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3D Creations	Art	Sharon Lucas	This class encompasses a variety of activities aimed at helping youth artistically see the world with dimension. Students learn to draw 3D optical illusions with a sampler of 3D crafts and various sculpture.
Acrylic Painting Skills	Art	Carrie Walker	In this vibrant class, students will dive into the essentials of acrylic painting, learning techniques like color mixing, layering, brush control, and composition. Guided through exercises in blending, shading, and texture creation, they'll develop the skills to bring their ideas to life on canvas. Each class will include demos and hands-on practice, with opportunities to complete individual and group projects. By the end of the course, students will have a portfolio of completed acrylic pieces and a toolkit of techniques to continue exploring their creative expression.
Acting for Film	Film Theatre	Justin Baird	Be prepared on any film set. In the class, we go beyond simply learning lines as students explore the skills necessary to thrive as an actor in front of a camera. Learn on-camera acting, audition tips and tricks, and actual set experience.
Advanced Drawing Skills	Art	Lisa Cheney	This advanced drawing class is designed for teenagers who have a strong foundation in drawing and are looking to take their skills to the next level. The class will focus on helping students further their confidence in their drawing and shading skills, and will explore a variety of techniques and concepts that will help them create more realistic drawings. These will include perspective, proportions, composition, contrast, shading, tonal values, texture, fine detail, and the difference between expressive and representational drawings. Students will be required to keep a sketchbook for homework and will be encouraged to practice the skills learned in class in order to strengthen their drawing skills and confidence.
Advanced Film Projects	Film	Justin Baird	For students who have previously completed the Filmmaking class. Jump into creating a film project alongside fellow experienced filmmakers.
Advanced Improv	Theatre	Daniel Maggard	Ready to take your improv to the next level? Advanced Improv is designed for students who have taken at least one improv class and are looking for a more challenging experience. Build strong characters, learn more complex games, and forge meaningful friendships as we build our group mind together! Students will have the opportunity to form troupes, learn the basics of hosting, and even explore long form improvisation. Yes and!
All-Instrument Band - Beginning & Advanced	Music	Mike Harris	More than a community or school band experience, these ensembles incorporate an in-depth study of theory, tone, transposition, and artistic values of cooperative music. All of the repertoire is custom arranged for each season's group by members of the ensemble. We perform a wide variety of music including pop, jazz, classical, and music from around the world. These groups are divided by performers ability and schedule availability. No auditions are required!
Art+Light in Acrylics + Gold Leaf + More	Art	Jodi Miller	This class will be creating paintings on paper where we will utilize multiple mixed media supplies and techniques to discover and build our personal visual language that we use to create final pieces. We will explore creating with dry, loose materials like pastels, pigments, charcoal and graphite; water-based materials like crayon, markers, inks, pens, spray paint, and acrylics; as well as learning to apply and incorporate textures and mediums like collage, gold leaf, gloss gel, modeling paste, textured pastes into our pieces. After our water-based media is set and sealed, we will apply oil-based materials to finish each piece. The last couple sessions of this class will do a multi-painting challenge where we take all of our mixed media techniques and create mini abstracts (8x10) where each piece is different from the next to help discover new ways of applying all that we learned in fun and surprising ways.
Art+Light in Drawing + Mixed Media Oils	Art	Jodi Miller	In this class we will exercise our right brain to allow us to draw and paint what we see while staying loose and confident. We will work to make drawing a daily exercise that will inform our art and personal expression. We will learn proportion, perspective, quality of line, and value. In addition, we will explore some mixed-media techniques with mark-making that will help to build our personal, visual language and will be incorporated in the underlayers of our paintings. The oil painting section of this class we will learn color-mixing and the divine color theory methods that the masters discovered and used. We will focus on creating fat over lean paintings where we paint over the mixed media with oils and mediums and learn subtraction, glazing, and how to apply opaques. We will focus on letting go of control, being loose and yet accurate and all-the-while allowing for the history of our brushstrokes to be experienced and felt in each painting.
Beginning Drawing Skills	Art	Lisa Cheney	In this foundation drawing class, youth will learn the basic principles of drawing and will begin to understand how artists see the world and how they translate what they see onto the paper. The class will focus the 7 Core elements of Design in their drawings: Line, Shape, Form, Value, Space, Texture, and Color. They will also learn about contour shapes, patterns, and composition, and will have the opportunity to work with a range of drawing media, including pencil, pen, marker, colored pencil, and ink.

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Beginning Guitar	Music	Sharon Lucas	Beginning guitar is a great way to learn guitar in a group setting including Collaboration with each other as well as learning different parts to a song! They will learn basic music theory, rhythms, chords, tabs, classic pop songs, confidence to perform, and much more!
Broadway Backdrop Painting	Art	Sharon Lucas	Set and Backdrop Painting concentrates on designing a set for a play that will be performed at Encore. Students will be encouraged to draw various set designs for the performance. The elements of art and design principles will be integrated into the class. From those designs some drawings and paintings will be selected to be enlarged and painted on theatrical flats.
Broadway Prop Creation	Art Theatre	Kristin Jenkins	Get a backstage look at theatrical design! Learn practical artistic techniques to create a world and the items within it. In this hands-on course, students will learn the art of designing and creating props and sets for stage and film productions. From sketching concepts to constructing three-dimensional models, participants will develop skills in prop fabrication. See your work featured onstage at the finale showcase! Art supplies will be provided.
