



The gift of learning

Holidays 2013

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Programs for youth in Grades 3 to 8

Math club

Math is fun! Hang out with us this winter for our multi-level program to enhance mathematical skills while working in a collaborative, hands-on environment that encourages critical thinking. Build, design and solve real challenges for the fun of learning.

Session 1: Thursdays, Jan. 9 to 30, 5 to 7 p.m.

Session 2: Thursdays, Feb. 6 to 27, 5 to 7 p.m.

\$99 per person

March Break camps

Youth University is offering a week of exciting programs while school is out. With a selection of three camp themes daily, whether it's building the ultimate Lego robot, creating your own comic strip or completing scientific challenges, we have something that will pique your child's interest.

March 10 to 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$35 per camper per day, \$165 per week

Summer enrichment camp

Youth University is the place to be in the summer. It combines exciting discovery sessions, it's taught in university labs and classrooms with adventurous recreation and it's designed to motivate campers to be active. Participants can choose from over 50 themes designed to be fun, engaging and which inspire young people to be curious about the world around them.

June 30 to Aug. 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$155 per week

Programs for families

Epic engineering

Does your family like to design and build things? Experiment with physics, complete a towering design challenge and learn how the professionals solve complex engineering tasks. Work as a family with real materials and specialized software to become truly epic engineers. Open to moms, dads, grandparents, caregivers and children in Grades 3 to 8.

Saturday, Jan. 25, 1 to 4 p.m., \$5 per person

Programs for adults

Mentorship in photography

Bring your skills to class and have a mentor guide you to new photographic heights. Whatever subjects you shoot, this course will help you realize your goals. Here the mentor will encourage the learner into change, provoking a different way of thinking. This is for serious photographers with a DSLR that wants to further their knowledge and would like more one-on-one training. Enrolment is limited, so register early.
Thursdays, Jan. 30 to March 6, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$175 per person

DSLR basics

Are you interested in getting the very best results with your DSLR camera? Focus on gaining familiarity with the key features of your camera to help you improve your photography skills. Learn to progress from the camera's "Auto" mode using a variety of factors, including shutter speed, aperture and ISO sensitivity. Beginners will gain a grasp of the basics with easy-to-understand explanations of the features and design of digital single-lens reflex cameras.
Mondays, March 17 to 31, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$75 per person

Street photography: Capture moments in your city

Street photography is a reflection of everyday life — real expressions of public places and spaces that people visit every day: the street where you live, the local flea market, the abandoned barn. In this course you'll learn to take candid pictures of things that you don't notice in daily life. We'll alternate field trips and in-class critique. Each field trip will involve a new challenge to introduce you to new photography techniques.

Thursdays, May 1 to 15 and Sundays, May 4 to 11, 6 to 8:30 p.m./2 to 4 p.m., \$150 per person

Sketching with pencil

Let your pencil come alive in this course for novice, intermediate or experienced sketchers. Each week will present a new sketching or learning exercise that will provide a finished pencil drawing with a variety of subjects. Techniques of line, shading, proportions and positive and negative shapes will be discussed and applied. A material list will be supplied to registrants prior to class.

Mondays, Feb. 24 to March 24, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$125 per person

Portfolio workshop

Create a memorable portfolio or refine an existing one by covering the basics of design and organization including choice of materials, graphic design and a winning cover. You'll review a variety of styles and learn how to improve your own and make it notable. This unique workshop is meant to enrich you as an artist and allow you to creatively showcase your skills. Please bring existing portfolios or work to class to share.

Saturdays, May 24 to 31, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, \$75 per person

Conversational Italian

Benvenuto in Italia! Italian is the language of art, classical architecture and Renaissance beauty. Study the language and envision the frescoes of the Sistine Chapel or the drawings of Leonardo da Vinci. Immerse yourself in Italian culture as you become familiar with basic conversational skills. This is an introductory level course; no previous exposure to the language is necessary.

Tuesdays, March 25 to April 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$99 per person

Conversational French

Whether you're interested in keeping up with the young ones in French immersion or you're leaving shortly on a holiday to a French-speaking destination, this course is for you. You'll have the opportunity to review vocabulary by theme and use the language by pairing with others in role-playing scenarios. Discussion and active participation are a must. Venez vous amuser et parlez français!

