

2009

Saturday Scholars

AN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR ALL CAPITAL AREA STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-6

(Students in grades 7/8 may enroll in most grade 5/6 classes with instructor permission. Limited openings are available for Kindergarten students who can read and write fluently. Please contact SAGE prior to registration for info.)

Presented by



Shenendehowa Advocates for Gifted Education

Registration

January 24th, 2009
9: 00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Acadia Science Library
(Snow date: January 31st)

Schedule

Saturdays: March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4th, 2009
(Snow date: April 5th)
10:00 to 12:00 noon
Koda Middle School, Shenendehowa Campus

For more information please call Linda DeMasi at 877-5813 or Lisa Hodge at 877-8727
Or contact us by email at sagenews@yahoo.com.

Course Catalogs also available on our website at www.worknotes.com/ny/cliftonpark/sage



SAGE Saturday Scholars 2009

Koda Middle School, Shenendehowa Campus

SAGE is a chapter of **AGATE** (Advocacy for Gifted and Talented Education in New York State)

PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

SAGE Saturday Scholars, a program of mini-courses, is designed to provide challenging enrichment opportunities for academically, creatively, and artistically talented children.

ELIGIBILITY

SAGE Saturday Scholars courses are designed for students of above average ability and/or high motivation. Participants should be prepared for a fast moving, non-repetitive learning environment.

TUITION

All classes have a \$45.00 tuition fee. Some classes may require an additional materials fee. This will be collected at registration. **If a class is canceled due to weather, there will be NO tuition rebates or rescheduled classes other than the set snow day.** Financial assistance is available.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes will meet on five Saturdays from 10:00a.m to 12:00p.m. on March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 2009. (Snow date: April 5th)

CLASS ENROLLMENT

Most classes have a minimum enrollment of eight and a maximum of sixteen students. If a course is canceled for any reason, you will be notified as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to place your child in another class.

FIELD TRIPS

Some classes include a field trip. All field trips are considered to be a parent-child experience. Parents are responsible for transporting and chaperoning their own children for the duration of the field trip; therefore permission slips will not be necessary. The instructor will provide information concerning field trips.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be held in the Acadia Science Library from 9:00a.m. until 10:30a.m. Phone/email registration accepted after noon on the registration date. Classes fill up very quickly so in-person registration is encouraged.

Checks should be made payable to **SAGE**. Please **DO NOT FILL IN THE AMOUNT** until asked to do so.

- Complete one registration form per child. Extra forms will be available at registration.
- Class sizes are small and are filled on a first come, first served basis.
 - **Please have a second and third choice pre-selected.**
- All registrants are asked to make a \$5.00 donation to SAGE to offset program costs.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Students should arrive promptly at 10:00a.m. If you should arrive early, please stay with your child until the teacher arrives. Pick up your child promptly at 12:00 noon. Any remaining students will be taken to the Acadia Library to wait with a parent volunteer. Please be prompt in picking up your child. For your child's safety we ask that you **drop off and pick up your children directly from their classroom each day.** A space is provided on the registration form for you to list those people who you give permission to pick up your child.

DISCIPLINE

All students are expected to behave in positive and productive ways. Students will be warned about behavioral problems and parents will be notified. If unsatisfactory behavior continues the student will be dismissed from the program. **No refunds will be given.**

CANCELLATION

Your child's instructor or SAGE rep will notify you by phone if we have to cancel a class due to bad weather or illness.