Build it! 3D Models	Art Hands On	Carrie Walker	In this interactive class, students will dive into the world of 3D model building, exploring essential skills in structure, balance, and design. They'll learn techniques for planning, cutting, assembling, and finishing their own three-dimensional creations using various materials like cardboard, and recycled items. Each class involves hands-on activities focused on creativity, problem-solving, and spatial awareness, encouraging students to bring their ideas from concept to completion. By the end, students will have built multiple 3D models, gaining practical construction skills and a strong foundation in model-making that they can apply to future projects.
Character Acting	Theatre	Sheniz Douglass	This class focuses on developing students' ability to create unique, believable characters for the stage. Through exercises in voice, movement, and improvisation, students explore techniques to embody different personalities and emotions. The class emphasizes character development, emotional range, and storytelling, helping students build confidence and adaptability as actors. Working on scenes, monologues, and group activities, students practice skills like vocal expression, body language, and interaction with other characters. This class encourages creativity and enhances performance versatility in a collaborative environment.
Choral Programs	Music	Bailee Morrison (4-7) Sharon Lucas (8-15), Bring the whole family! Danika Starrharrt (16 All age groups rehearse simultaneously in different rooms onsite.	Come empower your voice, make friends, and have some beautiful fun! Singers will practice professional pop and classical vocal techniques and learn as many enjoyable songs as can be packed into each season. We are not a traditional choir, but more of vocal ensembles where your unique voice is encouraged to shine. Solo opportunities are available within the group setting as well. Practices are known among our students to be dynamic and energizing. Instructors of our Fall choral programs have reliably been with Encore since our first year (or before!) and are joyfully prepared to meet the needs of individuals and group settings. All three of our fall choral instructors have received years of vocal training in bel canto, pop, liturgical, and choral pedagogies as well as taught privately and led other ensembles. We teach a mix of timeless and contemporary vocal techniques and do encourage practice of chest voice for some passages. Strengthening your voice promotes confidence and physical well-being. Strengthening your voice with a group builds an acute listening ear and forms relationships in a meaningful musical community.
Cinematography	Film	Noah Douglass	This cinematography course introduces students to the art and technique of cinematography and editing covering both the technical and creative aspects of visual storytelling. Through hands-on exercises, students will learn how to craft compelling images and visual sequences. This class also delves into contemporary techniques, and the use of various tools and equipment, including lenses, filters, while also promoting a minimalistic and functional approach to cinematic style filmmaking. Students will explore key concepts such as camera operation, lighting design, composition, color theory, focal lengths, shot framing, editing concepts and sound design. By the end of the course, students will have a solid foundation in visual storytelling and editing allowing them to set out on their own to pursue and create visually impactful productions.

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Cinematography & Editing	Film	Noah Douglass	This course introduces students to the art and technique of cinematography and editing, covering both the technical and creative aspects of visual storytelling. Through hands-on exercises, students will learn how to craft compelling images and visual sequences. This class also delves into contemporary techniques and the use of various tools and equipment, including lenses and filters, while also promoting a minimalistic and functional approach to cinematic style filmmaking. Students will explore key concepts such as camera operation, lighting design, composition, color theory, focal lengths, shot framing, editing concepts, and sound design. By the end of the course, students will have a solid foundation in visual storytelling and editing, allowing them to set out on their own to pursue and create visually impactful productions.
Clay Arts	Art	Sharon Lucas	Clay arts will mainly focus on earth and ware clay. This type of clay is used in ceramics. It is very durable and will last a long time if taken care of. In this class we will go through the basics of hand building and sculpting. We talk about the many stages clay goes through to be finished and vitrified. By the end of the semester each student should have completed at least two projects.
Clay Arts: Hand Building	Art	Michelle Lucas	Clay arts will mainly focus on earthenware clay. This type of clay is used in ceramics. It is very durable and will last a long time if taken care of. In this class we will go through the basics of hand building and sculpting. We talk about the many stages clay goes through to be finished and vitrified. By the end of the semester each student should have completed at least two projects.
Clay Arts: Pottery Wheel and Handbuilding	Art	Michelle Lucas	This class will mainly focus on earthenware clay. This type of clay is used in ceramics. It is very durable and will last a long time if taken care of. In this class we will go through the basics of using a pottery wheel to create pieced as well as hand building and sculpting. We will discuss the many stages clay goes through to be finished and vitrified. By the end of the semester each student should have completed at least two projects and likely more.
Costume & Fashion Design	Art Theatre	Carrie Walker	In this exciting fashion design and illustration class, students will embark on a creative journey that combines the art of fashion design with the skills of illustration. Throughout the course, students will learn to breathe life into their designs by mastering the art of sketching fashion figures, clothing, and accessories. From understanding body proportions to experimenting with various fabrics and style sketching, students will gain hands-on experience in dreaming up their unique fashion visions. Whether aspiring to become a fashion designer or simply desiring a creative outlet, this class offers a comprehensive foundation for students to explore their passion for fashion, refine their drawing techniques, and transform their design ideas into stunning visual representations.
Creative Woodworking 101	Art	Max Vanderlaan	This is a basic introduction into wood working, starting with tool safety and going into creative small progress. This will be student progression led.
Creative Writing	Writing	Debbie Crutchfield Michelle Lucas	Using poetry, prose, short stories, and graphic novels, students will take the worlds their imaginations have built and the characters they have created to tell their stories. Working through the writing processes of creating story maps, writing rough drafts, editing, and revising, aspiring authors will be taught the tools they need to develop their skills as a writer so they can share their stories with others.
