

★ ★ 2021 ★ ★

*Providing Students with a Variety of Exploratory*

*Experiences in a Creative Learning Environment*

**Week 1: June 7-11**

**Week 2: June 14-18**

Young  
Scholars  
Institute



**CELEBRATING 37 YEARS!**

The Young Scholars Institute, sponsored by the Franklin Special School District, offers challenging, exploratory classes which are designed for independent and highly motivated learners. The courses are academically and artistically challenging and a lot of fun! YSI is designed for the mature, independent student who is ready to change classes.



## APPLY NOW!

Applications are processed in the order received.

### HOW TO APPLY:

1. Complete Registration Form (online or paper application)
2. Complete Permissions Form and Health Form
3. Pay \$30 Registration Fee

**ELIGIBILITY:** Independent and highly motivated students between the ages of 7 & 14.

**DATES:** June 7-11 & June 14-18  
(Students may attend one or both weeks)

**TIME:** Junior Scholars: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
Senior Scholars: 8:15 AM – 2:45 PM

**LUNCH:** Information about lunch will be included with your class schedule.

**PLACE:** Freedom Intermediate School at 840 Glass Lane, Franklin, TN

### Junior Scholars:

Students who have completed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grades (ages 7-10).

### Senior Scholars:

Students who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade or above (ages 11-14).

### LOCATION:

junior Scholars:

Freedom Intermediate School  
840 Glass Lane in Franklin  
(615) 804-3587

Hours: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Junior Scholars Director: Marnie Cotton  
Assistant Director: Crystal Lepping

Senior Scholars:

Freedom Intermediate School  
840 Glass Lane in Franklin  
(615) 790-4721

Hours: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Senior Scholars Director: Eric Ellison  
Assistant Director: Hollie Osteen

### FEES:

1. A \$30.00 non-refundable registration fee (Registration fee is not included in Tuition)
2. Tuition is \$200 per week and is due before May 29, 2021  
NOTE: If paid after May 29, there will be a \$15 late fee
3. Registration will be based on date application is submitted (online) or received (paper).
4. Certain classes may require an additional fee which will be noted in the class description.
5. Make checks payable to: Franklin Special School District
6. Paper applications should be mailed to our PO Box or can be delivered to Central Office Annex.

Questions? Contact Marnie Cotton 615-804-3587 for Junior Scholars or Eric Ellison 615-790-4721 for Senior Scholars.

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## Arts & Crafts



**CLAY CREATIONS** - Learn the basic techniques of form, decoration and texture. Will work in relief style using clay to be fired. Each year is a new project theme, repeats are welcome. Instructor: Michelle Vinci

**CREATE AWAY WITH PAPIER MACHE** - A little paste lots of newspaper, and a ton of imagination, and you're on your way to a messy, fun-filled class of Papier Mache. There's no limit to what you can create. Bring an old shirt to cover clothes.

Instructor: Josephine Getz

**CREATIVE PAINTING** - Explore tempera paint techniques. Use special tools to create textures. Cut stencils for plants and insects. Mix colors, values, shades and tints. Combine your knowledge for a 3D collage inspired by Claude Monet's pond.

Instructor: Naomi Norman

**DRAWING** - Use pencils, charcoal, pen & ink, markers and oil pastels to improve your drawing ability.

Instructor: Megan White

**KNITWIT** - How was your sweater made? Learn the basics of knitting. Design and knit your own creations. All levels of experience welcome. Class fee: \$5 Instructor: Laura Harvanek

**KNITWIT II** - More advanced stitches and projects for those who have taken beginning Knitwit or who already know how to knit. Class fee: \$5

Instructor: Laura Harvanek

**"STEAM" KNITTING** - A perfect class for students that have already completed Knitwit II or who already know how to knit. In this class, you will use math skills to create a pattern, construct a block of your own design, plus learn the purl stitch. Class fee: \$5

Instructor: Laura Harvanek

**QUILT SEWING** - Choose a dozen pieces of material to machine-sew a quilt for your doll or stuffed animal. No previous experience required. We will complete the 3-layer "quilt sandwich" as well as binding around the quilt.

