

## **Summer Adventure 2023 (Middle School)** **Class Descriptions for Students Entering 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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**WEEK 1: JUNE 20 – JUNE 23**  
*(no class Monday, June 19)*

### **PERIODS A & B (Full Morning)**

**#101AB      Delicious Recipes from our Neighbors: Cook Central & South American Cuisine**

Learn how to cook with the secrets of Central and South America. Explore the use of flavorful herbs, tasty grains and spicy peppers. Make tamales, pupusas, corn, purple potatoes and more! There will always be vegetarian options.

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**#102AB      Listening Party & Karaoke**

Have you ever wanted to write your own song or compose your own music lyrics? This exciting summer class combines many different aspects of music: karaoke/games, pop covers and folk tunes, creative songwriting, performances, and more. We will spend time sharing and listening to our favorite songs and even create our own! All levels are welcome; you only need to bring your voice (and instrument, if you have one) and your ears.

**#103AB      Printmaking & Design**

In this class, participants will learn the art of block-printing to create "stamps" that can be used to design t-shirts and other objects. Learn how to create positive and negative space through the process of carving lino blocks to make your design stamps. Wear your art – bringing old t-shirts or sweatshirts is encouraged so we can help our environment by upcycling!

### **PERIOD A**

**#104A      Crafty Class: Bracelets & Necklaces**

Create your own bead bracelets and necklaces. Experiment with various patterns, bead-types and designs. Explore popular styles but work on developing your own. In the end, you can wear your art or give it as gifts to friends and family.

**#105A      Cartooning: Tips & Tricks**

This class will introduce you to a variety of cartoons with two goals in mind. The first is to understand the secret structure that is hidden in humor writing, including how to "set-up" and "pay-off" a joke. The second goal is to learn tips and tricks that cartoonists and illustrators use to make their drawings look professional, including different pen types, characters design dos and don'ts, and perspective drawing shortcuts. By the end of the class, you will be able to turn any idea into your own cartoon.

### **#106A      Beginning Coding: Make Your Own Game!**

Do you want to learn how to code? Do you want to learn how to code games? Learn how to make games like Pac-Man, Donkey Kong, Angry Birds and more! Single player? Multiplayer? No problem! We'll be using the Scratch coding language to program the games that YOU want to play. Prepare to show off your creations to all your friends and create the next best game!

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### **#108A      Soccer Fun 1**

Play, practice, play! This week of soccer is designed to provide you with a first-class soccer experience, with play at the center of our time together. We will begin our sessions with a game. Next, players will be exposed to creative soccer exercises that will enhance their technical ability. Finally, we will end our time with another game applying what we learned during skill development! This will all be done in a fun and entertaining way, and every player will finish the week with a greater understanding and appreciation of the game.

## **PERIOD B**

### **#109B      Drawing & Sketching: Light & Form**

We will work in black and white to develop our drawing skills, focusing first on outline and shape, then moving on to light and form. We will draw from photographs and from real life, using tried-and-true strategies for improving accuracy and adding drama to any drawing. No previous drawing experience is required for this class.

### **#110B      Photoshop Photography**

Do you like taking pictures? Have you ever wanted to use Photoshop or even AI to edit those pictures? In this class we'll cover the basics of photography and editing images in photoshop. Want to totally mess with pictures and add things that were never there? Take this class and become a Photoshop pro!

### **#111B      Magic: The Gathering**

Are you ready to enter the Multiverse and battle wizards with magic? Magic: The Gathering™ is an extremely popular role-playing card game where you use a pre-constructed deck and battle your friends/opponents. This game was an influence for the creation of Pokémon cards!

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### **#113B      Flag Football 1**

Flag Football 1 is the perfect program for athletes who want a complete introduction to America's Game or for those who simply want to brush up on their skills in preparation for league play. Athletes will learn skills on both sides of the ball, including the core components of passing, catching, and de-flagging or defensive positioning – all presented in a fun and positive environment.

## **WEEK 2: JUNE 26 – JUNE 30**

### **PERIODS A & B (Full Morning)**

#### **#201AB      Cooking Asian Cuisine**

Discover the amazing food from the continent of Asia. Create savory appetizers and full meals. Explore the similarities and differences in cuisine from China, Japan, Korea, Thailand, India and Indonesia. Make dumplings, samosas, sushi and more! There will always be vegetarian options.

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#### **#202AB      Musical Improv & Karaoke**

Let's sing! In this class we'll explore musical improv techniques used by the "best in the business." Learn to mirror others in fun activities, improvise singing based on key and pitch, and engage in lots of karaoke-style jamming. We'll also work on free vocal improv to backing tracks, drum beats or songs.

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## **PERIOD A**

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In this class participants will create colorful and beautiful designs using heat-activated fuse beads (Perler beads). Recreate your favorite characters, animals, or whatever design catches your eye, turning them into coasters, mini-boxes, earrings and more!