Thursdays, Feb. 6 to March 6, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$99 per person

Learn French

Are you looking to refresh your French language skills? This personalized and interactive introductory course brings learning to life as you become comfortable with the language in a variety of practical situations. Using a conversational approach, this course covers written and spoken French and is for those looking to become more acquainted with the language.

Mondays, March 17 to April 28, 7 to 9 p.m., \$175 per person

Welcome to China — 中国欢迎您

Explore the beauty of the Mandarin language and get a taste of Chinese culture. This introductory course, offered through the Confucius Institute, combines basic conversational Mandarin along with workshops that provide an introduction to various Chinese traditions. Each week, you'll learn new words and phrases while gaining cultural knowledge through the art of tea, Chinese brush calligraphy, tai chi and cooking.

Tuesdays, Jan 28 to March 4, 7 to 9p.m. \$150 per person

Introduction to sign language

American Sign Language (ASL) is a beautiful and expressive language. This course will emphasize non-verbal communication as students learn basic vocabulary, sentence structure, facial expressions, signing parameters and other grammatical markers. Students will build basic expressive and receptive skills in ASL that will be reinforced by a variety of activities.

Wednesdays, March 19 to April 23, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$150 per person

Foraging the escarpment

If you have an interest in learning to forage for wild edible plants, join this one-day workshop. You'll be introduced to some of the many edible plants found on the Niagara Escarpment during the spring.

This class will help you identify both edible and poisonous plants in the field, ethical wild crafting and proper harvesting techniques.
Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$45 per person

Backyard astronomy

How often do you take the time to pause, look up and immerse yourself in the night sky? In this course, you'll explore the numerous wonders of the night sky using some simple, inexpensive equipment. Learn how to choose the right spot in your own backyard for stargazing and to identify the stars, planets and constellations.
Wednesdays, April 30 to May 28, 7 to 9 p.m., \$125 per person

Spirituality 101

This delightful series of workshops is designed to help you understand spirituality at a deeper level, learn to listen to your own intuition and develop your connection to spirit. You'll discuss the definition of spirituality, the nature of reality, meditation practices, developing intuition and daily practices to strengthen your connection to spirit. You'll also have the opportunity to share personal life examples and your own understanding. Everyone is welcome.

Thursdays, March 6 to April 3, 6 to 8 p.m., \$125 per person

Mountain biking Level 1

Entry-level mountain bikers will embark on an adventure. They will learn the fundamental skills to safely navigate the trails as you climb and descend the Niagara Escarpment, overcome obstacles such as roots, rocks and logs and learn shifting techniques to gain control over your bike. The basics of bike maintenance and repair will be covered. No experience is necessary. Please have a bike shop conduct a safety check on your bike before the course begins.

Wednesdays, May 7 to 28, 6 to 8 p.m., \$125 per person

Programs for adults

Up-cycling

The benefits of working with recycled materials are obvious; you save on materials, sourcing materials is accessible and you're re-using materials. This three-hour workshop will show you how to transform one person's junk into your own treasure worthy of display.

Thursdays, Feb. 13, March 20, April 17 6 to 9 p.m.,
\$25 per person per session or \$70 for all three

Learn the ukulele

Want to play some music at the next campfire or jam session, but don't want to carry around a large instrument? The ukulele is a four-string member of the guitar family that's becoming very popular in mainstream music and with music lovers looking to learn a new instrument. In this course, you'll learn the theory and basics of playing the "uke," such as picking and chords. You'll be sharing your tune in no time. Please bring your own ukulele and your enthusiasm.

Wednesdays, Feb. 12 to March 12, 6 to 8:30 p.m.,
\$125 per person

Unleash your inner poet

Want to learn more about spoken word poetry? This three-week workshop will introduce you to the rich history of the spoken word movement a by dissecting literary texts, analyzing performances, discussing conventions and drawing connections to previous literary movements. Students will learn poetic conventions, practices and skills in preparation to create and perform their own piece of work.

