

Loyal Heights Homeschool Program (LHH)

Winter 2019 Class Descriptions

Wednesdays, January 9 – March 20, 2019 (10 weeks; no class Feb 20)

To view the class schedule in table format, visit www.loyalheightshomeschool.org. Registration opens at Noon on Dec 4, 2018. Register in person (Loyal Heights Community Center), by phone (206) 684-4052, or online at www.seattle.gov/parks.

Anatomy & Physiology through the Arts

10:00-10:55am

Ages 6 – 9

Max 12

Instructor: Miranda Veenhuysen

\$155

Come learn the fascinating science of the human body through the engaging medium of artistic exploration! Each week, we will cover a different body system and complete visual arts projects and performing arts exercises designed to support our learning.

Youth Activism

10:00-10:55am

Ages 13 – 18

Max: 12

Instructor: Tasha Walston

\$135

Teenage Rebels! Youth Activism 101. Some of the most profound social change in the United States and around the world has been spearheaded by young people. We will study these change makers and together we will learn how to: 1. see injustice, 2. name it, and 3. change it. We'll explore music, art, film, letter writing, speeches, civil disobedience, zines, lobbying, legislation, and other forms of activism at the local and global levels. There will be suggested readings, movies, and music between classes and an opportunity to design your own activism/advocacy project at the end of the session.

Preschool Art: Finding Out About the World through Art

10:00-10:55am

Ages 3 – 5

Max: 12

Instructor: Tracy Banaszynski

\$135

In this art exploration class, children are introduced to the elements of art, including shape, line, value, and color. They will be encouraged to play with these ideas using a variety of age-appropriate, non-toxic materials. Each project will engage children's imaginations and build their observation skills. Projects will focus on process over product, while at the same time allowing a record of each child's exploration and growth. The environment will nurture confidence, playfulness, and respect for each child's process and work. Come find out about the world through art!

JavaScript Programming

10:00-10:55am

Ages: 11 – 16

Max: 8

Instructor: Ian Petersen

\$50

Programming is like spellcasting: the right words in the right order bring your design to life. Come learn some digital wizardry! We will create a playable game and learn how to program as we go. JavaScript is a ubiquitous programming language that can power everything from a web page to a smartphone. Students will need an account at <https://github.com> or an email address with which to register for one.

Creative Dance

11:00-11:55am

Ages 3 – 5

Max: 12

Instructor: Miranda Veenhuysen

\$140

Burst! Spin! Float. Come fall in love with dance! Boys and girls expand their movement skills and explore dance concepts in this joyful, supportive classroom community. Instructor Miranda Veenhuysen is a lifelong dancer with eight years of teaching experience. She uses Anne Green Gilbert's concept-based creative dance curriculum and BrainDance warmup for this class. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and dance barefoot.

Words without Borders: Contemporary World Literature

Instructor: Becky Johnston

11:00-11:55am

Ages 11 – 16

Max: 12

\$135

Students will explore what it means to be human by reading and discussing translated literature across a variety of genres and cultural perspectives. Through fiction and non-fiction prose, graphic works, and poetry, we'll gain a greater sense of how the common threads of family, friendship, memory, money and possessions, and leaving home are experienced across the globe. There will be short homework assignments most weeks.

Volleyball

Instructor: Rick Buyce

11:00-11:55am

Ages 9 – 16

**Min 8/Max: 14

\$95

Volleyball is a fast growing team-based sport. It is a fun game of hand/eye coordination and cardiovascular fitness. Have a great time with your friends and learn the basics of how to play, like passing, setting, hitting, and serving.

Cooking up Math

Instructor: Molly Moench

11:00-11:55am

Ages 6 – 9

Max: 12

\$165

What do you do when you have a hungry belly and a hungry mind? Mix your math lesson right into your snack prep, of course! Each week we'll discuss an interesting math topic, and then practice applying it by preparing a yummy nibble. Most food restrictions can be accommodated.

