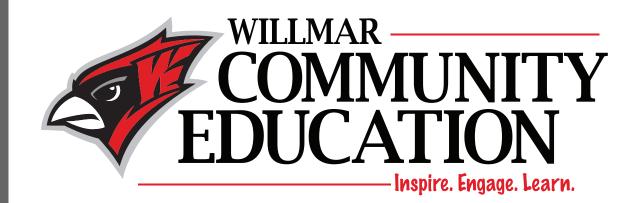


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#### **Dear Community,**

As we embrace the upcoming fall, we are excited to present our new class offerings for the season. We have a wide range of activities designed to inspire, educate, and entertain. Whether you are interested in learning a new skill, improving your health, or simply exploring a new hobby, our fall catalog has something for everyone.

If you have never participated in a Community Education class before, this fall is the perfect time to start. Our classes are a great way to meet new people, expand your knowledge, and become more involved in our vibrant community.

We also value your input and ideas. If there are specific classes or topics you would like to see in the future, please do not hesitate to contact Community Education. We are your lifelong learning partners and are committed to meeting your educational needs.

Thank you for being an active and engaged member of our community. We look forward to seeing you in one of our classes this fall. Warm regards,

Alex Wolfer

Director of Community Education and the Willmar Community Education Staff

# SCHOOL DISTRICT 347 BUILDING DIRECTORY:

Adult Basic Education

1234 Kandiyohi Ave SW 231-8480

**Area Learning Center** 

512 8th St SW 214-6692

**Cardinal Place** 

 Kennedy School
 214-6680

 Lakeland School
 263-5020, ext. 5025

 Roosevelt School
 231-8471, ext. 7577

Community Education 231-8490

1234 Kandiyohi Ave SW (Jefferson Learning Center)

**Kennedy Elementary** K • 214-6683 824 7th St SW 1-5 • 214-6688

**Lakeland Elementary** 

1001 Lakeland Dr SE 263-5020

Middle School

201 Willmar Ave SE 214-6000

**Roosevelt Elementary** 

1800 19th Ave SW 231-8470

**Senior High** 

2701 30th St NE 231-8300

Willmar Education & Arts Center

611 5th St SW 231-8500

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Willmar Community Education is to support and encourage lifelong learning in areas of academics, enrichment, personal growth, and wellness activities. Willmar Community Education strives to meet the needs of area residents and surrounding communities through collaboration, partnerships, and non-duplication of services.



Willmar Community Education welcomes all persons and families to participate in the programs and services listed in this brochure. If you need help translating these offerings into your native language, please contact one of our bilingual Cultural Liaisons listed here. We hope to hear from you soon!

Bulshada waxbarshada Willmar waxay soo dhaweyneysaa qof iyo qoys kasta inuu ka qayb galo barnaamijyada iyo adeegyada kuqoran warqadan. Hadaad u baahan tahay in laguugu turjumo warbixintan luuqadada hooyo fadlan la xidhiidh qofka kuhadla labada luuqadood ee hoos ku qoran. Waxaan rajeyneynaa maqalkaaga si dhakhsa ah! Shafia Abdullahi 320-231-8492, ext. 6308

Willmar Community Education le da la bienvenida a todas las persona y familias a que participen en todos nuestros programas ofrecidos en el folleto. Si necesita ayuda a traducir lo que nosotros ofreceremos en su lenguaje nativo, por favor comuníquese con nuestras asistentes Culturales. ¡Esperamos saber de ustedes pronto! Dulce Álvarez 320-231-8492, ext. 6328

# Inspire. Engage. Learn.

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#### **Inclement Weather & School Closings**

If Willmar Public Schools classes and activities are cancelled, Community Education classes / activities may be cancelled as well. Tune to local radio stations 95.3 FM, 96.3 FM, Q102/102.5 FM, and 1340 AM or 1590 AM for notification of cancellations or call 320-231-8490 for updated information.

#### **Cancellation Refund Policy**

Community Education will not issue refunds for cancellations made after the published registration deadline or less than a week before the course start date. Cancellations made prior to the registration deadline or week prior to course start date will be assessed a 5% service charge.

#### **Scholarships**

Call 320-231-8490.

#### **Special Assistance**

Willmar Community Education embraces individuals with disabilities in all of our programs and activities. We will provide reasonable accommodations to adults and children with disabilities. Please let us know about any special accommodation which may be necessary within 2 weeks of program start by calling 320-231-8490.

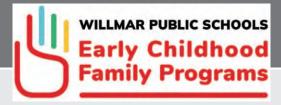
#### **Photos**

By registering and participating in Willmar Community Education programs you are giving Willmar Community Education permission to use these photos in the media. Photos may be taken during all Willmar Community Education programs. These photos may be used to promote programs in the media.

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# Welcome

## **To Early Childhood Family Programs**



Welcome to the Willmar Public Schools Early Childhood Department! We're dedicated to supporting families in their journey as parents and caregivers, emphasizing the crucial role of early learning in shaping a child's future success. Our committed staff provide top-quality programming to nurture growth and development for children and families alike. We invite you to join our community and stay connected through our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/willmarecfp, where you'll find valuable videos, resources, and information for all. Thank you for your ongoing support of our programs.

Warmest Regards, Willmar's Early Childhood Team

# Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

Welcome to Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), where we lay the groundwork for a lifetime of learning. Our classes provide opportunities for children and families to learn and grow together, with dedicated time for both joint activities and independent learning. Parents and guardians have the chance to gain valuable insights and access resources from our experienced parent educators. Join us as we embark on this journey of discovery and growth together.

# Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

ECSE provides opportunities for the growth and support of children and their families. Any child between birth and five years with a demonstrated developmental delay and who meets elgibility criteria can receive services.

If you have concerns about a child's development, please contact Help Me Grow at 1-866-693-GROW to make a connection for potential services.



Are you NEW to Willmar?
Are you a
NEW Parent?



Complete this

form to stay connected and receive important updates

and information tailored for you and your family.



## **Preschool Programs**

We offer programming for 3 and 4-yearold children. These play-based learning opportunities help prepare children for success in kindergarten and beyond.

See page 4 for more information.

## S.O.S. (Support on Site)

We want to share information with families even if you cannot attend an ECFE class. SOS will be out and about at various locations to provide information for families with young children.

# Kids Together and Cardinal Kids Preschool

## **3-YEAR-OLDS**

Age: Child must be 3 on or before 9/1/2024 All 3's classes are held at Jefferson Learning Center

Classes are half days, 2, 3 or 4 days per week. Transportation is the responsibility of the parents. *Kids Together 3's* is a nine-month program that gives children opportunities to play and learn in a classroom setting, focusing on developing social and emotional skills while learning in a fun and engaging classroom.



