WOODLAWN ARTS ACADEMY





ARTS PROGRAM GUIDE *Summer 2026*

Celebrating 20 years of quality arts education!













Registration Opens April 27! Register online starting at 7am or in person starting at 9am.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR ALL PROGRAMS!

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from the executive director

Welcome to Woodlawn Arts Academy, where our motto—Where the Arts are for EVERYONE!—guides our mission to provide quality arts programming for all ages and abilities. From visual art, music, theatre, dance, education and culinary arts to so much more, our classes are led by dedicated, experienced instructors who are passionate about helping creativity take root and grow. As we conclude our year-long celebration of 20 years, we are deeply grateful to the students, families and community members who have supported us along the way. Whether you have been part of the Woodlawn family for years or are just beginning your journey with us, we invite you to explore our offerings, get creative, and continue to help us inspire, create, and grow together for years to come.

Christy Zepezauer

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SUMMER REGISTRATION

Summer 2026 registration opens Monday, April 27th at 7am online and at 9am in person. Summer Theatre Intensive registration opens April 20th. See page 17.

OFFICE HOURS

9am-8pm Mon-Thu
9am-5pm Fri

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Woodlawn Arts Academy will be closed, and regular classes and lessons are not in session:

- May 27 - Memorial Day
- July 3 - Independence Day, observed
- September 2 - Labor Day

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2026-2027 REGISTRATION

All registration for 2026-2027 programming opens Monday, July 27th. 2026-2027 Dance Registration Day is Saturday, July 25th. Preschool registration is open now. Fall play registration opens Monday, July 13th. Specific times and details will be announced in our 2026-2027 Program Guide and online.



how to sign up

ONLINE

Scan the QR code or visit anc.apm.activecommunities.com/woodlawnarts

BY PHONE

(815) 626-4278 during office hours

IN PERSON

3807 Woodlawn Rd., Sterling

Because classes fill quickly, we recommend registering as early as possible. If a program is full when you attempt to register, please add the participant's name to a waitlist! Classes and teachers will be expanded if there is a need to do so.

REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL FULL PAYMENT IS MADE AND/OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING IS IN PLACE. Please see our policies on page 27 for general operational information.

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THEME WEEKS

SUMMER AT WOODLAWN AT A GLANCE

Look for themed week icons throughout the guide and scan the QR codes below to explore full weekly experiences! For an index of programs by age group, see page 26.

JUNE 1-5

CAMP WOODLAWN WEEK

Kick off summer with classic camp traditions, from music and art to storytelling and family fun around the "campfire." It's the perfect way to ease into a season full of creativity and connection.

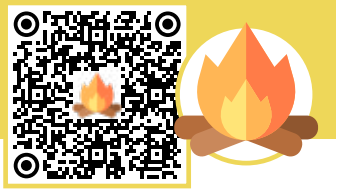
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DISNEY'S 'THE LION KING JR.' SUMMER THEATRE INTENSIVE BEGINS
Grades 5-8 » See page 17

DRAMATIC FANATICS CAMP
Ages 9-14 » See page 16





JUNE 8-12

SCIENCE & SUPERPOWERS WEEK

Explore the power of imagination and discovery through hands-on science, creative experiments, and superhero-inspired fun. This week blends curiosity, creativity, and a little bit of magic.

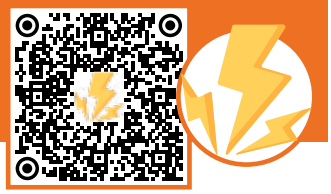
SUPERHERO TRAINING DANCE CAMP
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COLOR CHAOS CAMP
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WEATHER WONDERS ART CAMP
Ages 6-11 » See page 19

MAD SCIENTIST CAMP
Ages 5-12 » See page 12

WOODLAWN MASTER CHEF JUNIOR CAMP
Ages 9-14 » See page 5





JUNE 15-19

ROAR & EXPLORE WEEK

Go wild with animal adventures, from jungle safaris to prehistoric explorations and everything in between. Perfect for young explorers who love creatures big and small.

SAFARI SNACKS WORKSHOP
Ages 1-5 » See page 5

JURASSIC PARK CAMP
Ages 4-11 » See page 10

ANIMAL ACTION DANCE CAMP
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JUNGLE JOURNEY ART CAMP
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NAILED IT WORKSHOP: ANIMAL EDITION
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ZOOTOPIA CAMP
Ages 5-12 » See page 12







JUNE 22-26

MEDIEVAL MAGIC WEEK

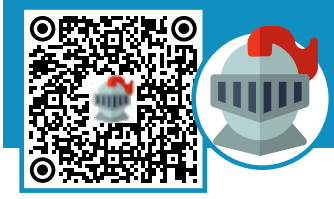
Step into a world of castles, dragons, and creativity inspired by medieval tales and magical adventures. Imagination takes center stage in this enchanting week.

KNIGHTS & PRINCESSES DANCE CAMPS
Ages 1-8 » See page 7

DRAGONS & MAGIC CAMP
Ages 4-11 » See page 11

STAINED GLASS & MOSAIC ART CAMP
Ages 6-11 » See page 20

CASTLES & CARDBOARD CAMP
Ages 7-14 » See page 11



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THEME WEEKS

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JUNE 29-JULY 2

LET'S PLAY WEEK

A playful mix of creativity, imagination, and classic kid fun—from theatre and art to games and building adventures. This week celebrates the joy of simply being a kid.

FAMILY ART CAMP
Ages 1-3 » See page 19

PRESCHOOL DRAMATIC PLAY CAMP
Ages 3-5 » See page 16

BLANKET FORT WORKSHOP
Ages 4-11 » See page 10

ELEMENTARY THEATRE CAMP
Ages 6-11 » See page 16

PLAYGROUND GAMES CAMP
Ages 6-11 » See page 12

JUNIOR LEGO MASTERS WORKSHOP
Ages 6-14 » See page 12

JULY 6-10

FROM EARTH TO ORBIT WEEK

Blast off into exploration from the ground to the stars, with adventures in space, travel, and beyond. This week is all about movement, discovery, and big dreams.

FAMILY PRESCHOOL SPACE CAMP
Ages 1-3 » See page 10

PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES CAMP
Ages 4-11 » See page 11

OUT OF THIS WORLD CAMP
Ages 5-12 » See page 12

SUMMER TRAVEL COOKING CAMP
Ages 6-14 » See page 5

ASTRONAUTS & ART CAMP
Ages 6-11 » See page 19

JULY 13-17

INTO THE WOODS WEEK

Wander into a world of nature, creativity, and imagination inspired by forests, bugs, and storytelling. A perfect blend of art, exploration, and whimsical fun.

IT'S A BUG'S LIFE CAMP
Ages 4-11 » See page 10

NUTS ABOUT NATURE CAMP
Ages 5-12 » See page 12

FOREST FRIENDS ART ADVENTURE CAMP
Ages 3-5 » See page 19

ENCHANTED FOREST ART CAMP
Ages 6-11 » See page 20

BE A YOUTUBE STAR CAMP
Ages 10-14 » See page 21

PODCAST POWER CAMP
Ages 10-14 » See page 21





JULY 20-24

OCEAN ADVENTURE WEEK

Dive into an underwater adventure filled with music, movement, art, and imaginative ocean exploration. From pirates to sea creatures, there's something for every young adventurer.

UNDER THE SEA DANCE CAMPS
Ages 1-8 » See page 7

OCEAN WAVES, MUSIC & MOVEMENT CAMP
Ages 3-4 » See page 14

SYMPHONY OF THE SEA PIANO CAMPS
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PIRATES & MERMAIDS CAMP
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SEA EXPLORERS CAMPS
Ages 5-12 » See page 12

AQUA-ART ADVENTURE CAMP
Ages 9-14 » See page 20

FASHION FUN CAMP
Ages 9-14 » See page 20

JULY 27-31

'TWAS THE SUMMER BEFORE CHRISTMAS WEEK

Celebrate the magic of the holidays in the middle of summer with festive art, music, and creative cheer. It's a joyful, whimsical twist on a favorite season.

LITTLE ELVES ART CAMP
Ages 3-5 » See page 19

SANTA'S WORKSHOP CAMP
Ages 4-11 » See page 11

NUTCRACKER DANCE CAMP
Ages 6-Adult » See page 8

IMPROV FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP
Ages 12-14 » See page 16

WINTER WONDERLAND ART CAMP
Ages 8-13 » See page 20

NAILED IT WORKSHOP: HOLIDAY EDITION
Ages 9-Adult » See page 5



LOVE OUR PROGRAMS OR HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS?
Scan the QR code to share your feedback.



Get cooking this summer with hands-on culinary workshops and camps for all ages. Explore new flavors, build skills and create something delicious!

CULINARY ARTS

SAFARI SNACKS WORKSHOP



Turn your little ones into food artists! This workshop encourages creativity, fine motor skills and fun. Families will create 3D snack sculptures, including marshmallow bunnies, octopus-shaped snacks, and pretzel-tailed mice. We use fresh fruits, veggies and crackers to create wholesome treats that are almost too cute to eat. Perfect for curious young chefs and families looking for a unique bonding activity.

- Ages 1-5, with an adult
- 10:30am-Noon Tue, 6/16/26
- Instructor Tori Bowers
- Room 301
- Tuition: $25

SUMMER TRAVEL COOKING CAMPS

Travel the culinary world this summer! Each day of camp we will make a food that is influenced by a different country: American, Italian, Mexican, Asian and Greek. Try them all and see which you like the best!