Instructor: Suzanne Marley

**AMERICAN GIRL SEWING I** - Machine sewing opens a new world of creativity. Love your doll (or stuffed animal) even more by learning to sew for it. Make a skirt for you and matching skirt for 18" doll (or dog!). No previous experience required. Machine provided. Instructor: Suzanne Marley

**AMERICAN GIRL SEWING II** - Students must have completed American Girl Sewing I. Sharpen your machine sewing skills with a second week of sewing a skirt for you and your doll.

Instructor: Suzanne Marley

**WATERCOLOR** - Explore, discover and practice exciting new ways to use watercolors. Create art magic with crayon resist, washes, sprays, color mixing, brush work and collage. Take home four finished works of art. Instructor: Naomi Norman



**CARD SHARKS** - Card games have been popular for hundreds of years because they're challenging and fun!! Learn new card games that you can teach your family and friends. You'll be improving your math skills without even realizing it!! Instructor: Greg Duel

**CHESS** - Basic instruction in game technique, middle game strategy, and how to play openings and tactics. A beginners class and an advanced class will be offered. Instructor: Chris Prosser

**LET GO MY LEGO!** - use your imagination and creativity to build challenging Lego projects. Team building and independent activities will be included. Instructor: Bill Spencer

**POKEMON** - Become a master at dueling once you create your own card, character and story to go with your new creation. Cards, Gameboys, Playstations & videos welcome (with parent permission), Wed-Fri of class. (Clearly label personal items.)

Instructor: Gwen Antypas

**ROBOTS, STEM, AND DI...OH MY!!** - Learn how to program 3 different types of robots and integrate them into creative Destination Imagination tasks such as Instant Challenges, engineering feats, & short plays. Instructor: Lori Proffitt



# Junior Scholars Class Descriptions

## PROBLEM SOLVING CONTINUED...

**TABLETOP ATHLETES** - Games you can play any time you have a friend, a table, and some free time. Learn Tabletop football, Tabletop tennis, Hacky Sack, etc. Track your points per game, and find the Mean, Median and Mode of your scores. The week will end with a “Super Bowl” based on students who have won their brackets, and a “Pro Bowl” based on the two students who have the highest Mean. Fun!, Fun!, Fun!! Instructor: Bill Kuhn

**YOU CAN DO THE CUBE!** - Amaze your family and friends when you learn how to solve the world famous Rubik’s Cube! Step by step instructions will be taught and practiced. Instructor: Travis King



**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE** - Introduction to the American Sign Language Manual Alphabet, and what it’s like to be deaf. Instructor: Tonya Strother

**SPANISH** - You will be introduced to this beautiful language that has over 500 million speakers worldwide. It is one of the easier languages to learn. Class will emphasize basic conversation, culture, and food. Instructor: Rosa Almazan



**YOUR “I” IS ON ME** - Students will create an iMovie Trailer with the iPad. They will create the movie with themselves as the star, record the scenes, and create title/credits. Instructor: Shelly Youngstead



**KIDS IN THE KITCHEN** - This is a beginning cooking class where you will learn basic techniques while creating delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner entrees. (Please, no food allergies and no repeats!) Instructors: Cinamon Collins & Meghann Wynne

**MMMMMM CHOCOLATE!** - Learn the history of chocolate and how it’s made. Make and sample delicious recipes from the cookbook we’ll compile. Make and videotape commercials for your favorite candy bar and much more! Not recommended for nut allergies or for students who don’t like peanut butter. (Please, no repeats!) Instructors: Ann Hunt or Dallas McGurgan

