



# Youth Activities



## Kids Cook! at Cheney Mansion

(Ages 8-12)

LP

Held in the mansion's catering kitchen, this series is taught by professional chef Ron Martin on Saturday mornings. A combination of hands-on and demonstration, these fun classes train young chefs in the basic techniques of various cooking methods and plate presentation.

### The Basics Series: Sauté It

*Veal or Chicken Saltimbocca, Farmers' Market Vegetables, and Wild Rice Cakes*

You will learn the proper method of sautéing these items and plate presentation - basic skills any accomplished professional or home chef needs to master, and you are never too young to learn.

Sa, Sep 20 #424135-03  
9:30-noon \$50/\$55

### The Basics Series: Roast It

*Classic Pot Roast, Potatoes and Root Vegetables*

Chef Ron will demonstrate how to make brown stock by roasting bones and deglazing the pan. Learn one of the oldest and most delicious methods of cooking. Oven mitts provided.

Sa, Oct 11 #424135-04  
9:30-noon \$50/\$55

### Cupcakes, Cupcakes! with Chef Ron Martin

*Red Velvet Cupcakes with a Cream Filling, Chocolate-covered Hi-Hat Cupcakes, and Carrot Cupcakes with Orange Cream Cheese Icing*

A special class for those who like it sweet! It doesn't get any yummier than that! Perfect for the holiday season.

Sa, Nov 8 #424135-05  
9:30-noon \$45 /\$50



## NEW! Parent & Child Dinner

Creations (Ages 4-8)

SW

Come create a feast for your family that you can take home and bake up for everyone.

- Week 1 - Mac and cheese bake, wedge salad & pudding parfait
- Week 2 - Make your own pizza, Italian salad & chocolate cheese dessert
- Week 3 - Make your own taco bar, alcohol-free sangrias, & lime dessert
- Week 4 - Shepard's pie, vegetables, & shortbread cookie
- Week 5 - Chicken tenders, sweet potato fries & chocolate chip cookie bars.

Instructor: Kathleen Hepburn

Location: Fox Center

Th, 5:30-6:30pm \$35/\$53  
Sep 25 - Oct 23 #462160-02  
# of weeks: 5 Min 6/Max 10

## NEW! Cutie Pies (Ages 4-6)

SW

Join us as we make a different pie each week. Basic kitchen safety will also be taught in this class.

Instructor: Kathleen Hepburn

Location: Fox Center

Th, 4-5pm \$35/\$53  
Sep 25 - Oct 23 #402160-02  
Location: Andersen Center

Tu, 4-5pm \$35/\$53  
Sep 23 - Oct 21 #402160-01

Location: Andersen Center  
Tu, 5-6pm \$35/\$53

Sep 23 - Oct 21 #402160-05  
# of weeks: 5 Min 6/Max 8

## NEW! Back to the Past Cooking

(Ages 6+)

SW

Learn some delicious recipes from the bygone Colonial Days, We will make apple butter, raspberry flummery, johnny cakes and other tasty treats.

Instructor: Kathleen Hepburn

Location: Fox Center

Th, 5-6pm \$35/\$53  
Nov 6 - Dec 11 (No class 11/27) #412160-04

## NEW! Gone Bananas (Ages 4-6)

SW

Get ready to monkey around in cooking class and explore all recipes with bananas. Recipes include banana parfait, banana bread, banana cookies, a banana split for breakfast (a healthier version!), and banana cream pie. Basic kitchen safety will also be taught in this class.

Instructor: Kathleen Hepburn

Location: Fox Center

Th, 4-5pm \$35/\$53  
Nov 6 - Dec 11 (No class 11/27) #402160-04

Location: Andersen Center

Tu, 4-5pm \$35/\$53  
Oct 28 - Dec 9 (No class 11/4, 11/25) #402160-03

Location: Andersen Center

Tu, 5-6pm \$35/\$53  
Oct 28 - Dec 9 (No class 11/4, 11/25) #402160-06  
# of weeks: 5 Min 6/Max 8

# LOTTERY!

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Please read lottery info on page 75.