- Instructor Jasmine Marsh
- First Presbyterian Church
- Tuition: $85/camp

CAMP 1

- Ages 6-8
- 10:30am-Noon Mon-Fri, 7/6/26-7/10/26

CAMP 2

- Ages 9-14
- 1-2:30pm Mon-Fri, 7/6/26-7/10/26

WOODLAWN MASTER CHEF JUNIOR CAMP

Learn safety, sanitation, cooking and baking methods in this camp that makes food even more fun than just eating it! You'll get hands-on experience and taste your creations!

- Ages 9-14
- 10:30am-Noon Mon-Thu, 6/8/26-6/11/26
- Instructor Chef Joe Hunt
- Whiteside Area Career Center
- Tuition: $68

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FOR TWEENS THRU ADULTS

NAILED IT BAKING WORKSHOPS

Compete to create a decorated baked good, just like on the Netflix sensation! Teams will work together to bake and decorate a masterpiece. Well ... it might not look exactly like a masterpiece, but that's what makes it fun! Multiple ages included; this workshop is a great opportunity for parents and children to have fun in the kitchen together!

- Ages 9-Adult
- Instructor Tori Bowers
- First Presbyterian Church
- Tuition: $50/workshop

ANIMAL EDITION

1-4pm Wed, 6/17/26

HOLIDAY EDITION

1-4pm Thu, 7/30/26





Craving Asian flavors? Check out our Tour of Asia class on page 12!

For all culinary arts programs, come with hair pulled back and closed-toe shoes. Our culinary programs often take place offsite:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

410 Second Ave., Sterling
Enter the double doors on Second Avenue, across from Sterling Federal Bank.

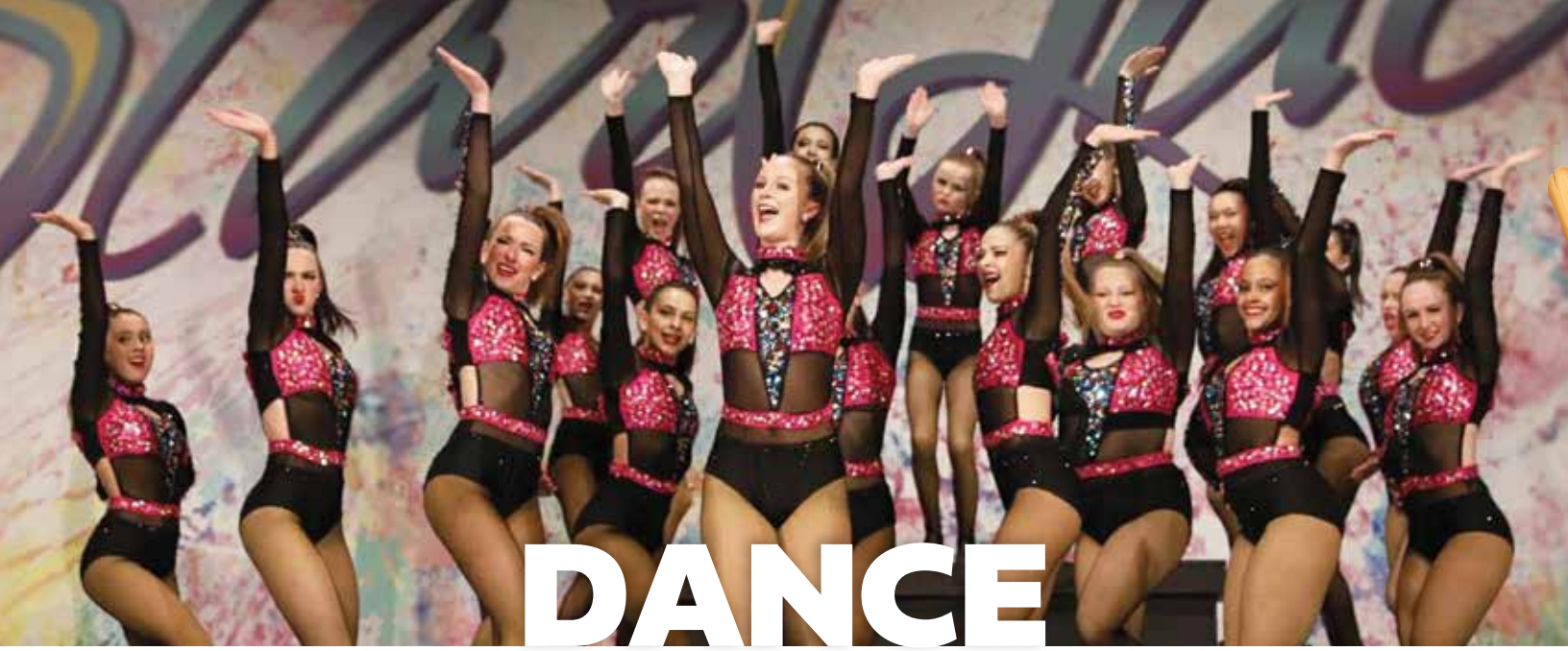
WHITESIDE AREA CAREER CENTER

1608 Fifth Ave., Sterling
Door 19, Room W16

COOKING PRINCIPLES ADULT WORKSHOP

Adults: Enhance your culinary skills by exploring various cooking methods to better understand heat transfer. In this hands-on workshop, you'll experiment with techniques such as sautéing, roasting, grilling and poaching. Learn the best ways to cook proteins and discover the unique flavors that develop using each method. And taste-testing is a must, of course!

- Ages 15-Adult
- 5:30-7pm Mon, 6/15/26
- Instructor Chef Joe Hunt
- Whiteside Area Career Center
- Tuition: $40



DANCE

Now is the time to try Woodlawn Dance Academy or start dance! Our summer program is one, four-week session geared toward technical training, allowing new students to try our program and be properly placed. Students from the 2025-26 school-year program should continue in the same levels for summer. Class placement is based on age, technical level and experience.

SUMMER DANCE CLASS SCHEDULE: 06.01.26-06.24.26

CLASS	AGES[a]	LEVELS	DAY	TIME	TUITION	ROOM	INSTRUCTOR
Family Dance	1-3	All	Tue	4:30-5:15pm	$37.50	401	Miss Kennedy
Boogie Babies 1	3-5	Beginner	Mon	5:15-6:00pm	$37.50	401	Miss Sophia & Miss Maddey
Boogie Babies 2	3-5	Beginner	Tue	3:45-4:30pm	$37.50	401	Miss Kennedy
Kiddydance	5-6	Beginner	Tue	5:15-6:00pm	$37.50	401	Miss Ronni & Miss Kennedy
Ballet/Tap/Jazz 1	6-8	Beginner	Mon	5:30-7:00pm	$75.00	402	Miss Lilly & Miss Maddey
Ballet/Tap/Jazz 2	7-10	Int./Older Beg.	Mon	5:30-7:00pm	$75.00	403	Miss Saidey & Miss Maddey
Ballet Technique	10 & Up	Levels 3-6	Tue	5:45-6:45pm	$50.00	403	Miss Monica
Intermediate Tap Tech	10-14	Levels 3-4	Wed	5:15-6:00pm	$37.50	403	Miss Faith
Advanced Tap Tech	13 & Up	Levels 5-6	Wed	6:00-6:45pm	$37.50	403	Miss Faith
Intermediate Jazz Tech	10-14	Levels 3-4	Wed	6:00-7:30pm	$75.00	PC	Miss Taylor & Miss Annie
Advanced Jazz Tech	13 & Up	Levels 5-6	Wed	4:30-6:00pm	$75.00	PC	Miss Taylor & Miss Annie
Beginner/Int. Hip Hop	7-14	Levels 1-3	Wed	4:30-5:15pm	$37.50	403	Miss Faith
Advanced Hip Hop	13 & Up	Levels 4-5	Wed	6:45-7:30pm	$37.50	403	Miss Faith
Beginner Lyrical	8-14	Ballet 2-3	Mon	4:45-5:30pm	$37.50	403	Miss Maddey
Modern/Contemporary	9 & Up	All[b]	Tue	5:00-5:45pm	$37.50	403	Miss Monica
Pointe Prep & Strength[c]	13 & Up	Adv. Ballet	Tue	6:45-7:15pm	$25.00	403	Miss Monica

[a]Recommended age ranges. [b]Must have been previously enrolled or set to enter Ballet 3 or higher. [c]Will not go on pointe; strengthening only.

DANCE SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Join Miss Faith for one-hour workshops on Thursdays to dive into skills in contemporary, tap, jazz and hip hop. During each workshop, you'll also learn at least one short combination to music! Tuition is only $12.50 per workshop.

JAZZ & LYRICAL

6/4/26 in the J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA

BASIC JAZZ TECHNIQUE

- Ages 6-11; just starting the style of jazz or want to improve skills in levels 1-3
- 4-5pm

BEGINNER LYRICAL

- Ages 8-12; several years of ballet training, or in a ballet 2 or 3 program (same as school-year Lyrical 1)
- 5-6pm

INT/ADV LYRICAL

- Ages 11 & Up; several years of ballet training, or in a ballet 2 or 3 program (same as school-year Lyrical 1)
- 6-7pm



CONTEMPORARY & TAP

6/18/26 in the J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA (Tap in Room 403)

BEGINNER CONTEMPORARY

- Ages 9-14; new to contemporary style, or 1 or 2 years of contemporary learning
- 4-5pm

INT/ADV CONTEMPORARY

- Ages 12 & Up; 2-plus years of contemporary, or jazz levels 4-6
- 5-6pm

INT/ADV TAP

- Ages 9 & Up; a few years of tap training, or tap levels 3-6
- 6-7pm

HIP HOP

7/2/26 in the J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA

BEGINNER HIP HOP

- Ages 7-14; new to hip hop, or 1 to 3 years of hip hop learning (levels 1-2)
- 5-6pm

INT/ADV HIP HOP

- Ages 11 & Up; several years of hip hop training, or levels 3-5
- 6-7pm

Scan the QR code to visit our website for dance styles, levels & dress codes.

