

# ***Tuesday Classes***

9:00 AM

Fencing I

John Terris

8+

\$140

Min. 8; Max. 14

Fencing is a European-originated Olympic sport based on the art of sword play. For new students, classes will concentrate on providing an enjoyable epee/foil fencing experience, improving physical fitness, and creating the foundation needed to understand and appreciate the sport. More advanced, motivated students will have the opportunity to continue studying epee at a higher level. All participants should dress in loose, athletic clothing. Protective equipment will be provided each class.

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.

Challenges! Literature-Rich History

Sandra Williams

6<sup>th</sup> grade reading level and consultation with teacher

\$100

Min. 5; Max. 8

History is dynamic and exciting when you approach it with real books, compelling human stories, maps, timelines, and living history applications. This class is designed to encourage a love for reading as well as a love for history. We will focus on aspects of growing up such as finding courage, making decisions, overcoming hardships, etc. We will anchor each story on a timeline and on a map, and we will study the appropriate history, culture, and geography in some depth. The primary social studies goal will be to open the subject to students in ways that engage them in higher level thinking than textbooks generally do. Students who are not enthusiastic readers do not often experience the richness of historical study. They are stuck in the superficial layer of dates and names, and they miss the rich “you are there” aspect of learning that comes from a literary approach to history. Students who love to read are bored with textbooks that limit them to shallow understanding of events. Through literature, they are invited to experience history in a more personal way.

Students will meet to discuss books, examine maps, update personal timelines, and enjoy multimedia presentations. Some activities will be enjoying a typical meal, building structures, learning poems or phrases in the language, building dioramas, mapping routes or countries, and/or listening to music. Students will keep notebooks to document their work and to encourage organizational skills.

Students will read at least three living history books per ten-week session, organized around a “challenges” theme. For example:

Walk the World’s Rim (Early Spanish exploration of North America: An Indian boy discovers the African man whom he admires is a slave to a despicable Spaniard)

Genghis Khan and the Mongol Horde (13th Century Mongolia and Eastern Europe: Orphan boy conquers much of the known world)

Alexander the Great: (4th Century BC: Young Macedonian conquers much of Asia—but not himself)

Sandra Williams earned a BA degree in English, with a minor in History, from Georgia Southern College. She has taught history, chemistry, Readers’ Theater, and critical thinking at AAEN, Dunwoody Home School, and her home. She has homeschooled her son for 11 years, from first grade to college.

### 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](mailto: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.

## Advanced Beginner Spanish

Sarah Newton

5+

\$100 (\$10 discount for sibling)

Min 5

For children who have some knowledge of the Spanish language, and wish to learn more without starting back at the beginning. We will review basics, but move onto utilizing conversational skills, exploring Spanish speaking countries and their cultures, building vocabulary, strengthening listening skills, reading stories, playing games, and concluding with a fiesta! The class will be 50 minutes, \$10 per child sibling discounts apply, minimum 5 children.

Sarah Newton has a BA in Spanish from Central Michigan University, she completed her studies abroad at the Universidad de Guadalajara in Guadalajara, Mexico and the Universidad de Salamanca in Salamanca, Spain. She has taught English as a second language (ESL), translated documents for General Motors and has tutored privately for the last 5 years. She has lived in NY City, Washington DC and after moving to Georgia four years ago, she and her chef husband and two energetic boys have made Avondale Estates home. She enjoys traveling, reading and family time.

## Introduction to Music

Bill Realbuto

5-8

\$100 (includes materials)

Min. 2; Max. 10

Learning & exploring music is a vital part of a child's education. Studies have linked active music making with better language and math ability, improved grades, better-adjusted social behavior, and improvements in "special-temporal reasoning." This class is designed for students who have little to no experience on guitar. We will learn note reading, chords, & the basic techniques needed to be a great guitar player. Songs we will learn range from Beethoven – Beatles. Classes are fun & easy to follow. For students that don't already own a guitar, they can be rented for \$25. Take the guitar home to practice & have a great time exploring music.