Crochet & Knitting	Art	Athena Watkins	Create your own wearable, customizable, and adorable pieces of art! In this class, students will learn the foundations of stitching, following a pattern, and creating amazing finished products. Pick up a relaxing new hobby and make heartfelt gifts for your loved ones (or yourself)! No prior experience required. Supplies provided.
Culinary Creativity: Soups, Salads, & Entrees	Culinary	Melissa Vanderlaan	Soups, Salads, & Entrees- Students will have hands-on opportunities to learn basic cooking skills, from how to boil an egg to chopping techniques. Learn substitutions in recipes for dietary restrictions. Kitchen safety and food prep safety. In class we will make various one pot entrees, soups and salads. Each student will have the opportunity to taste their creation and take home recipes to try for themselves.
Dessert Decoration	Culinary	Melissa Vanderlaan	Students will have hands-on opportunities to learn basic baking skills. In class we will make cakes and cookies from start to finish. Following a recipe to make batter, follow baking times and decorating for a creative finishing touch. Each student will have the opportunity to taste their creation and take home recipes to try for themselves. Specialty of this class is sugar cookies and royal icing decorating. Gluten-free available upon request.
Digital Drawing	Art	Christine Todd	The Digital drawing class is a great way to jumpstart at the new media of today's art: TECHNOLOGY! Not only do you learn basic drawing techniques using a stylus or pen, but foundations of drawing will be integrated as you get to know more about graphics, rendering and mechanics behind your beautiful art. Class will cover a variety of topics and develop based on student interests. Device with drawing capabilities and a stylus is required. Procreate for Ipads or Sketchbook for other devices.

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Digital Drawing + Graphic Design	Art	Christine Todd	Unlock your creativity in this dynamic, project-based class where you'll explore the essentials of both digital drawing and graphic design! Using tablets and traditional paper exercises, we'll build foundational drawing skills and progress into digital techniques. Students will dive into graphic design concepts, creating their own logos and promotional materials as they develop an understanding of color, composition, and branding. Device with drawing capabilities and stylus required. Procreate for Apple iPad or Sketchbook for other devices.
Discover Magic	Hands-On Learning	Jason Rippetoe	Illusion and amazement go hand in hand in this class as we learn the art of magic! In this course kids are given secret file folders, custom tricks you won't find anywhere else, and unique opportunities to boost self confidence, as well as build communication and social skills. Magic is a classic performing art and we'll work toward developing performance skills to make simple tricks engaging and enriching, with amazements that are kid-friendly but not dumbed down. No magic experience necessary!
Doll Clothes Hand Sewing	Art	Carrie Walker	In Doll Clothes Hand Sewing, students will learn the art of creating custom outfits for dolls using basic hand-sewing techniques. They'll develop skills in stitching, hemming, and pattern-making, while exploring fabric selection, embellishments, and creative design. Each class will focus on a different garment or accessory, allowing students to design and complete mini projects for their dolls. By the end of the course, students will have a personalized wardrobe of handmade doll clothes and the skills to continue crafting unique pieces on their own. Encore will provide an array of fabrics for students to choose from, but students are welcome to bring their own fabric if they want something specific.
Drawing Explorations	Art	Carrie Walker	This class offers a sampling of several art mediums for young learners to grow and experiment uniquely through pencil, pen and ink, color pencils, oil and chalk pastels. Students will learn color theory, drawing techniques, value, shading, and scale through various fun projects!
Drums and Percussion	Music	Noah Douglass	This interactive group drums and percussion class is a collaborative experience where participants gather to create and explore rhythms together. By using hand drums such as djembes, congas, bongos students will begin to understand a variety of rhythmic concepts. The instructor orchestrates playable sections according to skill level, ensuring everyone has a place to learn and grow. More complex patterns are built around simple/foundational concepts to increase interactive learning potential. A range of rhythmic patterns and techniques, are woven into the exciting group sessions while knowledge of rhythmic structure increases.
Dungeons & Dragons	Theatre	Megan Case	Storytelling comes to life in the world of Dungeons & Dragons! Embark on an epic adventure to explore new worlds, meet new characters, and develop skills your student never knew they were capable of all through the lens of their own creativity and imagination.
Fiber Arts: Weaving and Macrame	Art	Carrie Walker	In this creative and hands-on class, students will explore the art of weaving and macrame, learning foundational fiber techniques to create unique, beautiful textiles. Students will master knotting patterns, basic weaving structures, and experiment with texture and color as they craft their own wall hangings, plant hangers, or small tapestries. Through weekly projects, they'll gain skills in hand-eye coordination, pattern-making, and patience, developing both fine motor skills and artistic confidence. By the end of the class, each student will leave with a set of finished fiber pieces and the techniques to continue creating at home. *Students need to know how to tie a knot and thread a needle proficiently for this class.
Filmmaking	Film	Justin Baird	Learn the seven primary aspects needed to make a movie! Become a storyteller and make a film in collaborate with fellow filmmakers.
