

Area Enrichment Opportunities for Students and Parents

February/March 2011

Ideas for All Learners

Upcoming February/March Events

Chicago Kids.com - Looking for something to do on a particular date? Go to chicagokids.com and select your date.

February 19-20 – Just the Girls Snowshoeing Overnight – 6:30 pm – 8:30 am – Morton Arboretum, Lisle – Mother and daughter event - Hiking in snowshoes and other activities (ages 7-11) \$50 per person

February 26-27 – 9th Annual Chicagoland Kids Expo – Saturday 9am – 6pm and Sunday 10am – 5pm – Renaissance Convention Center – Schaumburg – Entertainment, exhibits and hands-on activities (\$10 adults, \$6 kids and under 3 is free)

February 27 – Fermilab Family Open House – 1-5 pm – This is a party for children who bring an adult with them to learn about the world of physics. More info and registration: ed.fnal.gov/ffse_new/openhouse/

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Location: Naperville

School's Out! President's Day – grades 1-5 – Monday, February 21st from 9am – 3pm (\$45/person, bring a lunch) – Learn who's who on American money. Discover the secret symbols of the dollar bill, fun facts about coins, and the rich history of currency.

For more information and other events go to www.napersettlement.org

The Packer Foundation Scholars Program

Offering Enrichment Classes for PreK – 8th Grade

Location(s): Aurora University and Fearn Elementary (North Aurora)

When: Winter Session: Feb 27th – Mar 20th (Registration is open until classes begin)

Sampling of Courses (grades offered to):

Pre-K – 2nd: China: Land of the Dragon
3rd – 5th: Fun with French / Legos: How Things Work / Brain Games / Think Like a Scientist
3rd – 8th: Physics & Chemistry / Blood and Guts



For course descriptions, registration criteria and printable registration forms go to: www.packergroup.com/scholars

Center for Talent Development® - Northwestern Univ.

Offering a Saturday Enrichment Program (Pre-K – 9th Grade), Accelerated Weekend Experience (6th – 9th Grade), and summer programs (Pre-K – 9th Grade)

Saturday Enrichment Program (Pre-K – 9th Grade):

Spring Session: April 9th – May 21st in Naperville

Upcoming Accelerated Weekend Experience:

Elgin – March 19th – 20th- StarLogo(Gr 5-6) & Forensic Science(Gr 7-8)

For eligibility and program details go to: www.ctd.northwestern.edu/

For registration call 630-232-1242
(Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 4:30 pm)



The Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Offering Children's Nature Programs



Upcoming Event(s):

Ancient Animals – focus on ages 5-10, but all ages welcome – The Lodge at Brewster Creek, St. Charles – Feb 15th 10-11:30 am (\$2pp)

Wetlands in Winter – All ages – FREE – Dick Young Forest Preserve, Batavia – Feb 12th from 10-11 am

For program details go to: www.kaneforest.com

For registration call 630-232-1242 (Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 4:30 pm)

Lederman Science Education Center (Fermilab)

Offering Tours, Field Trips & Classes for K – 12th

Location(s): Batavia

Sampling of Upcoming Events (grades offered to):

Wild and Wonderful Weather – 2/26/11 (9:30 am – 12:30 pm) – Gr 3-5

Move It – 3/12/11 (9 – 11:30 am) – Gr 1-3

Earth Engineers – 3/19/11 (9:30 am – 12:30 pm) – Gr 6-8

Fireflies, Sea Monsters, and Glow Sticks – 3/26/11 (9:30 am – 12:30 pm) – Gr 3-5

For course descriptions & registration details go to: ed.fnal.gov/

For Science Adventures listing & registration go to ed.fnal.gov/sciadv



The Center for Gifted At National-Louis University

Offering Hands-On Enrichment Courses for PreK – 11th Grade

Location(s): Classes beginning February 20th in Burr Ridge

Course Sampling: How to Measure an Elephant, Geometric Design and Construction, Chinese Adventure, Art Time Machine, Making Visible the Invisible

More details, requirements & registration: www.centerforgifted.org

GEARS (Geneva's Enrichment and Acceleration Resource & Support Group)

GEARS is a community group for parents of high ability and accelerated students in Geneva School District 304. GEARS' purpose is to communicate vital information to parents, educate parents about available resources, support parents who have issues and concerns and prepare parents to advocate on behalf of their children. For more information on GEARS go to