## 4-YEAR-OLDS

Age: Child must be 4 on or before 9/1/2024

All 4 year old children will be placed in their home school boundary unless there is a waitlist.

*Kid's Together 4's* and *Cardinal Kids Preschool* are nine-month programs that give children the opportunity to meet and play with other children while learning important pre-kindergarten school skills in a play-based classroom setting.

*Kid's Together 4's* is offered five days a week AM or four days a week PM sections.

Cardinal Kids is an all-day, everyday program.

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration is open. Call for availability. Scan the QR code for more information:



willmar.k12.mn.us/Page/6260

#### **EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING**

Minnesota Law requires all children to be screened before school enrollment. Age 3 is the recommended age for this health and developmental screening. If your child is older than 3 and has not been screened, give us a call today!

#### 3 reasons to screen at age 3:

- 1. Early screening can help set your child up for school success.
- 2. Any health or learning concerns can be found and help provided sooner.
- 3. Screening is free and can assist in uncovering any potential issues with your child's development.

#### Early Childhood Screening helps with:

- 1. Finding out how your child is doing.
- 2. Connecting you with early childhood programs.
- 3. Answering your parenting questions.

At your child's screening appointment, we will check your child's:

- Vision and hearing
- Growth and development
- Immunization and family health history

To start the process for your child, call 320-231-8490 or scan the QR code here!



# Little Learners Night Out! Ages 0-6

A night to discover and explore classrooms, from cozy reading corners to interactive play areas. Engage with our dedicated educators and staff members to learn about our play-based approach and how we support each child. Experience an environment that will build foundational skills for your child in a safe and nurturing way. Connect with other families in our community with young children.

Wednesday, September 4 4:30-6 PM Jefferson Learning Center Free; no registration required

#### Newborn Coffee Hour Ages 0-12 weeks

Join us for our free Newborn Coffee Hour, welcoming caregivers and infants aged 0-12 weeks. Led by our Parent Educator and Public Health Nurse/Lactation Specialist, this group meets every Tuesday to explore essential topics such as New Life with Baby, Breastfeeding, Relationship Changes, Body Care for Moms, and more. Each session provides an opportunity for caregivers to weigh their baby, engage in a check-in chat, participate in a question-and-answer session, and delve into the weekly topic. No registration is necessary; simply watch our Facebook page for specific class topics.

Join us as we navigate the joys and challenges of early

Tuesdays: August 6-December 17 No Class: August 27, November 19, December 24, and December 31 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-107 Free; no registration required

parenthood together!





## **Marvelous Mondays**

Ages 0-7

**Instructors: Kari and Abby** 

Learn and play with your little one each Monday! The day starts in our gym with bikes, playground equipment, and a climbing wall. Next, we head to our early childhood classroom for a circle time with songs and stories. Midway through, it's time to engage with age-appropriate activities, art, and sensory play. While children continue their play, parents go to the adjoining room for a parenting discussion. The session ends with a goodbye circle and a song.

F24-Monday1

Mondays: September 9-December 9
No Class: October 14 and November 18

8:30-10 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106, 107 and Gym \$72 first child; \$6 each additional child

F24-Monday2

Mondays: September 9-December 9
No Class: October 14 and November 18

10:30 AM-12 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-106, 107 and Gym

\$72 first child; \$6 each additional child



# Little Cardinals Monday School

Ages 0-7

Instructors: Abby and Kari

Learn and play with your little one each Monday this fall. We will meet in the Jefferson gym. While children play, parents will join our parent educator for a short discussion. We will then rejoin together for circle, story time, play, and exploration activities.

#### F24-Little

Mondays: September 9-December 9
No Class: October 14 and November 18

4-5:15 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-106, 107, and Gym

\$72 first child; \$6 each additional child



## **ECFE Nature Play**

Ages 0-8

Instructor: Rachel



Let's explore ECFE through the outdoors! We will explore the outdoors through creativity and wonder. Children and parents will be immersed in the various components of nature play. This class will be held in different outdoor locations each week. A schedule will be sent out before the start of classes. Dress comfortably for the weather as all sessions will be outdoors.

#### F24-Nature

Wednesdays: September 11-December 11 No Class: October 16 and November 27

9:30-10:30 AM Ramblewood Park 13th St SW, Willmar \$52 first child; \$3 each additional child

## **Thrilling Thursday**

Ages 0-7

Instructors: Kari and Rachel



Learn and play with your little one each Thursday! The day starts in our gym with bikes, playground equipment, and a climbing wall. Next, we head to our early childhood classroom for a circle time with songs and stories. Midway through, it's time to engage with age-appropriate activities, art, and sensory play. While children continue their play, parents go to the adjoining room for a parenting discussion. The session ends with a goodbye circle and song.

#### F24-Thursday

Thursdays: September 12-December 12 No Class: October 17 and November 28

9:30-11 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106, 107 and Gym \$72 first child; \$6 each additional child

## Flower Farm Field Trip

Ages 0-8

**Instructors: Kari and Abby** 



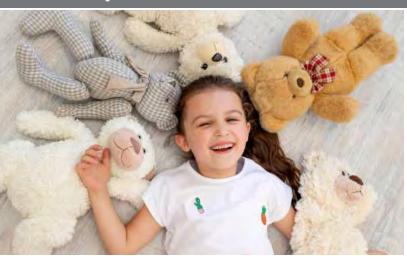
Have you ever been to a flower farm? Now is your chance! Join us for an educational and delightful tour at Rustic Designs Flower Farm. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about flowers, enjoy the beauty of a local flower farm, and connect with your child through nature. The bus leaves Jefferson Learning Center at 9:30 and returns at 11:30. Meet at the main entrance.

#### F24-Flower Tuesday, September 17

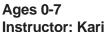
9:30-11:30 AM

Rustic Designs Flower Farm 25801 County Rd 9 NE, Belgrade \$12 first child; \$6 each additional child





# We're Going on a Bear Hunt!





Join us for a bear-y adventure as we hunt for bears, read some bear-y good stories, and enjoy other bear activities (art, sensory, and so much more!). Bring your favorite teddy and join in the fun.

F24-Bear
Friday, September 20
10-11 AM
Jefferson Learning Center-106 and Gym
\$6 first child; \$3 each additional child

## **Baby and Me**

Ages 0-1

Instructors: Kari and Abby



Join other families and babies in a baby-safe environment for fun! Enjoy activities, songs, take-home keepsakes, and movement games with your baby. We will focus on bonding with your baby and discussing infant development, the adjustment to parenthood, and new-parenthood concerns.

