



Summer Explorations 2024



Adventure Awaits

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATIONS

Summer Explorations courses will be held at **Overland Trail Middle School**, 6201 W 133rd Street Overland Park, KS 66209

Summer Environmental Workshop courses will be held at **Blue Valley Wilderness Science Center**, located behind **Blue Valley Middle School**, 5001 W 163rd Terrace Overland Park, KS 66085

SUMMER PROGRAM DATES & TIMES

Summer Explorations courses are offered in 3 different sessions and will run from 8:45 – 11:45 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Session 1: June 3-6

Session 2: June 10-13

Session 3: June 24-27

*Please note that we will **not** be having a session the week of June 17-20*

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for summer programs begins on March 18, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. and will close on April 3, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. For additional information about these courses, please contact Terrie Farrell at 913-239-4246.

Be sure to have course numbers when you register. Please use [Blue Valley ParentVUE](#) to register students for courses. Additional information for registering is included at the end of this packet. **Students enroll for the grade they will enter in the fall of 2024.**

The payment window will open on April 10, 2024, and it will close on May 1, 2024.

ATTENDANCE

Any student who will miss more than two (2) days of class should not enroll. Students will be dropped from the roster after two (2) missed classes and will not be eligible for a refund. Any cancellations after the fee payment due date may result in an administrative fee.

OTHER INFORMATION

Summer programs are financially supported through student tuition. Registration is not complete until payment is received. Payments are made **after** the registration window closes. Students with outstanding fees may be removed from class rosters beginning on May 2, 2024. Fees are not adjusted for free/reduced lunch status.

Programs may have wait lists based on content, facilities, equipment, and teacher availability. For additional information about the wait lists, contact Terrie Farrell at 913-239-4246.

All courses are contingent on the minimum enrollment (six students) and availability of staffing.

HEALTH CONCERNS

A school nurse will be available in the building if your student should need medical attention. Please refer to the district guidelines for [Disease and Symptom Exclusion Recommendations/Regulations 2023-2024](#) on the Blue Valley website for more details.

CLOSED/CANCELED COURSES

Updated April 9, 2024

Registration for Summer Exploration courses ended on April 3.

Families with students in courses that were canceled have been contacted to discuss options for their student(s). No new student registrations are being accepted at this time.

Closed classes have reached their registration capacity; students placed on a waitlist may be offered a spot after the payment window has closed.

Canceled classes are no longer being offered.

NOTE: CLOSED/CANCELED is noted next to the Course # under the Course Description.

To request a student be placed on the waiting list for a closed course, please contact Terrie Farrell at tfarrell@bluevalleyk12.org or call 913-239-4246. In the message, be sure to include the course title, course number, student's full name, and a contact number to reach you.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Adventures in Dungeons and Dragons

This course revolves around team building, critical thinking, and creative problem solving. Adventurers will team up with their peers and tackle an epic adventure where their choices will shape the outcome of their journey. Come visit vast cities teeming with colorful characters; explore ancient, ruined cities and discover the secrets left dormant from ages long passed. Bring your pencils, dice, and your imagination.

NOTE: This course is a 3-week session, and students are required to attend all 3 weeks.

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$240

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1-3: June 3-27 **Please note that we will **not** be having class the week of June 17-20*

Course#: **ESXP608**

Adventures in Printmaking

Students will explore a variety of printmaking techniques. Students will carve from linoleum blocks to make stamps, investigate textures in nature using ink, and see how recycled materials can be used to create art!

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP710 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP711 CANCELED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP712 CANCELED**

American Girl Doll Club!

At the American Girl Doll Club your child can expect to learn about a different historical doll each day and the time period they represent. Each day they will participate in a craft, a read aloud, play time with their dolls, and games! At the end of the week there will be a tea party for the kids and dolls! Don't worry if your child doesn't have an American Girl Doll. There will be plenty of extras to play with.

Grade level: 1-5

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP528 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP529**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP530**

Are You a Poet and Don't Know It?

Have you ever wished you could write like a poet? This course will allow you to listen, enjoy and examine different styles of poems such as silly, concrete, blackout, and bio poetry. You will also have opportunities to produce multiple types of poems of your own. Bring your creativity and word play skills and let's become authors!

Grade level: 3-5

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP713 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP714 CANCELED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP715 CANCELED**

Bite-Sized Bites

Students will spend the day learning how to cook! We will teach the basics of measuring and kitchen safety while learning to create fun and delicious foods. Students at the end of the week will go home with a recipe book they have made.

