

Thursday Classes

9:00 AM

Fencing II

John Terris

8+

\$140

Min. 8; Max. 14

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Our fencing coach is John Terris, who is a nationally rated USFA épéist and a member of the coaching staff at the Atlanta Fencers' Club. John is a member of the United States Fencing Coaches Association and regularly competes locally, regionally, and nationally.

Middle School Composition

Louise Richardson

Grades 6-8

\$160 plus \$15 materials fee

Min. 8; Max 20

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Louise Richardson holds a degree in English from Agnes Scott College, a master's in English education from Georgia State University, and has produced writing for both large and small companies in corporate and media relations, advertising, marketing communications, and publishing for more than 25 years. During 10 of those years, she owned a small business that produced newsletters as marketing tools for staffing companies in more than 40 cities across the U.S. Understanding the needs of the audience is something she emphasizes to her writing students. In addition, she has more than 10 years of experience teaching both high school and college English, and recognizes the huge head start students with good writing skills have in college. Convinced that anyone can learn to write, Louise helps students overcome their fear and loathing of the blank page, so that their innate intelligence can show forth—in writing!

Violin/Viola/Cello (Private Lessons in Half Hour Sessions)

Barbara Robinson

Instructor approval

\$25/half hour; \$45/hr

Working one-on-one with Barbara Robinson your child will get a private class, designed personally for him/her. Further explore techniques and music that will advance their musical performance. Barbara will create a warm and nurturing environment for your young musician. Please contact the teacher directly to schedule your lesson time.

basrobinson@bellsouth.net

Barbara Robinson has played the viola since 4th grade, studied music at Thiel College where she received a BA in Fine Art. She has been teaching violin and viola privately for 10 years after studying with Dr. Vernal Richardson, 40 year veteran of teaching and former child violin prodigy. She has led violin/viola clinics for elementary, middle school and high school players, and currently mentors a young women's quartet. She teaches at Greater Atlanta Christian School in their after school music instruction program. An active musician, Barbara performs with the Atlanta Philharmonic Orchestra as 1st Chair Viola and plays with the Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church Orchestra.

Needlework Explorations

Heather Sotack

8-adult

\$100 (50% discount for Moms)

Min. 2; Max. 7

Moms and kids can join us in this open stitchery class. Each student works on their own project. Learn or advance your skills in crochet, beginning knitting, or embroidery (this is especially cool on jeans!).

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Exploring Pirates (seven weeks)

Christy Seelye-King

6-9

\$95

Min. 6

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Young Artists

Roberta Jones

4-5

\$100 includes all materials

Min. 4; Max10

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Middle School Composition 2

Louise Richardson

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High School Book Circle

Amy Curtis

grades 9-12

\$65

Min. 3; Max 15

A Literature Circle; This is a structure for getting students to talk about a literary work with their peers as they read it together. Students are in charge of the discussion and each student takes a different role in facilitating the lesson, rotating through the tasks of illustration, vocabulary enrichment, character analysis, and connecting the reading to real world experience.

Amy Curtis is an avid reader with two teenaged children, one of them homeschooled. She has a theater/performing arts background and strives to keep her class entertaining as well as educational.

Exploring Pirates (seven weeks)

Christy Seelye-King

12-16

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Swimming (half hour sessions 10:00-12:30)
Boys' and Girls' Club Staff
6-16
\$35 to join B&G Club

Swimming offered by the staff of the Boys and Girls Club. All abilities and ages 6-16 will be instructed in the basics of swimming and strokework.

11:00 AM

FitKidz
Sabrina Alston
10-14
\$135
Min. 9; Max. 16

This year's Fitkidz will be more challenging but more fun!!! Offered by Sabrina Alston, this class is specifically designed to keep the fun in fitness and to promote a lifetime of health. As a matter of fact, the kids will have so much fun they won't realize that they're exercising! Below is an overview of some of the FITKIDZ activities, as provided by class teacher:

- Bodyweight exercises such as push-ups, pull-ups and sit-ups
- Calisthenics and stretching
- Weight training with 2-5 lb. dumbbells and/or resistance bands to perform single joint movements
- Jump rope drills
- Resist-a-ball exercises
- Basketball drills
- Plyometrics
- Running, brisk walking
- Mini-Trampoline drills
- Boxing drills

- Various games & sports activities

The activities will be conducted to specifically develop the children in the following areas:

Endurance drills-to develop cardiovascular fitness; strength drills-to develop upper and lower body strength; motor skills drills-to develop coordination & balance; flexibility drills-to develop the child's range of motion; team Building drills-to teach the children the importance of being a team player; and sport-specific conditioning drills-to enhance performance in the child's sport of choice. Kids should wear shorts/gym sweats, t-shirts and good sneakers with lots of support (IE: running shoes). Informed Consent and Medical forms (provided by instructor) must be completed and signed by each child's parent(s) prior to the child's participation in the program.