**F24-Baby Tuesdays: October 8 - 29**8:30-9:30 AM
Jefferson Learning Center-106
\$24

#### It's All About Fall!

Ages 0-8

**Instructors: Kari and Abby** 



Autumn is a season rich with sensory delights and creative inspiration. As the leaves crunch beneath our feet, the scent of warm cider fills the air, and pumpkins and apples come into season, there are countless ways to explore all that fall has to offer through music, art, and sensory experiences.

#### F24-Fall1 Monday, October 14

10-11 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106 and Gym \$6 first child; \$3 each additional child

#### F24-Fall2 Monday, October 14

4-5 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-106 \$6 first child; \$3 for each additional child

## **Messy Masterpieces**

Ages 0-7

**Instructors: Kari and Abby** 

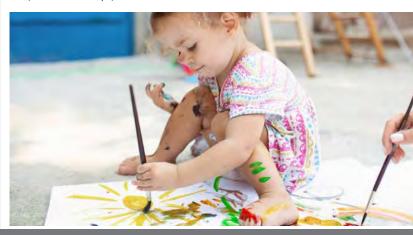


Get ready for an hour of creativity, laughter, and messy fun! This exciting event allows children to explore art, songs, and stories without their parents worrying about the clean-up.

#### F24-Mess Tuesday, November 12

10-11 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106 and Gym \$6 first child; \$3 each additional child





## **Holiday Make and Take**

Ages 1-8

**Instructors: Kari and Abby** 



Help your child make some "special" gifts for their loved ones for the holiday season.

F24-Holiday1 Monday, December 16

10-11 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106 \$10 per child

F24-Holiday2

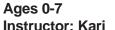
Monday, December 16

4-5 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-106

\$10 per child

## Storytime with Miss Kim





Join Kari and Ms. Kim for an interactive storytelling session about "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie."

F24-Story Friday, November 15

Jefferson Learning Center-106 and Gym \$6 first child; \$3 each additional child

# 10-10:45 AM

# **Holiday Music Around the**



Ages 0-8

World

**Instructors: Kari and Abby** 

Sing, play, and listen to jolly music from around the world. In the morning, crafts, sensory activities, and art will be included in the musical!

F24-Music Tuesday, December 10

10-11 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106 and Gym \$6 first child; \$3 each additional child

## **Gingerbread Houses**

Ages 0-8

Instructor: Kari



Create a graham cracker "gingerbread" house with your child using frosting for glue and holiday candies for decorations. Please register each child attending.

F24-Ginger1 Thursday, December 19

10-11 AM

Jefferson Learning Center-106 and Gym \$10 first child; \$3 each additional child

F24-Ginger2 Thursday, December 19

Jefferson Learning Center-106 and Gym \$10 first child; \$3 each additional child



#### **ECFE** in a Box

Ages 1-5



Enjoy ECFE at home! We will have a themed box each month with a book, art activities, science, and much more! This fall, we will explore some favorite books as our themes. Everything will be included so all activities can be completed. After registering, arrangements will be made to pick up the box at Jefferson Learning Center.

**F24-Farm** (September/October - Down on the Farm) **F24-Snores** (November - Bear Snores On) **F24-GingerbreadMan** (December - Gingerbread Man) \$15 per box

## **Expectant Parenting**

Are you preparing for the arrival of a new baby? Join us for Expectant Parenting, a comprehensive class co-taught by Willmar Early

Childhood Family Education and Public Health.

Throughout this series, we will cover essential topics to help you feel confident and prepared for parenthood:

Session 1: Preparing for Delivery

Session 2: Breastfeeding

Session 3: All About Newborns and Car Seat Safety

Session 4: Bringing Baby Home

This class is offered four times a year, and provides expectant parents with valuable information and support as they embark on this exciting journey.

#### **S24-PARENT**

**Tuesdays: November 5 - November 26** 4-5:30 PM

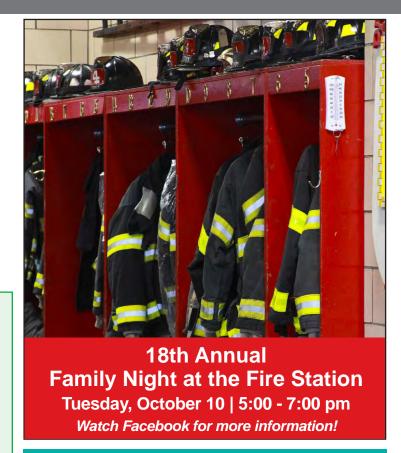
Jefferson Learning Center-111 \$20

### **Parent Partner**

Have questions on potty training, setting boundaries, sibling dynamics, and routines? Our licensed parent educator offers:

- Parenting guidance
- Referrals to community resources
- Ideas to support development

We offer confidential, free one-on-one consultations for families with children ages birth to 3rd grade. Call 320-979-1055 for home, virtual, or on-site visits at Jefferson Learning Center.





# Cardinal Place



# CARDINAL PLACE

## A FABULOUS FALL FOR ALL

Our mission is to enrich the lives of our students with creativity and adventure, protecting them from the hurried life beyond our doors, providing them with the skills they need to lead with integrity and equality as they move forward in this world.

- Homework Help
- Community Service
- Peer Helpers
- Art & Science
- Movie Mondays

Drop Off Starts at 6:30 AM
Pick Up Ends at 6 PM
Locations:
Kennedy • Roosevelt • Lakeland

To learn more wce.willmar.k12.mn.us



## Field Trips

- 10/4 Luce Line Orchard
- 10/17 Rad Zoo
- 10/18 Home Depot
- 12/16 Nickelodeon Universe & FlyOver America Santa's Sleigh
- 12/27 Bowling



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SCHOOL-AGE CARE

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Cardinal Place



## **Blend-It-Up: Cooking Exploration**



Grades: 2-5 and 6-8

**Instructor: Vineyard App Camp** 

Does your child enjoy exploring new flavors and creating tasty treats? Our Blending Basics program introduces young enthusiasts to the art of making smoothies, dips, and more. Students will learn to blend a variety of nutritious and delicious recipes from around the globe, including Mediterranean Hummus, Mexican Guacamole, and American Smoothies. Our sessions are packed with fun, offering kids the chance to learn blending techniques, understand safety protocols, and enhance their culinary vocabulary. Join us for a blending adventure where your child will discover how simple ingredients can be transformed into exciting and healthy creations!

