

Youth Cooking Classes

Parent & Child Dinner Creations (Ages 4-8) SW

Join us as we whip up some quick and easy meals you can take home and share with the whole family. Please bring containers to take home your tasty treats.

Instructor: Kathleen Hepburn

Location: Andersen Center

Tu, 5:30-6:30pm	\$100/\$150
Feb 24 - Mar 24	#162160-03
# of weeks: 5	Min 6/Max 10

Location: Fox Center

Th, 5:30-6:30pm	\$100/\$150
Feb 26 - Mar 26	#162160-04
# of weeks: 5	Min 4/Max 10

Dinner Creations (Age 6 & up) SW

Dinner created by you! Join us as we whisk, saute, bake and boil dinners easy enough for you to make. Little chefs will also get a chance to customize dinners to make the whole family happy. Kitchen safety and following recipes will also be taught in this class.

Instructor: Kathleen Hepburn

Location: Andersen Center

Tu, 5-6pm	\$40/\$60
Jan 13 - Feb 10	#112160-01
# of weeks: 5	Min 6/Max 10

Location: Fox Center

Th, 5-6pm	\$40/\$60
Jan 15 - Feb 12	#112160-02
# of weeks: 5	Min 3/Max 10

Healthy Snacks (Ages 4-6) SW

Little chefs will concoct healthy snacks, taste test their creations, and learn basic kitchen safety.

Instructor: Kathleen Hepburn

Location: Andersen Center

Tu, 4-5pm	\$40/\$60
Jan 13 - Feb 10	#102160-01
# of weeks: 5	Min 5/Max 8

Location: Fox Center

Th, 4-5pm	\$40/\$60
Jan 15 - Feb 12	#102160-02
# of weeks: 5	Min 6/Max 8



Cookie Monsters (Ages 4-6) SW

Attention cookie lovers! Come learn how to mix, measure and bake some traditional cookies and learn a few recipes too. Basic kitchen safety will also be taught.

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Feb 24 - Mar 24	#102160-03

Location: Fox Center

Th, 4-5pm	\$40/\$60
Feb 26 - Mar 26	#102160-04
# of weeks: 5	Min 6/Max 8

Kids Cook! at Cheney Mansion (Ages 8-12) LP

Cheney Mansion stirs up more great, heart-warming classes this winter. Held in the Mansion's catering kitchen on Saturdays from 9:30am-Noon, classes are taught by professional chef Ron Martin. A combination of hands-on and demonstration, these fun classes train young chefs aged 8-12 in the basic techniques of various cooking methods and kitchen skills. Limited to 8 students.

\$50/\$55 per class

Sa, Jan 10	#124135-01
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"Chili, Soups & Stews"

Sa, Feb 7	#124135-02
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"Desserts" - Create special sweets for your favorite Valentine!

Sa, Feb 28	#124135-03
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"South of the Border: Tacos & Nachos"

Sa, Mar 21	#124135-04
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"Baking Class" - Yeast and Non-Yeast Breads, Challah, Zucchini Bread, and Cinnamon-Pecan Rolls

Sa, Apr 11	#124135-05
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"Breakfast Class" - Buttermilk Pancakes, Omelets with Sausage and Herbed Goat Cheese, and Fresh Fruit Parfaits

LOTTERY!

Lottery Deadline is Noon, Dec 18.
Please read lottery info on page 73.

General Youth Activities

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
 Jan 13 - Feb 3 #402748-04
 Feb 10 - Mar 3 #402748-05
 # of weeks: 4 Min 6/Max 12

The Doorstep to Engineering (Ages 5-7) *JG*

Children love to "build and break" and that is how they build on their storehouse of creative energy. Working with LEGO Education Kits, under guidance, they make working models of simple machines to learn some of the basic concepts of engineering and science. Hands-on activity develops an understanding of "how things work" which helps instill the aptitude for engineering. This program stimulates their creativity and provides a supportive environment for exploration, and helps promote social skills as well.

Location: Field Center

W, 3:30-4:15pm \$124/\$186
 Jan 21 - Mar 11 #112220-27
 # of weeks: 8 Min 8/Max 12

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

Children are guaranteed to have a great time as they learn fascinating tricks from a professional magician! 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. Additionally, you can sign up for this class again and again since brand new tricks are taught each session!