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Course Selections by Grade Level

<p>Grade 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math Fun 4 All • Happy Feet—Amazing Life of Penguins • The Solar System • Adventures in French • Dinosaur Dig • Fun With Fabrics • American Sign Language • Journey to India • A Study of Picasso through Art and Poetry • Be A Journalist • Learning Chinese Language 	<p>Grade 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math Fun 4 All • Happy Feet—Amazing Life of Penguins • The Solar System • Adventures in French • Dinosaur Dig • Fun With Fabrics • American Sign Language • Journey to India • A Study of Picasso through Art and Poetry • Be A Journalist • Learning Chinese Language • Beginning Chess 	<p>Grade 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Solar System • Dinosaur Dig • Fun with Fabrics • American Sign Language • Journey to India • Be a Journalist • Learning Chinese Language • Beginning Chess • One Stroke Painting • Aeroscience
<p style="text-align: center;">Grade 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Chinese Language • Beginning Chess • Dragon Stories: Writing Fantasy • American Sign Language • One Stroke Painting • World History Through Crafts II • All The World's A Stage • Characters: From Concept Art to Game Creation • Aeroscience • Mythic Creatures 	<p style="text-align: center;">Grade 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Chinese Language • Beginning Chess • Dragon Stories: Writing Fantasy • American Sign Language • One Stroke Painting • World History Through Crafts II • All The World's A Stage • Characters: From Concept Art to Game Creation • Aeroscience • Mythic Creatures • So, You Want to Be a Lawyer? • Architectural Design—Beginner and Advanced • Drawing, Ripping, and Scratching Your Way to Self-Portraits • Artistry of the DNA Molecule 	<p style="text-align: center;">Grade 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Chinese Language • Beginning Chess • Dragon Stories: Writing Fantasy • American Sign Language • One Stroke Painting • World History Through Crafts II • All The World's A Stage • Characters: From Concept Art to Game Creation • Aeroscience • Mythic Creatures • So, You Want to Be a Lawyer? • Architectural Design—Beginner and Advanced • Drawing, Ripping, and Scratching Your Way to Self-Portraits • Artistry of the DNA Molecule

1. Math

Fun 4 All

Grades 1-2

Explore the logic behind Connect 4 and Fox & Hounds. Learn about Palindromes and calculator spelling. Discover famous mathematicians including Gauss, Sierpinski, Fibonacci and Pascal. Build a tetrahedral kite to fly and take home.

David Campe has a BA degree in education and an MA in communication arts. He is a 39-year veteran certified mathematics teacher presently teaching at Shenendehowa. This will be his 13th year in the SAGE Saturday Scholars program. He has also taught in the Siena College "Summer Scholars" program.

2. The Solar System

Grades 1-3

Would you like to journey through outer space and explore the planets? Eat, paint, and create art projects as you learn about the solar system. Create your own T-shirt to take home.

Come travel to another world! **Materials fee: \$12.00** **Amber Upton** is pursuing a BA in Art & Education through the Empire State College. She is enthusiastic about teaching children and exploring science through the arts.

3. Adventures in French

Grades 1-2

An adventure in French offers students the opportunity to experience French language through music, movement and fun! This class offers a hands-on approach to learning new words, songs and games in French. We will build a vocabulary of words and add to it each week through dramatic play, games and songs.

Nancy Cooke currently teaches in Saratoga Springs. She has completed many years of French classes. She has also taken part in French immersion experiences and traveled to France as part of a teaching abroad program.

4. Happy Feet: The Amazing Life of Penguins

Grades 1-2

Make crafts, solve riddles, do experiments and play games as you learn about the amazing life of penguins. We will learn how penguins move, what they eat, how they are born, and where they live. So wobble on in! **Materials fee: \$3.00**

Nicole Paupini is a certified elementary and special education teacher for Shenendehowa. She has an MA in Literacy Instruction.

5. Dinosaur Dig

Grades 1-3

Do you dig dinosaurs? This course will explore the world of paleontology and dinosaurs. Through hands-on activities, computer research and digging, participants in this class will unearth all sorts of information about dinosaurs and the people who study them. Be prepared to have fun and be sure to wear clothes that can get dirty! **Materials fee: \$12.00**

Kristen DeSalvatore has a Masters degree in elementary Education. This is her 6th year with SAGE Saturday Scholars. She teaches a similar, but less in-depth course, for several Shenendehowa elementary after-school programs.