NOTE: Sessions are grade-level specific

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Grade level: 1-2

Course#: **ESXP716 CLOSED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Grade level: 3-4

Course#: **ESXP717 CLOSED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Grade level: 5-6

Course#: **ESXP718 CLOSED**

Breakout of Summer Boredom

Does your student love working with a team to solve a problem? Then this is the summer adventure for them! Each day, we will work together using the Breakout EDU breakout boxes to uncover and decode different clues, solve puzzles, and unlock the mysteries of the day. The students will use both the hands-on boxes and digital breakout activities to enhance their problem-solving skills, engage their learning, and boost their confidence in solving the puzzles with their peers.

Grade level: 4-6

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP628**

Cardboard Constructions

Join this class to build large and small sculptures out of cardboard. We will be constructing dream homes that are the perfect size for pets, fantastic large masks, and other construction challenges. Students will learn cardboard building techniques to help them construct, add texture, and have fun!

Grade level: 5-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP719**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP720**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP721**

Clay Creations: Exploring Artistic Expression Through History

Students will learn to create fun and distinctive pieces of art made from clay. They will also get a short background in art history that will facilitate their creativity.

NOTE: This course is a 3-week session, and students are required to attend all 3 weeks.

Grade level: 1-5

Fee: \$240

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

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Course#: **ESXP722 CANCELED**

Crafty Yoga Kids

In this class, students will learn yoga moves and calming techniques to help them regulate their emotions through movement, all while having fun.

Grade level: 1-3

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP631 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP632**

CSI: Forensics Basics

This course serves as an introduction to forensic science and crime scene investigation, covering the fundamental principles, methods, and techniques used in the investigation of crimes. Students will explore eyewitness basics, fingerprinting, impression evidence, hairs and fibers, blood basics and culminate the week with a crime scene investigation. The course emphasizes hands-on laboratory activities, case studies, and practical applications of scientific methods.

Grade level: 7-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP726**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP727**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP728 CANCELED**

DIY Do It Yourself Design and Decorating

Bedroom decorating projects that will make kids smile and add cheer to their room! Can't remember where your special drawing went? A magnet board to the rescue! Don't know what to do with the picture of your cat? A picture frame to save the day! Join us as we DIY designs and decorating for your bedroom!

Grade level: 1-2

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP729 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP730**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP731**

Elephant and Piggie's Summer Adventure

Join us for a fun-filled summer camp inspired by Mo Willems, the author of the beloved Elephant and Piggie book series. Campers will have the opportunity to read, act out, and dress up as their favorite characters from these books and more. They will also engage in various activities such as dancing, drawing, coloring, and pretend play to enhance their imagination and creativity. Come and make new friends and lasting memories.

Grade level: 1-3

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP732**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP733**

Engineer Challenge!

Prepare to plan, design, and build for the egg drop and marble maze challenge! Students can work together or alone to save their egg from the drop and get their marble through a maze!

Grade level: 4-5

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP735**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP737**

Exploring Kansas Habitats at WSC Grades 1-2 (5001 W 163rd Ter. Stilwell, KS)

Students will participate in a variety of activities that increase awareness and appreciation for the natural environment. Students will have an opportunity to investigate the prairie, study the forest, and learn about the wetlands. We'll work in the WSC's butterfly garden while studying the garden's flowers and insects.

Grade level: 1-2

Fee: \$80

Location: Wilderness Science Center

Time: 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Session 2 **AM**: June 10-13 8:30-11:30 a.m. ***Please note times and location.**

Course#: **ESSES5**

Session 2 **PM**: June 10-13 1:00-4:00 p.m. ***Please note times and location.**

Course#: **ESSES6**

Exploring Kansas Habitats at WSC Grades 3-4 (5001 W 163rd Ter. Stilwell, KS)

Students will engage in a variety of outdoor activities exploring nature by studying the three main habitats at the WSC: forest, wetland, and prairie. Hands-on activities will energize and enhance their experiences.

Students will be interacting with nature through observations, journaling, collecting, recording, measuring, graphing, and hiking. This is an opportunity for students to practice and apply many of their science skills through an authentic outdoor learning experience.

Grade level: 3-4

Fee: \$80

Location: Wilderness Science Center

Time: 1:00-4:00 p.m. ***Please note times and location.**

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESSES2**

Football Talk

We will be discussing elements of football and what it offers. We will go through the following topics:

- how to play
- strategy
- life lessons
- fantasy football/strategy
- history

NOTE: This course is a 3-week session, and students are required to attend all 3 weeks.