**ROLLING IN THE DOUGH** - We’ll learn to cook, knead and bake, as we measure, mix and calculate. But most exciting, we get to eat what we create. (Please, no food allergies and no repeats!) Instructor: Lydia Courson



**FLOOR HOCKEY**- Beginning Floor Hockey skills will be introduced and refined with organized activities and games. Instructor: Jane Barnes

**FUN IN THE SUN!** - Whack your ball through the wicket or knock your opponent’s ball away! Come join us for good old summertime fun! Play exciting Bocce Ball, Challenging Croquette, Goofy Ladder Golf and other terrific backyard games. Instructors: Colin Henson

**HOOP DREAMS** - Basketball skills will be introduced and refined with organized activities and games. Instructor: Jane Barnes

**TUMBLEWEED GYMNASTICS** - Tumbling, trampoline, swing bar, balance beam, vault, and springboard are introduced during this energetic, skill-based course. All skills levels welcome. Instructor: Erica Moore

**BE ADVENTUROUS!!**

Experiment & Explore New Things!

**SELECT YOUR TOP 10 CHOICES!**

## MOTOR SKILLS CONTINUED...

**INTERMEDIATE GYMNASTICS** - For students who have already had some instruction in gymnastics. Student must be able to do cartwheels & handstands. Instructor: Erica Moore

**SPORTS FANATICS** - Are you crazy about sports? Then this class is for you! Learn the basics of golf, how to punt/pass/kick a football, how to play Frisbee golf, plus many popular backyard games such as Corn Hole, Washers, Ladder Ball, and Bocce. Instructor: Bill Kuhn



**BE A SINGING STAR** - Students will work on vocal production, diction, style, and stage presence. If you're interested in pursuing the limelight, then this class is for you. Instructor: Samantha De Grasse

**GUITAR** - Learn to strum basic chords and play along with your favorite songs. Guitars will be provided. Instructor: Patrick Bourn

**KEYBOARDS FOR BEGINNERS** - Learn to read, and play notes and rhythms in a group keyboard class. While learning basic music theory, you will have lots of fun! Each student will be provided with a keyboard. Instructor: Patrick Bourn

**MAGICAL MAGICIAN** - Have you always wanted to do magic tricks? Working with balloons, playing cards, and a magic wand, you will become a true magician. (Please, no repeats!) Instructor: Rodney Kelley

**ON STAGE** - Theatre games will be used to develop stage presence. "Back stage" and "on stage" crafts will be explored. Instructor: Samantha DeGrasse

**ON STAGE III** - Must have taken the first On Stage class already or have had previous experience with acting. Instructor: Samantha DeGrasse



**HARRY POTTER BOOK CLUB 1 & 2 AND 3 & 4** - See if you can win the House Cup in a week of wizard cards, charms, potions, and comparing books with movies. Have fun playing ground quidditch. Must have read the appropriate books before taking these classes. Instructor: Professor Peach



**AEROSPACE WORKSHOP** - An exciting adventure that explores the development of space travel. Build and launch your own rocket. Enjoy projects, activities and games. Instructor: Tish Maddox

**AMAZING ANIMALS** - Develop scientific skills through observation and interaction with live animals and crafts. Allergy alert for students! Please, no repeats! Fee \$5 extra for special guests. Instructors: Kay Johnson & Terri Hood

**CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATORS NEEDED!** - (STEM Class) How can math and science be used to fight crimes? Analyze physical clues and liquid splatter patterns found at various crime scenes. Fingerprinting and forensic dentistry techniques will be used as we attempt to solve crimes. Instructor: Lorie Proffitt

**FLOWER POWER** - Design & construction equals pollinators in your yard. Select your (aluminum!) flower petal shapes, in various sizes and colors as we design & construct your unique flowering power station. Instructor: Ryan Palmer

**THE GREAT MONARCH BUTTERFLY ADVENTURE** - Come join our 3,000 mile Monarch Butterfly virtual journey through Mexico to Northern U.S. and be amazed by the facts of this unusual butterfly as we reenact its migration path using our own creations. Instructor: Ryan Palmer