REGISTER & SAVE: Summer 2026 tuition will be capped at $150 per student, NOT including students receiving financial assistance, camps, private lessons, shoes and dancewear, or any additional fees. We hope this tuition cap will help defer costs and encourage your dancer(s) to continue to take all of the classes they desire. Online registration not available; in person or call (815) 626-4278. Register for all summer dance programs at the same time to be eligible for the tuition cap.

JUST FOR FUN: SUMMERTIME DANCE CAMPS & WORKSHOPS

KNIGHTS & PRINCESSES DANCE CAMPS

Step into a world of magic and chivalry at our Knights and Princesses Dance Camps, where fairy tales come to life through movement, music and imagination. These camps blend the grace of royalty with the bold energy of medieval heroes.

FAMILY CAMP

- Ages 1-3 with an adult
- 9-9:45am Mon-Fri, 6/22/26-6/26/26
- Instructor Maddey Oyen
- Room 403
- Tuition: $34

JUST FOR KIDS

Families are invited to watch a short performance at 9:45am Friday.

- Ages 4-8
- 9-10am Mon-Fri, 6/22/26-6/26/26
- Instructors Raeganne Neilson, Sophia Lopez
- Room 401
- Tuition: $45

UNDER THE SEA DANCE CAMPS

Splash into a week of ocean-themed fun! Dancers will explore creative movement, music and imagination as they twirl with dolphins, wiggle like fish and discover an underwater world. With simple choreography and playful games, this camp is the perfect mix of learning, creativity and ocean sparkle.

FAMILY CAMP

- Ages 1-3 with an adult
- 9-9:45am Mon-Fri, 7/20/26-7/24/26
- Instructor Annie McGrail
- Room 403
- Tuition: $34

JUST FOR KIDS

Families are invited to watch a short performance at 9:45am Friday.

- Ages 4-8
- 9-10am Mon-Fri, 7/20/26-7/24/26
- Instructors Maddey Oyen, Saidey Malmberg
- Room 401
- Tuition: $45

SUPERHERO TRAINING DANCE CAMP



Calling all heroes-in-training! Unleash your superpowers in an action-packed week of dance, agility and heroic fun. From high-flying leaps to strong, confident poses, campers will explore creative movement to build strength and coordination. Suit up (capes encouraged!) to create your own hero identity, craft heroic gear and learn a super-charged routine to save the day in a final showcase for families at 9:45am Friday.

- Ages 3-7
- 9-10am Mon-Fri, 6/8/26-6/12/26
- Instructors Annie McGrail, Ronni Oyen
- Room 401
- Tuition: $45

ANIMAL ACTION DANCE CAMP

Unleash your wild side! This action-packed camp takes little dancers on a safari adventure, exploring the savanna, jungle and ocean. Kids will stomp like elephants, glide like butterflies, and leap like leopards, turning animal movements into creative dance choreography. Families are invited to watch a short performance at 11:45am Friday.

- Ages 3-7
- 11am-Noon Mon-Fri, 6/15/26-6/19/26
- Instructor Maddey Oyen, Lilly Steger
- Room 401
- Tuition: $45

PRIVATE DANCE LESSONS

Summer is the ONLY time of year we are able to offer private dance lessons! Take advantage if your dancer wants some one-on-one instruction. Lessons are scheduled for 1/2 hour per week and times/days depend on the instructor's and the student's schedules. Tuition is $60 for 4 weeks of lessons.

WOODLAWN DANCE ACADEMY

proudly presents our 2026 Dance Recitals!

In the NAME of DANCE

featuring our talented dance students ages 3-adult

Friday, May 29th at 6pm
Saturday, May 30th
at 1pm & 6pm

Centennial Auditorium
Sterling High School

Tickets go on sale May 1st online at centennialauditorium.org. Tickets also available at the door. *A processing fee will be applied to online purchases.*



DANCE CONVENTION WORKSHOPS



Step into a day of rhythm, creativity and pure dance magic! Dancers will explore a variety of styles including ballet, jazz, lyrical and hip hop (plus contemporary and tap during the Workshop 2) while learning fresh combinations and strengthening their technique. Along the way, students will connect with fellow dancers and enjoy a 30-minute lunch break to relax, recharge and make new friends. Each workshop ends with a 20-minute showcase where families are invited to watch participants shine and celebrate everything they've learned.

- Ages 6 & Up
- J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA

WORKSHOP 1

- 3:30-7:30pm Thu, 6/11/26
- Instructors Maddey Oyen, Faith Engelkens
- Tuition: $40

WORKSHOP 2

- 10am-3pm Thu, 6/25/26
- Instructors Taylor Masters, Annie McGrail, Ohnaka Garcia
- Tuition: $50

THAT'S A 'STRETCH'

Learn the benefits of stretching and physical alignment, and develop a healthy sense of physical and spatial awareness.



YOGA

Join us for a yoga course led by Rosie Ciocca, 500hr YT. This vinyasa (flow-based) course links breath with movement. The course is designed to meet students' needs and is beginner, intermediate or advanced practitioner friendly as options and blocks are provided. No experience necessary! Please bring a water bottle. Mats are provided if needed.

» Ages 18 & Up
» Instructor Rosie Ciocca
» Room 402

SESSION 1
» 5:15-6:15pm Tue, 6/2/26-6/30/26
» Tuition: $60

SESSION 2
» 5:15-6:15pm Tue, 7/14/26-8/4/26
» Tuition: $48

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2026-2027 DANCE REGISTRATION

Dance Registration Day for the 2026-27 school year is Saturday, July 25th. Specific times and details will be announced in our 2026-27 Program Guide and online.





COMPETITION & PERFORMANCE

DANCE TEAM *Auditions*

TEAM AUDITIONS

In order to learn the combinations for auditions, you MUST register for the Summer Dance Camp, though you do not have to attend every day. You may choose to attend the sessions that will benefit your audition. Dancers will audition at their current level or age group, unless otherwise invited by instructors to audition with a higher level based on skills demonstrated during Summer Dance Camp.. *Be sure to register for auditions separately if you plan to audition. Bids will be emailed on July 22nd.

AGES 6-18 | LEVELS WILL BE SCHEDULED FROM 9AM-5PM THU, 7/16/26
FREE WITH REQUIRED SUMMER DANCE CAMP ENROLLMENT

SOLO AUDITIONS

If you are auditioning for the team and have been on the team for at least one year, you may sign up to audition for a solo. When signing up for solo auditions, you will choose a 5-minute time slot to perform a self-choreographed routine and any additional skills you would like to show. The routine will NOT be used to compete; it will be used to see your dance skills. Dancers are NOT invited to audition for duos or trios; those will be chosen, if decided, by judges at team auditions. There will be a limited number of solo auditions taken; these slots are given first come, first served. High school seniors do NOT have to audition for a competitive solo. Sign-up information for timeslots will be sent out to those who are registered on July 1st. Bids will be emailed on July 22nd.

AGES 7-18 | 5-MINUTE TIMESLOTS WILL BE SCHEDULED
BETWEEN 9AM AND NOON FRI, 7/17/26 | TUITION: $30

DANCE CAMP

OPEN TO ALL SERIOUS DANCERS!

Every day students will have an intense warm-up and strengthening course, followed by skill work including leaps, turns and progressions. After that, a specific genre will be studied, including a combination (short routine). Thursday, July 9th, is an optional open studio time for dancers to come in on their own to practice combinations or skill work. An exact schedule of activities will be posted on our website by July 1st.

AGES 6 & UP | DIFFERENT LEVELS WILL HAVE SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES
BETWEEN 1-5PM MON-WED AND OPTIONAL THURSDAY, 7/6/26-7/15/26
VARIOUS INSTRUCTORS | J. MARK BEATY PERFORMANCE CENTER @WAA

$90 MINIS (AGES 6-9) **$130** TEENS & SENIORS (AGES 10-18)

Financial assistance available



Explore, create and learn with STEAM-based camps designed to spark curiosity. Our programs make hands-on learning fun for all ages!

EDUCATION

FAMILY PRESCHOOL SPACE CAMP

Get your little astronaut ready to blast off into preschool! Join us for a stellar week of family fun filled with out-of-this-world activities. Mini space explorers and their grown-ups will launch into lively mornings at preschool—reading cosmic stories, creating galaxy-inspired projects, and making brand-new star-friends along the way. Strap in, countdown begins ... preschool adventure awaits!

- Ages 1-3, with an adult
- 9-9:45am Mon-Fri, 7/6/26-7/10/26
- Instructor Tori Bowers
- Room 301
- Tuition: $34

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ARTSY TOTS

Join us for all kinds of artistic expression. Students and adults will participate in visual arts, dancing, music and theatre!

- Ages 1-4, with an adult
- 5-5:45pm Tue, 7/14/26-7/28/26
- Instructor Sydney Segretto
- Room 301
- Tuition: $25



PIRATES & MERMAIDS CAMP

AHOY MATEYS!

Set sail on an imaginative adventure where active play meets creative expression! Kids will dive into lively physical education games—like treasure-hunt races, ocean-creature tag, and crew-team challenges—designed to build teamwork and keep everyone moving. After exploring the high seas, campers will make a splash in the art studio with hands-on visual art projects. Campers may be divided by age groups for some activities. Families are invited to an experience show at 2:15pm Friday.