Grades: 2-5

**F24-BLENDER-ELEM** 

Mondays: September 9, 16, 23, and 30;

October 7 and 14 3:30-4:30 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Cafeteria

\$129

Grades: 6-8

**F24-BLENDER-MIDDLE** 

Tuesdays: September 3, 10, 17, and 24;

October 1 and 8 3:15-4:15 PM

Senior High School-Room 206-FACS

\$129

#### TKD/Karate

Ages 6+

Instructors: Mid-MN Total Defense

Mid-MN Total Defense is a family-oriented dojo with a well-rounded approach to self-defense, drawing from a variety of martial arts in a fun and uplifting environment. We strive to prepare our students in age appropriate ways for the challenges they may encounter in their everyday lives, such as bullying, harassment and physical confrontation. We utilize games, drills, and other tools to educate and train our minds and bodies to respond to these situations calmly and decisively. Parents are encouraged to train with their children for free. This does not include testing, uniforms, or equipment.

#### **Beginners** F24-TKDK-BEG

Learn a martial art that combines karate with Tae Kwon Do and is taught in an American format. Classes are upbeat and positive. Learn to be more powerful!

Tuesdays: September 17 and 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29; November 5, 12, and 19 6:10-7 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Small Gym \$50

### **Advanced Beginners**

#### F24-TKDK-ADVBEG

Continue the training you experienced from L taking the Beginners class. We will work toward advancing you to Orange belt level.

Tuesdays: September 17 and 24; October 1, 8, 15,

22, and 29; November 5, 12, and 19

6:10-7 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Small Gym \$50

#### **Colored Belts** F24-TKDK-COLORS



Colored Belts is for students that have attained rank in TKD/Karate. Training will continue in basic and advanced technique, form, self-defense, and sparring.

Tuesdays: September 3, 10, 17, and 24: October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29; November 5, 12, and 19

7:10-8 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Small Gym

\$50

## **Photography**

Grades 6-8

**Instructor: Vineyard App Camp** 



Have you ever wanted to be a Photographer? This is your chance! In this afterschool class, we'll learn the basics of photography in all of its forms. We'll learn about composition, lighting and other core strategies that allow professionals to take incredible photos. We'll also get to take pictures of campus, go on nature tours, and even create beautiful creations for local businesses! \*\*\*Bring your personal or school provided iPad, tablet, camera, or smartphone!\*\*\*

F24-PHOTOGRAPHY-ELEM

Wednesdays: September 11, 18, 25;

October 2, 9 and 16

3:30-4:30 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Cafeteria

\$125

F24-PHOTOGRAPHY-MIDDLE

Thursdays: September 5, 12, 19, and 26;

October 3 and 10

3-4 PM

Willmar Middle School-Multipurpose Room

\$125



## **Indoor Rock Climbing**



**Instructor: Prairie Woods** 

**Environmental Learning Center** 



Climbing offers a chance to challenge yourself both physically and mentally. Rock climbing is a true adventure sport. Beginners can learn about the sport, exercise, and have fun! Experienced climbers can train and refine their skills. The Prairie Woods ELC instructors are here to help every climber reach new heights! Equipment will be provided.

#### F24-PWELC-CLIMB-SEP10 Tuesday, September 10

4-5:30 PM

Prairie Woods ELC-Main Building \$10 per climber

#### F24-PWELC-CLIMB-SEP26 Thursday, September 26

4-5:30 PM

Prairie Woods ELC-Main Building \$10 per climber

#### F24-PWELC-CLIMB-OCT10 Thursday, October 10

4-5:30 PM

Prairie Woods ELC-Main Building \$10 per climber

#### F24-PWELC-CLIMB-OCT24 Thursday, October 24

4-5:30 PM

Prairie Woods ELC-Main Building \$10 per climber

#### F24-PWELC-CLIMB-NOV7 Thursday, November 7

4-5:30 PM

Prairie Woods ELC-Main Building \$10 per climber

#### F24-PWELC-CLIMB-NOV19 **Tuesday, November 19**

4-5:30 PM

Prairie Woods ELC-Main Building \$10 per climber

#### F24-PWELC-CLIMB-DEC10 Tuesday, December 10

4-5:30 PM

Prairie Woods ELC-Main Building

\$10 per climber

#### F24-PWELC-CLIMB-DEC19 Thursday, December 19

4-5:30 PM

Prairie Woods ELC-Main Building

\$10 per climber





## Fidget Fun Extravaganza: Create Candy, Play Games, and Groove to the Music!



Grades: K-6

Instructor: Charlene Bzdok

Join us for a whirlwind of excitement and creativity in our Fidget Fun Extravaganza! We'll dance to your favorite tunes and make your own music using fidgets. Plus, we'll learn how to create delicious candy, adding a sweet twist to your fidget-filled adventure!

**F24-FIDGETS** Friday, September 13 3:30-5 PM Jefferson Learning Center-Room 111 \$19

## **Movie Night Mondays**

**Grades: PreK-5** 

Instructor: Cardinal Place



Lights, camera, action! Dive into the ultimate movie experience where kids take center stage in learning how to make their own popcorn and enjoy a familyfriendly film, "theater style." Join us after school every third Monday of the month in the Kennedy auditorium for an evening filled with savory popcorn and cinematic magic. From popping, buttering, and salting their own popcorn, to cozying up for a PG/G rated movie with their friends, it's a recipe for an unforgettable movie night. Popcorn and drinks will be provided, ensuring everyone has a blockbuster time. Don't miss out on the excitement! Reserve your child's spot for Movie Night Mondays today.

#### F24-MOVIES

Mondays: September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 16

3:30-5:30 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Room 149 (Auditorium)

\$15 Non Cardinal Place Student \$9 Cardinal Place Student

# 13 Youth Enrichment

## Story Hour at the Pioneer Cabin



Grades: K-3

Instructor: Prairie Woods Environmental

**Learning Center** 

Come to the Pioneer Cabin at Prairie Woods! Dress as a pioneer and listen to a story about the Ingalls family and what pioneer life was like. We will take a page out of the book and do an activity that Laura did. It will be a new book and activity each time. Kids, ask your parents if they want to come too! Meet at the Pioneer Cabin on the Farm Site.

#### F24-PWELC-PIONEER-STORY-SEP17 Thursday, September 17

Time: 4-5:15 PM

Prairie Woods ELC-Farm Site-Pioneer Cabin

\$8 per child; adults free with child

#### F24-PWELC-PIONEER-STORY-OCT22 Tuesday, October 22

Time: 4-5:15 PM

Prairie Woods ELC-Farm Site-Pioneer Cabin

\$8 per child; adults free with child

#### F24-PWELC-PIONEER-STORY-NOV12 Tuesday, November 12

Time: 4-5:15 PM

Prairie Woods ELC-Farm Site-Pioneer Cabin

\$8 per child; adults free with child

#### F24-PWELC-PIONEER-STORY-DEC5 Thursday, December 5

Time: 4-5:15 PM

Prairie Woods ELC-Farm Site-Pioneer Cabin

\$8 per child; adults free with child





## **Intro to Archery**

Grades: 4+

**Instructor: Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center** 



It's a lot of fun learning and practicing the skill of archery! We will be using compound bows to improve our skills. All while aiming to have a great time.