**STEM-TASTIC SCIENCE** - Join our mad scientist and conduct exciting experiments. Participate in problem solving activities in order to be equipped for the next generation of STEM scientists! Instructor: Greg Duel



**BRACELET BONANZA** - Make beaded bracelets, old school “friendship bracelets”, or be creative and create your own type of bracelet. Instructor: Catherine Curtis

**CARTOONING SKETCHING** - Learn and enjoy professional methods in cartooning through the art of sketching characters and objects in creative, loose, and spontaneous techniques. Instructor: Tim Oliphant (Mr. Ollie)

**CREATIVE STITCHING** - Learn the basics of latch hook, cross stitch, and basic sewing skills as you make your own personalized pillow. (Week 2 only) Fee \$5  
Instructor: Kristy Jones

**CRAFTING CORNER** - Do you like to make projects? Are you interested in working with beads and yarn? Then this is the class for you. You will spend the week working on the craft project of your choice! So let’s get crafty! Class Fee \$5  
Instructors: Catherine Curtis and Leah Bishop

**DUCT TAPE ART** - Come and learn the amazing creations that can be made with Duct Tape including artwork and everyday items. Fee \$5 Instructor: Emily Pope

**FIBER ARTS** - Get ready to decorate fabric by dyeing, painting, printing, and batiking. Then take that beautiful fabric and create amazing weavings and sew to create one-of-a-kind fabric creations with them!  
Instructor: Jennifer Alvarado

**KNIT WIT** - Using different types of fiber, students will learn the basics of knitting. Make a hat or felted purse. Fee \$10  
Instructor: Lynn Pope

**MACRAME MANIA** - Learn how to macrame and create a cool wall hanging. Fee \$5 Instructor: Barb Jones

**MIXING IT UP WITH MIXED MEDIA** - Explore painting, printmaking, collage and more. We will be experimenting with many techniques and art supplies in order to create masterpieces! Instructor: Jennifer Alvarado

**MODEL BUILDING** - There are a variety of vehicle models available, from planes to ships to muscle cars, for beginner to intermediate model building. Fee \$10  
Instructor: Tom Tjornehoj

**PHOTOGRAPHY** - Learn the basics of using a digital camera and explore the concepts of composition and lighting. Use the computer to take your photos from “nice” to “wow”! You may bring your own digital camera to use in class but it’s not a requirement. Class fee: \$10  
Instructor: Becky Brennan

**PLAYING WITH BOOKS** - Deconstruct books to create exciting, new, and innovative artwork!  
Instructor: Vivian Corey

**POTTERY** - Learn basic wheel-throwing and handbuilding techniques. No experience is necessary. Fee \$10 (Class takes two class periods.) Instructor: David Reynolds

**PRECIOUS LITTLE GEMS** - Make Anthropologie style earrings: hoops, Pom Pom, or use your own creativity to make your own style earrings. Fee \$5  
Instructor: Liz Luepke

**PROJECT SEWING** - Create fun nesting bins that can be used to store just about anything using a sewing machine and learn basic sewing techniques. Fee \$5 Instructor: Barb Jones

**PROJECT SEWING (advanced)** - Advanced machine sewing - use what you know about fabrics, sewing terms, and patterns to create more advanced pieces. Machines provided and must have prior sewing experience. Fee \$5  
Instructor: Barb Jones

**ZANY ZENTANGLING** - Yup, this is what most of the adult coloring books are like! And just like coloring, ANYBODY can do this!! It starts with a line...and you can never tell where that might lead you! A relaxed, fun, and highly creative experience for all ages. Fee: \$10  
Instructor: Tom Tjornehoj

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# Senior Scholars Class Descriptions



**ART OF WAR** - Exploring tactics and strategies, famous generals in history, and developing strategies to win staged battles. Week 2 only. Instructor: Jake Habegger