Location: Field Center

6:30-7:25pm \$18/\$27
 Tu, Jan 27 #112220-13
 M, Mar 23 #112220-18
 Min 5/Max 40

Fun Robotics (Ages 6-8) *JG*

The concepts of "programming" are best learned through fun and frolic. The children will work with a friendly robot to learn and take on challenging concepts of programming in LOGO language. The learners progress through the developmental stages of learning by exploration. They will program the robot to perform a variety of tasks, including drawing of geometrical figures, and will even program the robot to play music for us.

Location: Field Center

Sa, 9:30-10:30am \$124/\$186
 Jan 24 - Mar 14 #112220-30
 # of weeks: 8 Min 8/Max 12

Checkmate Chess (Ages 6-12) *JG*

Classes will consist of a fun interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both beginners and experienced players are welcome. You'll learn cool new strategies from a renowned Chess Scholars coach. As an added bonus you'll have the opportunity to participate in a chess competition with prizes!

Instructors: Chess Scholars

Location: Field Center

M, 6-7pm \$80/\$120
 Jan 12 - Mar 2 #112220-01
 Mar 16 - Apr 27 #112220-02
 # of weeks: 7 Min 6/Max 20

Manners, Please (Ages 7-13) *JG*

It just takes 30 seconds to make an impression. Will it be a good one? Introductions, hand-shakes, and eye contact are just a few of the social graces you will learn and keep in your portfolio for life. Personal qualities such as telephone and cell phone courtesies, acts of kindness, party savvy, invitations, importance of RSVPs, and writing a thank-you note will be included. Proper behavior at the movies, the mall, escalator and elevator etiquette. Learn the rules of table manners: proper way to set the table, which fork to use and what to do if you drop it on the floor. After attending the Manners, Please workshop you will feel confident at dinners at home and away plus have social skills to take you to the top of the social and business ladder. Ms. Manners requests you be on time and dress in your best. Boys~shirt and tie (sport coat optional), Girls~dress or suitable pants outfit.

Location: Barrie Center South Room

10am-12:30pm \$50/\$75
 Sa, Jan 24 #112220-31
 Sa, Mar 7 #112220-32
 Min 10/Max 20

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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!

Min 15/Max 30

Date	Time	Theme	Location	Fee	Code
Th, Jan 8	4-5:30pm	Sports Camp Animal	Fox Center	\$36/\$54	#112220-24
Th, Feb 5	4-5:30pm	Princess Purse Party	Field Center	\$36/\$54	#112220-26
Th, Mar 12	4-5:30pm	Let's Get Cooking!	Barrie Center	\$36/\$54	#112220-25

General Youth Activities Continued

Budding Engineers (Ages 8-11) JG

Constructing “working models” of basic machines with LEGO Education Sets provides understanding of some of the fundamental concepts of engineering, without the burden and boredom of technical jargon. The participants apply their learning about structures, levers, pulleys and gears for problem solving, by progressively investigating and exploring, through modification and upgrading of simple mechanical and motorized machines. They are encouraged to use their ingenuity and creativity in a friendly and competitive environment. Each team, comprising of two children, will have a complete LEGO education set to work with.

Location: Field Center

W, 4:25-5:25pm \$124/\$186
 Jan 21 - Mar 11 #112220-28
 # of weeks: 8 Min 8/Max 18

Destination Hollywood (Ages 8-11) JG

Movie making is an art form which brings together a number of skills. Children have a great sense of creativity and imagination, and this class provides an encouraging and appropriate setting for their abilities and potential to grow. The participants will choose individual themes for their movies, develop the plot, make a blueprint and produce it. They work in small teams with technical equipment, including a complete set exclusively earmarked for each team. At end of the program they will burn a DVD of the movie to take home. Working together, imitating film crews and simulating situations, helps build social skills, emphasizes the value of team work, and is great fun as well.