F24-ARCHERY-INTRO Tuesday, September 17 4-5:30 PM Prairie Woods ELC-Farm Site \$15

## After School Archery Club

Grades: 4+

Instructor: Prairie Woods **Environmental Learning Center** 

The first session will be learning and practicing the skill of archery with compound bows. Each session after, we will play games, shoot 3-D targets, and also learn about shooting from an elevated position and a ground blind. Meet at the Farm site.

#### F24-ARCHERY-CLUB

Tuesdays: September 17, 24; October 1

4-5:30 PM

Prairie Woods ELC-Farm Site

\$30

## **Cardettes Mini Dance Camp**



Grades: K-5

Instructor: The Willmar Cardette Dance Team

Do you know a student who would enjoy dancing with the Willmar Cardettes Dance Team? Mini dance camp is a great way for kids to improve their technique, learn new choreography, and gain performance experience in a fun and supportive environment! During this session, kids will have two evenings of practice then showcase their skills on the final day. T-shirt size submission deadline: September 4th at 4:00 PM.

F24-DANCE-K/3 September 23, 24, 26, and 27 5-6 PM

Lakeland Elementary School-Gym East

**F24-DANCE-4/5** September 23, 24, 26, and 27 5-6 PM Lakeland Elementary School-Gym East

## Game Day at the **Pioneer Cabin**



Grades: 1-5

**Instructor: Prairie Woods Environmental** 

**Learning Center** 

Who's up for some friendly competition? After dressing as a pioneer, unplug for an afternoon of blind man's bluff, a three-legged race, a game of graces (hoops & sticks), Kubb and many more pioneer games. If it's raining out, we'll see how you do at jacks, pick up sticks, and card games.

## **F24-PIONEER-GAMES** Monday, October 14

4-5:30 PM

Prairie Woods ELC-Farm Site-Pioneer Cabin

\$10



## **Cooking Around the World**

Grades: 6-8

**Instructor: Vineyard App Camp** 



Does your child have a passion for cooking? Are they ready to experience new foods and expand their little palettes? Our students will be engaged while discovering how to prepare delicious international and American dishes safely and skillfully. Our mini chefs will enjoy exploring diverse recipes from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North and South America, while learning food prep tips and tricks they can use throughout their life. During our sessions, your child will play kids' games from other countries, learn food terms from around the world, and receive simple recipes they can use at home. This course is tailored for younger students and focuses on microwave cooking.

#### F24-COOKNG

Tuesdays: October 15, 22, and 29;

November 5, 12, and 19

3:30-4:30 PM

Willmar Senior High School-Room 206 (FACS)

\$129

## The Reptile & Amphibian Discovery Zoo (RAD Zoo)



Come and experience Minnesota's premier reptile zoo. Marvel at the amazing creatures of the reptile and amphibian world including snakes, lizards, crocodilians, toads, frogs and salamanders, RAD Zoo is home to over 150 kinds of animals from all over the world, and is dedicated to connecting people with nature by providing a fun, safe, and educational wildlife experience. Coming to Willmar!

F24-RADZOO Thursday, October 17 TBD Kennedy Elementary School \$10

## **DND (Dungeons & Dragons)**

Grades: 6-8

**Instructor: Vineyard App Camp** 

Have you ever wanted to play the nationally-known game Dungeons and Dragons, stretch your imagination, tell stories with your friends, and build useful creative skills? Well, this is your chance! In this class, we'll be exploring collaborative storytelling through Dungeons and Dragons. Along the way, we'll develop social and emotional skills that will serve us well outside of the Role Playing Game.

#### F24-DND

Mondays: October 21 and 28; November 4, 11, 18, and 25

Willmar Middle School-Multipurpose Room

\$125

## Sewing

Grades: 2-5

**Instructor: Vineyard App Camp** 



Unleash your creativity with sewing! Join this exciting sewing class to design and create unique projects. Beginner or experienced, you'll develop essential sewing skills and unleash your imagination. No experience or special materials needed, we'll provide everything. Discover various techniques, stitches. and decorative embellishments. Craft stylish garments, accessories, and home decor items. Combine learning with fun and become a sewing enthusiast. Enroll now and explore the exciting possibilities of this timeless craft. Get ready to stitch, create, and unlock endless creativity!

#### F24-SEWING

Wednesdays: October 22 and 30;

November 6, 13, 20, and 27

3:30-4:30 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Multipurpose Room

\$129

## **RoboTech Explorers: Robotics Camp**



Grades 6-8

Instructor: Beth Teets, Kandiyohi County 4-H

Join us this fall for an exciting journey into the world of robotics! Our course is designed specifically for middle school students who are curious about technology, engineering, and building things that move.

#### **Activities and Learning:**

- Hands-on Robot Building: Learn how to build your own robots using Edison Robotics. From basic structures to advanced mechanisms, discover the principles of engineering and design.
- Programming Skills: Dive into the fundamentals of programming and learn how to control your robots using simple coding languages. Understand how commands translate into actions, and unleash your creativity through programming challenges.
- Problem Solving Challenges: Work in teams to solve real-world problems using your newly acquired robotics skills. Tackle challenges that require innovation, collaboration, and critical thinking.

#### F24-4H-ROBOTICS

Thursdays: October 24 and 31; November 7 and 14

3-5 PM

Willmar Middle School-Media Center \$15





#### Halloween Haunt



Ages: All (Ideal for up to 5th grade) **Instructor: Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center** 

The best Halloween Party of the year! Talk with the creatures of the enchanted trail, play games, decorate a cookie. Climb the indoor wall with your costume on! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### F24-PWELC-FEST-HAUNT Friday, October 25

6-9 PM

Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center-Main Building \$10 per child



## Code Championship Tournament Series: Virtual Computer Coding Competition

Grades: 3-9

**Instructor: Code Championship** 

Description: Build a computer bot to play head-to-head against other coders! Whether this is your first Code Championship event, or if you've been competing for years, this is the perfect way to explore the competitive coding world of Code Championship. No previous coding experience necessary. The Code Championship Series is a series of four tournaments in four weeks (it's ok to miss one or two). These tournaments will be hosted online using Google Meet and the Code Championship website. If you have a modern browser like Chrome or Firefox, no additional download is required. Players must be able to navigate the internet: basic typing and mouse control. The link to the Google Meet event will be emailed two days before the tournament.