**FRENCH** - Introduction to French with emphasis on basic conversation, culture, and food, through the exploration of the French speaking countries. (Week 2 only) Instructor: Kristy Jones

**GERMAN** - Become familiar with the German language. Learn everyday expressions, enjoy tasty treats, and find out about the culture and customs of Germany. (Week 2 only) Instructor: Kristy Jones

**SPANISH** - Learn Spanish! It's one of the most commonly spoken languages. Your travel and entertainment options will expand as you learn more about the world around you. Any level is welcome! Instructor: Amelia Coe

**CREATIVE JOURNALING** - Learn the basics of bullet journaling, a way to organize your life using old school tools, like pen and paper. Layouts, lettering, and doodling will be explored. You will receive your own bullet journal so that you can begin your new adventures in bullet journaling! Instructor: Leah Bishop

**MOCK TRIALS**- Learn about the trial system, discuss actual cases pending in Williamson County Court, role-play specific components of the trial process, and re-enact a case in an actual courtroom. (Class takes up two class periods.) Instructor: Jennifer Lampley

**OLD SCHOOL GAMES** - Get into game-making by playing games and creating your own. Play various styles of games and learn a little history of some of your favorites. By the end of the week, you will create your own original game. Instructors: Catherine Curtis and Leah Bishop

**ULTIMATE HARRY POTTER** - All 7 books will be discussed. True Harry Potter fans will make potions, learn charms, play quidditch, and use magic to get out of a tight spot through creative problem solving. Instructor: Dea Peach



**IMPROV WORKSHOP** - Enjoy fun theater oriented games which build good stage presence while exercising your creativity. Work with various props and engage in short improvisational skits. Instructor: Daron Bruce

**MAGIC 101** - Have you always wanted to do magic tricks? Working with balloons, playing cards, and a magic wand, you will become a true magician. Instructor: Gary Flegal

**ADVANCED MAGIC: SLEIGHT-OF-HAND** - Advanced class for students who have already had Magic 101 or Magical Magician. Instructor: Gary Flegal



**DRONE, THE ULTIMATE STEM TOOL** - Understand the science, technology, engineering, and math behind the power and fun of drones. Senior Scholars will also be introduced to safety regulations, basic remote pilot skills, and drone applications. Instructor: Elvia Klym

**FRONTLINE SSI** - Gather information, do interviews, take pictures, write stories, and publish a Senior Scholars Newspaper. Instructor: Daron Bruce

**INTRO TO PROGRAMMING** - Learn the basics of programming and how to write your software. No programming experience necessary but be ready for a challenge. (Class takes two periods.) Instructor: Christopher Cotton

**MIND BENDERS** - Scholars will engage in a variety of interactive games, puzzles, and logical reasoning activities designed for those who love strategy and a challenge. Instructor: Jennifer Lampley

**WYSI TODAY**- Students will create and produce a video newscast. Instructor: Daron Bruce



# Senior Scholars Class Descriptions

## Problem Solving



**CARD GAMES** - Use unique strategies to trick your opponents into a false sense of security. Know the rules to each game and use them to your advantage. Bring your favorite games to share. Instructor: Jamie Miller

**ESCAPE ROOM!** - Do you enjoy solving puzzles or breaking codes? Work collaboratively and utilize critical thinking skills to break out of a variety of challenges, discover clues, solve puzzles, and accomplish tasks in one or more rooms in order to break the locks and crack the codes. Class will include hands on Escape Game challenges as well as online independent games. Instructors: Denise Beaman and Candy Miyake

**PUZZLES, PUZZLES, PUZZLES** - Try your puzzle skills with an assortment of different puzzles. We start with 1,000 pieces and will also have 3D puzzles. Instructor: Jamie Miller

**SOLVE THE MYSTERY** - Feature the role playing game "How to Host a Mystery" and become a character in the mystery. Try to solve "who done it" and learn about famous mystery solvers. Instructor: Tom Willett