- Ages 4-11
- 1-2:30pm Mon-Fri, 7/20/26-7/24/26
- Instructors Gavin Fischer, Logan Newman
- J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA
- Tuition: $68

IT'S A BUG'S LIFE CAMP

Shrink down your world and experience what it's like to be some of Earth's smallest inhabitants. This camp includes visual art, music and literary activities. Campers will be divided by age group for some activities. Families are invited to an experience show at 2:15pm Friday.

- Ages 4-11
- 1-2:30pm Mon-Fri, 7/13/26-7/17/26
- Instructors Logan Newman, Gavin Fischer
- Room 301
- Tuition: $68

AROUND THE CAMPFIRE CAMP

Join us for a summer camp that blends art, science and culinary fun into one unforgettable experience. Campers will create nature-inspired art, explore hands-on science activities and whip up tasty campfire-style treats. It's a warm, creative, and curiosity-filled adventure where kids build skills, make friends and enjoy the magic of summer. Campers may be divided by age group for some activities. Families are invited to an experience show at 2:15pm Friday.

- Ages 4-11
- 1-2:30pm Mon-Fri, 6/1/26-6/5/26
- Instructors Tori Bowers, Logan Newman
- J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA
- Tuition: $68

BLANKET FORT WORKSHOP

Kids will use blankets, pillows, and their imaginations to build cozy, creative forts in this fun summer workshop. Along the way, they'll practice teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity—then enjoy their forts as special spaces for play and storytelling.

- Ages 4-11
- 1-2:30pm Tue, 6/30/26
- Instructors Kennedy Anderson, Gavin Fischer
- J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA
- Tuition: $15

COLOR CHAOS CAMP

In this hands-on summer camp, kids explore the vibrant worlds of visual art, playful science and colorful culinary creations. Campers paint, experiment, mix, taste and discover how creativity connects all three. It's messy, imaginative, and totally unforgettable—perfect for curious kids who love to make, explore and get a little chaotic. Campers will be divided by age group for some activities. Families are invited to an experience show at 11:45am Friday.

- Ages 4-11
- 10:30am-Noon Mon-Fri, 6/8/26-6/12/26
- Instructors Jaime Blakeslee, Sydney Segretto
- Room 301
- Tuition: $68



Calling all dinosaur enthusiasts: Dive into the prehistoric world! Our mini paleontologists will embark on an expedition to learn about a variety of dinosaurs and their habitats, plus rocks, minerals and fossils. Campers may be divided by age group for some activities. Families are invited to an experience show at 10:15am Friday.

- Ages 4-11
- 9-10:30am Mon-Fri, 6/15/26-6/19/26
- Instructors Logan Newman, Gavin Fischer
- Room 301
- Tuition: $68

SANTA'S WORKSHOP CAMP

Step into the magic of the North Pole—in the middle of summer! Campers will explore a world of imagination through visual art, drama and music, designing festive art projects, bringing holiday characters to life and filling the air with joyful songs. Campers may be divided by age group for some activities. Families are invited to an experience show at 11:45am Friday.

- Ages 4-11
- 10:30am-Noon Mon-Fri, 7/27/26-7/31/26
- Instructors Abby Jones, Logan Newman
- Room 203
- Tuition: $68



DRAGONS AND MAGIC CAMP

Creativity and adventure meet, with visual art, science, books and drama blended into a fun, imaginative camp. Create magical art, explore science, journey through fantastical stories and bring characters to life on stage. Perfect for young adventurers who love to dream, discover and create! Campers may be divided by age group for some activities. Families are invited to an experience show at 11:45am Friday.

- Ages 4-11
- 10:30am-Noon Mon-Fri, 6/22/26-6/26/26
- Instructors Jaime Blakeslee, Logan Newman
- Room 301
- Tuition: $68





CASTLES AND CARDBOARD CAMP

Bring your own medieval adventure to life! Help tell a dramatic story dealing with knights, dragons, castles and royalty. Make simplistic or elaborate creations out of cardboard, then team up to tell a story! Families are invited to an experience show at 3:15pm Friday.

- Ages 7-14
- 1:30-3:30pm Mon-Fri, 6/22/26-6/26/26
- Instructors Azaylia Ramos, Logan Newman, Kennedy Anderson
- J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA
- Tuition: $90

PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES CAMP

Join this dynamic summer camp where creativity and curiosity take the lead! Explore the exciting world of transportation through visual art, drama and social studies. Each day blends hands-on art projects inspired by vehicles and travel, imaginative dramatic play that brings journeys to life on stage, and interactive social studies activities that help campers discover how people and places are connected. Campers may be divided by age group for some activities. Families are invited to an experience show at 2:15pm Friday.

- Ages 4-11
- 1-2:30pm Mon-Fri, 7/6/26-7/10/26
- Instructors Gavin Fischer, Logan Newman
- Room 301
- Tuition: $68

WOODLAWN ARTS ACADEMY

2026 ANNUAL APPEAL

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Has Woodlawn Arts Academy made a difference for you or your family to grow in confidence, creativity or connection? When you give, you help plant the seeds that allow creativity to take root in the lives of students and families across the Sauk Valley.

Strong communities grow from strong roots. Be a part of what grows here by considering a gift today.

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Woodlawn Arts Academy is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization, and all gifts are tax-deductible.

PLAYGROUND GAMES CAMP

Where there's summer camp, there's playground games! In this camp we will play Tag, Capture the Flag, Four Corners and a few other outdoor classics!

» Ages 6-11
» 10:30am-Noon Mon-Thu, 6/29/26-7/2/26
» Instructors Kennedy Anderson, Gavin Fischer
» J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA
» Tuition: $54

JUNIOR LEGO® MASTERS WORKSHOP

Build with Lego®; then put your creation up against the competition! Register with a teammate, join forces with someone else while at the event, or compete on your own. Get a prompt for what to create, do some large-group brainstorming, then finish planning and creating a design. Lego® creations will be judged, and awards will be given! Families are invited to view the creations and watch the awards ceremony at 2:45pm.

» Ages 6-14
» 1-3pm Wed, 7/1/26
» Instructors Grace Wadsworth, Kennedy Anderson
» J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA
» Tuition: $25

MAD SCIENTIST CAMP

Put on your smocks and goggles; it's time to get creatively messy learning all about science! Explore concepts related to chemistry, physics and biology. This camp includes visual art, drama and science activities. Campers may be divided by age group for some activities. Families are invited to an experience show at 2:45pm Friday.

» Ages 5-12
» 1-3pm Mon-Fri, 6/8/26-6/12/26
» Instructors Kennedy Anderson, Sydney Segretto Gavin Fischer
» J. Mark Beaty Performar Center @WAA
» Tuition: $90



OUT OF THIS WORLD CAMP

Gear up to blast into space with your astronaut friends! We will study planets, the sun, the moon and everything outer space related. We might even spot an alien! This camp includes visual art, drama and science activities. Campers will be divided by age group for some activities. Families are invited to an experience show at 11:45am Friday.

» Ages 5-12
» 10am-Noon Mon-Fri, 7/6/26-7/10/26
» Instructors Tori Bowers, Logan Newman, Kennedy Anderson
» J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA
» Tuition: $90

ZOOTOPIA CAMP

Let's take a trip to the zoo! Learn all about zoo animals, where they would be found if not in the zoo, and what they each like and don't like! This camp includes visual art, drama and science activities. Families are invited to an experience show at 2:45pm Friday.

» Ages 5-12
» 1-3pm Mon-Fri, 6/15/26-6/19/26
» Instructors Azaylia Ramos, Gavin Fisher, Kennedy Anderson
» J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA
» Tuition: $90





SEA EXPLORERS CAMPS

Dive into a week of creativity, curiosity and ocean-inspired adventures! Students will make a splash through hands-on visual art projects, tasty culinary creations, exciting science experiments and imaginative literary activities—all themed around the wonders of the sea.

» Ages 5-12

CAMP 1
Campers may be divided by age groups for some activities. Families are invited to an experience show at 11:45am Friday.

» 10am-Noon Mon-Fri, 7/20/26-7/24/26
» Instructors Azaylia Ramos, Logan Newman, Kennedy Anderson
» J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA
» Tuition: $90

CAMP 2 — WITH ACCOMMODATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
Discover new hobbies and open doors to new experiences in a welcoming, sensory-friendly and accommodating environment with an experienced instructor. *Up to two parents or guardians can attend free with each child registration.* Let's make art accessible and enjoyable for everyone!

» 4-5pm Mon-Fri, 7/20/26-7/24/26
» Instructor Grace Wadsworth
» Red Barn @WAA
» Tuition: $45

NUTS ABOUT NATURE CAMP

Time to get in touch with nature! Grab your magnifying glass and explore the great outdoors. This camp includes visual art, science and literary activities. Campers will be divided by age group for some activities. Families are invited to an experience show at 10:45am Friday.

» Ages 5-12
» 9-11am Mon-Fri, 7/13/26-7/17/26
» Instructors Abby Jones, Gavin Fischer, Kennedy Anderson
» Room 301
» Tuition: $90

Author & Illustrator Class

Calling all book enthusiasts and creative thinkers: Create and illustrate your very own story! Come with an idea in mind or allow one of our teachers to help you brainstorm.

» Instructor Sydney Segretto
» Room 202

ELEMENTARY
» Ages 8-11
» 3:45-4:45pm Tue, 7/14/26-7/28/26
» Tuition: $30

MIDDLE SCHOOL
» Ages 12-14
» 6-7:30pm Tue, 7/14/26-7/28/26
» Tuition: $45

TOUR OF ASIA

Embark on a vibrant journey across Asia through its food, art, and history. This immersive class explores the rich culinary traditions of diverse cultures, paired with hands-on visual art activities inspired by regional styles. Students will uncover the stories, historic milestones, and artistic expressions that have shaped Asian societies. A sensory and creative adventure awaits—perfect for curious learners ready to taste, create and discover.