#### **F24-CODECHAMP**

Saturdays: October 26; November 2, 9, and 16

9-11 AM \$69

# Ghost and Goblin Cake Pops!



Grades: K-6

Instructor: Charlene Bzdok

Calling all young bakers! Get ready for a hauntingly fun adventure in our spook-tacular cake-pop making class. Kids will learn the art of creating delicious cake pops in whimsical ghostly designs, perfect for the spooky season.

In this exciting class, your child will:

Get creative: Design and decorate cake pops with fun, spooky themes using candy melts and a variety of edible decorations.

Learn valuable skills: read recipes, follow directions, and practice kitchen safety with the guidance of our friendly instructors.

By the end of the class, your child will proudly bring home their own beautifully decorated, spooky cake pops to share with family and friends. It's a deliciously creative way to celebrate the season!

### F24-CAKEPOPS Monday, October 28

3:30-5 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-Room 110

\$25





# Weird Nature Science And School Garden

Grades: 2-5

**Instructor: Vineyard App Camp** 

Have you ever wanted to be a scientist? Or to increase your understanding of the natural world? Well, you're in luck! In this class, we'll be learning about physics and the natural world through fun and easy science experiments. We'll learn about states of matter, the animal and plant kingdoms, and how things we interact with in our everyday lives really work. This is the perfect club if you love science or engineering or just want to get a little messy afterschool.

#### **F24-NATURE-SCIENCE**

Thursdays: November 7, 14, and 21;

**December 5, 12, and 19** 

3:30-4:30 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Multipurpose Room \$125

#### **Pioneer Crafts**

Grades: 1-5

Instructor: Prairie Woods
Environmental Learning Center



Come to the Pioneer Cabin at Prairie Woods! Dress as a pioneer and make several different crafts. Learn which crafts would be done for fun (corn husk dolls and buzz saws) and which ones would be done for necessity (dipping candles and sewing). All for you to take home!

# F24-PWELC-PIONEER-CRAFTS Monday, November 4

4-5:30 PM

Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center-Farm Site-Pioneer Cabin \$12





## Winter Wonderland **Cookie Decorating**



Grades: K-6

**Instructor: Charlene Bzdok** 

Join our festive Winter Wonderland Cookie Decorating Class! Celebrate the holiday season with friends and family by creating beautifully decorated winter-themed cookies. In this exciting class, you'll have the chance to unleash your creativity using fondant, frosting, and an array of decorative tools. While your cookies are drying, we'll engage in fun, interactive, and stimulating activities that will keep your holiday spirits high. At the end of the session, you'll take home your delicious, artfully decorated cookies to share with loved ones.

F24-COOKIES Friday, December 20 3:30-5 PM Jefferson Learning Center-Room 110 \$25

#### Youth In Government

Grades: 8-12

**Instructor: Payton Sterkowitz** 

Youth in Government (YIG) offers an unparalleled opportunity for students in grades 8-12 to dive deep into the workings of government through an immersive four-day program. Participants will engage in focused discussions on current issues, partake in exciting social events and evening activities, and develop leadership skills through hands-on experiences. High school students can choose to serve as legislators, judges, attorneys, lobbyists, media representatives, or cabinet members, while 8th graders explore all areas through the Leadership Corps. The program culminates in a dynamic conference in early January, held at the Hilton Hotel in Minneapolis and the Minnesota State Capitol, where delegates from Minnesota and Western Wisconsin come together. Join YIG to make new friends, enhance your understanding of government, and become a leader in your community!

#### F24-YIG

**Preparatory Delegation Meetings - Wednesdays:** October 16 and 30; November 6 and 20; December 4 and 18; January 8

3:30-5:30 PM

Conference at Capital in St. Paul: January 9-12, 2025

Willmar Senior High School Contact Payton at 320-231-8490 if interested



# FIELD TRIPS - Youth Enrichment

## ■ Luce Line Orchard

(Guardians must accompany students Prek-5th)

Join us for a fun-filled day at Luce Line Orchard! Kids will love the Little Tot Zip Line, SunFlower City, 30-acre corn maze, Corn Tent, Hay Mountains, and swings. Feed and interact with our friendly farm animals, and explore our educational nature walking trail, where you can learn about Minnesota's birds and wildlife while enjoying a flower-lined path. Perfect for school groups, families, and anyone looking to experience the beauty and excitement of our orchard!

## F24-FIELDTRIP-LLORCHARD-ADULTS Friday, October 4

Luce Line Orchard-Watertown, MN 7:45 AM-3:30 PM \$15

#### F24-FIELDTRIP-LLORCHARD-YOUTH

Friday, October 4 Luce Line Orchard-Watertown, MN 7:45 AM-3:30 PM

\$15



## ■ National Geographic Live: Wild Wolves of Yellowstone

Ages: Recommended for anyone 4th Grade+ (Guardians must accompany students Prek-5th) Instructor: Doug Smith of National Geographic

Join us on a coach bus trip to the Ordway Theater in Saint Paul for an exciting and educational show about the wolves of Yellowstone! National Geographic Live brings behind-the-scenes stories and unforgettable imagery from world-renowned photographers, scientists, filmmakers, and adventurers- live on stage. In Wild Wolves of Yellowstone, witness the beauty and wonder of Yellowstone National Park with wildlife biologist Doug Smith. Yellowstone National Park's two million acres of wilderness contain many stories, including one of the best case studies in wildlife conservation. Doug Smith led the project that reintroduced gray wolves to Yellowstone in the 1990s. Go behind the scenes, including never-before-seen photos and videos, of the guest to bring wolves back and the incredible changes that happened after they arrived.

\*\*\*All children must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult family member or guardian; no more than two children per adult.\*\*\*

## F24-FIELDTRIP-ORDWAY-ADULTS Tuesday, October 8

7:45 AM-2:30 PM

\$9

#### F24-FIELDTRIP-ORDWAY-YOUTH

**Tuesday, October 8** 7:45 AM-2:30 PM



## ■器■ FlyOver America and Nickelodeon Universe

Embark on an unforgettable field trip to Nickelodeon Universe and FlyOver America! At Nickelodeon Universe, the nation's first indoor Nickelodeon theme park, enjoy seven acres of unique attractions, thrilling rides, character meet-and-greets, and diverse dining and shopping options. Then, experience FlyOver America, a breathtaking flight simulation ride that takes you on an aerial tour of iconic U.S. landmarks with immersive effects like wind, mist, and scents. In honor of the Holiday season, we will be following Santa's Sleigh on a magical journey to the North Pole. Perfect for all ages, this adventure promises fun and excitement for everyone!

