



AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

WINTER 2011

~MONDAY~

January 9, 23, 30 and February 6, 13, 27

LEGO® MINDSTORMS® NXT ROBOTICS ENGINEERING

(Ages 8-14)

~ 4:00 to 5:15 PM ~

This exciting class teaches you how to program LEGO® Mindstorms® NXT robots, the coolest robot available. You will use your new skills to meet such challenges as beating your opponent at Sumo or pushing water bottles out of a ring. This class is for the student who has little or no experience with robotics or programming. It will introduce programming concepts such as repeat loops and if/then statements, and sensor use will also be taught.

**Robots are for use by students in class only. The robots we use are expensive, and students will not be able to take them home.*



Karen Doescher has been a computer professional for over 20 years. Mrs. Doescher obtained a degree from SUNY at Canton in Data Processing and has been programming computers and training users ever since. She most recently started the Bits, Bytes & Bots program in the Upstate NY area and is thrilled to offer quality technology education to children.

INSTRUCTOR: Karen Doescher

Cost: \$125

IMPROV FOR THE SCHOOL- AGE CHILD

(Ages 9-12)

MEETS TWICE A WEEK-- MONDAYS and FRIDAYS

January 9, 13, 20, 23, 27 and 30.

~ 4:00 to 5:00 PM ~

This course will cover all the basics of improvisation, including characterization. There is no need to have an earlier course. Practicing the art of improv is fun, challenging and highly rewarding. Participants say they have more confidence about standing in front of a group and parents report an increase in communication proficiency. Improv also enhances problem-solving and creativity. There will be a performance for families as the sixth class.



Terrie Gifford has a background in education as a NYS certified teacher and has been trained by professional actors and comedians in improvisational acting and stand-up comedy. Her credits include performing in and producing numerous comedy shows throughout the Capital District. Currently she teaches improvisational workshops for elementary students and teens through the Saratoga Springs Public Library.

INSTRUCTOR: Terrie Gifford

Cost: \$125

EARTH WORKS NATURE ART

(Ages 5-7)

~ 3:15 to 4:00 PM ~

With all the beautiful materials nature has to offer, why not turn it into art right where we found it? Without glue, tape, paint, crayons, scissors, clay or pencils, you will need to use your imagination to come up with the most beautiful sculptures around! We will explore outside to find fallen leaves, snow, sticks, trees, water, rocks and any other natural objects that spark your creative mind. The sky is the limit! We'll study this unique form of art called Earth Works and the artists who experiment with its beauty. Each week we'll record, document and draw how our sculptures have changed through weather, time and space as we discover the beauty and excitement of our natural environment. Dress cozy warm with mittens so you can comfortably explore outside.



Gretchen Tisch is a dance teacher of step, Irish step dancing and Kickline at the Oneonta Dance Center. She studied Irish step dance through the Wild Irish Acres, School of Irish Dance of Saratoga Springs. While attending SUNY Oneonta for fine art design, she was on the Oneonta State Kickline and the terpsichorean Dance Company. She is also a graduate of Syracuse University in art education where she was a part of the Black Reign Step Team. She is a musician, playing the Flute and Irish whistle, and an artist focusing on recycled/found objects and artist's book making.

INSTRUCTOR: Gretchen Tisch

Cost: \$110

~ TUESDAY ~

January 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 14.

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(Ages 8-11)

~ 3:15 to 4:00 PM ~

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Cost: \$110

JEWELRY FROM FOUND OBJECTS

(Ages 8-11)

~ 4:00 to 5:00 PM ~

Beads, Beads, Beads! You'll make beads of all shapes and sizes using only paper and glue. You'll learn how to turn a 2-D piece of paper into a 3-D bead to make all sorts of jewelry. You can decorate your beads to express your style as you experiment creatively with paper and fashion.



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~ WEDNESDAY ~

January 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 8, 15.

WIGGLE, SHAKE, MOVE AND GROOVE

(Ages 4-7)

~ 4:00 to 5:00 PM ~

This class will focus on gross motor skills such as hopping, skipping, galloping, change of weight, balance and coordination. Pre ballet, pre jazz skills will also be introduced. Use of props, musical instruments, scarves, parachute, bean bags, and more will be incorporated to teach rhythm, music appreciation and movement through space.



