

Summer Academy 2010

Course Descriptions

Beginning Acoustic Guitar (5th – 8th graders. 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday) Learn to make music! This course will cover tuning, basic chords and basic chord progressions, playing easy songs, and reading guitar tabulature. Students must have their own acoustic guitar.

Children's Theatre (1st – 8th graders. 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Monday - Thursday) In it's third year, CSHM's Children's Theatre exists to create extraordinary theatre experiences, and to advance theatre as a means of educating, challenging and inspiring young people. Become part of the excitement of a children's production. Learn to combine dancing, acting and singing. Participate in theater games, create sets with your friends and learn the use of lighting and sound equipment. Learn stage basics and acting techniques for a final performance for parents and friends.

Conversational Spanish (5th – 8th graders. 8 a.m. – 10a.m., Monday - Thursday) The emphasis of this Spanish course is on communication. The approach is based on the communicative purposes of young people—to invite, to exchange ideas, to inquire, to exclaim, to express emotions, etc. These communicative functions, along with basic grammar and vocabulary, are presented in culturally authentic situations that appeal to preteens. Recognizing that students learn Spanish best by doing, this course is filled with a variety of reading, writing, listening, and speaking student-centered activities that promote both learning and application of the Spanish language.

Discover Life through Dissection (5th-8th graders. 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday) The human body is an amazing machine. What better way to understand its function than to learn about the various organs found in our body by dissecting animals that share similar organs like the crayfish, frog and fetal pig. Come prepared to explore the inner workings of life!

Drawing and Painting (5th – 8th graders. 8 a.m. – 10 a.m., Monday - Thursday) Express yourself through art. In this class the teacher will nurture your Self, develop your creativity and build your art skills. You will learn drawing and painting techniques and develop self-expression using a variety of materials to create cartoons, illustrations from models, still life, nature and from your own imagination.

Drumline (5th – 8th graders. 8 a.m. – 10 a.m., Monday - Thursday) Come and be swept away by the rhythm and momentum as those drum sticks keep everyone in the house tapping to the beat. The more the merrier for this unique style of drumming that will put you “in the mood” for fun. Become part of a group dedicated to precision, cooperation and fun!

Hip Hop/Jazz Dance (5th – 8th graders. 8 a.m. – 10 a.m., Monday - Thursday)

Calling all boys and girls! Learn the basics of Hip Hop dancing. We'll use the latest hip hop music as well as style of dance. You can expect to learn the fundamentals of dance technique through warm ups, center and across the floor combinations. You will also learn anatomical terms, jazz and hip hop dance history and dance vocabulary. You will learn some Hip Hop steps as well as some popping and locking and how to integrate these moves in a New Skool choreography. You will also learn how to kick, turn and jump to the music.

Junior High School Study Skills in Preparation for the High School Entrance Exam (6th – 8th graders. 8 a.m. – 10 a.m., Monday - Thursday)

Stop studying harder and learn to study smarter. This class will teach test taking strategies, note-taking skills, organizational skills and how to develop a study plan. This class will also provide practice high school entrance exams in math and English.

Math Booster (5th – 6th graders. 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday)

Get ready to exercise your brain! This course will help strengthen your skills through games, projects and competitions. Emphasis on times tables, fractions, decimals and other math concepts will be provided. Materials provided.

Mexican Ballet Folklorico (5th – 8th graders. 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday)

This course is designed to teach students the cultural dances of Mexico, their historical, geographical, and mythological roots, the significance of the costumes and music and the instrument associated with each one. This course will help students learn the skills of dance while improving their technique, poise, self-confidence and creative ability as well as deepening their understanding of and appreciation for the rich and colorful heritage that each dance represents. Ballet Folklorico or Character shoes required.

Movie Makers (6th – 8th graders. 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday -Thursday)

Students will script, shoot and edit their own film over the course duration. Everyone takes turns acting, directing, using the camera, and helping with props and costumes. On the last day of class, a premiere party will be given to watch the movie on the big screen. Every participant receives a copy of the movie on DVD.

Photography and the Digital Dark Room (6th – 8th graders. 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.,

Monday - Thursday) Learn the tricks to taking fabulous photos. This course teaches the principles associated with light, optics, cameras, light-sensitive materials, equipment, still and motion-media shooting techniques, image processing and printing, job control, and photographic finishing. Bring your own camera.

Pre-Algebra Enrichment (7th – 8th graders. 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., - Monday - Thursday) Learn about basic pre-algebra principles and how to apply the principles to solve missing addends, minuends, and divisors. Interactive games and exercises, and tools that can help you better understand pre-algebra are part of this course. Book included.

“Signing for Fun” American Sign Language (5th – 8th graders. 8 a.m. – 10 a.m., Monday - Thursday) This course is designed to let your fingers do the talking. Emphasis is on vocabulary, finger spelling, and sign language activities. Vocabulary is given in American Sign Language (ASL) and Conceptually Accurate Signed English (CASE)

Web Design/Photoshop (6th – 8th graders. 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday) Students will learn to design their own web pages using Macromedia Dreamweaver and Photoshop. They will learn how to manipulate and insert graphics, design banner images, and create custom website designs.

Young Authors (5th – 8th graders. 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday) Become an author! Write your own novel, short story, play, or even a collection of poetry. Work each day on writing and creating your book while adding illustrations along the way. Make a memory that family and friends will enjoy reading.