Game Design and Coding	Art	Christine Todd	In Game Design & Coding, students will learn the basics of coding and object-oriented programming using C# in Unity, one of the industry's top game engines. From variables and functions to loops, the instructor will guide students through coding essentials and game design theory, making complex concepts accessible and engaging. In addition to coding, students will explore key elements of game design, 3D modeling, and basic animation within Unity. This hands-on approach allows them to apply their knowledge in real-time, building simple games and gaining familiarity with Unity's tools and techniques in 3D game development. Students are encouraged to bring their own gaming laptops to follow along with the lessons and apply skills directly. By the end of the course, students will be equipped to start designing their own original games. With a focus on foundational skills and practical applications, this course is ideal for those new to coding or game design.

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Garage Band Music Video	Music	Christine Todd	In this class, we'll come together each season to create an original music video from start to finish! Using Garage Band and video production tools, students will learn how to compose, record, and produce a one-of-a-kind song while capturing it on video. Each class starts with a brainstorming session to spark ideas for our original song, diving into lyrics, melody, and mood as we build the foundation together. Once the song is crafted, students will record it in Garageband, learning how to layer instruments, vocals, and effects. With our song complete, the focus will shift to the video side, where students will explore video techniques to bring their music to life visually. No prior experience is needed—just creativity and a willingness to sing, act, or learn behind-the-scenes skills. By the end of the season, students will have produced a quality music video that showcases their teamwork, creativity, and new technical skills!
Hand Sculpting	Art	Rachel Kitzmiller	In this class, we will develop an understanding of the fundamentals of what clay can and cannot do in its various stages, while making sophisticated, functional pieces of art. We will learn how to build upon a frame and construct personalized sculpture(s). In addition to group instruction, each student will have enough one-on-one instruction with the teacher within classes to plan, form, and refine their own chosen design. We will prepare our projects for final firing and decorating. Students will also have the opportunity to learn to use underglaze on their pieces before the firing.
Hand Sewing	Art	Kristin Jenkins	In this class, participants will learn the basics of hand sewing, from threading a needle to creating simple stitches. Students will develop their fine motor skills as through fun and interactive projects.
Herb Fairies	Hands-On Learn	Debbie Crutchfield	Using the Herb Fairies series, students will learn about several common herbs, make recipes with the herbs, and create their own herb journal in addition to other fun activities.
Herbs for Health	Horticulture	Debbie Crutchfield	This class teaches basic herbal knowledge and hands-on skills to teens including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Benefits and drawbacks of allopathic medicine and herbal medicine -Identifying commonly used herbs and knowing when it is safe to use them -Herbs as medicine -Tea tasting of various herbs and how to make the teas -Making various other herbal concoctions -Making your own Materia Medica using the herbs we study in class. This includes drawing the herb, labeling its plant parts and identifying their uses, recipes we made in class, and whatever else you want to add.
Hip Hop/Jazz Dance Combination	Music Theatre	Kendria Ashby	This class will allow for a lot of self expression and adding personality to dance routines. This a fun upbeat class for those who want to dance and move, but who do not want to focus on technique. Hip hop is fast-paced and high energy dancing set to upbeat popular music with a hip hop style. Moves may include coffee grinders, criss cross, party machine, camel walk, pin drop, and others. Jazz dance focuses on sharp, fluid movements and expression of attitude. Jazz students will learn Chasse, Pas de Bourrée, Turns (including jazz pirouettes), Leaps, and other dance moves in a choreographed sequence to fun, sassy music. Students will perform a hip hop routine along with a jazz routine at the spring showcase. Students will perform a jazz routine and a hip hop routine at the Encore Showcase.
Improv	Theatre	Athena Watkins Bailee Morrison Daniel Maggard	Improvisation is the art of real life, where we act without a script! Students will build skills to think on their feet, work as a team to create interesting stories, make strong character choices, and handle anything that life throws at them. Get ready to grow your confidence and laugh!
Improv+Singing Combo	Music Theatre	Athena Watkins	Learn singing techniques, including posture, ear training, and how to create resonance - PLUS improvisation skills like teamwork, listening skills, and building confidence in your ideas. If you're interested in acting, singing, or creating your own songs, come and join us!
Innovative Science: Art in Action	Science Art	Paige Foote	Come join our exciting new program partnering with Lab Rat Learning to show your little innovators the art of science. We currently have two years worth of material offered in several six-week sessions throughout the year. We will teach your kids how to utilize science through demonstrations and experimentation. We will explore multiple different scientific fields including biology, chemistry and physics by walking through experiments that your kids can perform themselves to make science FUN! Join us and discover all the magical things you can create with, Innovative Science: Art in Action.
Interior Design and Decor	Art	Carrie Walker	In Interior Design and Decor, students will dive into the principles of creating cohesive, stylish, and functional spaces. They'll learn essential skills such as color theory, space planning, furniture arrangement, and choosing complementary textures and patterns. Each class will include hands-on activities like creating mood boards, sketching floor plans, and selecting decor elements to bring their design concepts to life. By the end of the course, students will have a completed design project, along with the knowledge and confidence to transform any space with style and purpose.

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Intermediate Drawing Skills	Art	Lisa Cheney	In this intermediate drawing class, youth will build upon the foundation of drawing skills that they have learned in a beginner's class and will gain more confidence in their ability to create realistic drawings. The class will focus on helping students translate what they see onto the paper through both their intuition and feelings, as well as practical drawing foundations. They will learn about perspective, proportions, composition, contrast, shading, texture, fine detail, and the difference between expressive and representational drawings.
