

SUMMER RUFFING IT 2009

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

CREATIVE ARTS AND SCIENCES GRADES 1-6

EXTREME! SRI GRADES 7-8

TRACK I RUFF DANCE FILM FESTIVAL

TRACK II ADVANCED TRADITIONAL

Campers in Grades 1-6 and 7-8 in the Advanced Traditional TRACK II have four different classes daily for the six weeks: three in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Campers in Grades 7-8 choosing TRACK I –Ruff Dance Film Festival- have one other morning class.

Classes are assigned on a first come basis. Some classes may be canceled due to low enrollment. Please refer to the general information packet for program details.

HOW TO CREATE YOUR SCHEDULE:

- Read through the following class descriptions in each category to select the ones you want on your schedule.
- Pay attention to grade levels.
- On the Class Registration Form find your favorite classes on the list.
- Select a minimum of five for the morning and three for the afternoon.
- Number your picks in order of your preferences.
- Once completed, return your registration to the address listed right away.

The following section describes all class offerings for all grades 1-8 in the following categories:

- ART
- ATHLETICS
- DANCE
- DRAMA
- ENVIROMENTAL TECHNOLOGY
- MEDIA
- MUSIC
- SCIENCE
- SKILLS/WRITING

- AHA! (AFTER HOURS ACTIVITIES) AND EXTENDED CARE

ART

Morning

CLAY! CLAY! YAY! Grades 1-3

Come, play and create with clay and other wet, gooey, fun media. Make sculptures in real clay. Then make them in a different clay-like media. All you need for this class are hands ready to shape, twist and coil and a desire to turn an idea into take home creative projects. **Satomi Jin**

FORMS IN CLAY Grades 4-6

This class will involve more advanced techniques in clay including designing and building forms, making clay tiles and scrafitto decorations on clay. Introducing glazing and other surface decorative techniques that build on earlier acquired skills. **Satomi Jin**

PUPPETS: THE BIG AND SMALL OF IT! GRADES 6-8

Puppets come in all shapes and sizes, styles and forms. Each student will make a tabletop marionette using various types of materials, creating a unique one-of-a-kind character. We will also work as a group to design, create and manipulate a GIANT puppet that will step off our parade on Festival Day. **Carrie Bodenger**

SCULPTING IN CLAY Grades 7-8

Participants will design and construct hand-built pottery and sculptures using various combinations of clay techniques. They will use glazing and other decorative techniques in completing successful master works in clay. In an effort to create a multitude of truly unique creative expressions, additional demonstrations and projects are offered. Come, create and be inspired! **Satomi Jin**

SEE MORE ART: MEDIA Stop Motion Animation

Afternoon

I LOVE A PARADE GRADES 4-8

We will brainstorm, plan, design and create a parade for over 200 people to enjoy. With those facts in mind students will work with clay, paper, beads, yarn, cloth, paint as well as everyday household items you might find. The perfect things may be in your kitchen, attic or garage!

Satomi Jin

ATHLETICS

MORNING

CLIMBING WALL GRADES 7-8

With our certified instructor, learn to scale our exciting new climbing wall. Become the rock climber of your dreams. Two climbs minimum per class. Class will also include indoor gym games. **Chris Chung**

ATHLETICS con't

IN & OUTDOOR SPORTS GRADES 1-3

Campers will play a variety of sports in our gym and on the field at Beaumont High School. Students will learn and practice individual skills while learning to play in a team environment. The class will emphasize fun and competition where everyone gets a chance to participate regardless of skill level. The campers will play basketball, football, baseball, capture the flag, hockey and many other games as the weeks progress. **Mike Stringer, Chris Chung**

IN & OUTDOOR SPORTS GRADES 4-6; 7-8

We will approach this class with same emphasis on fun and competition as in the younger grades, but with a higher expectation for team development and skill improvements. **Mike Stringer, Chris Chung**

Afternoon

SOCCKER BASEBALL BASKETBALL GRADES 1-3; 4-8

A trio of sports will be played for your summer fun and practice. CAMPER CHOICE FRIDAYS will give you the added thrill of majority choice and voting strategies. We will emphasize fun and competition while focusing on new skills and developing current ones. **Mike Stringer, Chris Chung, Wil Sharon, Eddie Brandon**