Soon a new format will be available for this newsletter.
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Benedictine University	Day camps – Summer day camps	Lisle	www1.ben.edu/resources/camps		X	X	X		
Brookfield Zoo	Day camps – Summer day camps and winter break camps	Brookfield	www.brookfieldzoo.org		X	X	X		
	Safari Sleepovers – A dinner, a night hike, activities and crafts and the next morning, wake up to breakfast, a walk, and a visit to an exhibit where you see your evening crafts given to animals	Brookfield	www.brookfieldzoo.org		X	X			
	Windows Into the Zoo – Hour long tours with expert staff and includes a buffet breakfast prior to your tour	Brookfield	www.brookfieldzoo.org		8+	X	X	X	
Camp Invention	Program instills creative problem-solving and critical-thinking skills that will encourage children's future success	St. Charles, Elgin	www.invent.org/camp		X	X	6 th		
Cantigny Gardens	Summer camps and family overnight events	Wheaton	www.cantigny.org		X	X	X		X
Career Vision	Career assessment, planning and opportunities	Glen Ellyn	www.careervision.org					X	
Center for Gifted, The	Offering hands-on enrichment courses	Various including St. Charles & Elgin	www.centerforgifted.org	X	X	X	X	X	
Center for Talent Development – Northwestern Univ.	Accelerated Weekend Experience (see website for eligibility)	Naperville & various	ctd.northwestern.edu				X	9 th	
	Gifted Learning Links – 18-week online honors elective courses	From home	ctd.northwestern.edu				X	X	
	Saturday Enrichment Program and Summer Programs (see website for eligibility)	Naperville & various	ctd.northwestern.edu	X	X	X	X	X	
	Civic Education Project - Promotes civic responsibility among young people through an award-winning citizenship and leadership program that combines traditional education and service learning for maximum impact.	Chicago and various	ctd.northwestern.edu						X
Chicago Children's Museum at Navy Pier	Special limited time exhibits	Chicago	www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org						X
	Kraft Free Family Night (Thursday evenings 5-8pm with free admission for everyone) and Target Free First Sundays (First Sunday of the every month – free admission all day for ages 15 and under)	Chicago	www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org						X
Computer Explorers	Provides technology education to children in Kane and surrounding counties	Various locations	www.computerexplorersillinois.blogspot.com	X	X	X	X	X	
DuPage Children's Museum	Tiny Great Performances – at 10:30 am on various Saturdays throughout the year. Discover the magic of live performance.	Naperville	www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org						X
Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra	Orchestral opportunities for students	Elgin	www.eysso.org			X	X	X	
Fermilab (Lederman Science Education Center)	Offering science enrichment on Saturdays during the school year and on weekdays during the summer	Batavia	http://ed.fnal.gov/home/students.shtml	X	X	X	X	X	
	Saturday Morning Physics	Batavia	http://ed.fnal.gov/home/students.shtml					X	
Fox Valley Children's Chorus	A community children's choir – Entry into the chorus is by audition, held three times during the year.	Batavia	www.fvchildrenschorus.org		2 nd	X	X	X	

