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Spring A 2015 Session
January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28
Class Brochure

Classes: 9:00AM-12:00PM

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****JANUARY16, 2015 – DEADLINE FOR SPRING A 2015 REGISTRATION**



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ABOUT SATURDAY SCHOOL FOR SCHOLARS & LEADERS

Saturday is not your usual day for school, and the participants in Saturday School program are not usual students. Our wide variety of enrichment classes are designed to challenge participants, K-8th grade. All classes are held on the downtown main campus under the supervision of the Department of Early Childhood Education. The diverse curriculum is structured to offer educational opportunities emphasizing leadership, scholarship and cultural awareness.

Application Process

Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders is designed to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented children. Students may either receive Provisional or Full admission.

Provisional Admission is offered to all students for 1 year. Students receiving provisional admission may register for classes, but have one year from the date of initial application to provide evidence of meeting the admission criteria. Students who do not provide this evidence within the year time limit will not be allowed to remain in the program.

Full Admission to the program requires meeting the specific criteria for admission at the time of first application. In order to receive full admission, all students must have:

- Test Scores indicating a 90th percentile or above on a nationally normed ability or achievement test, or an IQ of 120 or above.
- A recommendation by school personnel or the testing psychologist.
- The **recommendation** and **test scores** must be submitted with the **application** and **fee payment**. All four components must be received before applicants can be admitted.

Students who have attended previous Saturday School sessions do not have to resubmit test scores and recommendations.

Applications will be accepted by mail, fax or online at <http://education.gsu.edu/saturdayschool>.

Tuition Fee

The cost is **\$175** for the entire session, which consists of **five 3 hour Saturday classes**, to be paid in advance by check or money order (made payable to Georgia State University NOT Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders), or by credit card (VISA or Master Card). Please note that a **15% discount** is available to Faculty, Alumni and Students of GSU. Only one discount may be applied per class.

Registration/Cancellation Deadline

All applications must be received by January 16, 2015 you are encouraged to submit applications before the deadline. Applications are processed on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Please **include two alternative choices** because not every course listed in this brochure will be held due to minimum enrollment requirements. An application will be considered incomplete if all choices are not provided. If the preferred course is not available you will be automatically enrolled in the second or third choice. If all three of your choices are not available someone will contact you. **Cancellations** must be received in writing by the registration deadline, **January 16, 2015**, in order to receive a full refund, (minus a \$25 processing fee). For stop payments, there will be a returned check fee of \$25. Please allow up to six weeks to receive a check refund. There will be no partial refunds after the deadline or for missed classes.

Acceptance Confirmation

Confirmation letters will be mailed about ten days prior to the beginning of the session. Please feel free to call us if you wish to confirm earlier. Late registrations will not receive a confirmation letter and may call for a confirmation.

Photo Release

By completing the registration form, parents give permission to the Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders program, to take photos and videos of their child/(ren) for use in the program's promotional activities and on the program's website.

Spring A 2015 REGISTRATION CALENDAR

November 19, 2014 – Registration Opens for Spring A 2015 Session

January 16, 2015 – Registration Deadline for Spring A 2015 Session

January 31, 2015 – Spring A 2015 Session Begins

Classes have been divided according to grade level on the next page.

Following the class list, you will find the class descriptions in alphabetical order

CLASS LISTINGS FOR SPRING A 2015

Primary I (K-1)

Rocks, Minerals, and Crystals: Earth's Treasures*

Primary II (2-3)

Creative Computer Coding

Rocks, Minerals, And Crystals: Earth's Treasures*

Shark Frenzy

Youth Business Club*

Middle (4-5)

A Travel In The World Of Science

Acting & Movie Making*

Create A Kids Blog*

Do We Have Aliens In Our Bodies?*

Youth Business Club*

Upper (6-8)

Acting & Movie Making*

Adventures In Scratch Programming - Scratch Programming For Kids

Create A Kids Blog*

Do We Have Aliens In Our Bodies?*

Junior Scientists' Discovery Lab

Lego Robotics With Mindstorms NXT

Music And Politics

Social Skills & You

Primary I (PI) – Kindergarten and 1st Graders

Primary II (PII) – 2nd and 3rd Grades

Middle (M) – 4th and 5th Grades

Upper (U) – 6th, 7th and 8th Grades

-Classes are from 9am to 12pm-

**Indicates class may have mixed age/grade levels*

Course Descriptions

A TRAVEL IN THE WORLD OF SCIENCE (M)

