast Production

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#304A Not Quite Dangerous Experiments

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#308B Classic Card Games

Practice your poker face and develop your card game skills while working on your critical-thinking skills at the same time. Play your luck with classic card games. Help strengthen your memory, learn to consider risk, and have fun with a group of your peers, all with a deck of cards.

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This class will cover the basics of watercolor painting by explaining the different materials, what to look for in brushes and paper, and the difference between various grades of paint. Using demos and painting from still life or your own photos, you will learn how to work with watercolors to create beautiful works of art!

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#502A Architectural and Nature Drawings

Do you enjoy drawing? Do you pay close attention to the architecture and nature around you? Learn how to create beautiful art by observing our lush surroundings. We will regularly warm up with drawing games and engage in creative activities to unlock and stimulate your brain. Whether you enjoy drawing from the world around you or your imagination, this class will help you fine-tune your observational skills while having fun in the process.

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