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Song/Music Writing - Michael Gersten

Songwriting Club

Students will learn the basic fundamentals of how to write a song and the different parts of a song. This club will help students gain the tools and knowledge needed to write a song. We will focus on what makes up a song (melody, harmony, rhythm, lyrics, form) and how to notate it musically. We will also learn about different styles of songs and what makes those styles unique. Some prior knowledge of music is helpful but certainly not required. Everyone is welcome.

Michael Gersten received his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and his Master's Degree in Music from the University of Kansas. He is currently working on a Doctorate in Music and the University of Northern Colorado. He has performed throughout the United States and China. In addition, Mr. Gersten was a well-known woodwind teacher in the Kansas City area and has recently relocated to Northern Colorado. Songwriting is something Mr. Gersten has always enjoyed and has written music for various musical ensembles. The cost is \$9 per class/session and the one time material costs for instruments and computers is \$37. There is an 8 class commitment.

Beginning Violin - Dr. Mary Gindulis

Using a combination of Suzuki and traditional teaching methods, your child will learn to play the violin. Studies have shown that playing a musical instrument develops areas of the brain involved in language, reasoning, problem solving and critical thinking. The study of music also improves attention span and promotes coordination and discipline. Students will learn first by listening and imitating. Elementary note reading will be introduced as soon as basic technique is achieved. In addition to being great fun, music will contribute to your child's success in all areas of their education.

Violinist, Mary Gindulis currently performs with the Ft. Collins Symphony, the Cheyenne Symphony and the Greeley Philharmonic. She received the B.M. in violin performance from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and the M.M. and Doctor of Arts from the University of Northern Colorado. Dr. Gindulis has been a violinist with the Tulsa Philharmonic, Tulsa Opera, Tulsa Ballet, Omaha, North Arkansas, Ft. Smith, and Colorado Springs symphonies. She has also performed and toured with the Houston Grand Opera and Texas Opera Theater. Dr. Gindulis spent 3 summers at the Breckenridge Music Institute where she was first violinist in the Blue River string quartet. The cost is \$12 per class/session.

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Science - Amy Newman

My Science Club is the place to have fun exploring the world through science. Experience science in action through hands-on activities as we discover how things work. Through guided discovery, kids will investigate food, everyday things, inventions and inventors, the earth, outer space, living things, and more. Grades 3-4, will develop their science detective skills, while grades 5-8 will develop and test their own science experiments.

Amy Newman is a scientist, educator, and mentor. She has created hands-on programs and activities for science, history and technology museums for over 5 years. From bugs to space, rocks to reactions, Amy creates fun activities that teach kids how to discover science for themselves. Amy believes science is for everyone, and by making it easier for kids to experience science, they will understand more, do better in school, and become better prepared adults. The cost is \$9 per class/session.

There is an 8 class commitment.

Flagstaff Chess Club - Ray Alexis

Learn to beat your Dad at chess! Impress all your friends with your chess knowledge! Flagstaff is proud to offer a new chess club for students of all grades and players of all levels. Learn how to improve your chess game and beat all your friends, and maybe even your Dad! Whether you have never played before or you are a seasoned tournament player, you can learn to be a better chess player at Flagstaff Chess Club.

The club starts this October and meets after school:

Beginning Chess - Tuesdays: Tuesdays are for beginners who have never played before or know the basic rules of the game, but have never had lessons.

Intermediate & Advanced Chess - Wednesdays: Wednesdays are for intermediate and advanced players who have played chess a while and know the rules but want to improve their understanding of the game. Players will play in tournaments and want to improve their chess rating.

Don't miss out on your opportunity to learn to play chess from a professional chess coach! Join AACC today!

Cost is \$7 per class/session

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Springboard Clubs are very different than typical after school clubs. Like our academic program, only teachers who have outstanding credentials in their respective field are chosen for Springboard. Springboard clubs are an opportunity for children to receive instruction and learn from teachers in their concentrations of interest at a fraction of the cost.



Parents, Springboard clubs are a very unique opportunity for your children to experience exciting fields and programs of interest to them, with accomplished teachers in their fields. Springboards goal with our clubs is to provide this experience at a fraction of the cost you would find anywhere for a similar program.

Beginning Band - Tim Baldwin

Learning to play a band instrument is fun, challenging and exciting. You can select the instrument of your choice: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba or Percussion. This great after-school club will introduce you to the fundamentals of music, instrument techniques and ensemble playing. This club is open to students in grades 5 – 8. The only requirement is a desire to learn and have fun doing so. You will need to provide your own instrument and method book. Don't worry. I'll help you locate a store that will set you up with both.

Tim Baldwin has been a music educator for thirty- five years. Prior to his teaching in Colorado, he was an instrumental specialist with the Columbia Public Schools in Columbia, Missouri. During his tenure with CPS Tim was the Director of Bands at West Junior High School and Associate Director of Bands at Hickman High School, directing concert, jazz and marching bands as well as maintaining an active private studio. Currently he is the Instrumental Teacher at Summit Charter Middle School in Boulder and the Winds Teacher at Shepherd Valley Waldorf School in Niwot. The cost is \$9 per class/session. There is a 8 class commitment.

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