Location: Field Center

W, 5:35-6:35pm \$124/\$186
 Jan 21 - Mar 11 #112220-29
 # of weeks: 8 Min 8/Max 16

Babysitting Training (Ages 10-15) JG

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: Fox Center

F, Jan 2 \$47/\$71
 10am-4pm #112220-03
 Min 6/Max 15



Yoga for Youth

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 \$42/\$63
 Jan 7 - Feb 11 #113020-01
 Feb 25 - Apr 1 #113020-02
 # of weeks: 6 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 \$84/\$126 (per pair)
 Jan 5 - Feb 16 (No class 1/19) #163020-01
 Feb 23 - Mar 30 #163020-02
 # of weeks: 6 Min 3/Max 10

Youth Workshops - Presented by Kreative Kreations

NEW! American Girl Party (Ages 6-12) JG

Girls won't want to miss this special American Girl Doll birthday party in honor of your favorite doll. Other favorite similar sized dolls are also welcome. All participants will enjoy decorating a special birthday outfit, jewels and crown for their doll along with a birth certificate. A party wouldn't be complete without decorating yummy cupcakes to enjoy with juice. Sign up today because this class is sure to be very popular.

Location: Carroll Center

Tu, Jan 13 \$35/\$53
 6:30-7:40pm #112220-33
 Min 12/Max 30

NEW! Valentine American Girl (Ages 6-12) JG

Come to this unique Valentine's Day class and bring along your American Girl Doll or any other similar sized doll. Enjoy decorating a special Valentine outfit along with adorable red, pink, and white jewelry. To finish her special look each girl will receive cute little clips to decorate their doll's hair.

Location: Barrie Center, North Room

W, Feb 4 \$33/\$50
 6:30-7:30pm #112220-34
 Min 12/Max 30

NEW! St. Patrick's Day American Girl (Ages 6-12) JG

Join us for a fun new class decorating the perfect St. Paddy's Day Cake, cupcakes, cake box and chefs hat. Our celebration will include all the toppings, frostings, candy and decorations to make your own special masterpiece. Bring your favorite doll if you like!

Location: Andersen Center

Sa, Mar 14 \$30/\$45
 2:30-3:30pm #112220-35
 Min 12/Max 30

Afterschool Programs



NEW! After School Eco-Art Camp

(Grades 1-5)

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Nature-based art and earth-wise activities will be offered throughout the school year at the Oak Park Conservatory. An open studio program will feature new materials and discussions each week which correspond with the changing seasons. Students may do homework on their own or participate in weekly projects. Emphasis is on developing creativity, observation and drawing skills.

Instructor: Georgia Braun

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

M, Tu, Th 3:30-6pm; W, 2:30-6pm \$295/\$443

Jan 5 - Feb 5 #121095-02

Feb 9 - Mar 12 #121095-03

Mar 16 - Apr 16 #121095-04

of weeks: 5 Min 6/Max 12

WACKY WEDNESDAYS

(AGES 5-11)

JG

School's out early and it's time to get WACKY! Each week there will be a different theme for the day. We will get wacky with different activities such as cooking, crafts, science experiments and much more! Participants will meet Park District Staff outside the office door located at Mann School or be dropped off at the center. Please wear gym shoes to class or you may not be able to participate in specific activities. If weather permits, we will spend time outside so please dress accordingly!

SPACE IS LIMITED - SIGN UP TODAY!

Location: Field Center

W, 2-3:30pm \$50/\$75

Jan 21 - Mar 11 #112220-11

of weeks: 8 Min 8/Max 15

Park Kids (Ages 6-10)

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Non-lottery program, Oak Park residents ONLY

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. Participants will have the opportunity to join in and/or create activities that will allow for personal creative expression. 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. For more information about the Park Kids program and/or a parents manual, call Jenny at 725-2106, or e-mail request to jenniferp@oakparkparks.com.

Fees: \$1,200 (monthly payment plan optional, requires a one-time \$100 deposit and \$20 administrative fee)

Transportation is provided through District 97 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.