#### **#205A      Cartooning: Gags, Strips & Caricatures**

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## **PERIOD B**

### **#209B Drawing & Sketching: Realism & Imagination**

Take your doodling to the next level. Combine drawing strategies with your creativity to create real life-looking characters and detailed backgrounds. Use proven art techniques to meld realism with your imagination. No prior experience is necessary.

### **#210B Film Production 101**

Do you want to be a famous filmmaker? Have you ever wanted to make your own movie, or at least make quality videos worthy of millions of likes? In this class we'll learn the basics of filmmaking – from acting, writing, directing and editing – so that you can create your own short films that may one day be seen on the silver screen (or at least on YouTube). Get ready to amaze your friends with your work created in this class.

### **#211B Games of Strategy & Chance**

Have you ever wondered why some people are so good at chess, or always win their card and board games? Are some people just lucky? In this class we will play chess, card games, board games and a game called Pig with a focus on strategic game play. Learn how to use a specific opening gambit in chess, how to maintain a "poker face" when playing cards, or how sometimes luck/probability works in your favor. Play for fun, but also learn to play to win!

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## **WEEK 3: JULY 3 – JULY 7 (NO CLASS JULY 4)**

### **PERIODS A & B (Full Morning)**

#### **#301AB      The Italian Chef: Learn to Cook Delicious Italian Food**

Move beyond pizza and pasta and cook authentic Italian Food. Yes, we love pizza and pasta, but let's explore the deliciousness of homemade ravioli, pondosas, polenta and more! There will always be vegetarian options.

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#### **#302AB      Creative Songwriting & Performance: Melodies & Harmonies**

Let's write, sing and perform songs! In this class, we will learn how to create melodies and harmonies and put our own lyrics and poetry to music. Work with partners and form duets or trios. If you play an instrument, feel free to bring it and play along.

### **PERIOD A**

#### **#303A      Crafty Class: Fuse Beads & Succulents**

In this class, participants will use fuse beads to create colorful and practical succulent plant holders, and will get their very own succulents to give as gifts or keep for themselves. Succulents are like pets, and the fuse bead plant holders are like colorful houses for their plants.

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#### **#305A      Pop Piano: Playing the Hits**

No experience necessary, but even the most experienced musicians will enjoy it. Are there songs and song hooks that get stuck in your head, or songs that just make you want to sing along every time you hear them? In this class, you can learn to play the best parts of these songs on a keyboard/piano, taught by an experienced professional musician. Using an innovative and rather simple process of focusing on triads, chord progression, key, and harmony, you can learn to play measures of the songs of your choice through hearing/listening rather than reading notes. By the end of the week, you will be able to jump on any piano and play tunes that everyone will recognize.

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**#308A      Basketball Fun 1**

Dribble, pass, shoot, score (and more) in Basketball Fun 1. The class will begin with the basics and progress to complex skills and theory. Emphasis will be on individual skills and how to incorporate them into a team setting. Competitions will include Hot Shot, 3-Point Shootout, One-on-One, and more!

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**#311B      Hip Hop and Music Production**

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## **WEEK 4: JULY 10 – JULY 14**

### **PERIODS A & B (Full Morning)**

#### **#401AB Making Party Food: Nachos, Dips & Hors d'Oeuvres**

Let's party! We're going to create yummy food combinations that we all love to have at parties. We'll make nachos, sliders (veggie and meat), dips and chips and more! There will always be vegetarian options.

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#### **#402AB Creative Songwriting & Performance: Crafting & Recording**

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### **PERIOD A**

#### **#403A Crafty Class: The Etsy Shop**

Take your crafty ideas to the next level. Create craft-based products that are worthy of displaying on Pinterest or selling on Etsy. From bracelets to bookmarks, plant holders to crocheted items, this class will give you space to work creatively with others.

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### **#412B Volleyball Fun**

Bump, set, spike! You'll learn the basic fundamentals of this wonderful game and progress to game play, including indoor 6 v 6, 3 v 3, and beach-style 2 v 2. This class is for all levels.

## **WEEK 5: JULY 17 – JULY 21**

### **PERIODS A & B (Full Morning)**

#### **#501AB Crazy Creations for the Adventurous Chef**

The rage in fancy restaurants now are the creative “chef’s specials.” It’s like cooking blended with delicious science experiments. Learn how to mix up sweet and savory flavors and see what happens. From peppery lemon olive oil cake, flatbreads with fruit, Asian tacos, chocolate avocado ice cream and more, take your cooking to another level.

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### **PERIOD A**

#### **#503A Crafty Class: The Etsy Shop Part 2**

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#### **#504A Funk Band**

Funk Band is like School of Rock, but with less rock and more groove. Pick up an instrument, from bass guitar to percussion to keyboards, and learn the art of rhythm and listening to create live grooves with friends. The “band” will be led by a professional musician who has toured the world with real funk bands. His approach to teaching music focuses on the foundational aspects of tempo/rhythm, chord progressions and listening to one another – finding the vibe and groove that moves the music forward. The goal is to give a live performance for the rest of the Summer Adventure students at the end of the week.

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