

★ ★ 2022 ★ ★

Providing Students with a Variety of Exploratory

Experiences in a Creative Learning Environment

Week 1: June 6-10

Week 2: June 13-17

Young
Scholars
Institute



CELEBRATING 38 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

Junior Scholars:

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

Senior Scholars:

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

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

DATES: June 6-10 & June 13-17
(Students may attend one or both weeks)

TIME: Junior Scholars: 8:15 AM – 2:45 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

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 28, 2022
NOTE: If paid after May 28, there will be a \$15 late fee
1. Registration will be based on date application is submitted (online) or received (paper).
2. Certain classes may require an additional fee which will be noted in the class description.
3. Make checks payable to: Franklin Special School District
4. Paper applications should be mailed to YSI, PO Box 1168, Franklin, TN 37065

LOCATION:

Junior Scholars:

Freedom Intermediate School
840 Glass Lane in Franklin
(615) 584-9453
Hours: 8:15 AM - 2:45 PM
Junior Scholars Director: Crystal Lepping
Assistant Director: Travis King

Senior Scholars:

Freedom Intermediate School
840 Glass Lane in Franklin
(615) 790-4721
Hours: 8:15 AM - 2:45 PM
Senior Scholars Director: Eric Ellison
Assistant Director: Hollie Osteen

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 or 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: Heather Eskridge

COLORFUL CREATIONS- (STEAM class) Let your imagination run away with you as you create unique art projects consisting of faux Stained Glass, unique multicolored Wax Art, 3D Geometric Shapes, Colorful Structures and more! Instructor: Krystal Etheridge

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 - Join us for a week of creation using yarn and knitting needles! Knitters of any level from beginner to advanced are encouraged to join to learn new knitting skills and make fabulous projects to wear and share. Class fee: \$5 Instructor: Vivian Corey

SEWING FOR AMERICAN GIRLS- Learn the basic skills of machine sewing as you make outfits for your 18" doll or stuffed bear, plus a matching skirt for you. 1st week only. Instructor: Suzanne Marley

TRASH TO TREASURE - Transform your trash into beautiful works of art. Create one-of-a-kind treasures and learn how to help the environment at the same time. Students will be provided with a small list of "trash" items to bring. Instructor: Krystal Etheridge

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

WOOD WORKSHOP- Learn simple woodworking tools and techniques. We'll use hammers, screwdrivers, hand saws and sanders to make fun wood crafts like candy dispensers and custom cutting boards! Class fee: \$10.00 Instructor: Katie Swafford

Problem Solving



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

BEGINNING CHESS - Learn to play Chess, one of the oldest and most popular games in the world, in just one week. Instructor: Chris Prosser

CHESS - You know the moves, come and learn the intermediate and advanced strategies and tactics that make Chess players great. Instructor: Chris Prosser

ADVANCED CHESS - Take your Chess to the top level with advanced Chess moves, tactics, openings and strategies. 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: Sammy Cozart

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

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 score. 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: Will Watts



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



HARRY POTTER EATS AND TREATS - Have you spent hours reading Harry Potter and thought to yourself, "I wonder what those magical snacks and potions taste like?" Wonder no more! We will be reading passages from Harry Potter and then creating delicious and fun refreshments to dine upon in class. (*If you have food allergies or dietary restrictions, this may not be the class for you) Class Fee-\$5 Instructor: Sheila Morreale

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!) Class Fee-\$5 Instructors: Eddie Wynne & 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! DO NOT take this class if you have nut allergies or don't like peanut butter. (Please, no repeats!) Class Fee-\$5 Instructor: Ann Hunt

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!) Class Fee-\$5 Instructor: Ginny Urban or Sandra Deal



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. Instructor: Clark Bridgman

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 skill levels welcome. Instructor: Erica Moore

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



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



Junior Scholars Class Descriptions



BE A SINGING STAR - Do you have an amazing voice... or not so amazing voice? Do you ever sing in the car or the shower or anywhere and everywhere? Do you ever hold a remote thinking it is a microphone? Well, this class is just for you! This year's theme is: "The Masked Singer!" Instructor: Samantha De Grasse

DYNAMIC DANCING: Are you always looking for a way to move your body? Do you love to listen to music? Students of all abilities and skill levels are invited to this class that teaches contemporary dance and will create a final performance piece to showcase your love to move. Instructor: Vivian Corey

FUN-DE-MENTALS OF VIOLIN – The Suzuki method is used to teach beginning violin. Violins will be provided. Instructor: Debbie Meese