## NEW! Kids Spanish Club (Ages 4-6)

JP

Give your children a fun introduction to a language they might fall in love with! Crafts, show-and-tell, guessing games, songs, stories, maybe even a magic trick or two - something different will be happening at every meeting. The learning is fast and fun when it's Comfort Zone Learning™! It's an exciting, out-of-your-chair approach to languages for kids. Each class meeting features words for common actions (lots of them!) and everyday objects, such as toys, clothing, food, colors, numbers, and parts of the body. Kids will learn words in the context of actions and commands, the way we learned our first language. They learn to recognize a wide range of words and phrases before beginning to speak - so when they're ready, speaking will be so much easier! No grammar drills! Small classes permit all children to participate actively. Children must be able to participate in class without a parent present. Material is available on-line to reinforce the fun learning.

Location: Longfellow Center

Tu, 4-4:45pm \$50/\$75  
Sep 16 - Oct 7 #402748-01  
Oct 14 - Nov 11 #402748-02  
Nov 18 - Dec 9 #402748-03  
# of weeks: 4 Min 6/Max 12



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## Intro to Engineering (Ages 5-6) JG

Children love to learn from everything around them by touching and tinkering. They experiment to find out "How does this work?" LEGO DACTA Early Simple Machines are indestructible plastic LEGO parts, which can be used in various ways to develop the creative and problem-solving skills of young children. Learn about pulleys, gears, levers and wheels and axles as they build and manipulate vehicles, hand operated lifts, a merry-go-round and more. Children work in groups of two.

Location: Field Center

W, 3:30-4:15pm \$124/\$186  
Sep 24 - Nov 12 #412220-14  
# of weeks: 8 Min 8/Max 14

## Magic Class! (Ages 5-12) JG

Amaze family and friends with tricks that involve cards, ropes, coins, mind-reading and more. While the tricks may appear difficult, you'll discover that they are quick to learn and easy to perform. All materials are provided, and each child receives a magic kit to take home. Children are grouped by age and will learn tricks that are age-appropriate. Taught by a professional magician! You can sign up for this class again and again since brand new tricks are taught each session!

Location: Fox Center, upper level

M, Sep 22 \$18/\$27  
6:30-7:25pm #412220-06  
Min 5/Max 40

Location: Field Center

Th, Nov 13 \$18/\$27  
6:30-7:25pm #412220-07  
Min 5/Max 40

## Hands On Robotics (Ages 6-9) JG

Students programming the robots will take on a series of progressively challenging concepts. We'll program the robot using the programming language of LOGO to follow a path, move through obstacles, outline geometric shapes, and trace letters! We'll progress from simple instructions for moving forward, backward, sideward to more complex like angle measurement and repeating loop. We will also program Roamer the Robot to play music for us and even do a little dance while challenging your programming skills.

Location: Field Center

Sa, 11:15am-12pm \$124/\$186  
Sep 27 - Nov 15 #412220-13  
# of weeks: 8 Min 8/Max 12

## Checkmate Chess (Ages 6-12) JG

No previous knowledge of chess is necessary. Each class will consist of a fun interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both new and returning participants are welcome and will get to the next level under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach. There will also be a chess competition with prizes at the end of the session!

Instructors: Chess Scholars

Location: Field Center

M, 6-7pm \$80/\$120  
Sep 15 - Oct 20 #412220-04  
Nov 3 - Dec 8 #412220-05  
# of weeks: 6 Min 6/Max 20

## Mad Science (Ages 6-12) JG

Join Mad Science for 8 weeks of science fun! In each hour-long class, your young scientist will discover a different exciting topic, with lots of hands-on experimentation and fun take-home projects every week.

Location: Field Center

Tu, 4-5pm \$120/\$180  
Sep 9 - Oct 28 #412349-09  
# of weeks: 8 Min 12/Max 23

## Spybotics Secret Agents

### (Ages 7-12)

Students will become secret agents with Spybotics!! After building LEGO Spybots, from knocked-down kits, we'll use software to download exciting missions into a programmable remote controller and then complete daring missions to become the ultimate secret agent team! By using the state-of-the-art software and communication system between these robots and computer, the student will race against their missions in the fastest time.

Location: Field Center

Sa, 10-11am \$136/\$204  
Sep 27 - Nov 15 #412220-12  
# of weeks: 8 Min 8/Max 12

## Noah's Ark One-Day Stuff 'N' Fluff Workshops (Ages 5 and up) JG

Noah's Ark Workshop is coming to Oak Park! This unique workshop lets you hand stuff your very own teddy bear or other animal. Then you "wish upon a star" and you even get to name your new friend and create a birth certificate for it! You'll love your creation forever- made with love by you! For an additional \$4 you can decorate a t-shirt for your animal.