Intermediate String Ensemble	Music	Melanie Henry	This course is for intermediate violin, viola, and cello students, ages 11-18. Students will learn to play in a small ensemble and study a variety of musical styles. Sight-reading, theory and string technique will be incorporated into this course. Students will have fun creating music in a small ensemble setting!
iPhone/Droid Photography	Art	Michelle Lucas	Learn the art of phone photography! Learn how to take creative photographs with your iPhone or Android. Master your mobile camera, control lighting and use camera modes effectively to achieve professional-looking results. Develop creativity in your photos, understand professional composition techniques and points of view to create captivating and visually appealing images.
Jewelry Creation	Art	Christine Todd	<p>Unleash your creativity in this jewelry-making class, where students will learn the art of designing and crafting beautiful, wearable pieces. Our class for ages 8-12 introduces younger artists to the fundamentals of jewelry-making. Students will explore beadwork, stringing techniques, and patterns as they create a variety of fun designs, from bracelets and necklaces to earrings. This hands-on class encourages imagination, allowing each student to design pieces that reflect their unique style.</p> <p>For students ages 13 and up, the class goes deeper into more advanced techniques, including the use of UV resin to create high-quality, custom jewelry. Students will learn how to work with resin safely and experiment with embedding flowers, glitter, and other decorative elements to make eye-catching pieces. This older group will also dive into how add a professional finish to their work including prepping the designs for sale. Each student will leave with a collection of personal creations and a strong foundation in jewelry-making techniques, ready to bring their own designs to life.</p>
Juggling		Noah Douglass	The exciting world of juggling is introduced where timing is everything! In this dynamic class you'll develop coordination pattern recognition and skill to keep multiple objects in motion. Our experienced instructor will guide participants through fun group activities while also focusing on individual skill levels insuring everyone build confidence and rhythmic precision. Perfect for beginners and even advanced jugglers alike, this class is a fun and interactive way to connect with others, build new skills, and share plenty of fun!
Juggling + Drumming Combo	Music Theatre	Noah Douglass	<p>During the first half of this session we explore the exciting world of juggling. Precision and timing is combined to create dynamic skill based performances! This dynamic class develops coordination, pattern recognition and skill to keep multiple objects in motion. Our experienced instructor will guide participants through fun group activities while also focusing on individual skill levels insuring everyone build confidence and rhythmic precision. Perfect for beginners and even advanced jugglers alike, this class is a fun and interactive way to connect with others, build new skills, and share plenty of fun!</p> <p>The second half of this session directs this interactive group into the world of drums and percussion. Participants gather to create and explore rhythms together by using hand drums such as djembes, congas, bongos. Students begin to understand a variety of rhythmic concepts combining all ranges of ability. The instructor orchestrates playable sections according to skill level, ensuring everyone has a place to learn and grow. More complex patterns are built around simple/foundational concepts to increase interactive learning potential. A range of rhythmic patterns and techniques, are woven into the exciting group sessions while knowledge of rhythmic structure increases.</p>
Kinder Kolors: Art Exploration	Art	Kendria Ashby	This class will be a very basic hands on art class. Students will explore various mediums and ways of creating art. Projects will give students a way to explore their creativity. Many projects will be abstract, nature, animal, or storybook focused. Projects may include collage, paper mosaic, watercolor, tissue paper, simple origami, simple sculptures, and more. A fun way to unleash creativity and begin learning about elements of art and artistic techniques.
Learn-What-You-Like Dance Sampler	Music	Kendria Ashby	A movement class for young children. This class will teach basic dance routines to fun upbeat music. Students will stretch, move, and get their wiggles out. Great for energetic students who like to move. We will work on timing and staying in sync as a group. Students will have an opportunity to perform at the Encore Showcase.
Life Skills in Wood, Wires, Tires + Beyond	Hands-On Learning	Max Vanderlaan	The focus of this class is to teach students how to do common tasks, such as changing a tire, vehicle safety checks, how to wire a lamp, repair a hole in drywall, unclog a drain, change doorknobs/locks, and more. This class will open the student to an "I can do that" or "I can fix that" mindset.

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Magic Explorers	Hands-On Learning	Jason Rippetoe	Even little hands can learn amazing illusions! This fun class lets little ones craft and perform simple tricks that may even astonish grown-ups from time to time. Mixed in with the magic are lessons on social skills with the goal of teaching young ones to care about others and give their best. But Rule #1 is: Have FUN!
Magic Making	Hands-On Learning	Jason Rippetoe	In this class we take the Discover Magic curriculum and amp it up for teen learners. We'll explore how to turn tricks into engaging performances, and some stunning illusions that will impress both children and adults. At the end of the semester, we'll perform amazements in the Showcase.
Merch Makerspace	Art	Kristin Jenkins	Students will explore a variety of tools and materials with the goal of creating sellable merchandise.
Mixed Media Mania	Art	Michelle Lucas	Take a dive into the amazing world of mixed media, utilizing techniques and processes of many different art forms combined to create unique creations. Drawing, painting, watercolor, paper-crafting, textiles and more! Each creation will be as unique as the individual artist, reflecting style and flare.
Mixed Media Watercolor	Art	Lisa Cheney	In this mixed media watercolor class, students will learn different ways that watercolor can be used in combination with other mediums, such as ink, colored pencil, watercolor pencils, markers, and more. The class will be divided into two parts. During the first half, students will be introduced to watercolors and will learn to become comfortable with the medium through creating their own personal color chart and experimenting with different techniques for creating textures. They will then apply what they have learned by creating a stunning painting that incorporates ink and colored pencils. In the second half of the class, students will explore more non-traditional techniques and will learn how to mix in additional mediums to create rich and dynamic compositions in additional mediums to create rich and dynamic compositions.