## Sports & Fitness

**COACH KELLY'S ANGLING (FISHING) 101**- Coach Kelly will help students develop basic skills needed to catch fish: casting, tying knots, equipment use, and identifying fish. You will also learn bass fishing theories, lure selection, and etiquette. Rods, reels, and other equipment will be provided. Instructor: Brian Kelly

**DISC GOLF** - This class combines elements of golf with the fun of throwing a Frisbee to create an exciting game. Week 2 only Instructor: Jake Habegger

**HACKY SACK** - Learn tricks and skills to show off your ability to control the hacky sack. Week 2 only. Instructor: Jake Habegger

**HOOP DREAMS** - Basketball skills will be introduced and refined with organized activities and games. Instructor: Brian Carter

**SOCCER** - Students will learn and practice all the skills and strategies used in soccer through a variety of drills and small sided games. Instructor: Brian Carter

## Food Experiences



**CHOPPED** - Similar to the TV show Chopped, students will be presented with a variety of ingredients and asked to create a menu item. Prior cooking experience necessary. No repeats. Class takes 2 periods. Fee \$10. Instructor: Bev James

**COOKIES BY DESIGN** - Learn how to take a plain cookie and create fabulous designs. Please be aware of food allergies. Fee \$5. Instructors: Denise Beaman and Candy Miyake

**MMMM CHOCOLATE!** - Learn the history of chocolate and how it is made. Make and sample delicious recipes, invent your own chocolate bar, and much more! Not recommended for nut allergies. (Please, no repeats!) Fee \$5. Instructor: Angela Kennedy





## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q. Is Young Scholars Institute right for my child?

A. Young Scholars Institute offers challenging exploratory classes which are designed for independent and highly motivated learners. The learning environment is ideal for students who are able to remain focused in less structured settings. The courses are academically and artistically challenging. YSI is for the mature, independent student who is ready to change classes. Be sure to complete the checklist located on the permissions form.

### Q. What are the rules for Young Scholars Institute?

A. All student are expected to follow directions, be respectful of teachers and peers, and adhere to classroom expectations. Failure to do so will result in the following: 1. Verbal warning by the YSI teacher. 2. With the second teacher warning, the student behavior is discussed with the Director of YSI and a call to the parents. 3. The third time, the student is removed from class and parents are called to pick up their child. The student will not be allowed to return that week and there is no refund. If the student is registered for the second week, the director and parents will discuss attendance for the second week.

### Q. My child is doing well in fourth grade and will be in the fifth grade in the fall. Is it okay if we sign him up for Senior Scholars?

A. No. Senior Scholars is meant only for students who will have completed fifth grade by June. Your child can look forward to attending Senior Scholars next summer.

### Q. Will there be lunch served at YSI?

A. Yes, we will serve lunch at YSI. More information about lunch will be sent with your class schedule, which will be sent to you the middle of May.

### Q. Is it okay to have one child attend Junior Scholars the same week an older brother or sister attends Senior Scholars?

A. Definitely! Parents can complete the registration forms together, and pay amount due with one check or online transaction. If you choose to write a check be sure to write every child's name on the bottom of the check.

### Q. Do I have to put ten choices for each week?

A. Yes. We make every effort to give students their first choices. In a few cases, this involves assigning a student his/her first choices at different periods. Because of high and/or low enrollment in a course, it is not always possible to give first choices. This is when we go farther down the list of choices. Even if your first choices are filled, you can't go wrong, all the classes at YSI are great!!

### Q. When will I be notified if my child is in the program?

A. Unless you hear from us by e-mail or phone before May 1st, you may assume your child is registered. You will receive your child's schedule the middle of May.

### Q. Does YSI provide morning or afternoon day care?

A. No, but parents may register their students for care with MAC (615)-790-4719, and YSI will provide transportation.

**Did you know?**