#### F24-FIELDTRIP-MOA-ADULTS

Friday, December 6

FlyOver America and Nickelodeon Universe-Mall of America 7 AM-6 PM \$35

F24-FIELDTRIP-MOA-YOUTH Friday, December 6 FlvOver America and Nickelodeon Universe-Mall of America 7 AM-6 PM \$35



# Holiday Upcycled Arts & Crafts Camp



Ages: 6+

**Instructor: Prairie Woods Environmental** 

**Learning Center** 

Celebrate the holiday season with eco-friendly creativity through upcycled arts and crafts. Discover how to craft recycled paper ornaments and cards, explore relief printmaking, and unleash your imagination with a variety of other sustainable projects. Join in the joy of making unique decorations and heartfelt gifts while reducing waste and embracing creativity. Adults, please accompany children younger than 10 years old.

F24-PWELC-ECO-ARTS&CRAFTS
Saturday, December 7
1-4 PM
Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center-Main Building
\$10



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# Youth Enrichment - Driver's Education

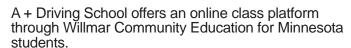
#### **How To Get Your Driver License** (ages 15-17)

- Classroom Instruction: Students are eligible to register and attend the classroom portion of the training program. You must attend all 30 hours of the training to be eligible for the next step of training.
- The Blue Card: After completing 30 hours of classroom training, you will receive a certificate of completion that you must provide when registering for Behind the Wheel (BTW) instruction. You must be registered for a BTW program in order to receive the blue card.
- Get Your Driving Permit: Arrange for the permit test independently at a Minnesota Drivers and Vehicle Services location. You will need the blue card, appropriate ID, your social security number, corrective lenses (if needed), and payment for the permit test fee.
- Schedule BTW: After receiving your permit, schedule six hours of BTW training by notifying the Community Education office when you are ready to begin the training.
- Complete BTW Instruction: BTW consists of one instructor and one or two students in a school district vehicle. After completion of the required six hours, you will receive a white card necessary for the license test.
- Practice: You will need to practice driving for six months. Minnesota law requires a student to have a permit for six months and maintain a driving log. The driving log must be submitted at the time of the road test.
- Road Test: Schedule the road test at a Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services location. Students must be 16 years old to take the road test. Bring your white card, proof of insurance, fee, permit, social security number, and corrective lenses (if needed).

#### **Driver's Education: Online Classroom**



Instructor: A+ Driving School



#### Benefits are:

- Start classes anytime and take at your own pace
- Classes are available on-demand
- Free Study Guide to all students "Hands On" activities to reinforce information and get parents involved
- 24/7 Instructor Support
- Approved by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety

This is a virtual class. Participants must have audio and visual technology capabilities such as a laptop, tablet, or a smartphone.

No refunds are available for this course.

**F24-DRIVED-CLASS-ONLINE** \$100



## **Driver's Education: Behind the Wheel Training**



Ages 15-17

Instructor: Todd Hagen

To register for Behind The Wheel (BTW) with Willman Community Education, students must have successfully completed 30 hours of Driver's Education Classroom training. The Certificate of Completion from the classroom course must be provided at the Community Education office along with a \$300 fee in order to register and receive a blue card. A blue card is required for students to take the permit test at the Driver's License Exam Station.

We offer a driver training program approved by the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Our instructor is a licensed school teacher with special certification in driver education from the state of Minnesota.

Once you receive a valid permit, please call 320-231-8492, ext. 6335 to schedule your six hours of BTW instruction. We strongly recommend students drive 5-10 hours with a parent/guardian before their first BTW driving session.

- BTW registration fee is non-refundable.
- BTW driving lessons must be completed within six months of receiving your blue card.
- Starting and ending location for driving lessons is at Jefferson Learning Center.
- Missed or cancelled driving lesson will incur a \$50 fee and require rescheduling that driving lesson.
- Unused BTW driving lessons are non-transferable.

We offer a driver training program approved by the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

# Aquatics



## **Lifeguard Training**

Ages 15+

**Instructor: Pamela Vruwink** 



Become certified in American Red Cross Lifeguarding, CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers, and First Aidvalid 2 years.

Attendance at all class sessions is mandatory. This is a blended learning class with approximately 7 hours of online course work required before the first day of in-person class.

Age Prerequisite: Be at least 15 years old on or before the final scheduled session of the course.

#### Skill Prerequisites:

- Complete a swim-tread-swim sequence without stopping to rest:
  - Jump into the water and totally submerge, resurface then swim 150 yards using the front crawl, breaststroke or a combination of both. (Swimming on the back or side is not permitted. Swim goggles are allowed)
  - Maintain position at the surface of the water for 2 minutes by treading water using only the legs
  - Swim 50 yards using the front crawl, breaststroke or a combination of both

- Complete a timed event within 1 minute, 40 seconds:
  - Starting in the water, swim 20 yards. (The face may be in or out of the water. Swim goggles are not allowed).
  - Submerge to a depth of 7-10 feet to retrieve a 10-pound object.
  - Return to the surface and swim 20 yards on the back to return to the starting point, holding the object at the surface with both hands and keeping the face out at or near the surface.
  - Exit the water without using a ladder or steps.

Participants need to bring swim gear (no bikini suits), towels, pen, highlighter, water bottle, lunch and snacks each session. You will be in and out of the pool throughout each class so extra dry swim suits and towels are helpful.

Minimum class size is five participants; course will be scheduled when minimum has been reached.

#### F24-LGT

Contact Pam at 320-231-8492, ext. 6335, or vruwinkp@willmar.k12.mn.us for more information.

# Ready to dive into a new opportunity?

# Willmar Community Education is hiring!

Share your love of learning. In the land of 10,000 lakes, there is a strong need for aquatics staff members! Please contact Pam Vruwink at 320-231-8492, ext. 6335, or vruwinkp@willmar.k12.mn.us if you are interested.





#### **Intro to Macarons**

Ages 18+

Instructor: Becca Kazemzadeh



Learn how to make macarons from scratch! This class includes demonstrations and hands-on baking. Best of all, you'll take home all of the macarons you make!

**F24-MACARONS**Saturday, October 12
1-4 PM
Senior High School-206-FACS
\$120 per pair

#### **Hot Cocoa Bombs**

Ages 13+

**Instructor: Char Bzdok** 



Cocoa Bombs are glossy chocolate orbs filled with cocoa, marshmallows, and sprinkles! Once these decadent spheres are plopped inside a mug full of warm milk, the bomb opens up in a dramatic fashion, revealing the goodies inside. Come and spend some quality time with your family and learn how to make these marvels step-by-step. They are a super fun and over-the-top way to level up your hot cocoa game!