» Ages 13 & Up
» 5:15-6:45pm Wed, 6/4/26-6/25/26
» Instructor Jasmine Marsh
» Room 202
» Tuition: $60



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INSPIRING A LOVE OF LEARNING THROUGH CREATIVITY, EXPLORATION AND MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS









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Woodlawn Preschool Academy of the Arts blends high-quality early childhood education with a strong focus on the arts. Serving children ages 3-5, our program nurtures social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth in a safe, supportive environment.

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Woodlawn Preschool is a DCFS-licensed program that operates on tuition fees. A $50 non-refundable fee is required to hold the child's spot in the class. Choose a 2-day, 3-day or 5-day program. Payment options are monthly, semester or annual, and financial assistance is available on a sliding scale.





Make music part of your summer with engaging classes, camps, and lessons for all ages. Discover rhythm, melody, and your unique sound!

MUSIC

HAPPY CAMPERS FAMILY MUSIC CAMP

Grab your gear and get ready to make joyful noise together! In this lively family music camp, toddlers and their caregivers explore rhythm, song and movement through a fun camping-themed adventure. From "campfire" sing-alongs to musical nature walks, families will play instruments, dance and discover new ways to connect through music. *Up to two adults can attend with each child.*

» Ages 1-3
» 9-9:45am Mon-Fri, 6/1/26-6/5/26
» Instructor Tori Bowers
» Room 301
» Tuition: $34



OCEAN WAVES, MUSIC & MOVEMENT CAMP

Make a splash with music! Students will explore rhythm, experience music, and learn about note values through movement, hand motions and fun percussion instruments. This active, hands-on camp brings music to life in an exciting and energetic way!

» Ages 3-4
» 10:15-11am Mon-Fri, 7/20/26-7/24/26
» Instructor Nadine Appel
» Room 303
» Tuition: $34

SYMPHONY OF THE SEA PIANO CAMPS

Dive into music this summer! Kids will explore the piano, learn to read notes on the grand staff and strengthen their ear-training skills. Campers will learn a new song each day while having fun and building keyboard confidence.

» Instructor Nadine Appel
» Room 303

PRESCHOOL
» Ages 4-5
» 11:15am-Noon Mon-Fri, 7/20/26-7/24/26
» Tuition: $34

ELEMENTARY
» Ages 6-7
» 1-2pm Mon-Fri, 7/20/26-7/24/26
» Tuition: $45

BEGINNER PIANO CLASSES

Wondering if you're ready for private piano instruction? Try this fun and engaging class first to learn counting, piano fingering and notes!

» Instructor Nadine Appel
» Room 303

PRESCHOOL
» Ages 4-5
» 4-4:30pm Tue, 6/2/26-7/21/26
» Tuition: $40

ELEMENTARY
» Ages 6-7
» 4-4:45pm Thu, 6/4/26-7/23/26
» Tuition: $60

FOR TEENS & ADULTS

BEGINNER GUITAR

Try out guitar in a stress-free class! Before you take the plunge and buy, borrow your guitar from a friend or let Woodlawn know if you need to borrow one. After this intro, you can decide if you want to continue and/or take private lessons.



» Ages 10-Adult
» 4:30-5pm Wed, 6/10/26-6/24/26
» Instructor James Miller
» Room 302
» Tuition: $15

RHYTHM-QUEST ROCKS!

This is your chance to join a rock band! Some experience and your own instrument required. Rehearsals are scheduled for Tuesday evenings, with exact time assigned once enrollment for the session is determined. Our band will perform a concert Sunday, July 26th in the J. Mark Beaty Performance Center at WAA.

» Ages 12-Adult
» Starting at 6:30pm Tue, 5/19/26-7/21/26
» Instructor Ramiro Martinez
» Room 400
» Tuition: $140



guide to private music lessons

Don't miss this opportunity to start learning a new instrument or continue developing your musical skills! Online registration not available for private lessons; stop in or call (815) 626-4278.

2026 SPRING MUSIC RECITALS

Vocal

Featuring the students of Mardi Huffstutler
5:30pm Fri, 05.22.26
J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA

Instrumental

Featuring the students of Nadine Appel and Nicole Oberg
5:30pm Tue, 05.19.26
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sterling

Guitar & Uke

Featuring the students of James Miller
5:30pm Thu, 05.28.26
J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA

FREE! Come support our talented music students, ages 6-Adult! Donations will help support Woodlawn Arts Academy programming.

Dates, times and locations subject to change

How To Register

Registration for private music lesson students for the spring session will open at 9am on Monday, December 1st at Woodlawn Arts Academy. Call the office or visit the Academy to schedule lessons. Registration for private lessons is not available online. Time slots are not held without full payment or without financial assistance funding in place.

Times & Sessions

All private instruction is done in half-hour lessons, once per week, in eight-week sessions, with five sessions per calendar year. Instructors will not make up lessons that students have missed and will only offer make-up lessons in the event the instructor misses a lesson or the Academy was closed on the normal lesson day.

Summer 2026 Session

- Summer registration opens Mon, 4/27/26 at 9am
- Lessons the weeks of 6/1/26-7/24/26
- Make-up Week (no lesson unless otherwise notified): 7/27/26-7/31/26

Tuition

Tuition varies according to the instructor's level, which is determined by their education and experience.

- APPRENTICE (A) level: Have an associate's degree or a few years of teaching experience; tuition=$115 per eight-week session
- PROFESSIONAL (P) level: Have a bachelor's degree or five-plus years of teaching experience; tuition=$135 per eight-week session
- SPECIALIST (S) level: Have a master's degree or 10-plus years of teaching experience; tuition=$155 per eight-week session

Students must pay for the entire session in advance, and time slots are not held without full payment.

Instructors & Instruments

Our instructors teach students of various levels and ages. We classify those levels as Beginner (1), Intermediate (2), Advanced (3) & Collegiate (4).

- **Nadine Appel** (S): Piano (1,2,3,4); min. age=6
- **Mardi Huffstutler** (S): Voice (1,2,3,4); min. age=11
- **Ramiro Martinez** (S): Percussion (1,2,3,4); min. age=9 (no virtual lessons)
- **James Miller** (S): Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ukulele (1,2,3,4); min. age=6

If an instrument for which you would like lessons is not listed, please inquire with the office.



SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL REGISTRATION

Registration Day for the 2026-27 school year is Monday, July 27th. Details will be announced in our 2026-27 Program Guide and online.

Supplies

Students are required to supply their own instrument, with the exception of keyboards, pianos and drums. Drummers should bring their own drumsticks. Students will be asked to purchase lesson books, sheet music and/or other materials. Students are expected to bring their music and instrument to the lesson with them, and to practice regularly.

Performance

At Woodlawn Arts Academy, we believe performance is an important part of the learning process. Our private music lesson students perform in two recitals each year: one in January and one in May. Other opportunities may become available throughout the course of the year.

College & Audition Prep Assistance

Our instructors are available to help with college prep, including auditions and recordings! Check with the office staff for information.

Take the stage this summer through fun, creative classes and performance opportunities for all ages. Build confidence, skills, and a love for storytelling!



THEATRE

PRESCHOOL DRAMATIC PLAY CAMP

Let imaginations take center stage! In this playful day camp, preschoolers explore storytelling, costumes and make-believe worlds through guided dramatic play. Each day invites young campers to act out adventures, build characters, and work together in creative scenes. With movement, music and imaginative fun, children build confidence, social skills, and a love of pretend play in a joyful, supportive environment.

» Ages 3-5
» 10-11am Mon-Thu, 6/29/2026-7/2/26
» Instructor Tori Bowers
» Room 301
» Tuition: $36

THANK YOU, SPONSORS!

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ELEMENTARY THEATRE CAMP

Step into the spotlight and let your imagination soar! Campers will build literary and theatrical skills as they dive into themed stories, creative characters and playful hands-on activities. Throughout the week, young performers develop confidence, collaboration, and expressive storytelling while having tons of fun! Families are invited to celebrate their star's hard work at a special performance at 10am Thursday.

» Ages 6-11
» 9-10:30am Mon-Thu, 6/29/2026-7/2/26
» Instructor Grace Wadsworth
» Mark Beaty Performance Center@WAA
» Tuition: $55

DRAMATIC FANATICS CAMP

This creative drama experience is a lively camp for both beginners and seasoned performers. Build confidence, solve problems and work as a team through pantomime, creative movement, imaginative adventures and playful vocal activities. Fun guaranteed! Families are invited to a short performance at 2pm Friday.

» Ages 9-14
» 1-2:30pm Mon-Fri, 6/1/26-6/5/26
» Instructor Peg Hoffmiller
» Red Barn @WAA
» Tuition: $55

IMPROV FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP



Whether you're an actor or someone who wants to boost confidence in the moment, this camp gives you the tools to think fast, respond boldly and shine in front of a group. Improv can make even seasoned performers nervous, but here, you'll get to practice in a supportive, laughter-filled environment where taking risks is fun. Play, experiment and discover how thrilling "thinking on your feet" can be! Families are invited to a short performance at 2:30pm Friday.

» Ages 12-14
» 1:30-3:00pm Mon-Fri, 7/27/26-7/31/26
» Instructor Peg Hoffmiller
» Red Barn @WAA
» Tuition: $55

THE PENGUIN PROJECT OF THE SAUK VALLEY PROUDLY PRESENTS

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SHREK The Musical Jr.