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$240

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

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Course#: **ESXP738 CANCELED**

Frosting Frenzy

Join us in the sweet art of baking and decorating! We will learn cake decorating techniques, baking secrets, and end class with a cupcake wars showdown.

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP739 CLOSED**

Future Scientists

Do your kiddos love science and hands-on experiments? Then this class is for them! We will dig into some new, fun science experiments each day! Some experiments will include slime making, elephant toothpaste, creating lava jars and snow, magic inflating balloons, objects sinking vs. floating, and many more!

Grade level: 2-3

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP448 CLOSED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP449 CLOSED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP450 CLOSED**

Games Galore

It is important for students to stay fit and keep moving through the summer. What better way to do that than to come play all of their favorite PE games and more.

Grade level: 1-5

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP400 CLOSED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP401 CLOSED**

Harmony Bridge

Students will experience the fun of playing their band instruments in small ensembles along with bridging generations by performing for the elderly community. The class is available to enroll in multiple weeks if desired; there will be a performance at the end of each week. If enrolling in multiple weeks, students will have the opportunity to perform in different small groups and play different pieces than played in previous weeks. The students will become better players, learn leadership and team building skills and understand the joy of sharing their music with others — all of which will carry over into their school bands!

NOTE: This course is only available to students entering 7th or 8th grade band and have their own instruments

Grade level: 7-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP831 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP832 CANCELED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP833 CANCELED**

Health & Happiness: Small Changes, Big Impact!

Students will identify and practice making small adjustments in their daily routines that can greatly benefit their health! By getting our heart rates up in lively activities and games, practicing mindfulness, and meeting new friends, this fun-filled course will focus on prioritizing YOU!! We will have a party the last day of each week and make yummy snacks that have health in mind. Lace up your tennis shoes and join us for an entertaining week!

Grade level: 5-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP743 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP744 CANCELED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP745 CANCELED**

Hitting the Nail on the Head! Creating Unique Pieces of Art w/Thread

Something adaptable for all age groups! Students will utilize wood, nails, string/thread and hammers to create beautiful masterpieces of art. The sky is the limit...create favorite characters, personal drawings, or geometric designs all from four materials! Each student will be independently creating their own choice of artwork and depending on grade level or skill ability will dictate the level of involvement from the teacher (aka...who will do the hammering?? Younger students may opt for paper thread creations or for the teacher to do the hammering).

Grade level: 1-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP746**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP747**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP748**

Ink & Imagination Society

Welcome to the "Ink & Imagination Society," where the art of literary analysis intertwines with the magic of creative writing. This club is a haven for those who are passionate about discussing their favorite stories and crafting some of their own.

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP749 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP750 CANCELED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP751**

Journaling, Doodling, and Zentangling for Academic Success

Every week, or over three weeks, learners will gather to self-set SMART goals and research a topic of personal interest, culminating in a portfolio of written work samples and products.

Grade level: 5-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP752 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP753 CANCELED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP754**

Jumping to 8th Grade Algebra (Incoming 8th Graders ONLY)

This course is intended for students who did not take Advanced Math in 7th grade but wish to take Algebra 1 as an 8th grader. Concepts will include rational and irrational numbers, applications of the Pythagorean Theorem, volume, and surface area of three-dimensional objects, including pyramids, cones, and spheres. By successfully completing this course, 7th grade Integrated Math students will be prepared for Algebra 1 their 8th grade year.

NOTE: This course is a 3-week session, and students are required to attend all 3 weeks.

Grade level: 8th grade only

Fee: \$240

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1-3: June 3-27 **Please note that we will **not** be having class the week of June 17-20*

Course#: **ESXP88**

Junior Chef Adventures: Exploring Food, Crafting, and Cooking

Welcome to Junior Chef Adventures! This fun-filled course introduces kids to the joys of cooking through a blend of storytelling, crafting, and hands-on kitchen adventures. Each session begins with an engaging story or craft related to food, followed by exciting cooking activities where kids learn essential culinary skills. As the course progresses, students develop their own recipes, culminating in a personalized recipe book to take home. Join us for a delicious journey where creativity and culinary skills collide!

