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Spring A 2018 Session
February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2018

Class Brochure

Classes: 9:00AM-12:00PM

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**** DEADLINE FOR Spring A 2018 REGISTRATION ****
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Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders

ABOUT SATURDAY SCHOOL FOR SCHOLARS & LEADERS

Saturday is not your usual day for school, and the participants in the 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 only be accepted by online submission at <http://education.gsu.edu/saturdayschool>

Tuition Fee

The cost for the session is \$195 (5 Saturdays). Please note that a 15% discount is available to Faculty, Alumni and Students of GSU. Only one discount may be applied per class. The Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders program is no longer accepting checks as a form of payment for our classes. Class tuition must now be paid by credit card. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Please visit our online application and register there.

Registration/Cancellation Deadline

All applications must be received by January 24, 2018. You are encouraged to submit applications before the deadline. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Cancellations must be received in writing before the registration deadline in order to receive a full refund, (minus a \$25 processing fee). There will be no partial refunds after the deadline or for missed classes.

Acceptance Confirmation

Confirmation letters will be e-mailed about 5-10 days prior to the beginning of the session. Please feel free to call us if you wish to confirm earlier. Late registrations may not receive a confirmation letter and parents should 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 for use in the program's promotional activities and on the program's website.

Spring A 2018 REGISTRATION CALENDAR

Registration Opens: December 1, 2017

Registration Deadline January 24, 2018

Session Begins: February 3, 2018

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS FOR SPRING A 2018

Primary I (K & 1)

Let Me See Your Hands. Beginners Sign Language

Explore the world of Deaf Culture and Awareness while learning American Sign Language (ASL). In this interactive class students will play games: ASL BINGO, STOP DROP SIGN and many more, sign songs and work in pairs. Each week, students will learn new exciting words and phrases and practice words and phrases from the previous week. This is a beginner's class and will go over basic signs for general conversation. By the end of the semester students should be able to sign a complete song. The song will be recorded in video form and given to each student as memorabilia.

Instructor: Amelia B. Adams, Investigator Special Unit : Women and Children. Primary I (K & 1)

Welcome to Crystal Pond Woods! Where Thinking is a Pleasure.

Come one, come all to Crystal Pond Woods! We will meet 5 animal characters who live in this fairy-tale village. Although these animals are good friends, they are each "thinkers" in a special way and teach the children how to "think" like they do. Dudley the Detective is a deductive/convergent thinker. Isabel the Inventor is a divergent thinker who likes to brainstorm lots of answers to a problem. Sybil the Scientist loves to classify and organize the information she collects. Max the Magician attempts to fool our brains through what our eyes perceive. Jordan the Judge encourages students to base decisions on factual criteria which is a kind of evaluative thinking. Put on your thinking caps and have fun!

**Instructor: Teresa W Pawlik, EdD. Doctorate in Gifted Education.
Primary I (K & 1)**

Primary II (2 & 3)

Shark Frenzy 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 Teacher. Primary II (2 & 3)

STEM is the future: Create, explore, build, observe, solve, innovate & invent

STEM is a must in early years of life. Stimulate a young mind's thinking, ignite their passion to follow STEM. Children are natural born scientists and engineers. Exploration and Inquiry are the dynamics of STEM. This class features, hands on science activities/experiments where students will observe and make predictions, code without computers and use tools/simple gears and fun machines to build/create things

Instructor: Dhanu Krishnamurthy, Elementary Teacher. Primary II (2 & 3)

Who's Eating Who in the Zoo? Who will survive in the land of predators and prey?

Come explore the awesome city of Zootopia. Investigate why rabbits shouldn't be next door neighbors with foxes. Design food chains and food webs. Use STEM to plan and build your own biome with edible predators and prey. This engineering process will incorporate literature, real-world problem solving, collaboration, exploration, parts of the movie itself, and down-right exciting fun. Join us!

Nicole Trimble, Gifted Program Teacher. Primary II (2 & 3)

Middle (4 & 5)

Adventure to the amazing world of STEM

STEM is a movement to develop the deep mathematical and scientific understanding students need in the 21st-century workforce. During our STEM class we will develop thinking, reasoning, teamwork, investigative, and creative skills through hands-on experiments that students can use in all areas of their lives. First 4 classes will consist of biology (Germs and antibiotics), chemistry (Chemical reactions), physics (Electricity) and engineering (construction of bridge). 5th class will be revision and presentation. Without math, STEM world is incomplete. We will discuss critical problems of mathematics in each class. Students will enjoy exploring the different parts of STEM world through hands-on experiment on different days in this class. **Instructor: Mausumi Basu, Ph.D, Research Scientist GSU. Middle (4 & 5)**

Scratch Coding

Coding is part of literacy for students in the 21st Century. Scratch, a coding (programming) language and an online community where children can program and share, was designed at the MIT Media Lab. As students create with Scratch, they learn to think critically and creatively, work collaboratively, and reason systematically. Students will be introduced to Scratch while learning the basics of computer science through activities including creating a personal vector-drawn sprite and coding versions of games such as Pong and Snake to gain an appreciation of the work behind apps and games in the digital world. **Instructor: Patrick Edmondson, Gifted certification and 33 years' experience in Dekalb Co. Schools and at The Children's School. Middle (4 & 5)**

Upper (6-8)

Intro to Law and Analytical thinking

This course creates an awareness and appreciation for the effect that law has on virtually every facet of modern life and society. Students will gain insight into how the legal system works, how the legal system is organized, and how lawyers use their skills and knowledge to advocate for individuals and businesses. The interactive portion of the class will be centered around students conducting a "trial" exercise to apply their new knowledge and skills. **Ashley Eady. (Upper 6,7,8)**

Make Your Voice Heard: Assertiveness Training For Young Adults

Have you ever felt that you were afraid to ask for something that you wanted (especially from an adult)? Have you ever felt like your voice was not being heard? Have you ever thought "I can never say no. or "I always seem to let others tell me how to feel." Do you worry about not being liked? Then this class is for you!! In this class, you will learn how to assert yourself while still respecting the rights and feelings of others. You will learn how to express your feelings in a positive way so you show respect for others and expect that others' will respect in return. **Diane Dagnese. (Upper 6,7,8)**

Registration for the Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders program is now completely online. We will no longer be accepting paper applications. In addition, we are no longer accepting checks as a form of payment for any of our classes. Class tuition must now be paid by credit card only. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Please visit our online application link given below for registration:

<http://saturdayschool.education.gsu.edu/>

You can now donate all or a portion of the Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders program tuition to enable a child whose family is struggling financially to participate. For more information and to donate, click on the link below:

<https://netcommunity.gsu.edu/give-to-coe?fid=Ud5zLe5HEEY%3d&fdesc=3XhkLtQeWq9XaKIQvsuteZY0idZZeE5bUWPDU%2fAs9oE%3d>

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