Students will have fun with awesome hands-on science experiments and activities that help them take a journey through the exciting world of science from genetics to astronomy. Also, they will expand their knowledge, mind and interest in science. They will have a great variety of knowledge about chemistry, molecular biology, genetics, physics, optics, health, microbiology, astronomy and space. Each experiment will provide them with a deeper understanding about the world of the science. They will enjoy this course by making word scramble quizzes, watching scientific experiment videos, learning the biography of famous scientists, brain storming for science fair projects. Instructor: Emine Kazanc (Biology student) Middle (4 & 5)

ACTING & MOVIE MAKING (M,U)

Are you interested in acting, movie making, music videos, animation and other types of media projects? Then this is the class for you. Learn the basics of producing media programs and acting for appearing on camera. From ideas to scripts, recording to editing, designing to programs. You will work with small groups to create fun movies. On the last session there will be a Media Showcase where we can show class projects to an audience. The class video will be available via a private drop box account. Places... Ready.... Roll Camera... Action! Instructor: Frank Mastrogiacomo (Media Arts Teacher) Middle (4 & 5) & Upper (6, 7 & 8)

ADVENTURES IN SCRATCH PROGRAMMING - SCRATCH PROGRAMMING FOR KIDS (U)

Minecraft and STEM Programming Camps - Let your imagination run wild in this multimedia adventure. Create your own interactive stories, animated adventures, creative comics, and games. Learn drag-and-drop programming with Scratch (a project of the MIT media Lab). Computer characters are at your command! Take breaks with supervised outside play, sports, and techivities. Instructor: Samuel Bell (Technology & Engineering Teacher) Upper (6, 7 & 8)

Course Descriptions

CREATE A KIDS BLOG * (M & U)

Use your writing talents to bring a blog to life! This is your chance to become a writer for this five-week project. Discover the ins and outs of online publishing as you use Internet resources to create a blog just for kids and teens. You'll learn how to create unique, engaging stories. Through writing activities and games, you'll learn to write blog posts. You'll also develop your writing skills by working in a fun, interactive environment. Your work will culminate in a blog for young readers. Join us; we have a deadline to meet! Instructor: Karen Shabazz (Teacher, Masters of Education & Certified Gifted Educator). Middle (4&5) and Upper (6, 7 & 8)

CREATIVE COMPUTER CODING (PII)

Students will enhance their technology skills through understanding basic computer science and programming concepts using Hour of Code, an online course designed for children. Students will create programs to solve problems and develop interactive games and stories they can share. At the end of the course, students will display their own animation. Instructor: Dawn White (Technology Teacher) Primary II (2 & 3)

DO WE HAVE ALIENS IN OUR BODIES? * (M&U)

Every living thing is made of cells. Each student's eyes will be open to the wonder and marvel of the structure, function and characteristic of the cell. We will complete hands-on activities including a cell model, a multimedia presentation, oral presentation, gain study skills and complete high level research breaking down the modern cell theory and characteristics of the cell. We will also explore real world events and how they relate to the endosymbiotic theory. By experiencing science in a fun and interactive way, students will gain confidence, clarity and a general interest in exploring scientific topics. Instructor: Marcia Pecot (Science Instructor) Middle (4 & 5) & Upper (6, 7 & 8)

JUNIOR SCIENTISTS' DISCOVERY LAB (U)

This course is all about discovery, creativity and fun! Junior Scientists will develop basic scientific skills by performing interesting experiments and fun games. They will learn about basic principles of biological, chemical and physical science with interactive activities. They will also develop creative thinking and problem solving abilities while solving mysterious cases using scientific methods. Several topics about genetics, electricity, chemical reactions, energy, anatomy, and plant biology will be covered. Students will love science with this exciting course. Instructor: Seydanur Tikir (Biology Student) Upper (6, 7 & 8)