Music and Art Combo	Music Art	Christine Todd	In this class we will explore the many different varieties of art as well as learning about many elements of making music too. We will split the class every week, spending half the time on making music by singing, dancing and learning the basics of music notation and theory. The other half of class, we will focus on the art project itself. By the end of the semester, the students will have a good understanding of music and art in their respective nature.
Musical Theatre	Music Theatre	Athena Watkins Bailee Morrison Sharon Lucas Danika Starrharrt	Get ready to sing, dance, and act your heart out in this class! Students will learn the fundamentals of creating a character, learning choreography, and singing with confidence. We will practice thinking on our toes with improvisation games, build the skills to "fill a space" with our voices, and prepare performance pieces. Our production stories are all family-friendly (think G rated), and full of fun and action. Each season culminates with a big public show during our all-day Encore festivals! Come join us and become a "triple threat"!
Musical Theatre + Dance Expressions	Music Dance Theatre	Sheniz Douglass	This class introduces young learners to the basics of singing, acting, and dance in a fun and supportive setting. Kids learn simple songs, movements, and short scenes from beloved musicals, focusing on expressing emotions through their voices and bodies. The class encourages creativity and helps develop confidence, coordination, and teamwork through engaging group activities. This class offers a playful approach to musical theater, where children explore storytelling and expression while building foundational performance skills.
Oil Painting	Art	Carrie Walker	In this immersive Oil Painting class, students will master the fundamentals of working with oils, including blending, layering, and handling drying times. Through step-by-step instruction, they'll explore techniques for achieving depth, texture, and realism, learning to work with light, shadow, and color theory. Each session offers hands-on practice, from refining details, with a focus on building confidence in brushwork and composition. By the end of the class, students will have created multiple finished pieces, gaining a thorough understanding of oil painting techniques and a deeper sense of personal artistic style.
Open Studio PAINT!	Art	Carrie Walker	Open Studio PAINT! is designed for intermediate and advanced students looking to explore their artistic ideas independently. In this student-led, project-focused class, participants bring their own concepts to life, working on self-directed painting projects with guidance from the instructor as needed. Students will refine skills like advanced brushwork, color theory, and composition, while experimenting with their unique styles and techniques. Each session encourages creative freedom, with the instructor providing individualized feedback and support. By the end of the course, students will have completed a selection of original artwork, enhancing both their technical abilities and personal artistic voice.

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Paint Craze	Art	Christine Todd	<p>Unleash your creativity in Paint Craze, a dynamic class where students discover a new painting technique each month! Each session dives deep into a specific technique, exploring how it works, building on it, and experimenting to find fresh ways to apply it. From textured abstracts to expressive landscapes, we'll expand our artistic toolkit with hands-on projects that challenge and inspire.</p> <p>Along the way, we'll explore various painting mediums—acrylics, watercolors, inks, and more—to see how each one brings unique possibilities. By trying out different approaches, students will grow as well-rounded artists, discovering what they love to create. Perfect for beginners and seasoned painters alike, Paint Craze is an exciting journey through color, technique, and personal expression!</p>
Painting and Drawing Combo	Art	Kendria Ashby	This class will provide an overview of many different painting and drawing mediums and techniques. This class will give students an opportunity to develop their creativity and artistic skill. Mediums could include acrylic paint, watercolor, pencil, colored pencil, chalk pastel, and oil pastel. Students will learn techniques for shading, perspective, texture, and color theory. Students will create self portraits, landscapes, animal drawings, still lifes, and other fun realistic and abstracted works of art.
Painting Explorations	Art	Carrie Walker	Feel welcome in our nurturing and inspiring art studio! Whether you're new to painting or re-awakening a passion, these classes offer a unique fear-free method that teaches beginners to paint and seasoned painters more advanced approaches, tips and tricks to painting in watercolor, acrylics and oils. In the first half of each medium we'll cover basic techniques in a step-by-step, easy to learn method. The second half of each medium we'll move to a painting of choice to utilize those skills you just acquired!
Paper Crafts	Art	Sharon Lucas	Requested
PhotographyPLUS	Art	Oliver MacDonald	In this course, students will learn the basics of photography and how to expand their photography skills and application through frame design, post printing modification, and different print mediums. By the end of the course, students will get to walk away with a custom artistic photo book that they will get to design. Come explore how to broaden your photography skills with everything from paint to electronics and make some stunning new art pieces!
Piano Alive	Music	Bailee Morrison Debbie Crutchfield Danika Starrhart Kristin Jenkins	Students learn chording and notation, theory for creativity, and group playing skills in a fun yet discipline-oriented environment. Musical movement and percussion is incorporated for younger age groups. Classical piece performance and songwriting are incorporated in older age groups. Each student has access to their own center-provided keyboard during classes, and time is allotted for special class performances. Each session runs 8 weeks followed by the opportunity to "test up" in a separate event and receive a medal for levels passed. Piano Alive connects students with a range of learning styles to music as a whole, with piano as the tool to express themselves and experience excellence in technique, application of amazing theory that matters, and the joy of group playing. This refreshing method has been developed over the past several years by full time instructor and pianist Danika Starrhart, Encore's founder-director. The results are proven to provide an exceptional foundation and creative springboard in piano -- the kind of inspirational pedagogy we wished we would've had in past generations! Read more about the method and level systems.