Grade level: 2-3

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP755**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP756 CLOSED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP757 CLOSED**

Junior Naturalist Training at WSC Grades 5-6 (5001 W. 163rd Terr. Stilwell, KS) Incoming Incoming 5th and 6th grade students have an opportunity to learn as a Wilderness Science Center Junior Naturalist. To fulfill that role, students will engage in many outdoor skills while studying ecology, biology, and environmental science. Students will learn to identify Kansas plants and animals, their special adaptations, and examine how they interact with each other at the Wilderness Science Center. The activities will include reading the land by looking for clues, interpreting their findings, and drawing conclusions about the flora and fauna of Kansas. Students will have the option to return the week of June 10th to help with a 1st/2nd grade session for one day.

Grade level: 5-6

Fee: \$80

Location: Wilderness Science Center

Time: 8:30-11:30 a.m. ***Please note times and location.**

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESSES1**

Just Sew It

Students will discover and practice how to do four unique hand stitches in order to create fun and exciting sewing projects. The first day of class will be learning the basics of sewing and tools. Students will create a simple sewing project on the first day and progressively improve their sewing skills by creating more innovative and exciting pieces. Students will learn new skills and develop positive friendships with their peers throughout each lesson.

Grade level: 5-7

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP568**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP569**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP570 CANCELED**

Knitopia

We will learn basic knitting (Knit 1, Pearl 2, etc.) stitches and apply them to projects in class. We will work on creating knitted jewelry, potholders, and room décor to name just a few. The colors of yarn can be used to represent your favorite color, combination of colors or favorite sports team!!

Grade level: 3-6

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP758**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP759**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP760**

Let's Code with Python

Discover how cool coding can be in this introduction to the world of text-based programming in Python. Begin your exploration using a graphics based, simple and fun approach to learning to code.

NOTE: This course is a 2-week session, and students are required to attend both weeks.

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$160

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1-2: June 3-13

Course#: **ESXP761**

Let's Get Dramatic

Come join us for a magical undersea adventure this summer! We will sing, dance, act, and even craft our way through the classic children's story, The Rainbow Fish. Every child will have the chance to shine as they learn theatre basics, participate in fun activities, and work together to put on their very own show! Activities will vary slightly by week so sign up for one or all three sessions.

Grade level: 1-3

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP762**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP763 CANCELED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP764 CLOSED**

Let's Roll! (Bowling Camp)

In this class, we will explore different bowling terms, techniques and scoring all while participating in fun variations of bowling games! Ten pin bowling is just the beginning! Bowling is a fun sport for everyone and provides an awesome opportunity for active learning. After exploring a variety of fun bowling games, we will conclude the week with a cosmic rock and bowl party! Let's get to striking!!

Grade level: 1-4

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP765 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP766 CANCELED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP767**

Let's Travel Around the World

Students will have fun practicing their Spanish while visiting a different country in the world each day. They will do crafts, sing songs, and play authentic games. All in Spanish!

Grade level: 1-3

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP768 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP769 CANCELED**

Logic Madness

If you love rigor and challenges, stretch your thinking through logic puzzles! Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills through a variety of logic-based games: variations of Sudoku, logic elimination grids, visual/spatial reasoning games, and more! Throughout the week, students will explore various games and choose their favorites through a bracketed challenge.

NOTE: Sessions are grade-level specific

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Grade level: 2-3

Course#: **ESXP771**

Session 2: June 10-13

Grade level: 4-5

Course#: **ESXP772**

Session 3: June 24-27

Grade level: 4-5

Course#: **ESXP773**

Mandarin Marvels: A Summer of Language and Culture Exploration

Welcome to our Chinese Summer Camp - a vibrant journey into the heart of Chinese culture and Mandarin! Immerse your child in the wonders of China as they explore diverse cities, traditions, and flavors. Embark on an unforgettable and captivating Cultural Odyssey with our SiChuan Opera-Face Changing, a mesmerizing display of skill. Delve into the secrets of crafting mouthwatering dim sum through hands-on sessions. Experience the Tea Ceremony Elegance, learning the delicate art and rich history of this time-honored tradition.

NOTE: This course is only available to current Chinese Immersion students

Grade level: 3-4

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP774 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course# **ESXP775 CANCELED**

Name that Tune Strings!

We will play our instruments and learn songs that you know! From Disney to superheroes to pop songs, we will play it all! This class is for students who have been playing their stringed instrument for at least 1 year and have their own violin, viola, cello, or bass.

Grade level: 5-7

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP780 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP781**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP782 CANCELED**

Physical Computing: Making Computers Connect to the Physical World

There are devices that can extend your computer into everyday objects! This is physical computing. You will have a chance to make a playdough piano and a paper game controller.