Miss Laurie teaches Preschool and Tap I and Tap II at Creative Dance Arts in Clifton Park. Miss Laurie is also a licensed speech pathologist.

INSTRUCTOR: Laurie Fitsik

Cost: \$125

HOW DID THEY MAKE THAT?

(Ages 6-11)

~ 4:00 to 5:00 PM ~

Ever wish you could create illustrations like Eric Carle, Jan Brett, Maurice Sendak, Robert Sabuda and Matthew Reinhart? This class will show you how! Bring in the words to some of your favorite short stories, poetry or songs, even something you've written yourself. We'll observe and explore the technique of each illustrator and make our own collages, drawings, watercolors and pop-ups inspired by the masters.



Ms. Parker has been teaching art at the Saratoga Independent School for over ten years. Ms. Parker studied art at the Boston School of the Museum of Fine Arts and the New England School of Art and Design. She continues to create an art experience that attempts to draw on the individual potential of each child.

INSTRUCTOR: Marilyn Parker

Cost: \$125

~THURSDAY~

January 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 9, 16.

HIP HOP/STEP CLASS

(Ages 9-11)

~ 4:00 to 5:00PM ~

Get your groove on and learn some new moves and make some interesting rhythms with your body! Class will consist of warm up, learning moves and a combination of rhythms to be performed at the end of the session! Please wear comfortable clothing and sneakers to class.



Miss Lindsay is a Tap and Jazz/ Hip Hop teacher at Creative Dance Arts in Clifton Park. She was dance captain at Cazenovia College where she learned stepping. Miss Lindsay is presently a 1st grade teacher at Schuylerville Elementary School

INSTRUCTOR: Lindsay Miakisz

Cost: \$125

TAP TECHNIQUE CLASS

(Ages 7-8)

~ 4:00 to 5:00PM ~

Come make music with your feet! Tap class will focus on warm ups, learning tap skills, progressions, musicality and a short combination of steps set to fun music! Wear comfortable clothing, and thin socks. Tap shoes will be provided.



Brittany Fitsik of Creative Dance Arts in Clifton Park is a graduate of St. John Fisher College. She was on the dance team throughout her college years and holds a NY state teaching certificate in Elementary and Special Education.

INSTRUCTOR: Brittany Fitsik

Cost: \$125

ART MATH CONNECTION

(Ages 6-11)

January 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 9, 16.

~ 4:00 to 5:00 PM ~

In a small group, students will have fun learning about math while creating wonderful art projects! Linear perspective, tessellations, geometry, tan grams, mazes and fractions will be introduced or reinforced depending on the level of each child. We will explore the work of DaVinci, Mondrian and Escher among others as time permits. Join us and discover a new angle on math and art!



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~FRIDAY~

January 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 10, 17.

MAD SCIENCE SYSTEM 2

(Ages 5-11)

~ 4:00 to 5:00 PM ~

Mad Science sparks imaginative learning when school is out! These hands-on, one hour science programs are themed around a particular area of science and include topics such as magnets, polymers, optical illusions and the science behind taste. Children engage in exciting hands-on activities, watch spectacular demonstrations, participate in discussions and take home things that they have made themselves like periscopes, Mad Science Slime and more. See just how cool science can be!



Jeffrey August is a Capital Region BOCES Educator for Business and will soon be completing his Masters in Middle Level Education Leadership. He enjoys facilitating the Mad Science after-school program since it is a perfect way for kids to learn about science while having fun!

INSTRUCTOR: Jeffrey August Cost: \$125



Winter 2012 ENRICHMENT CLASSES REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name _____ Age _____

If child does not attend Saratoga Independent School, please add:

PARENT'S NAME _____

PHONE _____ e-mail _____

Please register my child for:

- LEGO Mindstorms
- Improv for the School Age Child
- Earth Works Nature Art (ages 5-7)
- Earth Works Nature Art (ages 8-11)
- Jewelry From Found Objects
- Wiggle, Shake, Move and Groove
- How Did They Make That?
- Hip Hop/ Step Class
- Tap Technique
- Art Math Connection
- Mad Science

Full payment needs to be received prior to the first class.

Please return with payment to:

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