Bill Realbuto is from the Key Music Center. Bill is a graduate of the Atlanta Institute of Music, has worked with Grammy nominated songwriter Don DuBose, wrote a song for the motion picture No Witness starring Corey Feldman, and has taught over 15,000 lessons.

10:00 AM

### Fencing (Private Lessons in 20 Minute Sessions)

John Terris

\$23 per lesson

Private fencing instruction for advanced level fencers (children and adults) to prepare them for competition.

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### Clay Mania I

Christine Tholl

3-6

\$110 includes all materials

Min. 4; Max. 10

Learn basic hand building techniques, pinch, coil and slab to create functional and sculptural works of art in clay. Students will create different projects and will be encouraged to explore their own ideas while learning about the possibilities of clay. Glazing and other surface treatments will be explored. (This course welcomes new and returning students as new projects will be covered.)

Christine Tholl has taught art classes at area art centers for the past 10 years and is currently co-owner of a local art studio and gallery. Her work is in private and public collections; she primarily works in clay, making functional and sculptural pieces.

### Guitar 101

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### Intermediate Strings

Barbara Robinson

Instructor Approval

\$150

Min 2; Max 6

Already play a stringed instrument? Join this class and we can make some music together! Learn to be an ensemble musician and how your instrument can blend with others in our practice together. Just bring your instrument, a folding stand and music you have. Last year’s students bring Essential Element Book and other music we worked on in class.

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### Beginning and Beyond Chess Instruction for Children

David Vest

6-12

\$120

Min. 3; Max 8

Students must know the basic rules of chess. Also, intermediate and advanced players are welcomed.

David Vest has been teaching chess to scholastic students for five years, working with well known coaches such as Lew Marin and Tim Brookshear. He is a National Master 1985, a 2008 state champion and a 2005/2006 state senior champion.

Sci Guys Science  
Christy Seelye-King  
5-8  
\$140  
Min. 6

These one-hour programs are themed around a particular area of science, are hands-on and inquiry-based, are in line with national, state and provincial science curriculum standards, and are led by trained, qualified and dynamic instructors.

Our very own Big Thinker Miz Wiz (Christy Seelye-King) will lead the program.

Most programs include take-home projects for more science fun!

<http://www.thesciguys.com/>

Classes offered by Christine Seelye-King. She is a Chef Instructor, Scientist (performing fun science presentations to kids ages 5-12 for Big Thinkers), and the co-founder of the Culinary Historians Society of Georgia. She returns for her 5th year as a LEAD instructor.

Christy served a chef's apprenticeship through the American Culinary Federation, and was the first woman to graduate from the program in the southeast in 1984. Additionally, she is an active member of The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. The SCA is an international organization dedicated to researching and re-creating the arts and skills of pre-17th-century Europe. Through that organization, she has national awards for service and arts, focusing on music and the culinary traditions and texts from that time period. She has also developed a curriculum program based on the food and feasting traditions of the Middle Ages and Renaissance for the SCA.

Swimming (half hour sessions 10:00-12:30)  
Boys' and Girls' Club Staff  
6-16  
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11:00 AM

Chien Hong Kung Fu

Gary Mitchell

6+

\$120

Min. 4; Max. 12

Chien Hong Kung Fu has a complete program for your child:

-The emphasis of this program is on establishing discipline and courtesy.

-Kung Fu builds confidence and character.

-Kung Fu also develops coordination and increases strength and flexibility.

Chien Hong Kung Fu is a popular style to teach young children/teens. The fun imitative animal movements aid the child/teen's development of mind and body. The Chinese Masters teach their students to avoid combat. Only if one cannot escape contact is the student to defend him/herself. Kung Fu is not violence, but a healing art. It is learning respect for others through learning self-respect. Students learn to master their emotions. Kung Fu originates in China and is the oldest of all the martial arts. During the past 40 years it has been a major part of the physical education program for elementary to high school students in China. It is practiced by children on a daily basis because of its health benefits. Kung Fu is the generic term used to describe the Chinese martial arts. It has been in existence for over 4,000 years and is the foundation for all other martial arts styles. There are many different styles taken from the movement of animals, birds, insects and even philosophical teachings. (Students may sign up for one or both classes each week.)