Registration open to Oak Park Residents only

Location: Carroll Center

M, Tu, Th, F, from 3-6pm & W from 2-6pm \$1,200

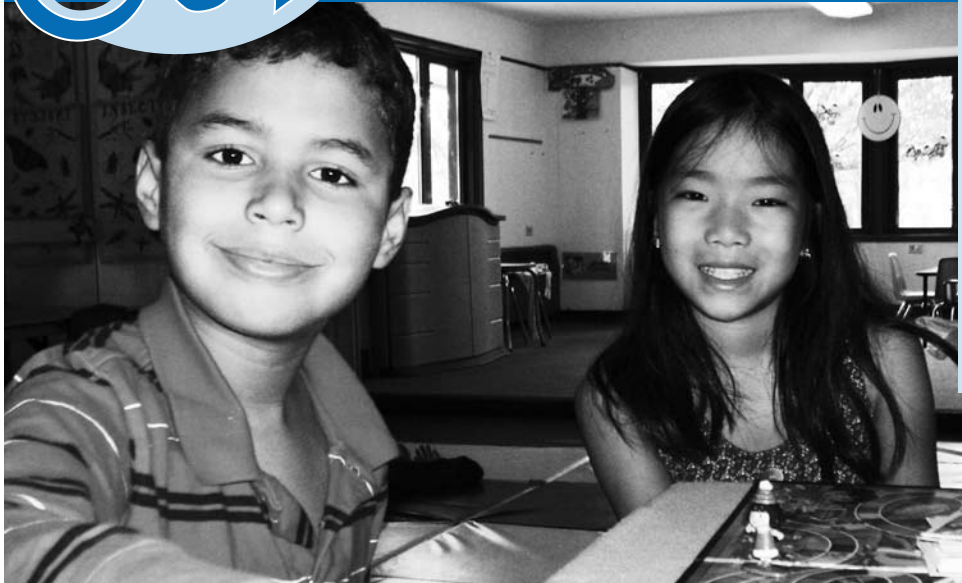
Jan 5 - Jun 5 #812050-04

of weeks: 23 Min 12/Max 25

LOTTERY!

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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 for half day trips only and for Oak Park students only.

Also be sure to check out School's Out Trips just for teens on page 39

Mayan Adventure Indoor Water Park Full Day Trip (Ages 8-12) *JG*

Spend your day off of school with us as we travel to the indoor Mayan Waterpark. We will start off the day at Field Center and then travel to Elmhurst to the waterpark. We will return to Field Center in time for the 5pm pick-up. Please bring a sack lunch and participants can bring extra money for concessions.

Location: Field Center

M, Jan 19 \$52/\$78
8:30am-5pm Min 10/Max 13

Odyssey Fun World Full-Day Trip (Ages 8-12) *JG*

Come join us for loads of fun as we head to Odyssey Fun World in Naperville for an afternoon of eating, playing video games, and having a great time! We'll start out the morning at Fox Center. Package includes a pizza and pop lunch, 40 tokens, 1 unlimited adventure ticket, and 300 redemption points. Don't miss out on this super fun day with the Park District.

Location: Fox Center

8:30am-5pm \$50/\$75
M, Jan 26 #112250-09
Min 8/Max 13

Build A Bear Workshop (Ages 6-12) *JG*

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon as we travel to Oak Brook Mall to Build-A-Bear Workshop. Participants will be able to choose their animal to stuff up to a \$15 limit. Participants may bring extra money for additional clothing and accessories. Please bring a sack lunch as we will eat prior to traveling to Oak Brook.

Location: Fox Center

M, Feb 16 \$50/\$75
8:30am-5pm #112250-06
Min 8/Max 13

Bowling Half-Day Trip (Ages 8-12) *JG*

If you're looking for an afternoon of fun on your half day off from school, this is it! Grab your friends and come bowling with us at a neighborhood bowling alley. All registered participants will be notified of the location of the bowling alley prior to trip day. Please bring a brown bag lunch and extra money for snacks.

Location: Fox Center

Th, Feb 12 \$36/\$54
11:30am-5pm #112250-03
Min 8/Max 13

Van Shuttle (optional, see above) \$6
Pickup times vary #112250-04

Brookfield Zoo Half-Day Trip (Ages 6-12) *JG*

Lions, Tigers, and Bears!! Join us on your afternoon off as we travel to the Brookfield Zoo. We will start the afternoon off at Fox Center. After lunch we will travel to Brookfield Zoo and spend the afternoon with the animals. Please bring a sack lunch and dress appropriately as the weather may be cold!

Location: Fox Center

F, Feb 13 \$40/\$60
11:30am-5pm #112250-10
Min 8/Max 19

Van Shuttle (optional, see above) \$6

Pickup times vary #112250-11

Roller Skating Trip (Ages 8-12) *JG*

Join us for a fun filled day off of school. We will spend the morning at Fox Center playing games, making crafts, and many more fun activities. A pizza lunch will be provided before we travel to the roller rink. In the afternoon we will travel to the Lombard Roller Rink. Participants can bring roller blades which will be inspected by employees of the roller rink.

Location: Fox Center

M, Mar 2 \$41/\$62
8:30am-5pm #112250-12
Min 8/Max 13