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Course Descriptions

LEGO ROBOTICS WITH MINDSTORMS NXT (U)

Learn how to use a blocks, motors, sensors and computer programming to make a simple robot navigate a course. Each week students will learn how to make the motors move, how to use the sensors, and how to program. Students will work with a partner. The class is geared more towards programming and less towards building. This is an introductory course for those with little or no Lego NXT Mindstorms experience. Class limit is 10. Instructor: Ileana Gonzalez (Lego Robotics Instructor) Upper (6, 7 & 8)

MUSIC AND POLITICS (U)

This class is about how music and artist of all genres have influenced politics. We will discuss past, and present music and artists that have influenced voting, political office and political decisions. The class will also discuss artists that have used their popularity and music to influence political decisions, calm political unrest, and those artists that created a voice for the people that made them the most popular. Instructor: Efraim Whitworth (Deputy Clerk) Upper (6, 7 & 8)

ROCKS, MINERALS, AND CRYSTALS: EARTH'S TREASURES (PI&PII)

Whether you like rocks or just appreciate the beauty of a colorful gemstone, this class has something for you. You'll learn to analyze and appreciate rocks and minerals by their characteristics, grow crystals, and research related topics that really interest you. Finally you will determine what makes things like gems valuable to humans. Students will create a final project composed of research and creativity to share at the open house. (Students will be expected to complete writing, illustration assignments and knowledge of basic computer literacy) A \$10 materials fee given to the instructor (checks payable to GSU) is required. Instructor: Patricia Smith (Educator, Fulton County Schools) Primary I (K & 1) & Primary II (2 & 3)

SHARK FRENZY (PII)

Let's dissect a real shark! Biology will come alive as we find out about the anatomy, habits, characteristics and legends of sharks. We will also explore the importance of sharks to our environment. Come and get into a frenzy about sharks! Instructor: Gail Boynton (Retired Gifted Program Educator, Gwinnett County Schools) Primary II (2 & 3)

Course Descriptions

SOCIAL SKILLS & YOU (U)

This class will address different ways to communicate to others for a productive life and happy lifestyle. It will address self-esteem and how to improve the way we see ourselves in every day real life situations. We will accomplish this through art, verbal discussions and role playing. Also we will include building blocks such as assertive training for choosing friends and healthy relationships that are rewarding and positive for our children. Instructor: Diane Sabin (Recreational Therapist) Upper (6, 7 & 8)

YOUTH BUSINESS CLUB* (PII & M)

Youth Business Club is a program that teaches children about business. They will learn about the real world of business: How to brainstorm for business ideas, marketing, business plans, ethics, budgeting and much more. Each child will leave with a great business idea, business cards, one page business plan and a business name. They will be ready to start their business with the option to participate in a business marketplace to sell their products and services. Instructor: Karrimah Muhammad (Program Director of Youth Business Academy) Primary II (2 & 3) Middle (4 & 5)

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Spring A 2015 APPLICATION FORM

For on-line registration go to our web-site <http://saturdayschool.education.gsu.edu>

Registration Deadline is January 16, 2015

Use this form to fax or mail

I have read and I accept the cancellation policy.

Student Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Emergency Contact Person (for Saturdays) _____

Emergency Telephone (Cell phone preferred) _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail 1 _____

E-mail 2 _____

Birth Date ____/____/____ Gender ____ Grade _____

Special Needs (food allergies, hyperactivity, etc.) _____

Previous Student: YES (quarter & year) _____ NO _____

School Name _____

Public ____ Private ____ County _____

Mother's Name _____ Day Phone _____

Father's Name _____ Day Phone _____

COURSE SELECTION

Preferred Course: _____

Alt. Choice 1: _____

Alt. Choice 2: _____

Please be aware that not every course listed in this brochure will be offered, due to minimum enrollment requirements. An application will be considered incomplete if all choices are not provided.

Method of Payment: Check ____ Visa ____ M/C ____ Exp. Date _____

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Card Holder's Name _____

Make the check payable to **Georgia State University**. Please do not send cash.

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If a credit card is used, you may FAX to 404-477-5058. Please be sure to enclose \$175 tuition fee per class.