Location: Longfellow Center Lower Level

F, Sep 12 4-5:30pm  
Workshop \$15/\$23  
#412349-27

T-Shirt (optional) \$4  
#412349-29

F, Oct 10 4-5:30pm  
Workshop \$15/\$23  
#412349-28

T-Shirt (optional) \$4  
#412349-30  
Min 15/Max 30

## Lego Engineering (Ages 9-11) JG

Young budding engineers will build working models of simple machines such as a crane, rolling vehicle and a merry-go-round. Students will work on activities designed around creativity, exploring, investigating and problem solving in a fun group environment. They will learn about levers, gears, pulleys, wheels and axles using LEGO® Simple Machines kits.

Location: Field Center

W, 5:35-6:35pm \$124/\$186  
Sep 24 - Nov 12 #412220-10  
# of weeks: 8 Min 12/Max 24

### Registering Online? Sign Up Today!

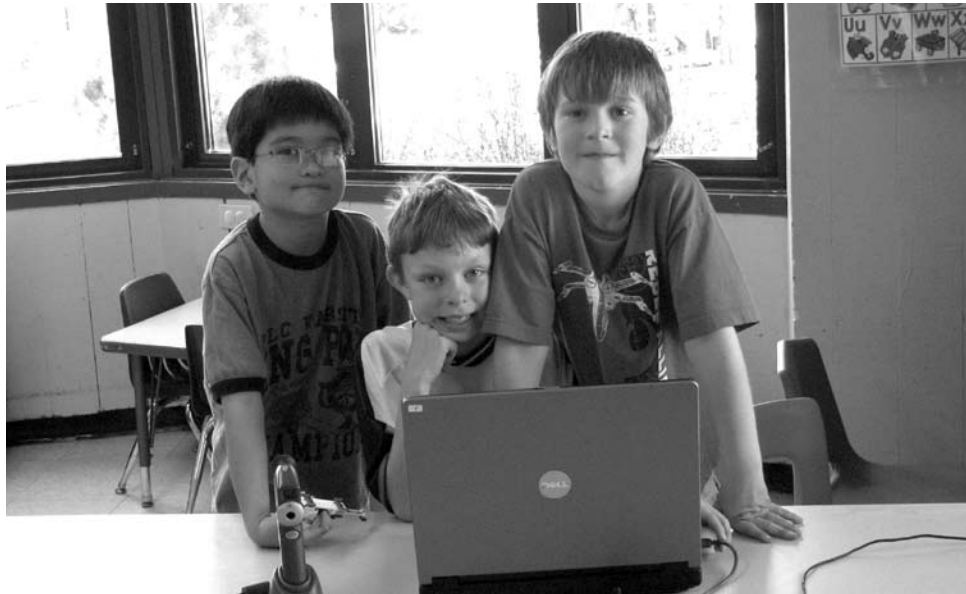
Online registration closes two days before a class begins. Remember to sign up early to ensure your spot.

## Lights, Camera, Action! (Ages 8-11) JG

Choose a theme and use your creative skills. We will create our own Harry Potter or Spiderman movie using the Digital Blue Movie Maker program. As directors and producers we will create a script, choose background noise and music, film our movie using a PC Movie Camera. Students will create the movie sets by building various designs with LEGO® and different backdrops as well.

Location: Field Center

W, 4:25-5:25pm                   \$124/\$186  
 Sep 24 - Nov 12                 #412220-11  
 # of weeks: 8                     Min 9/Max 18



## **NEW!** Circus Arts (Ages 8-13) SW

Come run away to the circus! Learn to juggle, handle a Diablo, Spin poi, balance plates, walk on stilts or a rolling globe. Work with other students and improve your strength and balance learning partner tricks in the art of Double stunts/acro sport. At the end of the session get a chance to show off the skills you've learned and perform with your new found circus family. The first 9 weeks students will practice circus arts for the final family performance on the last day. The performance will be W, Nov 19 at 6:30 pm in the gymnasium.

Instructor: Mark Simpson

Location: Whittier School

W, Sep 17 - Nov 19                 \$100/\$150  
 4-5pm                                 #412649-01  
 5-6pm                                 #412649-02  
 # of weeks: 10                     Min 6/Max 12

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## Youth Workshops - Presented by Kreative Kreations

### **NEW!** Halloween American Girls (Ages 6-12) JG

Girls bring your American Girl Doll or any other similar sized doll to this awesome class. We will be designing adorable outfits to celebrate Halloween. This special class will also include holiday themed jewelry making. Our activity includes a trip to the beauty shop where you will find a variety of hair clips and ribbons perfect for any Halloween celebration.