The instructor, Gary Mitchell, is a native Georgian with over 25 years experience martial arts experience. He studied under Sifu, Lin, Chien Hong in Taipei, Taiwan and has extensive knowledge of the Hung Gar system. He owns and operates the Chien Hong School of Kung Fu in Atlanta. If you have questions before registering, you may contact Gary directly at [sifu.mitchell@chienhong.com](mailto:sifu.mitchell@chienhong.com). Please refer to "LEAD homeschool group" if you contact him. Also, check out the school's website at [www.chienhong.com](http://www.chienhong.com). Students should wear a t-shirt and \*loose fitting\* pants to class. No jeans/cords or shorts, please.

## Clay Mania II

Christine Tholl

7-adult

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## Holiday Crafts (three weeks only)

Sarah Newton

all ages

\$30

Min. 4; Max. 10

In this class your child will make fun holiday-themed crafts items.

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Acting Fun  
Kay Rosenblum  
6-11  
\$80  
Min. 5

Express, explore, create! Develop acting skills through fast-moving fun and challenging theatre games. Participate in creative movement, vocal games and storytelling. Learn how to move on stage and stage terms. Performance for parents and friends the last day of class.

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.

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12:00 AM

American Girl

Christine Tholl

5+

\$85

Min. 4; Max. 10

Each week we will feature a different American Girl book and have a discussion about the book and time frame it takes place in. While discussing the book we will be working on an art/craft project related to the book or time frame. You do not need to have the doll but you may bring the doll or other dolls to class, nor do you need to purchase the book. I will have a list of the books we will read; the library has them so you may check them out. We will do many types of projects from needle work to doll making etc. I taught this class with Borders Books for years when my daughter was young; we had a lot of fun doing what I call the lost arts.

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## Math Mania (8 weeks)

Shawne Taylor

4-7

\$90 per student (\$80 for each sibling)

Min. 4; Max. 8

The focus of this class is on making math fun! Using games, tips, tricks and more, we'll learn to have fun with addition and subtraction and find practical applications for everything we cover.

All materials for class -- paper, pencils, folders, etc. will be provided

Class is led by Shawne Taylor, long-time homeschooling mom, LEAD member and certified yoga instructor. Shawne has over 5 years experience teaching yoga to kids of all ages, and has offered this class many times during past LEAD sessions.

## Improvisation and Comedy Skits

Kay Rosenblum

12-16

\$80

Min. 5

Endless improv! What could be better? Oh, maybe some comedy skits thrown in just for fun. Whether you're an old pro or never tried it, improv is here just waiting for you to stretch that imagination and try for the unexpected. Develop characters, dialogue, and the strangest scenes possible.

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## Physical Science

Kaya Mason

Grades 7-12

\$150

Min.5; Max. 25

This course is a continuation of Physical Science. Physical Science is a course designed to enhance basic concepts and skills of chemistry and physics that are considered foundational in these disciplines. Content focuses on scientific facts, concepts, principles, theories, and models that are important for scientific literacy. Each class will interactively cover a specific concept with lecture, presentation, demonstrations and laboratory investigation.

Kaya Mason, the instructor, is a home schooling mom and former public middle/high school educator. Kaya has taught in both states Georgia and Alabama for a total of 12 years. Her teaching style is 4MAT certified, in which all learning styles are acknowledged and reached. She is also a Licensed Massage Therapist of 7years and currently practices in GA and AL. She is a member of ASIM (Alabama science in motion), AMTA (American massage therapist association), and Atlanta Chapter of USGBC (united states green building council).

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