Register starting May 25, 2026 (mentors) and June 5, 2026 (child actors with special needs) at penguinprojectsv.com. Rehearsals start in August with performances in November.



Empowering Children with Special Needs Through Theatre: For info on The Penguin Project of the Sauk Valley, visit their website at penguinprojectsv.com or contact Program Director Dawn Arndt by emailing dawn.ppsv@gmail.com.

Timber Lake Playhouse
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TLP STAGECRAFT STUDIO WORKSHOP SERIES

BIG SKILLS FOR YOUNG THEATRE MAKERS

TLP StageCraft Studio is part of *TLP in the Community*, Timber Lake Playhouse's initiative to expand access to high-quality arts education. Join us for a series of hands-on theatre workshops where students learn directly from professional theatre artists in a fun, supportive environment. Each session focuses on a different performance skill, including acting, dancing, songwriting, stage combat, stage dialects and other specialized theatrical techniques. Workshops are taught by TLP resident company members and artistic staff, and they alternate locations each week. Participants will receive a complimentary ticket to a TLP production for every workshop attended.

» Ages 8-18
» 2-5pm Mon, 6/22, 7/6, 7/20 & 8/3 in the WAA Barn; and 6/29, 7/13 & 7/27 at TLP, 8215 Black Oak Road, Mt. Carroll
» Instructors TLP resident company members and artistic staff
» Tuition: $50 per workshop, or $250 for entire series

"Shrek the Musical Jr.," "The Lion King Jr." and "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" are presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

WOODLAWN ARTS ACADEMY PROUDLY PRESENTS
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Registration to be in the show is **SOLD OUT!**

Everyone who registers will be in the show | Auditions to determine show and cast placement | Should bring a snack and water each day.
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Auditions for those registered: 6/9/26 at the J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA
Rehearsals: 8:30am-12:30pm Mon-Thu, 6/1/26-6/18/26 in the J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA
Tech Week: 8:30am-12:30pm Mon-Thu, 6/22/26-6/25/26 at Centennial Auditorium, Sterling High School

Music and Lyrics by ELTON JOHN & TIM RICE • Additional Music and Lyrics by LEBO M, MARK MANCINA, JAY RIFKIN, and HANS ZIMMER • Book by ROGER ALLERS & IRENE MECCHI

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YOU COULD 'BEE' IN THE SHOW!

Ages 17+ • Register for auditions by scanning the QR code or by visiting bit.ly/25APCSB. Auditions will be Tuesday, May 19th at 7pm in the PC at WAA.

SAUK VALLEY THEATRE ALLIANCE

Featuring talented Sauk Valley Area adult actors, directed by Ellen Bentley
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WOODLAWN ARTS ACADEMY



ATTENTION PARENTS & ARTISTS!
Now's your chance to get creative at Woodlawn Arts Academy for a reduced tuition fee!

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All programs for all ages!

Scan the QR code or visit WoodlawnArtsAcademy.com/assistance for more information and an application, or pick up an application in our office at 3807 Woodlawn Road, Sterling.

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Funding formula on a sliding scale

Annual Income	Household Size/Assistance Available			
	1	2	3	4+
$21,640	70%	70%	70%	70%
$27,320	50%	70%	70%	70%
$33,000	30%	50%	70%	70%
$38,680	20%	30%	50%	70%
$44,360	0%	20%	30%	50%
$50,040	0%	0%	20%	30%
$55,720	0%	0%	0%	20%

We consider special circumstances! Recipients are expected to be responsible for a percentage of the tuition. Income guidelines subject to change.



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Illinois ARTS Council



Get creative this summer with classes and camps in a variety of visual art mediums. Perfect for artists of all ages and skill levels!

VISUAL ARTS

FAMILY ART CAMP

Enjoy messy art experiences with your little one without the cleanup in your home! Adults will help children be creative with various media each day.

» Ages 1-3, with an adult
» 9-9:45am Mon-Thu, 6/29/26-7/2/26
» Instructor Tori Bowers
» Room 301
» Tuition: $28



LITTLE ELVES ART CAMP

Step into a world of sparkle and wonder, where preschool artists create with the same joyful magic as Santa's tiniest helpers! Explore enchanting art projects filled with festive colors, twinkling textures and playful surprises. With warm guidance and plenty of merry creativity, little campers will craft keepsakes, imagine magical worlds and experience the cheerful spirit of the holidays—no matter the season. Families are invited for an art show at 9:45am Friday.

» Ages 3-5
» 9-10am Mon-Fri, 7/27/26-7/31/26
» Instructor Logan Newman
» Room 202
» Tuition: $45



FOREST FRIENDS ART ADVENTURE CAMP

Join us for a creative journey into the woods! In this playful camp, children will explore the magic of the forest through hands-on art, imaginative play and nature-inspired activities. From tiny critters to tall trees, little artists will discover the wonder of the woodland world while building creativity, confidence and curiosity. Perfect for preschoolers who love to make, explore and get a little messy! Families are invited to an art show at 11:45am Friday.

» Ages 3-5
» 11am-Noon Mon-Fri, 7/13/26-7/17/26
» Instructor Logan Newman
» Room 301
» Tuition: $45

GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE OR AN ART-RELATED JOB? INQUIRE IN THE OFFICE FOR HELP WITH YOUR PORTFOLIO!



S'MORE FUN WITH ART CAMP

Get ready for a creative campfire adventure—no tent required! Explore colors, textures and imagination through hands-on projects inspired by the great outdoors. From campfire collages to nature-themed creations, experiment, make a happy mess, and discover the joy of making art together. It's s'more fun than you can imagine! Families are invited to an art show at 11:45am Friday.

» Ages 4-8
» 10:30am-Noon Mon-Fri, 6/1/26-6/5/26
» Instructor Logan Newman
» Room 202
» Tuition: $68

WEATHER WONDERS ART CAMP

From sunshine to storms, kids will explore all kinds of weather through bright, hands-on art projects. Campers paint, collage and create with a variety of materials while learning fun weather facts along the way. Every day brings a new forecast—and a new creative adventure! Families are invited to an art show at 10:15am Friday.

» Ages 6-11
» 9-10:30am Mon-Fri, 6/8/26-6/12/26
» Instructor Jaime Blakeslee
» Room 202
» Tuition: $68

JUNGLE JOURNEY ART CAMP

Swing into creativity! In this wild art adventure, kids explore the colors, creatures and mysteries of the jungle through painting, drawing and hands-on art projects. Each day brings a new animal or habitat to inspire imaginative creations. Get ready for a week full of creativity, discovery, and jungle-sized fun! Families are invited to an art show at 11:45am Friday.

» Ages 6-11
» 10:30am-Noon Mon-Fri, 6/15/26-6/19/26
» Instructor Azaylia Ramos
» Room 202
» Tuition: $68

ASTRONAUTS AND ART CAMP

Blast off into creativity! In this space-themed art camp, kids explore planets, rockets, stars and galaxies through colorful, hands-on projects. Campers use paint, collage and mixed-media materials to create out-of-this-world masterpieces. It's a stellar week of imagination, discovery and artistic adventure! Families are invited to an art show at 3:45pm Friday.

» Ages 6-11
» 2:30-4pm Mon-Fri, 7/6/26-7/10/26
» Instructor Azaylia Ramos
» Room 202
» Tuition: $68



ENCHANTED FOREST ART CAMP

Step into a whimsical woodland world! In this imaginative camp, kids create enchanted creatures, mystical trees and magical forest scenes using paint, collage and mixed-media materials. Each day brings a new fantasy adventure as campers explore nature-inspired art with a touch of fairy-tale magic. It's a creative journey straight into the heart of the forest! Families are invited to an art show at 12:15pm Friday.

» Ages 6-11
» 11am-12:30pm Mon-Fri, 7/13/26-7/17/26
» Instructor Abby Jones
» Room 202
» Tuition: $68

STAINED GLASS AND MOSAIC ART CAMP

Sparkle, shine and create! In this colorful camp, young artists design vibrant stained glass pieces and eye-catching mosaics using kid-friendly materials. Campers explore patterns, color and texture while building beautiful artworks to take home. It's a bright and brilliant week of creativity! Families are invited to an art show at 10:15am Friday.

» Ages 6-11
» 9-10:30am Mon-Fri, 6/22/26-6/26/26
» Instructor Jaime Blakeslee
» Room 202
» Tuition: $68

WINTER WONDERLAND ART CAMP

Step into a snowy world of creativity! In this frosty art camp, kids explore icy colors, sparkling textures and wintery scenes through painting, collage and mixed-media projects. From shimmering snowflakes to Arctic animals, each day brings a new chilly-but-cheerful creation. It's a week full of winter magic and artistic fun! Families are invited to an art show at 2:45pm Friday.

» Ages 8-13
» 1:30-3pm Mon-Fri, 7/27/26-7/31/26
» Instructor Abby Jones
» Room 202
» Tuition: $68



FASHION FUN CAMP

Learn tips on how to make an inspiration board and draw garments fit for celebrities! Find out what goes into designing a line and learn how to draw fashion sketches. Finally, design your own clothing line! Families are invited to an art show at 11:45am Friday.

» Ages 9-14
» 10:30am-Noon Mon-Fri, 7/20/26-7/24/26
» Instructor Faith Morrison
» Red Barn @ WAA
» Tuition: $68

AQUA ART ADVENTURE CAMP

In this splash-tastic summer art camp, young creators dive into a world of color, creativity and underwater imagination! Each day campers explore ocean-themed art projects—from painting shimmering sea creatures to crafting coral reefs and magical mermaid worlds. With hands-on activities, playful learning and plenty of artistic freedom, Aqua-Art Adventure is the perfect place for kids to make waves, friends and amazing art! Families are invited to an art show at 2:15pm Friday.