Location: Field Center

W, Oct 8                                 \$33/\$50  
 6:30-7:30pm                         #412349-05  
                                               Min 12/Max 30

### **NEW!** Daddy and Me Holiday "Puppy" (Ages 6-12) JG

Calling all moms and dads! Are your children begging you for a puppy for the holidays? If they can't have the real thing we have the next best option. Kreative Kreations has found the most adorable sound activated puppies for you and your child to create and bring to life. Each participant will stuff their own doggy, add a star to make a wish, decorate a holiday tee shirt, and create a rhinestone collar. Birth certificates are also provided. This class is especially designed for dads and their children, but if dad isn't available mom is welcome to fill in. Space is limited so if you're looking for a fun filled holiday activity sign up today. Fee is per pair.

Location: Fox Center

W, Dec 3                                 \$33/\$50 (\$16 per add'l child)  
 6:30-7:30pm                         #412349-06  
                                               Min 12/Max 30

### **NEW!** Holiday American Girls (Ages 6-12) JG

Do you love your American Girl Doll? Is she in need of the perfect holiday outfit? Bring your American Girl Doll or a similar sized favorite of yours to this unique holiday class. Each participant will enjoy creating an adorable outfit, sparkly jewelry and a holiday poncho to keep your little darling warm and cozy this holiday season. Class would not be complete without a trip to the beauty shop where we will supply you with holiday clips and ribbons to complete your dolls perfect holiday look. We promise you'll have an awesome time creating your own designs.

Location: Fox Center

Sa, Nov 22                                 \$33/\$50  
 10-11am                                 #412349-07  
                                               Min 12/Max 30



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## Afterschool Program

### Park Kids (Ages 6-10)

JP

*Non-lottery program*

This program is designed with the working parent in mind. Youth will have an opportunity to participate in both active and passive program activities. Each day, the participants will have an opportunity to work on their homework, have a snack and be social with other Park Kids. The schedule of activities that the children participate in has been designed to be fun and rewarding, as well as challenging and stimulating. Park Kids follows the School District 97 calendar. On non-school days and half-days, the park district offers alternate program opportunities - see School's Out & Half-Day Programs.

Registration for the Park Kids program requires providing extensive information on the parent's part, so registration cannot be handled through this brochure or online, and it is NOT PART OF THE LOTTERY PROGRAM. Only Oak Park residents are eligible for this program. Carroll Center serves Lincoln, Longfellow, Irving and Holmes Schools. For more info about the Park Kids program and/or a parents manual, call Jenny at 725-2106, or e-mail a request to jenniferp@oakparkparks.com.

Fees: \$950 (monthly payment plan optional, requires a one-time \$100 deposit and \$20 administrative fee) Transportation is provided from Irving, Holmes and Longfellow schools. Lincoln students in the Park Kids program will meet at the office lobby and be escorted on foot to Carroll Center.

(Oak Park Residents only)

Location: Carroll Center

M, Tu, Th, F, 3-6pm \$1070

W, 2-6pm

Aug 27 - Dec 19 #812050-03

# of weeks: 17 Min 12/Max 25

## School's Out Activities

Join the Park District of Oak Park on your day off (or afternoon off) from school! On select days when school is scheduled to be out or gets out early, we've got some fun activities planned that you can sign up for! A van shuttle is available for the Half Day No School Trips for \$5. A Park District staff member will pick your child up from the school office and bring him/her back to the center the trip is leaving from. Pick-up times may vary due to number of participants, so please have your child wait in their school office.

**Van shuttle is available half day trips only and for Oak Park students only.**

### KiddieLand Full-Day Trip

(Ages 6-12)

JG

Join us for a fun-filled day full of activities including a trip to KiddieLand in Melrose Park. We will start the morning off at Field Center where breakfast will be provided. Games and fun activities will be included for the morning. After lunch we will travel in the park district bus to KiddieLand. Please bring a sack lunch.

Location: Field Center

M, Oct 13

\$49/\$74

8:30am-5pm

#412250-01

Min 8/Max 19

### Fright Fest (Ages 12-18)

BN

Don't miss this chance to visit Six Flags at Halloween! Spend your day off from school with your friends exploring Chicagoland's largest amusement park where creepy creatures, ghosts, and ghouls come to life for the annual Fright Fest at Six Flags Great America. Register with our group and save money off the regular admission price of \$54.99! Fee includes transportation, entry into the park, and supervision. Participants should bring extra money for food and souvenirs.