Polymer Clay	Art	Sharon Lucas	<p>Create your own beads and figurines while learning about color properties and clay techniques, including marbling, millefiori, and miniature sculpture.</p> <p>In this class, we will focus on using polymer clay. This clay is very easy to work with and comes in all sorts of fun colors. We will be doing many fun projects with this clay such as designing jewelry, animal figures, and even making and designing their own game pieces.</p>
Potter's Wheel	Art	Sharon Lucas	In the potters wheel class we will be using earth and ware clay which is widely used in ceramics. We will go over the basics of hand building as well as throwing on the wheel. We will be doing projects such as making mugs, bowls and plates. Students are expected to have made at least two projects by the end of the semester.
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Recorder, Boomwhacker, Music Theory Combo	Music	Sheniz Douglass	Calling all singers! In this class, students will enjoy singing lessons, ranging from warm-ups, breathing techniques, piano/forte dynamics, stage presence tips, and blending as a choir. We will work through various pieces of music (with tracks and/or acapella) and explore rhythm and percussion with boom whackers. Come with a smile and get ready to make some great memories singing (and boom whacking) with friends!

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Scrapbooking and Card Making	Art	Michelle Lucas	The art of paper crafting has existed for thousands of years in both practical and creative forms of expression. In this class we will learn the fascinating history of paper and learn to create books, cards, scrapbooks and more!
Sewing & Textile Arts	Art	Kristin Jenkins	In this hands-on course students will learn essential sewing techniques, fabric selection, and various textile arts. Each session will focus on projects that encourage creativity and self-expression, while also providing practical skills for everyday use.
Sewing, Fashion & Costume Design	Art Theatre	Kristin Jenkins	In this class students will learn the basics of hand and machine sewing to create costumes, accessories, and simple clothing items. Students will learn how to use and make a pattern, explore varying fabrics and learn garment construction concepts.
Shakespearean Theatre	Theatre	Athena Watkins	Sword fights. Disguises. Poison. Hilarity. Learn to translate Shakespeare's most iconic stories, and use them to inspire your own scenes!
Singing and Rhythm	Music	Sheniz Douglass	This class combines vocal training with rhythm exercises to strengthen students' musical timing and coordination. Students explore rhythm patterns, clap and move to beats, and sing songs that emphasize rhythmic accuracy and syncopation. The class includes activities for vocal development, such as pitch matching, breath control, and phrasing, along with engaging rhythm games that reinforce timing and musical feel. This class nurtures foundational singing skills while building a strong sense of rhythm in a fun, interactive setting.
Stage Makeup	Theatre Art	Kendria Ashby	This course will focus on theatrical makeup design and application. Students will use their own face as a canvas for their designs. This course will cover contouring, animal makeup, old age makeup, injury special effects makeup (including fake blood, cuts, bruises, scars, etc), and other creative makeup projects. Students will learn makeup application techniques and how to create makeup designs for a specific character.
Storytelling	Art	Debbie Crutchfield	This class is a place where non-writers and beginning writers will learn about storytelling. We will have fun learning to put together stories from pictures, creating our own stories and telling them with pictures we draw, and learning to stand in front of a group to tell our stories. Along the way we will learn the basic concepts of plot, creating characters, and developing characters. Using descriptive words to create settings and setting moods will also be included, and so much more!
Strings Level 1	Music	Melanie Henry	This course is designed for beginning violin, viola, and cello students ages 7-13 who have no strings experience. Students will learn basic note reading, rhythm, bow technique, and intonation. This course will help students learn to play in an ensemble setting.
Strings Level 2	Music	Melanie Henry	This course is designed for violin, viola, and cello students who have completed the level 1 class or have had 1-2 years playing experience. Students will continue to develop rhythm skills, bow technique, intonation and their understanding of music theory. This course will help students play in an ensemble setting.
Tap Dance	Theatre Music	Kendria Ashby Sharon Lucas	Tap is an expressive form of dance focusing on musicality, rhythm, and percussion. Think of tap dance as making music with your feet! Students will create a pattern of sounds using their feet. Tap dance involves precise footwork and coordination. Students will build the flexibility and speed of their knees and ankles. The class will focus on techniques to produce clear tap sounds. Students will learn common tap moves such as Shuffle, Flap, Brush, Chug, Scuff, Ball Change, Buffalo, Maxie Ford, Cramp rolls, Tack Annies, Suzy Q's, Gene Kelly, and Shirley Temple. The class will start with basic rhythms and simple combinations and grow to use more complex or quick sets of moves culminating in a performance at the Encore showcase. Please bring your tap shoes to class every week.
The Art of Watercolor	Art	Carrie Walker	In The Art of Watercolor, students will explore the unique techniques and expressive possibilities of watercolor painting. Through hands-on exercises, they'll learn fundamental skills such as color blending, washes, layering, and brush control, discovering how to create both vibrant and delicate effects. Each class will provide guided practice in techniques like wet-on-wet, dry brush, and gradients, allowing students to experiment with texture and composition. By the end of the course, students will have completed a series of watercolor pieces and gained confidence in creating beautiful, flowing artworks with this versatile medium.