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Fox Valley Robotics	Providing Robotic Programs for 5 th -12 th Graders in the Fox Valley Area "Sport for the Mind"	Batavia	www.foxvalleyrobotics.com			5 th	X	X	
Fox Valley Special Recreation Assoc (FVSRA)	Enrichment for those with disabilities - Offering special events/trips, day camps, and leisure education programs	Aurora	www.fvsra.org	X	X	X	X	X	
Geneva Gears (Geneva's Enrichment and Acceleration Resource & Support Group)	GEARS is a community group for parents of A/E students in Geneva School District 304.	Geneva	www.GenevaGEARS.org						
Geneva History Center	"Kids" Day Off Series - Grades 2 and up - Scheduled on days that school children have off from school, this popular series offers a variety of local history topics including the "What Was It Like...?" series and others.	Geneva	www.genevahistorycenter.org		2 nd +	X	X	X	
Geneva Park District	Offering educational and recreational programs	Geneva	www.genevaparks.org	X	X	X	X	X	X
Giant Campus	Offering online courses and summer camps - Online courses are for grades 6-12 and subjects include engineering, technology, digital arts, and business innovation	Online and various locations	www.giantcampus.com			X	X	X	
Hands On Science Workshops	Offering hands-on workshops for students and parents	Chicago	www.iibbt.com			11+	X	X	
Heritage YMCA Group	College Campus Trips - Each tour consists of a campus guided walking tour and a presentation from the admissions advisor - University of Marquett, University of Illinois, Western Illinois University	Leave from Naperville	www.heritageymca.org					X	
IMSA (Illinois Math and Science Academy)	Offering summer programs for students interested in math and science	Aurora and various	www.imsa.edu			X	X	X	
Innovation Training & Consulting	Offering camps centered on creativity and innovation	Palatine and various	www.innovationtrainer.com		X	X	X	X	
Ispirare School of Music & Expressive Arts	Offering classes in string instruments, piano and voice	Batavia	www.bataviamusic.com		X	X	X	X	
Kane County Forest Preserve	Offering nature programs for families	Kane County Locations	www.kaneforest.com						X
	Offering summer camps	Kane County Locations	www.kaneforest.com		X	X			
Kids Camps (Directory)	Offering day and overnight summer camps	Various	www.kidscamps.com	X	X	X	X	X	
Language Stars	Offering language classes - Mid-season enrollments are welcome and tuition is prorated. Geneva Satellite Center offers Spanish and Mandarin. Naperville Center offers Spanish, French, Italian, Mandarin, and German.	Geneva/ Naperville	www.languagestars.com	X	X	X			
Masterpiece Art	Online Academy	Online	www.masterpieceonlineacademy.com			X	X	X	
	Summer Art Camps & Seasonal Outdoor Art Workshops	various Kane County locations	www.teachartathome.com		X	X	X	X	X
Monart Drawing Studio	Offering courses in drawing	Arlington Heights	www.monart.com		X	X	X		
Morton Arboretum	Offering science camps and classes	Lisle	www.mortonarb.org	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Naper Settlement	Geocaching (Outdoor treasure-hunting game using a GPS device - April–October - \$1 to rent a GPS)	Naperville	www.napersettlement.org						X
	History Speaks Lecture Series (1-hr on various dates through the year)	Naperville	www.napersettlement.org		X	X	X	X	
	Summer Day Camps (middle school camps with some overnights)	Naperville	www.napersettlement.org		X	X	X		
Noble Fool Theatricals	Offering performing arts academy classes and camps	St. Charles	www.noblefool.org/education/		X	X	X	X	
North Central College Summer Camps	Offering a vocal/jazz class	Naperville	www.northcentralcollege.edu/x4459.xml					X	
Packer Foundation	Offering enrichment classes	Aurora and North Aurora	www.packerfgroup.com/scholars	X	X	X	X		
	Aviation Camp – Offering a unique opportunity to explore the history and science of aviation and to discover exciting career opportunities in aeronautics and aviation technology	Naperville	www.packerfoundation.org					X	
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum	Offering workshops, summer camps, Chicago Eco Adventures for teens), and public overnights	Chicago	www.naturemuseum.org	X	X	X	X	X	X
Project Exploration	Youth programs to explore a variety of scientific disciplines alongside scientists – Targets students who are open-minded and curious, regardless of academic standing. All youth programs are free.	Chicago area and various	www.projectexploration.org				X	X	
Reading Tree Learning	Offering individual tutoring and summer boot camps – Tutoring offered in reading-phonics, comprehension, and reading speed as well as math, sciences, writing, test-taking strategy and study skills. Offering summer camps to jump start your student's math and English grammar skills	Naperville and various	www.readingtreelearning.com	X	X	X	X	X	
Scholars Program, The (Packer Foundation)	Offering enrichment classes and summer camps for PreK – 8 th Grade	North Aurora, Aurora	www.packergroup.com/scholars	X	X	X	X		
Science Chicago	Science Saturdays	Chicago & Surrounding	www.sciencechicago.com						X
Seaspar (Special Parks and Recreation)	Providing recreation programs and services for residents with disabilities -day camps, special events, and leisure ed programs	Downers Grove	www.seaspar.org	X	X	X	X	X	
Steel Beam Theatre	Offering classes, auditions, and productions	St. Charles	www.steelbeamtheatre.com		X	X	X	X	
	Offering student internships in direction, music direction, & media	St. Charles	www.steelbeamtheatre.com					X	
University of Illinois Sport Camps	Offering year-round camps in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and wrestling	Champaign	www.fightingillini.com/camps		X	X	X	X	
Water Street Studios	Offering art classes staffed by professional and working artists and operate on a trimester schedule – many options available	Batavia	www.waterstreetstudios.com/school-of-art	X	X	X	X	X	X
WTTW11/ 98.7WFMT Introductions	A weekly live performance series featuring the region's most talented pre-college musicians - Airs on Saturday at 11:00 am on 98.7WFMT and via live streaming at wfmt.com.	Chicago	www.wfmt.com/introductions Apply via website or call 773-279-2019					X	