» Ages 9-14
» 1-2:30pm Mon-Fri, 7/20/26-7/24/26
» Instructor Azaylia Ramos
» Room 202
» Tuition: $68

WHISPERS OF WATERCOLOR

Let's dive into the world of watercolor painting! We'll take a look at some of the art fundamentals and how to use them, different painting techniques, and some neat tricks to enhance your paintings!

» Instructor Jasmine Marsh
» Room 202
» Tuition: $60/class

FOR KIDS

» Ages 9-12
» 4-5:30pm Wed, 7/8/26-7/29/26

FOR TEENS & ADULTS

» Ages 13 & Up
» 5:45-7:15pm Wed, 7/8/26-7/29/26

ACRYLIC ADVENTURES

Dive into the colorful world of acrylics—no experience needed! In this playful, hands-on class, you'll learn simple brush techniques, how to mix vibrant colors, and create your very own masterpiece step-by-step. Whether you can barely draw a stick figure or you're secretly the next Picasso, come relax, experiment, and discover how fun painting can be. Just bring your creativity—we'll handle the rest!

» Instructor Kaitlyn Jones
» Room 202

FOR KIDS

» Ages 9-12
» 4-5pm Mon, 6/8/26-6/29/26
» Tuition: $40

FOR TEENS & ADULTS

» Ages 13 & Up
» 5:15-6:45pm Mon, 6/8/26-6/29/26
» Tuition: $60

sew fun

IT'S SEW SIMPLE

It's SEW simple to learn basic sewing techniques! Future fashion designers or those who like to make arts and crafts will enjoy this class.

» Instructor Brenda Over
» Room 203
» Tuition: $64/class

CLASS 1

For students who have never taken a sewing class at Woodlawn.

» Ages 9-11
» 5:15-6:15pm Tue, 6/2/26-7/21/26

CLASS 2

For students who have previously taken a sewing class at Woodlawn.

» Ages 10-12
» 6:30-7:30pm Tue, 6/2/26-7/21/26

LET'S GET DIGITAL!

LITTLES WITH A LENS

Let's view the world through a camera! Perfect for kids to unleash their creativity while strengthening their creative eye. Join us with a simple, kid-friendly camera, to discover the joy of photography in different lighting, practice subject placement and storytelling through photographs.

» Ages 5-8
» 9:30-10:30am Sat, 6/13/26
» Instructor Angela Brearton
» Red Barn & Outdoors @WAA
» Tuition: $10

CAPTURING THE WORLD AROUND YOU

Calling all young photographers eager to create with their cameras! Through interactive setups, we'll explore photo fundamentals and play with lighting and framing techniques to help each photographer showcase their unique point of view. No experience needed—just bring a camera (phone, digital point and shoot, etc.) to have fun with!

» Ages 9-14
» 11am-Noon Sat, 6/13/26
» Instructor Angela Brearton
» Red Barn & Outdoors @WAA
» Tuition: $10

PHOTO FIELD NOTES: CAMERA BASICS 101

Unlock the full potential of your camera with a crash course covering the basics of exposure settings, lighting, and composition to sharpen your skillset. Please bring a camera with manual mode (DSLR, mirrorless, or advanced point-and-shoot) and get ready for hands-on practice!

» Ages 15-Adult
» 1-3pm Sat, 6/13/26
» Instructor Angela Brearton
» Red Barn @WAA and outside
» Tuition: $20





BE A YOUTUBE STAR CAMP

Lights, camera... creativity! In this exciting day camp, kids step into the spotlight to create their own late-night–style YouTube show complete with hilarious skits, playful interviews, and dazzling green-screen magic. Campers will brainstorm ideas, script their scenes, design digital backdrops, and perform on "set" as they learn the basics of video production and on-camera confidence. It's the perfect blend of imagination, teamwork, and showtime fun—where every camper gets to be the star!

» Ages 10-14
» 10:30am-Noon Mon-Fri, 7/13/26-7/17/26
» Instructor Denis Mennie & WACC Students
» Sterling High School Tech Zone (Door 14, Room 166), 1608 Fourth Ave., Sterling
» Tuition: $68

PODCAST POWER CAMP

Turn up the volume on creativity! In this engaging summer camp, kids become producers, hosts, and sound experts as they create their very own podcast. Campers will brainstorm topics, write scripts, record conversations, and add sound effects while learning the basics of storytelling and audio production. From imaginative interviews to themed episodes, this camp empowers every child to share their voice with confidence. Get ready to press record and let the ideas flow!

» Ages 10-14
» 1-2:30pm Mon-Fri, 7/13/26-7/17/26
» Instructor Denis Mennie & WACC Students
» Sterling High School Tech Zone (Door 14, Room 166), 1608 Fourth Ave., Sterling
» Tuition: $68

NEW! MEET US AT THE PARK!

Storytime Art Adventures in the Park

Join us for activities in the park — a creative summer adventure! Each week, families will gather at a different local park to enjoy a read-aloud story, dive into a hands-on art project, and play a fun group game. All art supplies and instruction are provided — just bring your creativity and a guardian to enjoy the experience alongside the kids. Come make art, make memories, and make summer magical!

Register for the individual dates that work for you! Weekly sessions will run based on pre-registration numbers, with final decisions made the Monday before each event. Families enrolling multiple participants or signing up for several dates at once will receive a special discount.

In case of rain, the fun continues — sessions will move to the shelter at Oppold Marina.

» Ages: 4-8 (younger and older students can participate, but programs will be targeted to these ages)
» Time & Day: 11am-Noon Wed
» Dates & Locations:
6/3 – Hoover Park
6/10 – Sinnissippi Park
6/17 – Propheter Park
6/24 – Kilgour Park
7/1 – Hoover Park
7/8 – Sinnissippi Park
7/15 – Propheter Park
7/22 – Kilgour Park
» Instructor Raven Day
» Tuition: $12/meeting/student ($9/meeting/student if registering for multiple meetings and/or students)

CREATING AN impact @WoodlawnArts

Read about how WAA is making an impact:
WoodlawnArtsAcademy.com/impact-stories
Share your impact story & photos via email:
czepezauer@woodlawnartsacademy.com

EXHIBITS IN THE GALLERY

Art exhibits are hosted four times per year at Woodlawn Arts Academy, and all exhibits are free and open to the public. Artists of all ages are invited to show off their latest masterpieces, and we invite the community to admire the works! Check out our upcoming exhibits here.

Celebrating 20 Years of Woodlawn Arts Academy

A history of Woodlawn Arts Academy returns as we wrap up our celebration of 20 years of offering quality artistic and educational opportunities ot the Sauk Valley Community. In addition to posters featuring the Woodlawn from 2005 to today, view a mini exhibit showcasing Woodlawn Arts Academy alumni who are still using art in their careers and hobbies today.

EXHIBIT: MAY 1-AUG. 7, 2026

18th Annual Juried Art Exhibit

Adult and student artists: Download an application from our website: WoodlawnArtsAcademy.com

APPLICATIONS DUE: JULY 13, 2026
EXHIBIT: AUG. 21-NOV. 13, 2026

DRAWING CLASSES

DOODLE AND DRAW CLASS

Want to learn or perfect some drawing skills? Come with your own ideas or get help from the instructor. Gain knowledge to improve your drawing skills.

» Ages 8-11
» 4-5pm Thu, 7/16/26-7/30/26
» Instructor Micah Green
» Room 202
» Tuition: $30

ADULT DRAWING CLASS

Want to learn or perfect some drawing skills? Come with your own ideas or get help getting started from the instructor.

» Ages 12-Adult
» 5:15-6:45pm Thu, 7/16/26-7/30/26
» Instructor Micah Green
» Room 202
» Tuition: $45

NEW! SOCIAL SENIORS

Join us each week for Crafts & Laughs! Get creative, make something new, and enjoy a light-hearted game with friends. This weekly senior program is all about relaxing, socializing, and having fun — no experience needed, just bring your smile! *This program is held in an accessible building with step-free entry and nearby parking.*

» Ages: Adult » 9-10am Wed, 6/3/26-7/22/26
» Instructor Raven Day » Red Barn @WAA » Tuition: $64

cool clay



CHILDREN'S POTTERY

Use both hand-built and wheel methods as an introduction/ review to ceramics and technique. *To help accommodate as many young artists as possible, students may enroll in one class day (Tue or Wed) per session.*

» Ages 8-12
» Instructor Pip Lucas
» Room 204
» Tuition: $80/class

CLASS 1
» 5:15-6:15pm Tue, 6/2/26-7/21/26

CLASS 2
» 5:15-6:15pm Wed, 6/3/26-7/22/26

ADULT POTTERY CLASS

Continue practicing pottery techniques. For those with some pottery experience and projects will be led and chosen by students.

» Ages 13-Adult
» 6:30-8pm Wed, 6/3/26-7/22/26
» Instructor Pip Lucas
» Room 204
» Tuition: $120

BEGINNER ADULT POTTERY

Use both hand-built and wheel methods as an introduction to ceramics and technique. Projects are instructor directed.

» Ages 13-Adult
» 6:30-8pm Tue, 6/2/26-7/21/26
» Instructor Pip Lucas
» Room 204
» Tuition: $120

OPEN POTTERY STUDIO

Open studio is designed for self-directed students with intermediate to advanced experience. Participants are responsible for defining their goals and independently developing their projects. The instructor's role is to provide guidance to help students achieve their own objectives.