Sabrina Alston is a certified fitness instructor and the mother of two (2) FitKidz. She has been an integral part of the fitness industry for approximately 20 years and currently customizes programs for children, adults and seniors.

Art

Roberta Jones

6+

\$150 includes all materials

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Middle School Literature

Amy Curtis

grades 6-8

\$65

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Designed to nurture the love of reading by introducing students to authors and stories with which they may not be familiar, this class will study various genres and elements of literature through the use of short stories, poetry, essays, and excerpts. Students will have the opportunity to explore passages in many different ways: through illustration, analysis, retelling, forecasting, and many other techniques. They'll also be encouraged to share

their own literary "finds" and to use their imaginations to write on their own. Homework is light, and reading for fun is encouraged. This class is open to students 6th grade and up, with individualized assignments creating age-appropriate experiences for each age and grade.

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Creative Dramatics for Preschoolers (six weeks)

Kay Rosenblum

3-5

\$60

Min. 5

Does your preschool-age child like to pretend? Like stories? Then he/she will enjoy this class. We'll also use puppets, music, poems, scarves and magic to strengthen our verbal and movement skills.

The class is offered by our acting teacher and coach, Kay Rosenblum. Kay is a Georgia Council for the Arts Residency Artist, Member-artist of Young Audiences, Georgia State University Saturday School for Scholars teacher, Program Director for Circus Camp and Creative Play Teacher for Druid Hills Methodist Preschool.

Folk Dancing

Karen Parker

8+

\$75; \$50 each sibling

Min. 8; Max.16

Students will do-si-do, sashay, and allemande as they learn folk dances from around the globe. Designed for upper elementary and middle school ages, the class progression will build the repertoire of dance moves that will allow students to do more challenging formations such as contra- and square dances. Dances are typically gender neutral (without references to ladies or gents) and fun for boys or girls. No experience required.

Dance leader Karen Parker has been a LEAD member and home school mom for 4 years and a contra dancer for 7 years. She receives ongoing training at family dance camps sponsored by the Lloyd Shaw Foundation, whose mission is to train dance leaders to preserve and promote folk dancing in their communities. Karen can be contacted at karenbparker@gmail.com.

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Drawing and Painting

Heather Sotack

6-12

\$130

Min. 4; Max. 10

This class is a combination of Miss Heather's drawing and painting classes. If class size is small, each student can choose drawing or painting, or a little of both. If class size is large we will have the first half of the session drawing, the second painting. The drawing class is step-by-step, teacher directed, illustration type drawings. The painting class is individual work on student-selected whimsical paintings. The painting is more independent with suggestions and guidance from the teacher on how to develop the painting fully. Parents are also welcome to participate in this class.

This course is taught by Heather Sotack who has a B.A. degree in Art. She has been teaching step-by-step art classes for over six years now. She started teaching in the Monart Method at the Marietta Monart School of the Arts, and also managed the small school. Heather has taught AAEN homeschool group in Roswell and the GEC in Alpharetta. She does private lessons and creative arts summer camps at her home. She also designs and sells her own line of crocheted clothing.

Middle School Latin 2

Abbey Bogost

11-14

\$100

Min. 6; Max. 15

This is an intermediate level fast-paced course for middle grade students, covering Latin grammar, vocabulary, and Roman history and culture. Students will need to purchase the textbook Latin Prep 2. This is a continuing class and prospective new students should contact the teacher before enrolling: abbey@bogost.com. There will be a \$15 materials fee for the first session of the year.

Abbey Bogost is a homeschooling mom and former homeschooled student who studied Latin in high school and college. She has a B.A. in religion and in theater from the University of Southern California. This is her third year teaching Latin at LEAD.

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Jr. Great Books

Amy Curtis

Fourth grade reading level

\$85

Min 5; Max 15

Junior Great Books combines interpretive discussion and activities with outstanding literature to help all students learn to read for meaning and think critically. The method used in this program is called shared inquiry because the search for meaning in a story is a genuine investigation shared by everyone in the discussion, including the adult leader. Written and oral interpretive activities extend this structured search for meaning to every stage of the reading and writing process. Selections are carefully chosen to challenge the reader and to spark rigorous discussion. The stories are complex and multifaceted, allowing children and adults to ask questions about the story that are genuine and thought-provoking, the end goal being to "move students toward excellence in reading comprehension, critical thinking, and writing".

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Cooking with Chef Christy (seven weeks)

Christy Seelye-King

8+

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