DANCE

Morning

ANIMALS AND MAN-IMALS GRADES 1-3; 4-6

Learn Inlet Dance Theatre's unique partnering style to help create interactive, life-like animals and... what-are-those-things? Structured improvisation, teamwork and creative problem solving are key components of this class. **Leila Pelhan**

RELEASE GRADES 1-3; 4-6

Experience moving your body through 'release technique' as you are guided through Inlet Dance Theatre's training combinations. Emphasis is placed upon strength in the core muscles and proper alignment for the best freedom in movement. Release your body to move and express. Each class' content will be developmentally appropriate. **Leila Pelhan**

DANCE con't

THE JOURNEY INTO THE UNKNOWN – GRADES 7-8

What will happen today? None of us knows. That's the beauty and power of moving in the moment, improvising solutions and working as a group to make something bigger than oneself. In this class, students will be guided through structured improvisations and nontraditional partnering instruction, working together to solve problems at hand. **Leila Pelhan**

Afternoon

GRANDSIRE GRAYBEARD: THE JUNGLE EDITION – ALL AGES

Prerequisite: at least one dance class in the morning

Grandsire Graybeard takes the audience on a visit to the jungle in this wild tale that YOU help create. The culminating presentation will feature nontraditional partnering, structured improvisation and imaginative choreography. Students will work together with the choreographer to build the final performance, a movement presentation for family & friends to see at Festival Day. **Leila Pelhan**

SEE MORE DANCE: MUSIC Just off Broadway and Minimusical

DRAMA

Morning

IMPROV GRADES 4-6; 7-8

This fast-paced class will highlight the importance of thinking on your feet. Campers will learn the basics of improvisational theater through drama exercises and favorite stage games.

Performances will be given throughout the six weeks to show off the progress made.

Emily Richards

STORYTELLING WITH PUPPETS GRADES 1-3

Campers learn to make a variety of puppets, how to use these puppets to tell stories and how to create their own stories. We'll make puppets for some specific stories and perform them each week for the children in A Summer To Grow On program.

Emily Richards/ Hattie Gernerchak

DRAMA con't

Afternoon

STRAW HAT THEATRE GRADES 5-8

We have fun exploring all the aspects of performing starting with improvisation games. We'll tap into our imagination to create special characters, environments and plots - first as improv skits - then use these new talents to write an original script. We'll have several chances to perform: Improv shows during free choice periods and the final scripted piece as part of our festival celebration. **Carrie Bodenger**

PLAYWRIGHTS – ALL GRADES

What does a play look like? Together we will learn about plot, action, drama, and the other essentials needed to write a play for the stage. We will collaborate to write plays that we'd like to be produced. After we've created a script we can work on how to adapt the play for the stage by producing a short show. **Ellie Shorey**

SEE MORE DRAMA: MUSIC Just off Broadway and Minimusical

ENVIROMENTAL TECHNOLOGY

Morning

NATURE EXPLORERS AND BUG BUILDERS GRADES 1-3

This is a hands-on exploration of birds, bugs, berries and bark that make up Horseshoe Lake Park! Our mission is to document who and what inhabits this beautiful green space. Let's see just how good a home the park is by examining the muddy water and soil. Learn how to identify trees and insects. And we'll take pictures along the way. Build bugs that walk. Generate electricity from the wind, the sun, and even from potatoes! **Lauren Pacini**

EXPLORING ALTERNATIVES GRADES 4-6 & 7-8

No longer can we say, "It isn't easy being green." In this hands-on experience, each participant will build and race his or her own solar car. Exploring wind energy, each camper will build a wind turbine. With all that food for thought, a little food for the body is in order. The examination of solar thermal energy will culminate in building ovens and baking cookies in the sun. Next on the menu will be the exploration of fuel-cell technology. Exciting guest speakers will share their real-life experiences. Class fee \$20. **Lauren Pacini**

MEDIA

Morning

GREENING THE NEWS GRADES 4-8

Ruff Times, the weekly camp newspaper, will take another giant green leap this year. Reporters will present camp activities in an exciting video format. Participants will sleuth for scoops, document the doings, and convey all that makes Summer Ruffing It such a unique experience at all levels. **Lauren Pacini**

STOP MOTION ANIMATION GRADES 1-3

Create amazing stop motion animations and time-lapse movies using a digital video camera. Create characters and sets from clay, or use anything you have around the house, including toys, action figures, and your own drawings. Tap into your creative potential and be amazed at what you create. **Tom Keane**

