

Musical Theatre Workshop

You will learn musical numbers, choreography, designing the program cover and costumes; culminating in a performance at the end of the session. All kids welcome, even if performing is not their style.

This course is being taught by Nancy Urban. Nancy has a BFA in Musical Theatre as well as a BFA in Music Therapy. She has choreographed over 20+ productions ranging from Bye Bye Birdie to 42nd Street. Her critically acclaimed modern dance piece Romeo & Juliet was performed at several places in NYC. Nancy has also performed in over 25 productions ranging from Snoopy to Beggar's Opera to Working. She has performed in various off-Broadway productions and studied acting at the highly respected HB Studios in NYC.

Students need to bring a water bottle and wear comfortable clothing.

Age: 8-14 year olds
 Location: Darien Park District Community Center
 7301 Fairview Ave.
 Instructor: Nancy Urban
 Note: *No class 10/11, 11/22

Code #	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
230248-A	M	Sept. 13-Dec. 13*	6:00-7:00pm	\$65/\$70

Babysitting Course

The purpose of this course is to provide participants with the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or guardians. This training will help participants develop skills in five critical areas: leadership, safety and safe play, basic care, first aid and professionalism. Fee includes American Red Cross Babysitting book.

Age: 11-15 year olds
 Location: Darien Park District Community Center
 7301 Fairview Ave.
 Instructor: Roberta Flanders
 Note: Participants in the August session should bring a lunch

Code #	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
220215-B	F	Aug. 13	10:00am-5:00pm	\$39/\$44
230215-A	F	Oct. 29	1:00-4:30pm &	
	Sa	Oct. 30	9:00-12:00pm	\$39/\$44

You too can be a Magician!

Children are guaranteed to have a great time as they learn a collection of fascinating and mesmerizing tricks! Amaze family and friends with tricks that involve cards, ropes, coins, mind-reading, and more. While the tricks may appear difficult, you'll discover that they are quick to learn and easy to perform. All materials are provided, and each child receives a magic kit to take home. Children are grouped by age and always learn tricks that are age-appropriate.

Age: 5-12 year olds
 Location: **September Class**
 Westmont Park District Community Center
 75 E. Richmond
August & December Class
 Darien Park District Community Center
 7301 Fairview Ave.
 Instructor: Gary Kantor

Code #	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
220217-B	M	Aug. 16	5:15-6:10pm	\$18/\$23
230217-A	W	Sept. 22	5:15-6:10pm	\$18/\$23
230217-B	M	Dec. 13	5:15-6:10pm	\$18/\$23

Checkmate Chess

Develop your child's intellect through the royal game of chess! Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts. Also, chess has been proven to enhance children's motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity.

Learn how to win at chess! No previous knowledge of chess is necessary. Each class will consist of a fun interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Due to the small size of the group, each child will receive plenty of personalized attention. Both new and returning participants are welcome and will progress to the next level under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach. There will also be a chess competition with prizes!

Age: 6-13 year olds
 Location: Darien Park District Community Center
 7301 Fairview Ave.
 Instructor: Staff from Chess Scholars
 Note: *No class 11/25

Code #	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
230214-A	Th	Sept. 16-Oct. 21	6:00-7:00pm	\$78/\$83
230214-B	Th	Oct. 28-Dec. 9*	6:00-7:00pm	\$78/\$83





Forensic Investigation!

This fascinating, hands-on class will familiarize you with the science of crime scene investigation and forensics as you try to solve a hard-to-crack crime! Using actual methods and tools used by professional forensic investigators, you will conduct experiments on the evidence you'll gather at a "crime scene". This evidence may include eyewitness accounts, fingerprints, hair and fingernail samples, "blood", and writing samples. Times running out. The police department needs your help to crack the case!

Age: 7-12 year olds
 Location: Westmont Park District Community Center
 75 E. Richmond
 Instructor: Staff from Cool Science

Code #	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
230294-A	F	Oct. 29	6:00-8:00pm	\$29/\$34

New! Marine Biology

Have you ever wondered what a shark looked like up close? Did you know that a squid's spine looks and feels just like a piece of clear plastic?! Learn about the fascinating world of marine biology in this fun, hands-on lab class. You will study an assortment of sea creatures using live observation, microscopes, and dissections. The dissection labs may include the following creatures: a small shark, starfish, squid, clam, crayfish, and various coral specimens. Do you know which marine creature has no brain, eyes, or teeth but is one of the deadliest creatures on earth? Take this class and you'll find out!

Age: 7-12 year olds
 Location: Darien Park District Community Center
 7301 Fairview Ave.
 Instructor: Staff from Cool Science

Code #	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
230274-A	F	Nov. 12	6:00-8:00pm	\$29/\$34

New! Chocolate Chemistry

Venture into the wonderful world of chocolate as you track its beginnings as a cacao seed in the Amazon forest to the delicious, sweet treat you know and love! Learn about the chemical properties of chocolate and why it may be good for you and how it makes us feel so good as we ... wait for it ... make our own delectable chocolate treats. Woohoo!

Age: 7-12 year olds
 Location: Clarendon Hills Park District
 315 Chicago Ave.
 630-323-2626
 Instructor: Staff from Cool Science

Code #	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
230275-A	Sa	Dec. 11	2:00-4:00pm	\$29/\$34

Claymation Cinema

Film your very own claymation animated movie! Students will create characters out of clay and bring their creations to life by using digital cameras and animation software programs. They will work in teams and learn animation concepts, develop a plan for their story, storyboard the details of their animation movie, and discover creative ways to build the characters. Some examples of claymation movies include: James and the Giant Peach™ and Wallace and Gromit™. All students will get a copy of their movie on DVD after class is complete or bring it home on their flash drive on the last day of class

Age: 8-12 year olds
 Location: Darien Park District Community Center
 Instructor: Staff from Computer Explorers

Code #	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
230282-A	M	Sept. 13-Oct. 4	4:15-5:45pm	\$74/\$79

Fungineering with Simple Machines

Using Lego™ Educational kits, budding engineers will learn about simple machines by building models of real-life devices such as a folding lawn chair, a car, drawbridge or a conveyor belt. They will learn about the concepts of pulleys, levers, wheels and axles, and gears and bring their projects to life using battery operated motors. Through the building of realistic motorized models, students will develop an understanding of mechanical principles. They will explore, investigate, and solve problems in a fun group environment. 2 children per LEGO® kit.

Age: 8-12 year olds
 Location: Darien Park District Community Center
 Instructor: Staff from Computer Explorers

Code #	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
230287-A	M	Oct. 18-Nov. 8	4:15-5:45pm	\$74/\$79



Rock n' Roll Robotics

Create robots that rock and robots that roll! Using the LEGO™ WeDo Robotics System your robots will include a monkey who plays a drum to a rock & roll beat, a lion that roars, a bird that flaps its wings to create a big wind, a sleeping giant who will awaken on your command and a boat that will rock on the rough seas. This course builds knowledge of simple machines, engineering, programming, and teamwork in an environment full of Rockin' Fun! Students will work in teams of 2.

Age: 7-12 year olds
 Location: Darien Park District Community Center
 Instructor: Staff from Computer Explorers
 Note: *No class 11/22

Code #	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
230290-A	M	Nov. 15-Dec. 13*	4:15-5:45pm	\$74/\$79