Grade level: 4-6

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP783 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP784 CANCELED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP785 CANCELED**

Piano Summer Jam 2024

Have you wanted to learn piano? This Piano Summer Jam 2024 course will get you familiar with the piano in a group setting. Up to 12 friends can learn the basics of the piano in a keyboard lab setting. There will be a beginner, intermediate and advanced course this summer. Each course will take one week and will cover different goals including jazz improvisation, learning popular songs, playing chords, playing in a band, note reading, programming, using your computer/iPad with a keyboard, and much more!

NOTE: Sessions are skill-level specific

Grade level: 1-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Skill level: **Beginner**

Course#: **ESXP786 CLOSED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Skill level: **Intermediate**

Course#: **ESXP787 CANCELED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Skill level: **Advanced**

Course#: **ESXP788 CANCELED**

Ping Pong with Star Kids

Students will be in constant motion as they learn the basics of ping pong and improve their skills through practice and play. This will be an exciting and engaging experience for students allowing them to advance to a level where they can compete with others.

Grade level: 4-6

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP520 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course# **ESXP521 CLOSED**

Public Speaking: Debate/Lawyer in Training

For students who may be interested in debate club, or have future aspirations of becoming a lawyer, we will work on developing public speaking and reasoning skills.

Grade level: 5-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP789 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP790**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP791**

Puzzle Pros: Brain Teasers, Puzzles, and Problem Solving

In this dynamic course, we will dive into the world of brain teasers and puzzles to enhance critical thinking and logical reasoning. Our engaging sessions will offer a mix of classic and modern challenges, as well as ranging from visual to kinesthetic activities. Join us for a fun-filled summer where participants not only unravel puzzles but also develop essential problem-solving skills for real-life scenarios. Become a true Puzzle Pro with us!

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP792**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP794**

ReThread Revolution

Dive into the world of sustainable creativity in our ReThread Revolution sewing class! Transform discarded treasures into unique items such as blankets, pillows, accessories, and decorations. Join us in stitching a greener, more stylish tomorrow!

Grade level: 7-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP796**

Science in Action!

This course is the ultimate science experience. Each day will bring a new focus, designed around the Four Elements – Earth, Water, Wind, and “Fire”. From experiments and activities related to forces and chemistry and beyond, students will be up and moving around experiencing Science in action! We will be building, testing, designing, getting creative, getting messy, and exploring all of what this world can teach us.

Grade level: 3-5

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP798 CLOSED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP799**

Sew Chic Felt Workshop

Explore the art of sewing with felt in this fun-filled hands-on course! From crafting vibrant felt flower arrangements to hand embroidered accessories, students will walk away from this course with decorative keepsakes and valuable sewing skills.

Grade level: 7-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP803 CANCELED**

STEAMing into Summer

Each day, we will take a science topic (sun, space, water, clouds, insects, animals, etc.) and work in a variety of activities - art, crafts, science experiment, reading, writing, music, math, discussion, and physical movement.

Grade level: 1-2

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP690 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP691**

Strategic Minds: Board Game Adventures for Critical Thinking and SEL

Explore the world of strategic thinking and social-emotional learning in our board game class. Through engaging gameplay, students will develop critical thinking skills, teamwork, and emotional intelligence. From classic board games to modern strategy games, this class provides a fun and interactive environment for young minds to thrive. Get ready for a journey of tactical decision-making and meaningful social connections!

Grade level: 4-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP804 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP805**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP806**

Summer STEM Camp: Discover, Create, Innovate!

In this engaging and interactive course, students will embark on an exciting journey into the world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Through hands-on experiments, collaborative projects, and creative challenges, young learners will explore the wonders of STEM and develop essential skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork.

Grade level: 1-2

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP810 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP811 CANCELED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP812 CLOSED**

Tactile Poetry!

Wait...writing? FUN? YES! Create and learn about poetry in a fun and hands-on way! Your student will learn elements of poetry like meter, rhyme, imagery, and more in an engaging way while creating poetry through art, projects, and crafts. This course is great for both hesitant and experienced writers (or anyone in between) and is a perfect way to get your student excited about the unique and wonderful world of poetry. It really is for everyone!

Grade level: 3-5

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP813 CANCELED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP815 CANCELED**

The ABC's of Emotion

The ABC's of Emotion delves into the fascinating world of emotions, their connections with thoughts and behaviors, and essential coping skills to navigate life's challenges.