Theatre	Theatre	Athena Watkins Bailee Morrison Megan Case Sharon Lucas	Do you dream of becoming an actor? Join the cast of our play, and learn lots of acting skills along the way! Students will learn about script analysis, creating a character, vocal techniques, and more.
Theatre & Storytelling	Theatre Writing	Sheniz Douglass	Students learn the ins and outs of theatre basics while creating a show they will be proud to say they had a hand in creating! Students learn what it takes to create dynamic characters for a production, and then create their own character they will be portraying in the show they help to write!

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Theatre + Theatrical Design	Art Theatre	Kendria Ashby	Students will learn about the various roles needed to create a theatrical production. Students will create theatrical designs based off of a short script from a classic children's story. Students will also perform a couple of scenes from the same script at the Encore showcase. This course will cover all types of roles in theater including director, costume designer, set designer, prop designer, lighting designer, sound designer, stage manager, producer, and actor. Students will have opportunities to design mini model sets, draw costume designs, design programs and posters, create props, as well as rehearse acting for the showcase performance.
Theatre Dance Skills Clinic	Theatre Music	Kendria Ashby	This is a movement based class for students who want to develop dance skills for performing in musicals. Dancers will be singing to a track while dancing to Musical Theatre songs. This class is not designed as singing lessons, but will incorporate singing as an ensemble group. This class will help dancers develop theatrical storytelling qualities in their dancing. The course will focus on translating emotion, portraying a character, and cultivating stage presence. Students will learn moves such as Pony, Box step, Jazz hands, Pivot Turn, Jazz Square, Fan kicks, Grapevine, Charleston, and other typical Broadway style dance moves. Musical Theatre Dance is a great class to expand confidence and performance skills. Students will have a chance to perform at the Encore Showcase.
Theatre Technology	Art Theatre	Max Vanderlaan	This class is an introduction to theatre prop building. The class will be run as a simulation of a small community theater where the student will be placed as the prop manager. The class will focus on how to cheaply and effectively create visual items onstage, to allow both the performer and audience to focus on the performance.
Ukulele	Music	Noah Douglass	Ukulele is a great way to get an easy start to string dexterity! As a great starting instrument at just four strings, learn how to play music! Join this class for a great way to make friends as well as collaborate in a group! Students will learn rhythms, chords, tabs, songs and much more!
Ukulele: Leading Campfire Songs	Music	Kristin Jenkins	Learn to play and lead popular campfire songs on the ukulele! This course will cover essential ukulele techniques, basic chords, and strumming patterns in an interactive sing-along format.
Visual Journaling	Art Writing?	Lisa Cheney	Visual journaling is a form of self-expression and reflection through the use of art, writing, and other creative mediums. In this class, students will learn how to create a personal visual journal or sketchbook where they can record their thoughts, ideas, and observations through drawings, painting, collages, mixed media, mandalas, and other visual media. Students will also have the opportunity to experiment with different art materials and techniques, and learn how to use journal prompts and writing to enhance their visual journaling practice. This class will focus on helping students use visual journaling as a means of self-exploration and personal growth, and will encourage them to express their creativity and emotions through their journals. By the end of the class, students will have created their own unique visual journal(s), filled with their own original artwork and writing.
Vocal Ens. & Performance Technique	Music	Sheniz Douglass	This class focuses on developing students' vocal abilities, ensemble singing skills, and performance confidence. Through group exercises, students learn harmony, blend, and dynamic control while exploring various vocal genres. Techniques such as breath control, diction, and phrasing are covered to enhance vocal tone and clarity. Additionally, students practice stage presence and expressive delivery, culminating in group performances that foster teamwork and individual growth.
Wearable Art: Painted Clothes	Art	Michelle Lucas	upscale, your current wardrobe or repurpose items from thrifting! We will utilize various techniques for painting, staining, bleaching, and embellishing, textiles and wearable clothing. You can choose to create an entire outfit over the semester or different items to use yourself or for gifts. One thing is for sure the clothing you make will be one of a kind and you'll have so much fun as well as learn new techniques you can carry with you long after you complete the class. By the end of the semester, you should have 3 to 4 separate clothing or textile items completed and ready to give or wear!
Wildcraft Art: Nature Creations	Art	Carrie Walker	In Wildcraft Art: Nature Creations, students will immerse themselves in the beauty of the natural world, using found and purchased materials to create unique art pieces. They will learn skills such as understanding color and texture, and employing various crafting techniques, including weaving, collage, sculpture and jewelry making. Each class will involve hands-on projects that encourage creativity and exploration, allowing students to transform leaves, flowers, twigs, and other organic elements into stunning works of art. By the end of the course, students will have a portfolio of nature-inspired creations and a deeper appreciation for the artistry inherent in the environment around them.
Worship Band	Music	Noah Douglass	Our worship music class teaches musicians the specific skills needed to play and lead music in worship settings. It covers song selection, music theory and instrumental techniques commonly associated with the worship genre. By using guitar, piano, drums and vocal techniques students develop their individual skills within a team setting to recreate specific arrangements and adapt to spontaneous moments.

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Youth Symphony	Music	Danika Starrharrt	More than a community or school band experience, these multi-level ensembles incorporate an in-depth study of theory, tone, transposition, and artistic values of cooperative music. More than 75% of all the repertoire is custom-arranged for each season's group that comes together, by our resident, award-winning composer-conductor. Please inquire for more info about about the multiple symphonic bands and orchestral groups at Encore, for various levels, children, and adults, respectively.