6. Fun with Fabrics

Grades 1-3

We will take an everyday part of life - fabric - and explore it for its artistic potential and its historical meaning. Wall hangings, toys made from recycled clothing and felted bags are among the thought-provoking and useful items that will be produced by each student. Prior sewing experience is not necessary, but students do need the interest and hand-eye coordination necessary to learn rudimentary hand sewing techniques. All sessions will include discussion and hands-on experimentation. Either wear old clothing or bring a smock.

Materials fee: \$12.00

Cheryl Gorn is a BOCES Artist-in-Education who conducts workshops and residencies in schools, museums, libraries, and summer camps. Her interdisciplinary programs mix social studies with textile art. She holds a BA degree in anthropology from California State University at Northridge and an MA degree in museum studies from the George Washington University.

7. American Sign Language (ASL)

Grades 1-6

Learn to communicate using only your hands! We will introduce students to finger spelling and basic signing. We will learn signs for numbers, colors, and more.

Please purchase "Signs For Me" Item #4166 at www.hearmore.com for \$12.95 prior to class.

Jane Fluman is deaf and reads lips. She has signed in ASL her whole life. She is experienced in teaching sign language to students who are able to hear.

8. Journey to India

Grades 1-3

Students will discover India through interactive sessions and will put together a scrapbook and journey log as they travel through the course. They will learn about customs, culture, art, music and much more! They will have the chance to participate in an Indian dance and learn how to make Diwali lamps, roll out chapattis and possibly a field trip. **Students need to bring a 3-ring binder, pencil, eraser, colored pencils, markers and a glue stick to class.**

Materials Fee: \$12.00

Renu Ramakrishnan is a native of Bombay, India and has lived for over a decade in the USA. She has participated in the Glimpses of India and Festival of Nations events at the Empire State Plaza. She has taught programs for the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library and the Albany Hindu Temple. She holds an MBA in Marketing from Lehigh University.

9. A Study of Picasso through Art and Poetry

Grades 1-2

In this creative class, children will "meet" Picasso and some of his works. They will reflect on Picasso's contribution as an artist through the use of hands-on art activities and an introduction to five styles of poetry. **Students will need crayons and scissors.** **Materials Fee: \$5.00**

Corinne Michel has lived in Clifton Park for 30 years. She is a retired teacher who taught in the Schenectady School District for 33 years and has taught in the Arts and Education Magnet School.

10. Be a Journalist! Grades 1-3

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Create your own front page of a newspaper! Journalists will learn the parts of a newspaper, the 5 Ws of writing a lead, how to write and edit an article, and how to write a caption. The Journalists will work together to publish four front pages. **Journalists should bring a pencil and notebook to each class.**

Wendy Page is a freelance writer for the *Saratoga Business Journal* and *Glens Falls Business Journal*. She has an MFA in Creative Writing. She has worked for the Associated Press, the Hollywood movie industry, and for a best-selling author.

11. Learning Chinese Language Grades 1-6

Join us to learn Chinese language, numbers, greetings, basic expressions and culture through songs and game playing.

Please bring a folder, a pen and a notebook to join us in this adventure!

Ying Burkitt is a native of China, living in Clifton Park for almost ten years, with seven years of experience in teaching Chinese. She has a BA in International Trade.

12. Beginning Chess Grades 1-6

This class will offer instruction for the student with no experience in playing chess. Lessons will involve the basics of chess. **Students should bring a chessboard and pieces.**

Andy Jetter is a chess enthusiast. He has taught for SAGE Saturday Scholars for several years. He has been teaching chess in the Capital Region for over eleven years.

13. One Stroke Decorative Painting Grades 3-6

Expand your creativity and learn to make your own unique items with One Stroke Acrylic Painting. Each Saturday create a project using a different type of work surface to take home.

Students will be asked to bring to class specific items to paint on – fabric, wood, glass, ceramics. Items will range from \$2-5 max or you can bring an item from home from the same genre.

