



OPEN SKIES

Classes + Community

Fall 2021 Catalog

The Fall 2021 term is ten weeks long. It runs from September 7th to November 19th with the week of October 19th-22nd off for Fall Break. Tuesday classes meet at Goodwill Baptist Church, 1001 S Main St, Midland. All other classes meet at the location stated in the class description.

Class cost is price for one learner to be in the class for the duration of the class.



| Tuesdays | | Wednesdays | | Thursdays | |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------|
| Session I | 9:50-10:40 | PE | 1:15-2:00 | Learning with the Experts | Times vary |
| Session II | 11:00-11:50 | Open Skies and Fresh Air | 2:15-3:00 | | |
| Lunch | 11:50-12:40 | | | | |
| Session III | 12:40-1:30 | | | | |
| Session IV | 1:50-2:40 | | | | |

Tuesday Classes

| Session I 9:50-10:40 | | Session II 11:00-11:50 | | Lunch 11:50-12:40 | Session III 12:40-1:30 | | Session IV 1:50-2:40 | |
|-------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|---------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|
| Shake, Rattle, and Roll | 3-6 | Little Learners | 3-6 | | What's Inside | 8-17 | Trivia Slam | 8-12 |
| Make your own Music | 5-8 | Watercolor Science | 5-10 | | Oh Say can you See | 8-12 | US History STEM | 8-17 |
| All about Engines | 8-17 | Oh Say can you See | 8-12 | | Real Recess | 5-17 | Real Recess | 5-17 |
| Watercolor Science | 11-17 | Fairy Tales Revisited | 11-17 | | | | | |
| Real Recess | 5-17 | Real Recess | 5-17 | | | | | |

Session I

Shake, Rattle and Roll

Facilitator: Bridgette Hunt

Target Age: 3-6 (age flexible at top end only)

Max Class size: 12

Class Cost: \$8

This class will be filled with music and movement! It's sure to be a good time as we learn while playing games, dancing, and singing. You will also get a chance to experiment with and create your own instruments. Get ready to shake, rattle, and roll!

Make Your Own Music

Facilitator: Krista Nile

Target Age: 5-8 (flexible only with facilitator approval)

Max Class size: 10

Class Cost: \$5

In Make Your Own Music, we will learn about musical instruments and how they work, then use our crafting skills to create our own version. Learners will gain an appreciation for music and instruments, as well as pride in creating their own to take home!

All About Engines!

Facilitator: Chris Putzel

Target Age: 8-17 (NOT flexible)

Max Class size: 15

Class Cost: \$20



Come find out how small combustion engines work! In this class we will learn about the parts of an engine and how they run, how to tear down an engine, put it back together, and make it run.

Watercolor Science

Facilitator: Janeen Guynn

Target Age: 11-17 (age flexible with facilitator approval)

Max Class size: 12

Class Cost: \$15

Each week in this exciting class we will learn about a scientific topic by creating watercolor artworks using watercolor pencils. We will delve deeper into the topic through hands on activities and experiments. The first five weeks we will study biology. Each week will be either a kingdom or domain of life. The second half of the course will focus on physical science, including electricity, magnetism, and forces.

Real Recess I

Facilitator: Amanda Schaffrina

Target Age: 5-17 (age flexible)

Max Class size: 20

Class Cost: \$5

Real Recess during first session will include access to the Imagination Area, where kids can create art in a variety of forms. They will also be able to play with numerous toys and games, from building sets to board and card games. Kids will be supervised in a room where they will have the opportunity to make friends, create, and play freely.

Session II

Little Learners

Facilitator: Heather Friesenhahn

Target Age: 3-6 (age flexible)

Max Class size: 12

Class Cost: \$5

Little Learners is a class for the youngest learners at Co-op. This will be a free-formed class versus a structured, sit down class. All of the activities will involve use of the five senses. Children use their senses to explore and try to make sense of the world around them. They do this by touching, tasting, smelling, seeing, moving and hearing. Sensory play helps language development, cognitive growth, fine motor skills and gross motor skills, problem solving skills and social interactions. We will have some messy, sensory play at some of our stations, but prior warning will be given.

Watercolor Science

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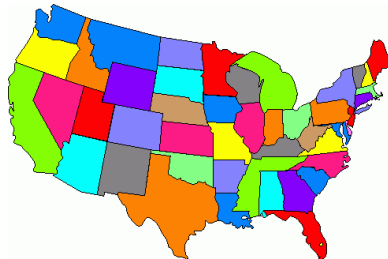
Oh, Say Can You See

Facilitator: Shannon Lawrence

Target Age: 8-12 (age flexible at top end only)

Max Class size: 12

Class Cost: \$5



This is an introductory class to the U.S. regions and states. Students will be introduced to/review the seven continents and basic map skills. We will virtually explore the United States, which is on the continent of North America and is divided into regions, and within those regions, states. Students will start to identify the states and state capitals (introductory-not mastery). Each week students will be participating in exciting hands-on activities, music, and literature.

