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Providing Students with a Variety of Exploratory

Experiences in a Creative Learning Environment

Week 1: June 3-7

Week 2: June 10-14

Young
Scholars
Institute



CELEBRATING 40 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 3-7 & June 10-14
(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 Middle School, 750 Highway 96 W

FEES:

1. A \$30.00 non-refundable registration fee (Registration fee is not included in Tuition)
2. Tuition is \$225 per week and is due before May 24, 2024 NOTE: If paid after May 24, there will be a \$15 late fee
3. Registration will be based on date application is submitted (online) or received (paper) and \$30.00 registration fee is paid.
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 and payments should be mailed to YSI, Franklin Elementary School
Attn: Julie Urban (YSI)
1501 Figuers Dr.
Franklin, TN 37064

LOCATION:

Junior Scholars:

Freedom Middle School
750 Highway 96 W
(615) 794-0987
Hours: 8:15 AM - 2:45 PM
Junior Scholars Director: Crystal Lepping
Assistant Director: Travis King

Senior Scholars:

Freedom Middle School
750 Highway 96 W
(615) 794-0987
Hours: 8:15 AM - 2:45 PM
Senior Scholars Director: Eric Ellison
Assistant Director: Hollie Osteen

Questions? Contact Crystal Lepping 615-584-9453 for Junior Scholars or Eric Ellison 615-790-4721 for Senior Scholars.

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Arts & Crafts



BALLOON ART - Want to make your party pop? We will learn the basics of creating balloon centerpieces for your table and how to make mini balloon garlands and balloon arrangements. **No latex allergies please! 2ND, 3RD, AND 4TH grade only. Class Fee-\$5.00.** Instructor: Ashlee Anderson

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. **2ND, 3RD, AND 4TH grade only** Instructor: Mary Kathryn Brown

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: Mary Kathryn Brown

EMBROIDERY - Learn how to embroider a multitude of designs and create hand-embroidered one-of-a-kind pieces to turn into a pillow or other small creations. Instructor: Sarah Deweese

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: Edith Corey

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

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

GAMES! GAMES! GAMES!- Have fun and build your problem-solving ability as you play your favorite board games! Instructor: Bill Kuhn

LET GO MY LEGO! - Use your imagination and creativity to build challenging Lego projects. Team building and independent activities will be included. Instructor: Tyler Collins

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

SUPER SPIES - Learn the various skills needed for a spy, such as learning to read and write in code, traverse a field of lasers, and how to hide super secret information. Instructor: Sarah Deweese

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: Jennifer Parker



Junior Scholars Class Descriptions



**** Please note for ALL cooking classes, NO FOOD ALLERGIES OR FOOD RESTRICTIONS AND PLEASE NO REPEATS**

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 read passages from Harry Potter and then create delicious refreshments to dine upon in class. **Class Fee-\$5** Instructor: Sheila Morreale

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN - In this cooking course you will learn the basic techniques of cooking while creating yummy snacks and desserts. You will leave with a cookbook of all the recipes you created. **Repeats welcome! Class Fee-\$5** Instructors: Becca Lewis and Londyn Kasinger

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! If you don't like Peanut Butter, this class is not for you!! 2nd grade and up **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. **Class Fee-\$5** Instructors: Ginny Urban or Ashlee Anderson



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

YOUNG AUTHORS - Do you love to write? Come to Young Authors and turn a story idea into a masterpiece! You will use computers, writing tools from your favorite authors, and your creativity to make your own published book. Instructor: Jennifer Parker



FLOOR HOCKEY- Get active learning about the sport of floor hockey! We will learn how to safely participate while learning dribbling skills and tactics. Each day we will warm up, practice skills, and finish with a modified game. We will conclude the week with an in-class tournament. Tennis Shoes should be worn daily! Instructor: Lisa Casey

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

INDOOR SOCCER- Have a blast learning new soccer skills, positions, and how to play both defense and offense in modified indoor games. We will conclude the week with an in-class tournament. Tennis shoes should be worn daily! Instructor: Lisa Casey

PICKLEBALL- Come join the craze that is sweeping the nation! Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton and ping pong. Beginning pickleball skills will be introduced, along with the rules and how to score. Equipment will be provided. Instructor: Kay Kay Garrett

SPORTS FANATICS - Are you crazy about sports? Come join us to learn the basics of many sports and recreational activities, including; Disc Golf, Corn Hole, Ladderball, Washers, Croquet and Bocce Ball. We will also participate in many popular indoor activities like; PSAGI (a very active form of table tennis), Paper Football, Quarter Basketball and Tensi. Must have completed 2nd grade. Instructor: Bill Kuhn



Junior Scholars Class Descriptions



Music & Drama

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? This year's theme is: Willy Wonka! Do you have what it takes to get your Golden Ticket? Instructor: Samantha DeGrasse

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 performance piece to showcase. Instructor: Edith Corey

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

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: Cliff 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



Languages

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¡Buenos días!