Grade level: 5-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP816 CANCELED**

The Art of Storytelling

Do you dream of becoming a renowned author or simply love getting lost in captivating stories? Our creative writing course is tailor-made for you. Embark on a literary journey where we guide you in crafting a compelling short story from beginning to end. Dive into the secrets and techniques employed by celebrated authors and unravel the magic behind their words. Discover how the synergy of art and language can breathe life into your narratives. Join us to cultivate and refine your creative writing skills, all while having a blast along the way!

Grade level: 6-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP819 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP820 CANCELED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP821 CANCELED**

Wave of Board Games!

This course will offer all kinds of board games. Some of the games are the old-time classics, but we also offer new games to try out.

Grade level: 2-5

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP704**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP705 CANCELED**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP706 CANCELED**

Web Design – Build & Code Websites!

Students will learn to code websites using HTML and CSS coding skills in a fun and exciting environment. This course is perfect for beginner or novice web designers as it allows for self-exploration and the ability to track their progress daily.

Grade level: 5-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP822**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP823**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP824**

When Giants Walked the Earth: A Brief History of Dinosaurs

In books, movies, and our imaginations, dinosaurs have always been some of the most amazing creatures nature ever saw. For thousands of years, we never knew about the Giants that walked the Earth long before us. Learning about their story reveals an amazing scientific journey through time, shows how beautiful and diverse life can be, and just how quickly it can all fall apart. This course will briefly cover the dawn of the first true dinosaurs as well as how the science of paleontology has allowed us to look into the past. We will delve into the three great time periods when dinosaurs ruled the Earth - the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous, while meeting many of the popular dinosaurs seen in movies, such as Stegosaurus, Triceratops, Brontosaurus, and we will spend special time learning about the true King of the dinosaurs - Tyrannosaurus Rex. Lastly, we'll learn about the extinction of the dinosaurs from an asteroid that impacted the Earth 66 million years ago and learn about the only dinosaurs that survived and still share the Earth with us today - birds!

Grade level: 7-8

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP825 CANCELED**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP826 CANCELED**

Wild About Art!

Welcome to the wild and wonderful world of Wild About Art! Get ready to unleash your creativity and embark on a paw-sitively amazing artistic journey. In this course, students will dive into the captivating world of animals and habitats through the exploration of various art techniques and bring their imaginations to life on paper.

Grade level: 2-4

Fee: \$80

Location: Overland Trail Middle School

Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m.

Session 1: June 3-6

Course#: **ESXP828**

Session 2: June 10-13

Course#: **ESXP829**

Session 3: June 24-27

Course#: **ESXP830**

Registration and Enrollment Directions

Please note that registration and enrollment are two separate steps. Enrollment is not complete until payment is made. Payments cannot be made until the registration window closes. Classes that do not meet the minimum number of six (6) paid students enrollments will be cancelled. Parents will be notified if this occurs and given the opportunity to select another class. Please **DO NOT use a cell phone to register your student.*

STEP 1 (3/18/24 – 4/3/24)

1. Go to the [Blue Valley website](#) and select **I am a parent**.
2. Enter your Username and Password to access your account.
3. Select Course Request from the HOME screen.
4. To begin selecting your course offerings you will need to select the blue box at the bottom of the screen that says, “Click here to change course requests”.
5. You are ready to start searching for course options. You can do this in one of two ways:
 - Type the **Course Title** in the search field, the available matching courses will display or
 - Type the **Course ID** in the search field, the available matching course will display.
6. You are now ready to make your selection. On the desired course, click “Add Request”.
7. **DO NOT** click “Add Alternate”, as we are not accepting alternate choices in the summer.
8. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 until you have entered your desired summer course requests.
*It is **IMPORTANT** you **do not** use the Back button in your browser, please use the buttons within the program.
9. When you have completed selecting your course(s), select “Logout” in the upper right corner.
10. Payment is **NOT** due at this time. The fee payment window will open April 10 – May 1.
11. If you have multiple students, you will need to complete this process for each student individually.

STEP 2 (4/10/24 - 5/1/24)

1. Go to the [Blue Valley website](#) and select **I am a parent**.
2. Enter your Username and Password to access your account.
3. Select “Fee” from the menu.
4. Click on “Pay Fees”.
5. Click on “Add” for summer courses.
6. Click on “Checkout” in the bottom right corner. This takes you to the “Finalize Fee Payments” screen, click “Checkout” in the bottom right corner again to make payment.
7. To confirm that payment has been made, click “Fee” from lefthand column to show the “Fee Summary” page, look under the heading “Paid Fees” to see fee status which will show “Paid in full”.