

A Creative Summer for Sonoma Students

Those wishing to add to their student's summer creativity can now choose from several terrific Summer Camps at the Sonoma Community Center. Some are described below. But to get a complete list, register for a camp, or just get more information, call 707.938.4626, extension 1.

The Summer Theater Dance Camp for ages 8 to 12 will meet from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 11th through August 17th. Tuition is \$40 per student for SCC members, \$44 non-members.

Eight differently-themed Cooking Camps for kids ages 6 through 12 will meet Fridays, July 14th through August 18th, from 1 to 3 PM. Choose from Healthy Kids, Healthy Families; Picnic on the Plaza; Meet Ya' for Pizza; Date Night; Mad Hatter Tea Party; and Cool Down When It's Hot as an Oven. Cost per session is \$50 for Community Center members, \$55 for non-members.

Kids ages 6 to 12 can attend Summer Art Camps with fairy tale themes that include The Bremen Town Musicians, Three Billy Goats Gruff, Jack & the Bean Stalk, Puss 'N Boots, Pinocchio, Alice in Wonderland, Rumpelstiltskin, and Little Red Riding Hood. These camps are each one week long and are scheduled from 9 AM to noon daily. Campers will spend half the morning in the pottery studio and half the morning in the art studio, creating work that pertains to their camp's fairy tale theme. Please contact the Sonoma Commu-

nity Center Registrar for dates and availability. Cost is \$144 for SCC members, \$160 for non-members.

Band Camp is one week of full band rehearsals that leads to a concert. It's designed for 5th- through 8th- in at least their first or second year of music instruction. Band Camp will meet Monday through Friday, June 26th through 30th, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. The concert will be on Friday, June 30th. Cost is \$108 for SCC members and \$120 for non-members.

Jazz Camp is for 8th- through 12th-graders. Students play small combo jazz alongside experienced instructors, culminating with a concert on Friday, July 21st. Jazz Camp is offered Monday through Friday, July 10th through 21st, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Cost is \$315 for SCC members and \$350 for non-members.

Lots to Learn In Occidental

A three-day residential course entitled "Remembering Our Way: Healing Through Food, Herbs, and Ceremony" will be offered July 7th through 9th at the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center. This hands-on course offers an opportunity to learn about plant spirit medicine, medicinal herbs and oils, gardening as a practical and spiritual practice, and food as medicine.

The instructor is Michelle Vesser. Lodging and meals are included in the course fee of \$425, which supports the non-profit center's educational and research activities.

The public is invited to tour the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center on Sunday, July 9th, and again on Saturday, July 29th. The two-hour tours begin at 10 AM. Tour participants will be introduced to the Center's organic gardens, which preserve thousands of varieties of rare and

SUMMER LEARNING

Mad Scientists Train In Cotati

The City of Cotati Recreation Department is offering a series of "Mad Science" summer camps. The "Mad Science" mission is to spark the imagination and curiosity of children. The camps provide fun, interactive and educational activities that instill a clear understanding of science and how it affects the world. Activities are hands-on, age-appropriate and use professional lesson plans and materials. Classes will be held in the Cotati Community Center, 216 East School Street, behind City Hall. Cost for each camp for youngsters 6 to 10 years old is \$150 for Cotati residents and \$157 for all others. Camps for children 3 1/2 to 5 are \$2 more. See the camp descriptions below for additional materials fees.

The camp for 6- to 10-year-olds is called "Rockin' Rockets & Aerodynamics". From the earliest flying machines to the first rocket flights, this hands-on program allows young people to build many different flying devices and see how Newton's Laws of Motion explain how things move and how rockets fly. The class is daily from 9 AM to noon for one week beginning on Monday, July 31st. The materials fee is \$25.00, paid directly to the instructor on the first day of class.

The camp for pre-school-

ers aged 3 1/2 to 5 is called "The Garden". In this camp, children learn about where things grow, the characteristics of seeds, and the weather conditions needed for growth of the flowers, fruits and veggies that the seeds become. This camp is daily from 9 AM to noon for one week beginning on Monday, July 24th. Materials are \$15.00, paid directly to the instructor on the first day of class.

For more information, visit www.ci.cotati.ca.us or call Terry Dutra at 707.792.4600, extension 640.

Calling All Young Rembrandts

The City of Cotati Recreation Department will continue its popular Young Rembrandts courses this summer, in which children learn real drawing skills from local artists or credentialed teachers. Enrollment in any of the camps is \$80 for Cotati residents and \$82 for all others.

The Junior Princess Art Camp teaches girls 5 to 7 years old to draw themselves in "glamour" wear. The camp is one week long, Monday July 24th through Friday July 28th, from 9 to 10:30 AM.

Junior Zoo Drawing Camp, for kids 5 to 7, is all about drawing animals found in a zoo. This camp also runs the week of July 24th through July 28th, from 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM.

Young people aged 7 to 12 have six Young Rembrandt camps to choose from.

There's a Super Hero Cartoon Camp where kids learn to draw their own comic book superheros. That will be held Monday July 31st through Friday August 4th, from 9 to 10:30 AM.

That same week, there's an Animal Drawing Camp, just like the one for the younger

kids, from 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM each day.

At the Shopping Mall Art Camp, during the week of August 7th from 9 to 10:30 AM, young artists will imagine themselves at their favorite stores illustrating the merchandise.

The Dolls of All Countries Art Camp offers a chance to learn to draw girl dolls in costumes from different periods in time. It will be held the week of August 7th, from 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM.

The week of August 14th, from 9 to 10:30 AM, Young Rembrandts will learn to use a variety of artistic techniques to draw vehicles.

Finally, a Monster Cartoon Camp provides an opportunity to draw wild faces, exaggerated features, and scary bodies. This camp will also be held the week of August 14th, from 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM daily.

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