VIDEO STORIES GRADES 4-6

In this class you will explore the concept of turning an idea into a story that relies on visuals more than on words. You will learn the process of telling a story with sound, light, color and motion. You will learn how an idea can end up on the silver screen! **Tom Keane**

RUFFDANCE FILM FESTIVAL TRACK II GRADES 7-8

This is a film intensive class for a limited number of students. If you take this film intensive you will select one other class for your schedule. A group of eight students will spend six weeks and four and a half hours each day getting ready and acquiring all the skills they need to write, film, produce, act, edit and direct their first short film. They will also learn technical and aesthetic aspects of photography as a preparation for the video shooting. In addition, the students will watch a film every week, discuss it, and analyze lighting, sound, acting and the film's main message. The students will learn to develop an analytical eye, rather than being passive spectators. At the end of the six weeks each student will have his/her own first film!

The six weeks session will include:

- Understanding basics in photography like composition, lighting and aesthetic issues.
- Taking pictures and sharing them with the group.
- Writing a script, which may be fiction, documentary or reality.
- Discriminating the differences between each film style like drama, comedy, horror, personal reflection and many more.
- Gaining knowledge of a film crew, who does what?
- Filming as you help each other in making films.
- Directing one film, camera operating for another film, acting in a third film,
- Watching films and analyzing them.
- Shooting in the production phase, scouting the locations, casting the actors, finalizing the script, rehearsals.

Editing in the postproduction phase, the music and the credits. **Maha Haddad**

MEDIA con't

Afternoon

ART OF VIDEO PEN PALS AND PRODUCTION GRADES 6-8

This class will concentrate on the small silver screen where students will learn the basics of scripting, storyboarding, acting shooting, lighting and editing. One aspect of all the MEDIA courses is to produce "Video Pen Pals". Students will be in front of the camera talking about them and sending visual letters to students in other parts of the country and the world. The need to communicate is basic to student growth and the video experience. **Tom Keane**

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MUSIC

Morning

GUITAR GRADES 1-3

Guitar for beginners: Ready to trade in your air guitar for a real set of strings? With a few basic techniques you'll soon be able to play dozens of songs. We'll learn some simplified chords, basic picking and strumming, plus some wild sound effects. We'll hear some great guitar players of the past and present, and do a little group singing as well. Small-bodied and child-size guitars are available for use by students enrolled in the class. Limit: 6 **Deborah Van Kleef**

MAKE AND PLAY DULCIMERS GRADES 4-6

What's a dulcimer? It's A STRINGED instrument with ancient roots that has been played by Jean Ritchie, Joni Mitchell, jazzman McCoy Tyner, and rockers Mick Jagger, Jimmy Page and Peter Dinklage. You can play anything on it from simple tunes to chords to a variety of weird sounds. Students will build to take home their own dulcimer from a kit, decorate it, learn the basics, explore their own unique musical ideas, and collaborate with others. Kit fee: \$15

Deborah Van Kleef

MUSIC con't

Afternoon

JUGBAND JAMBOREE GRADES 1-3

Discover homemade, low-tech, recycled music. We will transform trash and old-time household items (such as washboards and broom handles) into instruments, try simple rhythm and stringed instruments, create new songs from old ones and put on a jug band show. If you want to find out what people did before CD's, MTV, iPods and karaoke this class is for you.

Deborah Van Kleef

JUST OFF BROADWAY GRADES 4-8

This is an exciting stage experience. This musical theater class focuses on the basics of acting and singing for an audience. For six weeks, campers will learn techniques to sharpen their stage skills with theater games, improv, and music reading. The class will culminate with a performance of popular Broadway numbers built into a scene from the musicals on Festival Day.

Emily Richards/ Brynna Uldrichs

MINIMUSICAL GRADES 1-3

Do you long for the days of singing and moving on a stage? Do you like to make scenery and costumes? Come join the MiniMusical where we will spend the 6 weeks of camp choosing songs from musicals, making the movements, backdrops and costumes, all so that we can wow our fellow campers and family with our performance on festival day. **Hattie Gernerchak**

SCIENCE

Morning

KITCHEN STUDIO/ FUN WITH FOOD! GRADES 1-3; 4-6;

Make and bake foods from scratch while learning about healthy ingredients. We'll make several treats to take home each week along with creating a personal cookbook and several must-have things for the kitchen. Limit: 8 students. Fee: \$10. **Carrie Bodenger**