Materials Fee: \$12 for brush set to keep

Nan Williams has lived and worked in Clifton Park for 40 years. She is a Certified One Stroke Instructor in Acrylic Paints. She has taught adults and children at Michaels Arts and Crafts aside from her home studio.

14. All The World's A Stage! Grades 4-6

This course introduces students to the art of acting through a variety of dramatic activities. Creative drama can help students to learn about their emotions, to develop their problem solving skills, and to practice relating to other people. We will perform a short one-act play.

Fiona Gray has a BA in English and an MA in curriculum and instruction. As department chair for a high school she has directed several musicals and plays, and has also taught graduate level courses including *Theater for Children* and *Skills for the 21st Century*.

15. Characters: From Concept Art to Game Creation Grades 4-6

In this course we will explore the many areas of video games. We will focus on game characters as we follow the evolution of this billion-dollar industry. From the drawing board to the computer, each student team will have the opportunity to design and create their unique concept art and game asset that can be used in a video game. Each week we will explore and evaluate different gaming platforms (Nintendo DS, Xbox, PS2, Xbox 360, PS3, PSP) and the unique characteristics of each system. Possible field trip planned for Vicarious Visions studio tour during last class.

Geoff Mellon graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BFA from Arizona State University. He taught Game Art and Design for the Art Institute of Phoenix and worked for Rainbow Studios, and Crunch Time Games. Currently, he works for Vicarious Visions as a Senior Artist and he teaches at Sam Houston State's distance learning art program. Geoff is a Shenendehowa parent of four.

16. Aeroscience Grades 3-6

Learn how all kinds of aircraft fly including fixed-wing, rotary wing, gliders, and rockets. Students will build models of these crafts and fly both airplanes and rockets. Participants will learn to pay closer attention to details while they increase their creativity and building skills through this hands-opportunity. Students should be ready for a challenge!

Materials fee: \$3.00

Len Porter has been a science teacher for Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake schools for thirty years. He also teaches at the ESAM Museum and builds models for museum show.

17. Mythic Creatures Grades 4-6

Come join us on a hands-on adventure of curiosity and creativity while we investigate the magical world of sea serpents, mermaids, brownies, etc. Students will design and create a unique 3-D personal Field Guide filled with handmade brownie wings, blueprints for magical creature catchers, maps and maybe even mermaid hair. We will explore popular books and movies to uncover the deepest secrets of these mystical beings and conclude our classes with a delicious Beast Feast. **Please bring colored pencils and a large blank notebook of any kind**

Materials Fee: \$10.00

Pamela Brancato has an MS degree in Education and has taught SAGE Saturday Scholars for many years. She is also works as a teacher and private tutor when not on an adventure with her three children.

18. Science Magic **Grades 3-6**

This course introduces students to a variety of science disciplines that they encounter in their daily lives. Scientists and engineers from Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory (KAPL) and the General Electric R&D Center will provide an array of hands-on experiments to energize the students' minds and imaginations.

Tommy Soo Hoo is a member of KAPL's Network of Volunteer Associates (NOVA) Society and is involved with the Educational Outreach Program. Mr. Soo Hoo has worked at KAPL for over 20 years and has arranged for different scientists and engineers to work with the students each week.

19. So, You Want to Be a Lawyer? **Grades 5-6**

Students will explore how the law affects their lives and discuss recent court decisions and current events. This course will also include practical experience in being a lawyer. Learn trial tactics, apply legal concepts, and create legal arguments. The fourth class will be a field trip to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court on Broadway in Albany, NY, where students will participate in a moot court trial. **Students need to bring a pen and paper to class.**

Karen Simons graduated from Shenendehowa in 1983 and earned a BA degree from Colgate University and a JD from Albany Law School. Ms. Simons has her own practice in Albany.