Thursdays, April 3 to May 1, 6 to 8:30 p.m., \$125 per person

Controversial book club

Why are some books taken out of the educational system and others not? In the first session of this club, you'll examine the social taboos that are present within *Lady Chatterley's Lover* by D. H. Lawrence. Learn how and why society censors books while you discuss the works of authors who challenge values and beliefs. Acquiring the book is at the discretion of the participant.

Thursdays, Feb. 27, March 27, April 24, 6 to 8:30 p.m.,
\$50 per person

Grammar refresher

Gain confidence as a writer by gaining a good command of grammar. You will learn how a mastery of basic grammar will help you express ideas clearly and avoid confusion. Through exercises and discussion, you will review and practise parts of speech, sentence structure, and punctuation, and learn to avoid common errors.

Wednesdays, March 19 to April 16, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.,
\$99 per person

Find your passion: opportunities in social innovation

More than ever, people are recognizing that a good job is more than just a good salary. Believing in the work you do is an important factor in quality of life and career search. This one-day workshop will explore the many opportunities available for us to follow our passions. It is possible to "do well and do good."

Monday, Feb. 24, 6 to 9 p.m., \$25 per person

Computer basics

Do you struggle with everyday use on the computer? This course begins with the basics, starting with an explanation on the difference between computer hardware and software. You'll learn the Windows operating system, including the start button menu, taskbar and desktop. Explore how to use My Computer, My Documents, Internet Explorer and much more. Each session will include a lab for students to have a hands-on learning experience.

Wednesdays, Feb. 12 to 26, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.,
\$99 per person

Excel essentials

For many, knowing how to use Microsoft Excel is an important job skill. Learn the tricks of the trade as we cover topics including basic spreadsheet concepts, workbook and file management, using formulas and functions, editing and formatting tools, and working with graphics and charts. Whether you are new to Excel or simply refreshing your skills, this course takes you step-by-step through your mastery of Excel.

Level I: Saturday, Feb. 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$125 per person

Level II: Saturday, March 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$125 per person

Level III: Saturday, March 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$125 per person

Microsoft Word

This course will help you navigate through Microsoft Word 2010 and learn the functions with which you may not be familiar. You'll learn how to create basic documents, format text and paragraphs, add tables, insert graphics and control page appearance. Whether you are new to Word or a seasoned user, there's always something to learn.

Level I: Saturday, March 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$125 per person

Level II: Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$125 per person

Level III: Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$125 per person

InDesign basics

Do you need to breathe life into your print media? Learn how to create strong foundations for creative page design, explore creative avenues and discover how to effectively use type to visually enhance your print media. Get ready to open a new world of creative graphic design you never thought possible.

Workshop: Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$75 per person

Course: Saturdays, Feb. 22 to April 5, 10 a.m. to 12 noon,
\$165 per person

Photoshop basics

Learn Photoshop in this exciting project-based course. Explore digital collage, manipulate and correct your images. Expand your digital horizons and stimulate creativity, beyond your imagination. Learn what the professionals know and create digital art using your own effects and personal brushes. Be prepared to experiment and be excited by all the possibilities this course has to offer.

Workshop: Saturday, Feb. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$75 per person
Course: Saturdays, Feb. 22 to April 5, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.,
\$165 per person

Web design basics — Introduction to HTML and CSS

Looking to build your own website or make changes to an existing one? This course introduces you to the nuts and bolts of HTML (Hypertext Markup Language), the basic programming language used to create web pages. You'll study how HTML is structured and learn about the major tags and features of the language. Discover how to format text and lists, add images and flow text around them, and link to other pages and sites. Additional tutorials will cover Cascading Style Sheets (CSS).

Workshop: Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$75 per person
Course: Wednesdays, April 23 to June 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.,
\$175 per person

Understanding social media

This course provides an overview of social media: its history, theories and the principles behind online communication. Through hands-on demonstrations of a variety of social and digital media tools, you'll discover how these tools are shaping modern communication and how to incorporate them into everyday business and personal communications.

Mondays, March 17 to 31, 7 to 9 p.m., \$99 per person

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