Fairy Tales Revisited

Facilitator: Kristy Cain-Rudel

Target Age: 11-17 (flexible only with facilitator approval)

Max Class size: 12

Class Cost: \$5

Ever notice how twisted some fairy tales are? In this class we will listen to a podcaster who has tracked down the origins of fairy tales to discover what the true story is. We'll have class discussions and try to figure out just what was really going on with...

Real Recess II

Facilitator: Amanda Schaffrina

Target Age: 5-17 (age flexible)

Max Class size: 20

Class Cost: \$5

Real Recess during second session will walk down to the local park so we can play outside! Learners will be supervised as they play on the playground equipment, explore with our nature kit, or play with Open Skies outdoor toys, from soccer balls to sidewalk chalk!

Session III

What's Inside?

Facilitator: Kristy Cain-Rudel

Target Age: 8-17 (flexible only with facilitator approval)

Max Class size: 12

Class Cost: \$5

Have you ever wondered what is inside that old computer? Or how that old toaster works? Join us in the class to take apart old machines and electronics to discover what's inside.

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Real Recess III

Facilitator: Leadership team

Target Age: 5-17 (age flexible)

Max Class size: 60

Class Cost: \$5

This is an unstructured class. Each day kids will have the opportunity to either enjoy the activities in the Real Recess room or play at the local park with a variety of toys and equipment.



Session IV

Trivia Slam

Facilitator: Tristan Putzel

Target Age: 8-12 (flexible only with facilitator approval)

Max Class size: 12

Class Cost: \$5

Come join us for Trivia fun! Learners will work in teams to earn points answering fun trivia questions. Each week will have a different theme and participants will earn prizes.

US History STEM

Facilitator: DeeDee Putzel

Target Age: 8-17 (flexible only with facilitator approval)

Max Class size: 12

Class Cost: \$8

Come with us while we explore US History through STEM! All activities are centered around major events in US History. We'll have a short lesson, then complete a building challenge to go along with it. Students will gain a deeper understanding of historical events and engage in critical thinking while working in groups.

Real Recess IV

Facilitator: Leadership team

Target Age: 5-17 (age flexible)

Max Class size: 60

Class Cost: \$5

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Wednesday Classes

| Wednesdays | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| PE | 1:15-2:00 |
| Open Skies & Fresh Air | 2:15-3:00 |

PE

Facilitator: Shannon Lawrence

Target Age: All ages welcome!

Max Class size: 40

Location: Hogan Park

Class Cost: \$3

Join us each week for fun and games. We'll be playing a variety of outdoor games, from childhood favorites to crazy new versions of tag. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun and get exercise. Older siblings, teens, and parents who want exercise but don't want to play are welcome to create a walking club.

Open Skies & Fresh Air

Hosted by: Leadership team

Target Ages: All ages welcome!

Location: Hogan Park

Cost: Free

This is like a weekly park meetup. We'll meet by the playground at Hogan Park for socializing and outdoor free time.

Thursday Classes

Readers and Storytellers

Facilitator: George Bush Childhood Home

Target Age: All ages welcome!

Max Class size: 24

Location: George Bush Childhood Home

Class Cost: Free

DATES: Sept. 9th, Oct. 14th, Nov. 11th, Dec. 9th

TIME: 10:30 am

We've been invited to the George Bush Childhood Home to both present and attend the Readers and Storytellers program. Open Skies youth can bring or choose a book to read to kids attending the program, giving our learners the opportunity to practice fluency and be reading role models for others.

Bird Adventures and Beaks

Facilitator: Phil Salonek

Target Age: All ages welcome!

Max Class size: 24

Location: Sibley Nature Center

Class Cost: \$8

DATES: Sept. 16th

TIME: 10:00 am

We'll study a variety of birds at the Sibley Nature Center in this interactive class. Class will begin with a short lesson, then we'll have an activity, and we'll finish with a nature walk.

Candy making and Tour of Susie's South Forty

Facilitator: Susie Hitchcock-Hall

Target Age: All ages welcome!

Location: Susie's South Forty

Class Cost: Free!

DATES: Sept. 30th

TIME: 1:00 pm

Take a tour of Susie's South Forty, given by the owner/entrepreneur herself. Susie's South Forty has grown from a small 1,500-foot factory during its thirty-year lifespan into a 15,00 square foot facility. She takes pride in being able to give customers free tours and candy samples. During the tour, kids will see cooks hand make the candy and confections that Susies' is known for and will get to dip an oreo. After the tour, 3 oz bags of Texas Trash and Chocolate Rocks will be available for purchase for \$2.50 for individuals who want to take home a sweet reminder of the tour.

NOTE: Suzy requests that all cell phones are left completely alone during the tour and talks. She is happy to give tours for free, but requests that we be respectful of her time and not talk or text on a cell phone during the tour.

History and Air flight

Target Age: 5-17

Location: Commemorative Air Force Museum

Class Cost: Free!

DATES: Oct. 7th

TIME: 10:00 am

Created to acquire, restore, and preserve a complete collection of combat aircraft which were flown by all military services of the United States-still in flying condition, this museum is a wealth of both history and flight technology. Join us as we take a walk back through time on a tour of the Commemorative Air Force Museum.