20. Architectural Design—Beginning and Advanced **Grades 5-6**

In designing a building or structure of their own creation from scratch, students will learn drawing in plan and elevation, the tools and techniques of architectural design, architecture history, and model making.

Materials fee: \$12.00

David Wheeler teaches Art and Design courses at Russell Sage College, Empire State College, and Maine College of Art in Portland.

21. Dragon Stories: Writing Fantasy **Grades 4-6**

Do you like dragons, fairies, elves, dwarves, wizards, adventure, and magic? We will explore these creatures and their fantastical world as we create our own original fantasy stories! Aspects of character, setting, plot and resolution will be explored and discussed. Students will create a fantasy story to be shared in a writers' circle. **Please bring a notebook and pen/pencil to each class.**

Tammy Ellis Robinson is the founder and director of *Skribblers Magazine* and the teacher of Writing Circles in Clifton Park and Albany, RPI summer writing camps and co-owner of Out of the Box Creative Learning. She is a former teacher of Albany High School, NYSTI and EBA. She has a BA from Brown University and MS in Special Education from SUNYA.

22. World History Through Crafts II **Grades 4-6**

Learn about different times and places while you make a great-looking craft to take home! Through hands-on exploration, stories and music we'll try out Iron Age Celtic metalwork while designing our own shields, pick up tips for playing mancala as we construct an African game board, discover the world-wide craft of making coil baskets, hear how desert nomads live while creating decorative sand bottles, and act like inventors to come up with our own robots.

Materials Fee: \$12.00

Kathy Ceceri is a teaching artist, crafts designer and writer who leads hands-on educational workshops at schools and libraries around the state. Kathy writes for Disney's FamilyFun magazine and Home Education Magazine, and her first book, *Around the World Crafts: Great Activities for Kids who Like History, Math, Art, Science and More!* is available at www.craftsforlearning.com. She is currently finishing two new crafts books for Nomad Press while homeschooling her two teens.

23. Drawing, Ripping, and Scratching Your Way to Great Self-Portraits **Grades 5-6**

In addition to a colorful name collage, digital photos will aid students in the creation of fun and fabulous portraits! We will create portrait collages using torn paper and a scratch board to create individual black and white pieces as we learn about artists such as Van Gogh and Matisse.

Materials Fee: \$12.00

Tanya Voss is a certified former Art teacher who earned a BFA in Sculpture from the Rhode Island School of Design and a MA in Art Education from Rhode Island College.

24. The Artistry of the DNA Molecule **Grades 5-6**

Using an artist's approach, DNA will be modeled through hands-on art activities. Students will be introduced to the DNA structure, code, and replication. They will see DNA as a "dancer" in the mitosis choreography.

Materials Fee: \$12.00

Tammy Feenan has taught in several after school enrichment programs. She is completing a degree in Art Education from the Empire State College.

Saturday Scholars Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY ON FORM. THIS WILL BE YOUR CHILD'S EMERGENCY CONTACT SHEET.

Student's Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Date _____

Address: _____ Sex: _____ School: _____

City: _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Parent's Name: _____ Permits the following to sign the above student out of class:

Telephone

Home: _____ Cell: _____ Emergency: _____

Course Selection:

1st Choice #: _____ Title: _____

Course Fee: \$ _____ Materials Fee: \$ _____ Total Cost for 1st Choice: \$ _____

2nd Choice #: _____ Title: _____

Course Fee: \$ _____ Materials Fee: \$ _____ Total Cost for 2nd Choice: \$ _____

3rd Choice #: _____ Title: _____

Course Fee: \$ _____ Materials Fee: \$ _____ Total Cost for 3rd Choice: \$ _____

Please indicate physical limitations or allergies we should know about _____

Please list any medications the student is currently taking _____

There will be a registered nurse available on site in the Acadia nursing office during our class lessons.

To be filled out by SAGE

Subtotal for course _____

Check #: _____ or

SAGE/AGATE membership fee _____

Cash paid: _____

Total due at registration _____

Cashier Initial: _____