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



Science

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

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: Kaye Johnson and Terri Hood

DINOSAUR INVESTIGATIONS- Explore the world of dinosaurs through hands-on activities, videos, games, examination of real dinosaur bones and eggshells, and simulated fossil digging. Instructor: Dr. Mel Fuller

HARRY POTTER STEAM - Get ready for some creative problem solving for Harry Potter fans with STEAM challenges. Some discussion of story elements will be involved, but reading the books is not a requirement to take the class. Challenges focus on robotics, engineering, art, and math with a fun magical theme. Must have completed 2nd grade. Instructor: Dea Peach

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! **Please, No Repeats!** Instructor: Greg Duel

SUPERHERO INSECTS! - Antman, Spider-Man, Black Widow and The Wasp, are not the only superheros! Join us as we learn about superbugs that every garden needs to grow. You will see ant and worm farms up-close and make a mini greenhouse! You will also learn how to use pollinator friendly plants to welcome superhero bugs into your own backyard. Instructor: Ryan Palmer



Senior Scholars Class Descriptions



BALLOON ART - Want to make your party pop? We will learn the basics of creating balloon centerpieces for your table and how to make mini balloon garlands and balloon arrangements. **No latex allergies please! Class Fee-\$5.00.** Instructor: Ashlee Anderson

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

BASIC CARTOONING-Learn the easy methods that professional cartoonists and illustrators use. Techniques such as creating a character, turning heads, movements, and color illustrations Instructor: Tim Oliphant

CALIGRAPHY BASICS- Have fun and learn the basics of Calligraphy handwriting. Prepare to learn different techniques using brush pens and printable worksheets. Instructor: Caitlyn Rambo

CREATIVE STITCHING - Learn the basics of latch hook, cross stitch, and basic sewing skills as you make your own personalized pillow. **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: Emily Newton or Beth Simpson

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 Rachel Lessing

CREATING WITH CRICUT- Learn to use a Cricut to bring designs to life. Learn how to use a variety of textures and cutouts to personalize cups, cards, bags and more. Students will complete 3 projects as a class and will be allowed to bring in their own items to add vinyl flair. **Fee \$10** Instructor: Beth Simpson

DESIGN ON A DIME- Create crafts and decor on a dime! We'll use thrifted items, dollar store items, creativity, and the latest trends on TikTok and Pinterest to spark our imagination. **Class Fee \$5** Instructor: Julie Lagoski

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

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

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: \$15** Instructors: Becky Brennan and Jane Barnes

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

TIE DYE - Learn different Tie Dye techniques and methods to fold for different designs. You will tie dye a pillowcase, YSI T-Shirt, and a few other items. **Fee \$10.** Instructor: Payton Bledsoe

WOOD WORKSHOP - Learn to use basic woodworking tools and techniques. We'll use hammers, screwdrivers, hand saws and sanders to make fun wood crafts and projects! **Please no repeats. WEEK 1 ONLY Class fee: \$10.00** Instructor: Katie Swafford



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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: Rachel Lessing

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: Priscilla Conerly

MYTHOLOGY- Myths are told to explain the unexplainable and are told in all parts of the world. Come learn about myths from Ancient Greece to present day. Instructor: Stephanie Shepherd

PERSONAL FINANCE—This class will help students understand the impact of individual choices on occupational goals and future earnings potential. Topics covered will include income, money management, spending and credit, as well as saving and investing. Instructor: Emily Newton



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 Kim Stinson

BAKE LIKE A BOSS- 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.** Instructor: Brooke Bledsoe

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

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: Brian Kelly

SUPER SCIENTISTS - Explore, Chemistry and Physics concepts with fun hands on experiments and labs. You may get messy as you learn all about the scientific world around us. Instructor: YSI Staff

FORENSIC SCIENCE - How can math and science be used to fight crime? 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: YSI Staff

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 learn to make creative and informative video presentations using Canva software, iMovie, and Green Screen technology. Instructor: Julie Lagoski



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



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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: YSI Staff

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

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 called The Dragon of Icespire Peak. 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! Instructor: Jake Habegger

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS: LEVELED UP! (2 Periods)-
If you have previous experience playing Dungeons and Dragons, this is the class for you! We will be exploring Stormwreck Isle, starting with 3rd level characters with all classes/races available. **It is recommended that you start researching your character using standard array/start building a character sheet beforehand!* Instructor: Jake Habegger

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS: HOW TO BECOME A DUNGEON MASTER (2 Periods)

Are you ready to move from the player seat into the Dungeon Master's Throne? This class will focus on a deeper look at the rules of Dungeons and Dragons, world-building, NPC (non-player character) development, and how to adapt to the unexpected! By the end of the week, you will be ready to begin running your first campaign! 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: YSI Staff

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



FISHING!!- Mr. Strelecki will help students develop basic skills needed to catch fish: casting, tying knots, equipment use, and identifying fish. Rods, reels, and other equipment will be provided, but feel free to bring your own rod/reel if you'd like. Students will have the opportunity to do some real life fishing at Jim Warren park. Instructor: Chris Strelecki and Brian Kelly

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

PICKLEBALL- Come join the craze that is sweeping the nation! Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton and ping pong. Beginning pickleball skills will be introduced, along with the rules and how to score. Instructor: Brewer Osteen

RECREATIONAL GAMES AND ACTIVITIES- Get exposure to a variety of outdoor games and activities that you can play with family and friends. 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

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. Instructor: Brewer Osteen



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 students 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. If you choose to write a check be sure to write every child's name on the bottom of the check. If you are paying online, you will need to do separate transactions for each student.

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?