» Ages 13-Adult
» 6-8pm Mon, 6/1/26-7/20/26
» Instructor Pip Lucas
» Room 204
» Tuition: $150



PRIVATE POTTERY LESSONS

Clay instructor Pip Lucas is available for private lessons taught at your pace! Learn anything from hand-built sculpture to wheel-made dishes and glaze techniques. These lessons are designed to fit your needs. Tuition is $25 per hour. Additional clay costs may apply.

PRIVATE POTTERY PARTIES & WORKSHOPS

Do you have a group event you need to host? Clay instructor Pip Lucas can build and design custom workshops for your event. From birthday parties, bachelorette parties to corporate team-building exercises. Contact us today at 815-626-4278 to set up an appointment to discuss the workshop of your dreams.

2026 STUDENT TEACHER ART EXHIBIT WINNERS


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These works, as voted by our community in person and online, will be displayed as banners on the First Avenue Bridge between Sterling and Rock Falls starting in early 2027, thanks to a partnership with the City of Sterling and Sterling Main Street.

FIRST PLACE

1. Caylee H, Amboy HS, 10th gr, ***Untamed Silence***
2. Cole M, Morrison JH, 7th gr, ***Cosmic Wanderer***
3. Scarlett S, W Carroll Primary, Savanna, 4th gr, ***Zentangle Flowers***

SECOND PLACE

4. Lylah H, Morrison JH, 8th gr, ***Bone Appetite***
5. Kinlee P, Morrison HS, 9th gr, ***Untitled***
6. Kaileigh R, W Carroll Primary, Savanna, 2nd gr, ***Northern Lights with Bear and Wolf***

THIRD PLACE

7. Mila O, W Carroll Primary, Savanna, 5th gr, ***Chicago Skyline***
8. Zayla D, Woodlawn ARTS Scholarship, 5th gr, ***Dancing Leaves***
9. Alayna Z, Morrison HS, 12th gr, ***Untitled***

HONORABLE MENTION

10. Alayna Z, Morrison HS, 12th gr, ***Untitled***
11. Class Collaboration (Charlotte K, Elise A, George S, Henry K, Huntleigh W, Kate H, LeAnne F, Marlon M, Olive W, Thatcher L & Tianna A), Prophetstown Elem, Kinderg-2nd gr, ***Amazing Mazes***
12. Blaze M, Morrison JH, 7th gr, A ***World of Foil***


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HONORABLE MENTION ALSO CHOSEN FOR BANNERS

13. Journey B, Jefferson Elem, Sterling, 1st gr, ***Untitled***
14. Bailey W, Bureau Valley JH & Elem, 4th gr, ***Amazing Flowers***
15. Lauryn V, Morrison JH, 7th gr, ***Among the Stars***
16. Brileigh M, Madison Elem, Dixon, 5th gr, ***Hello Sunset***
17. Frances H, Newman Central Catholic HS, 12th gr, ***Where the Day Lingers***
18. Kyllian J, Sterling HS, 10th gr, ***Untitled***

SUMMER 2026

COLLEGE FOR KIDS!

June 1 – 4 ○ *Pokémon® Masters*
June 8 – 11 ○ *Roblox® Coders*
June 15 – 18 ○ *A.I. Designers & Developers*
June 22 – 25 ○ *Make Your First 3D Video Game!*
June 22 – 25 ○ *Summer Enrichment*

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For more information visit
svcc.edu/cfk



EMT Basic Program Information Sessions

Are you thinking about pursuing a new career as an EMT?

Meet the instructors and have your questions answered before you enroll.
THE EMT BASIC PROGRAM WILL START MONDAY, JULY 27.

Wednesday, May 27 . 6:00–7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 7 . 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Both session will be held in SVCC RM1H16 (Riverview Conference Room)

For more information, and to register, visit svcc.edu/emt or call 815.835.6212.

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Woodlawn Arts Academy

Proudly Presents

The Winner's Circle

A **Kentucky Derby** themed fundraiser
celebrating the Academy's **20-year run** of providing
quality **educational** opportunities through the
arts within the Sauk Valley Community

6:00pm Friday
05.01.26

J. Mark Beaty Performance Center
inside Woodlawn Arts Academy

$50 per ticket

Bring out the Big Hats and Bowties!
Derby-themed attire is encouraged. Prizes will
be awarded for Best Hat and Best Dressed.

Tickets available in person at Woodlawn Arts Academy. (Cash or check only.)

Heavy Hors D'Oeuvres // Cash Bar // NEW: Art Dash
Kentucky Derby Themed Games & Activities // 50/50 Drawing
Silent Auction // Drink Auctions // Dessert Dash // And Much More!

Join the Art Dash for an additional $50.

Limited number of tickets available! The Art Dash is a fast-paced, high-energy fundraiser where dashers pay an additional fee for the chance to grab an original piece of art. When their number is called, they race in to select one-of-a-kind pieces created by talented local and regional artists.

All proceeds benefit Woodlawn Arts Academy.
In the event of cancellation, all ticket sales will be considered a donation to the Academy.
For more information or to inquire about sponsorships, call 815.626.4278.

UNITED WAY

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about WAA

Sessions
Woodlawn runs five eight-week sessions for most classes and lessons. Please check your class or lesson listing for exact dates.

Holidays
Woodlawn Arts Academy will be open most school holidays. Dates we are closed are listed on page 2.

Registration & Course Cancellation
Students may register for classes online, by phone or in person. Online registration is not available for dance classes, any private lessons or other select programs. Tuition for classes must be paid in full at the time of registration. Registrations are due one week prior to the start of the course. If classes do not meet the minimum they will be cancelled and all registered participants will be notified three business days prior to the first day of the class. A full refund or credit will be given should this occur. It is imperative to sign up before the class begins. See page 2 for specific registration dates. No early registrations will be taken.

Financial Assistance
Woodlawn is committed to serving all members of the community. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. To apply for financial assistance, pick up an application in the office or download one from our website. Fill out the application and turn it in with the required paperwork. Financial assistance takes two weeks to process and MUST be in place prior to registration. Registration is not complete until payment is made and/or funding is in place.



Payments
The individual registering a person for a WAA activity is the responsible party for payment. It is not the responsibility of Woodlawn Arts Academy to request payment from a third party for the customer. Payment for an activity is required upon the completion of every registration.

For any purchase over $20, we accept cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Please note: For purchases under $20 and special-order clothing items, we accept only cash or check.

Refunds
Refunds or credit vouchers may be given in extenuating circumstances, and are granted at the discretion of the administrative staff. Any refund made after a program begins will be prorated and credited to the customer's account for use toward future Woodlawn programming. If enrolled in a Woodlawn program, a refund or credit may only be issued if you withdraw five business days prior to the first day of the program and the program has more than a minimum enrollment.

Inclement Weather
In case of bad weather, class participants will be notified of cancellations via text message and email. Phone calls will not be made. Closures will also be announced on social media. We will do our best to make up for weather cancellations.

Dropoff & Pickup
Please drop off and pick up your child at the appropriate time. Our instructors are only responsible for your child during their program time. We ask that all minors be escorted to and from class by an authorized adult. Many of Woodlawn's programs run back-to-back. The teacher and office staff cannot monitor children in the hallway. Please be prompt when picking up your child. If for any reason you cannot promptly pick up your child, please call the main office at (815) 626-4278. Students must remain in the building until picked up.

For children 6 and under: At least on parent should stay in the lounge during any Woodlawn program in case of emergency. If you cannot stay with your child, please make arrangements with another family member for help and notify the staff.

For children 7 and older: Parents/family members are welcomed to wait during their artist's program, but it is not required. Parental discretion is advised.

Student Absence
Students are required to call the office to report absences. No make-up lessons will be given if a student misses a class.

Teacher Absence
If an instructor is unable to teach a lesson or class he or she will give 24 hours notice (when possible) and will reschedule the lesson or class during the designated make-up week at the end of the session. Class participants will be notified via text message and email. Phone calls will not be made.

Photos & Video
The Academy takes photos and videos of activities to promote programs. If you do not want your photo or that of your child used in that way, please notify the office.

Suggestions Welcome
The Academy is community based and wants to hear your comments regarding successes and areas needing improvements. Please share your comments with a staff member.

Nondiscriminatory Policy as to Students
Woodlawn Arts Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin, sexual orientation and gender identity to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation or gender identity in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, or athletic and other school-administered programs.

ADA Compliance
Should you or someone you know need support because of a disability to visit one of our facilities, or to participate in one of our programs, please contact us so that we may be of assistance. If you believe Woodlawn Arts Academy has treated you unfairly because of a disability, please contact us. Service animals that have been trained individually to perform tasks benefitting a person with a disability are allowed in the Academy's facilities. All service animals must be under the control of the user. A Woodlawn staff member may remove a service animal that is not under the control of the user. The work of service animals must be related to the disability of the person with a disability. Power-driven personal assistance mobility devices (EPAMDs), whose users must be persons with a disability, are also allowed in the Academy's facilities.

Location
Woodlawn Arts Academy is located at 3807 Woodlawn Road in Sterling. A facility of the Dillon Foundation, the Academy was built for quality, safety and efficiency, and designed for the pursuit and celebration of the arts. The Academy provides special lighting for optimum visibility when creating visual artwork, soundproof rooms of the highest quality for music lessons, specialized floors in the dance studios to protect dancers' joints, the J. Mark Beaty Performance Center for putting on performances, and much more! The Academy is proud to be an agency of United Way of Whiteside and Lee counties. Woodlawn Arts Academy acknowledges support from the Illinois Arts Council.

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