LAB SCIENCE GRADES 5-6; 7-8

Lab Science will involve many aspects of physical and life science with a common thread - it's all hands-on. Campers will enjoy some of the traditional Lab Science favorites, including building and launching model rockets, an investigation of microscopic life in the nearby Shaker Lakes, (using Ruffing's new VideoFlex camera system by which everyone can share in an individual's microscope view) and some new material in physical science, including a unit on bridge building. Campers will perform some activities in small groups while other projects, such as rocket construction, will be individual. Lab Fee: \$20 **Cary Seidman**

SCIENCE con't

Morning

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUNCHIES GRADES 7-8

Learn lots of fun ways to make snack foods and special treats using mostly healthy ingredients. We'll create a recipe book, personalize our own kitchen motto and taste-test many different kinds of munchies. Limit: 8 students. Fee: \$10. **Carrie Bodenger**

Afternoon

MYSTERY KITCHEN AND CULTURE CLASS GRADES 1-4

This class will introduce you to a mystery culture and its cuisine. Not only will you taste with your taste senses but also you will taste with your eyes, ears, and sense of touch much of what this mystery culture has to offer. Come be surprised and enjoy creating treats, recipe collections and more. **Kayoko Irie**

WRITING & SKILLS

Morning

SKILLS FOR ALL GRADES 1-6

Improve and expand upon your reading and math skills. We will use traditional and creative methods including art, theatre and games to develop these skills. Our focus will be on developing age appropriate math, vocabulary and reading comprehension abilities. Individual journals will be used to explore creative expression and enhance writing skills. This is a great opportunity to keep you skills fresh while enjoying the rest of your day with friends at camp. Limit: 6 per group

POET'S CAFÉ

YOUNG POETS GRADES 1-3

Come young poets to learn about poems and how to write them. We will use words, lines and colors to create a book of poems. At the end each of us will have a hand made book that showcases our poems and illustrations. We will write a group poem together and perform it at our "coffee house." **Ellie Shorey**

WRITING & SKILLS con't

Morning

POET'S CAFÉ

IT'S MY POETRY BOOK! GRADES 4-6

Let's learn lots about poets and poetry and then write some of our own. There are different forms of poetry but we can create our own too. We'll explore a variety of methods to best illustrate our ideas and then create journals together that compile all our work. We will practice reading poetry so we can present original poems at our "coffee house" for our final presentation. **Ellie Shorey**

ROOM OF YOUR OWN GRADES 7-8

In this class we will expand on our knowledge of poetry as well as learn new forms. How do style and genre shape what we write? Creating expressive original works illustrated using a variety of mediums like painting, drawing, and photo will lead to a "coffee house" performance where we can present our work. Poetry notebooks containing our summer's effort as well as room for future musings will highlight our accomplishments. **Ellie Shorey**

AHA! 3:15-4:15PM (AFTER HOURS ACTIVITIES) GR 1-8

Our AHA! Program offers a one-hour extension the camp day beginning at 3:15. You may use Extended Care following the AHA! class or may be picked up at the front drive at 4:15. Please refer to the sign up forms in the center of the catalog to choose your late afternoon classes.

ART STUDIO: Make journals to express your thoughts and creativity. If the weather is nice we will take our journals outside to write in the middle of inspiring nature.

BASKETBALL TUESDAYS GRADES 4-8

Hone your skills with practice routines, relay and shooting games for increasing skills. **David Kloos**

PROGRESS WITH CHESS! MENTAL GYMNASTICS ALL GRADES

Instruction is provided by Chess for Success, Ohio's premier chess teaching organization with chess programs in over 30 Cleveland area schools. Learn the basic rules and principles, tactical themes and checkmate patterns in a supportive environment. All levels and abilities in grades 1 through 8 are welcome. Classes will include a healthy mix of lessons and supervised open chess play. **Calvin Marshall**

CLIMBING WALL MONDAY GRADES 1-3; WEDNESDAYS GRADES 4-6

With our certified instructor, learn to scale our exciting new climbing wall. Become the rock climber of your dreams. Two climbs minimum per class. **David Kloos**

TETHER BALL, CROQUET AND MONSTER FLYING DISK THURSDAYS GRADES 1-3

We will get teams going of great enthusiasts as we move in and out doors to try some new and great team games. **David Kloos**