Musical History of the Pacific Northwest

Instructor: Micaela (Mikey) Prince

12:00-12:55pm

Ages 12 – 18

Max: 12

\$135

Are you interested in the histories of popular and alternative music of the Pacific Northwest? From punk and indie rock to hip hop, the Pacific Northwest has been the home of many musical movements. Together, we will explore the music styles and histories that have come out of our local scenes and their influences on our music today. Class material will ultimately be tailored toward the overall interests of the students.

Junior Great Books

Instructor: Molly Moench

12:00-12:55pm

Ages 8 – 11

Max: 12

\$135

Read excellent short fiction every week, on a wide variety of topics and styles, and then come discuss it with your friends. We'll focus on your opinions of the story, understanding the events and themes, what motivates the characters, and supporting your assertions with the text. Each session will also include a prewriting activity for a project to continue during the week, and optional sharing of past projects.

Printmaking

Instructor: Ameen Dhillon

12:00-12:55pm

Ages 9 – 16

Max: 12

\$140

What are original prints? Come explore printmaking, which allows us to create original artwork in multiple. We'll have fun learning about the history of printmaking and exploring a wide variety of printmaking techniques, including relief prints, collographs and monotypes using both hand and press printing techniques. **A minimum of two parent volunteers are needed 10 minutes before and after class to help with set-up and clean-up.

Sports Unlimited

Instructor: Rick Buyce

12:00-12:55pm

Ages 5 – 8

Max: 14

\$105

Sample a variety of individual and team sports. Fun movement games to get your little one active. Anything from creative 'tag' games to basic skills in sports like soccer and anything in between. Your child will enjoy challenging their muscles, cardiovascular system, balance and coordination.

Circus Arts: Do the Impossible

1:00-1:55pm

Ages 8 – 15

Max: 12

Instructor: Nathan Drackett

\$140

Come and join the circus for a session! Seemingly complicated skills such as juggling, acrobatics, and clowning are broken down so that anyone can learn and experience success. In this introduction to circus arts, students will be able to find that practice and hard work can make the impossible possible.

Art Exploration

1:00-1:55pm

Ages 6 – 8

Max: 12

Instructor: Ameen Dhillon

\$140

Let's get inspired by stories, art history, and the changing seasons! Together we'll do a variety of fun projects to explore drawing and painting with materials such as charcoal, oil pastels, water color, tempera, acrylics and more.

Indigenous Folktales & Wildlife Science

1:00-1:55pm

Ages 7 – 11

Max: 8

Instructor: Molly Moench

\$145

Do you love animals? Want to learn more about the wild world around you? Every week we will enjoy a Native American folktale, with selections from across the continent, and through crafts, activities, and games will explore how animals live, interact, and adapt. Based on curriculum designed by ecologist Michael Caduto and Native American storyteller Joseph Bruchac.

Theater: Working as an Ensemble

2:00-2:55pm

Ages 8 – 15

Max: 12

Instructor: Nathan Drackett

\$135

Through imaginative games and improvisations, students will explore their voice, body, and imagination to learn how to tell a story. Participants will work as a group to collectively create a world, characters, and share those with an audience. Find your inner star in this exploration filled with play and fun!

Philosophy

2:00-2:55pm

Ages 7 – 10

Max: 12

Instructor: Debi Talukdar

\$135

How do you know something? What is friendship? Children ask philosophical questions that explore the human condition all the time. Thinking about these questions in a community of inquiry bolsters students' abilities to listen, reason deeply about their values and assumptions; construct sound and valid arguments; and evaluate the arguments of others while respecting perspectives different from their own – skills essential to becoming critical, creative, and analytic thinkers. Each class, I will present a prompt that encourages questioning, reflection, and discussion, allowing students to philosophize collaboratively.

Philosophy

3:00-3:55pm

Ages 11 – 16

Max: 12

Instructor: Debi Talukdar

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