GUITAR - Learn to strum basic chords and play along with your favorite songs. Guitars will be provided. 3rd grade and up. 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. 2nd grade and up. 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 - Theater games, improv games, costumes and more! Stage presence is key and in this class you'll get a chance to act, act and act!!! Instructor: Samantha DeGrasse

ON STAGE II - Must have taken On Stage 1. In this class, you'll get a script and read lines, learn about the characters, create your own costume, PLUS all the additional fun of theater games and improv games! Instructor: Samantha DeGrasse



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! - 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: TBD

'Beeeee Awesome' at FLOWER POWER - Select your bee (no stingers here) and parts to assemble your bee. Then, we will discover the bee's role as a pollinator. The flower you design and paint in class with help from local Master Gardners, will attract bees and butterflies to your backyard pollinator flowerpot. Instructor: Ryan Palmer

THE GREAT MONARCH BUTTERFLY ADVENTURE - Construct and paint your own oversized Monarch Butterfly before we virtually join their 3,000-mile migration journey from the Northern U.S. and Canada back to the mountains of Central Mexico. Friday's class will find us reenacting their annual migration paths using our own Monarch Butterfly. 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



Senior Scholars Class Descriptions



Arts & Crafts

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

CREATIVE COLORING— Test your creative skills using coloring and practicing mindfulness. Use the supplied templates or bring one of your own. Instructor: Jamie Miller

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

DESIGN ON A DIME- Create decor for Valentines, Easter, 4th of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas on a dime! We'll use thrifted items, dollar store items and our creativity to make high end decor to make your home festive for the holidays! Class Fee \$5 Instructors: Julie Lagoski and Kelly Kramer

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

KNIT WIT - Using different types of fiber, students will learn the basics of knitting. Make a hat or felted purse. Fee \$15 Instructor: Lynn Pope

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

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: Brian Kelly

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: Lynn Pope

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 \$10 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 \$10 Instructor: Barb Jones



Performing Arts

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



Senior Scholars Class Descriptions



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

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

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: Ali Foster

CRAZY CHEMISTRY- Make gooey slime, bouncy balls, experiment with different reactions, and learn to use the tools that chemists use. You may get messy as you learn all about the chemical world around us. Instructor: Julia Styles

FORENSIC SCIENCE - How can math and science be used to fight crime? In this course, we will analyze physical clues and liquid spatter patterns that could be found at various crime scenes. Fingerprinting and forensic dentistry techniques will be used as we attempt to solve crimes. Discover the roles that archaeology, DNA, and good ole fashion observation play in Crime Scene Science. Instructor- Ali Foster

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

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



Problem Solving



INTRO TO DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS (2

Periods) Join a group of adventurers on an epic quest! We will be learning the basics of character design, role-playing, and cooperation through a mini-campaign. Players will explore a mythical world while learning how a mixture of different types of characters with different strengths and weaknesses can make any journey more successful! Week 2 only. Instructor: Jake Habegger

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. Please no repeats. Instructors: Jodi Suggs, Denise Beaman, or Candy Miyake

ULTIMATE ESCAPE ROOM!- For those who have taken Escape Room before, this class offers new puzzles to solve and different ways to ESCAPE! Instructor: Jodi Suggs

Hobby Board Gaming (2 Periods)

Monopoly, Yahtzee, Connect Four... these are classic board games that are loved by many. However, over the last 30 years a Renaissance in board games has been quickly growing all over the world. We will be discussing (and playing!) a variety of games that have reinvented what a board game can be, from the iconic trading style of Settlers of Catan to the cooperative gaming style of Pandemic! Week 2 only. Instructor: Jake Habegger

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

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

Food Experiences



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

FANTASTIC FINGER FOODS - Have you ever wondered how to make great items that you can just pop in your mouth? Do you love making treats for friends and family to enjoy? This class will teach you bake and no-bake recipes to easily share with others. Fee \$5. Instructors: Julie Lagoski and Kelly Kramer

MMM 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

Sports & Fitness



RECREATIONAL GAMES AND ACTIVITIES- Get exposure to a variety of outdoor games and activities that you can play with family and friends. World Cup Soccer, basketball games like Horse and Gotcha, Corn Hole, Ladder Ball, Soccer Tennis, Spike Ball, and many, many more fun activities will be explored. Instructor: Coach Carter

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

ULTIMATE DISC GAMES: This class combines elements of golf with the fun of throwing a Frisbee to create an exciting game. We will play Disc Golf and Ultimate Frisbee. Week 2 only Instructor: Chris Strelecki



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?