Trip departs from/returns to Stevenson Center

M, Oct 13

\$45/\$67

9am-7:30pm

#433270-01

Min 6/Max 12

### Enchanted Castle Half-Day Trip

(Ages 8-12)

JG

Come join us for loads of fun as we head to Enchanted Castle for an afternoon of eating, playing video games, "Laser Tag" and having a great time. We'll start out the afternoon at Fox Center. Don't miss out on this super fun day with the Park District of Oak Park. SIGN UP NOW! Package includes 2 generous slices of pizza & pop, 20 Game Tokens and one attraction pass. Bring money for extra tokens

Location: Fox Center Upper Level

Th, Oct 23

\$46/\$69

11:30am-5pm

#412250-02

Min 8/Max 19

Van Shuttle (optional, see above) \$5

Pickup times vary

#412250-03

### Rollerskating Trip (Ages 8-12)

JG

Join us for a fun filled day off of school. We will spend the morning at Field Center playings games, making crafts, and many more fun activities. In the afternoon we will travel to the Lombard Roller Rink. Participants can bring roller blades and they will be inspected by employees of the roller rink. All participants need to bring a sack lunch.

Location: Field Center

F, Oct 24

\$41/\$62

11:30am-5pm

#412250-04

Min 8/Max 19

Van Shuttle (optional, see above) \$5

Pickup times vary

#412250-05

### Special No School Career Day at Field Center

JG

Want to learn more about the weather? The special guest for today comes to us from one of Chicago's top news teams. Oak Park's own resident, Emmy Award Winner Amy Freeze, the Chief Meteorologist at Fox, was recently awarded "Chicago's Most Accurate Forecast." Learn about stormy weather, snowfall, seasons changing, and find out why the weather wall is green! Join us for an hourlong fun learning experience!!

M, Oct 13

\$7/\$11

11:30-12:30pm

#412349-32

Min 8/Max 20



## Yoga



### Yoga for Kids (Ages 8-12)

LV

Children can benefit from practicing yoga! We'll concentrate on stretching, strengthening, and relaxation, while coordinating breathing with movement. We will also explore more advanced and exciting poses. Many of these relaxation techniques can be practiced at home - a great tension reliever for both kids and parents.

Instructor: Julia Robling Griest

Location: Dole Center

W, 4-5pm

Sep 10 - Oct 15

Oct 29 - Dec 10 (No class 11/26)

# of weeks: 6

\$40/\$60

#413020-01

#413020-02

Min 6/Max 20

### Parent & Child Yoga (Ages 8-12)

LV

Stay on the same wave-length with your child by practicing yoga together! Have lots of fun learning the yoga basics as well as cool "partner poses" that the two of you can do together. Parents, you'll also learn healthy tips about your child's body type including how to help them maintain good posture.

Instructor: Julia Robling Griest

Location: Dole Center

M, 4-5pm

Sep 8 - Oct 13

Oct 27 - Dec 8 (No class 11/24)

# of weeks: 6

\$80/\$120

(per pair)

#463020-01

#463020-02

Min 3/Max 10

## LOTTERY!

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## Growing Up Workshops & Classes

### NEW! Home Alone (Ages 9-12) JG

This class covers simple rules and procedures for your child to use in the absence of an adult. The subject areas include how to answer the phone, proper use of house keys, answering the door, how to deal with strangers and fun activities to do when they are alone.

Location: Longfellow Center, upper level

Tu, Sep 23

\$10/\$15

4-5pm

#412349-04

Min 8/Max 30

### NEW! Career Days at Field Center (Ages 8-12) JG

Do you know what you want to be when you grow up? Need some ideas? Come on over to Field Center and learn about some interesting careers that may help you decide what you want to be when you grow up.

Location: Field Center

M, 4-5pm

\$20/\$30

Sep 15-Oct 6

#412349-12

# of weeks: 4

Min 8/Max 20

### Babysitting Training (Ages 10-15) SW

Learn how to become a great babysitter! Participants will follow the American Red Cross Babysitting program and learn about babysitting safety, proper infant and toddler care, decision making, and leadership skills. A pizza lunch is included!

Location: Hedges Administrative Center

Sa, Sep 20

\$42/\$63

10am-3pm

#412220-15

Min 6/Max 15

### Registering Online? Sign Up Today!

Online registration closes two days before a class begins. Remember to sign up early to ensure your spot.