#### F24-COCOA Monday, October 28

6-7:30 PM Senior High School-206-FACS

\$36





# Barn Quilt Painting Workshop



Ages 12+

**Instructor: Cynthia Buchholz** 

Painting barn quilts is a popular, lively, and rewarding four hour class of guided instruction which takes you through the process of barn quilt painting from beginning to completion. You will learn how to create a barn quilt that looks professional and leave with your own masterpiece, ready for hanging and unequivocal admiration.

A \$65 materials fee is payable to the instructor at the beginning of class. This includes:

- 2' x 2' Aluminum Composite. It is a premium grade material that professional sign makers use. It will never rust or rot. It is lightweight and easy to hang, but very sturdy and great to work on.
- 60 plus fabulous paint colors to choose from. We use the highest quality Behr Marque exterior paint.
- Purple 3M tape, rulers, pencils, aprons, hair dryers, and yardsticks.
- Many quilt block patterns to choose from that have been drawn to scale.

Participants under 18 years old should enroll with a responsible adult.

## F24-BARNQUILT

Tuesday, October 22

5:30-9:30 PM

Middle School-145-Art

\$45 plus \$65 materials fee due to instructor at class

## Ceramics at the Kraft Coop

Instructor: Rachel Jeppesen

Exercise your creative brain with time at the Kraft Koop! Rachel will have a variety of ceramic pieces you may choose from to paint with glaze. Your item will then be fired in the kiln and available for you to bring home within a short period of time.

F24-CERAMICS Friday, November 1 5:30-8 PM Kraft Koop, 15671 140th St NW, Sunburg \$35

# **Stained Glass** for Beginners



Ages 15+

**Instructor: Tom Nelson** 

Learn all the steps of creating a stained glass window! From cutting to soldering, we will do one copper foil project in this class. Lead assembly techniques will also be demonstrated. At the completion of class, each participant can continue on and create designs of their own.

In the first class gathering, we'll discuss stained glass and our projects. Tom will demonstrate glass cutting techniques and the process of making a panel. We will cover the materials and tools needed, safety concerns, and answer any questions. Everyone gets to cut glass the first night! The remaining class sessions will be spent working on projects. Everyone will do the same design. Besides the class fee, students will need to purchase supplies and tools for class. Expect to pay \$50-100 for your personal supplies and tools, some of these materials may be purchased from the instructor. Some equipment and materials will be provided by the instructor for use during class.

## F24-STAINEDGLASS-BEG Tuesday, October 22

7-9 PM

Saturdays: November 16 and 23

9 AM-1 PM

Senior High School-306-Art

\$129



# **Beginning Crocheting Ages 12+**



Instructor: Lisa Christianson



Have you ever wished you could crochet? Well, here's your chance! In this introductory session, you will make a dish or wash cloth using basic crochet stitches: starting chain, single crochet, half double crochet, and double crochet.

Required supplies: scissors, size H crochet hook, and a skein of cotton yarn.

#### F24-CROCHET Tuesday, October 15

7-9 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-111 \$45

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## **Beginning Knitting**

Ages 12+

Instructor: Lisa Christianson



Have you ever seen a knitting project that someone else made and thought to yourself, "I wish I could do that"? Well, here is your chance to learn how to knit! In this introductory session, you will learn the basic stitches: casting on, knit stitch, purl stitch, and casting off. Using these skills, we will be making the ever popular first project - a scarf.

Required supplies: scissors, a set of size 6 or larger needles, and a skein of worsted weight (4) yarn.

F24-KNIT **Tuesday, October 8** 6-8 PM Jefferson Learning Center-111 \$45





## **Bounce Back Project Book Club**



The Bounce Back Project is focused on promoting health and resiliency. Our book reads allow us to share laughter and perspectives with one another as we learn to better understand ourselves, allow ourselves grace, and develop the courage to be who we are.

September: Roundtable group share! What have you read recently taht you can't wait to talk about? Any recommendations for fellow bookworms? Let's hear it!

November: This book will be chosen at our September gathering.

Books in various formats may be requested through the Pioneerland Public Library System online at https://www.pioneerland.lib.mn.us/ or by visiting your local library.

F24-BOOK-SEP Friday, September 13

6:15-7:45 PM Jefferson Learning Center-111 Free; pre-registration required

F24-BOOK-NOV Friday, November 25 6:15-7:45 PM Jefferson Learning Center-111 Free; pre-registration required

## The Assassination of President John F Kennedy: An In-Depth Analysis



Instructor: David Yorks

This course aims to analyze the disparities between the findings of the Warren Commission and the United States House of Representatives regarding the assassination of President Kennedy. The Warren Commission, which conducted a ten-month investigation and released its conclusions in September 1964, will be compared with the conclusions reached by the House of Representatives, which conducted a more extensive thirty-one-month investigation and published its report in March 1979.

Throughout the course, participants will have the opportunity to develop a comprehensive understanding of the controversies surrounding President Kennedy's assassination. The sessions are structured to provide ample time for participants to share their comments and pose questions, fostering a dynamic and engaging learning environment. There is no political agenda, and I am not promoting any products or services. This approach encourages a well-rounded exploration of the subject matter, allowing participants to delve into various perspectives and gain a deeper insight into the complexities surrounding this historical event.

## F24-JFK Monday and Tuesday: September 23 and 24 WEAC-Rehearsal Hall \$15





## **Paranormal Investigating 101**

Ages 14+

Instructor: Heidi Steffens



You've seen it on TV, now you can learn the basics of ghost hunting and paranormal investigations. You'll see evidence from actual investigations, discover what equipment works best, and learn ethics and proper investigation techniques. What does it take to run an investigation? We'll cover what you need to know from start to finish.

F24-PARANORMAL-1 Friday, September 27 6:30-9 PM WEAC-Rehearsal Hall \$59

## **Paranormal Investigating 102**

Ages 14+

Instructor: Heidi Steffens



You've learned the basics in the 101 class, now let's put your skills to the test with a full investigation! We'll split into groups to investigate and then come together at the end to compare notes. Please bring any equipment you may have to use during class, some equipment will be available to borrow as well.

Prerequisite: Paranormal Investigating 101 or equivalent experience approved through Heidi.

F24-PARANORMAL-2 Thursday, November 7 6:30-9 PM Jefferson Learning Center-111

## Mike Lynch's Minnesota Starwatch

**Instructor: Mike Lynch** 

Make the stars your old friends as we watch the great celestial show in the skies over Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center! We'll have giant telescopes aimed at Saturn, star clusters, galaxies, and more. Get to know constellations like The Big Bear, Cygnus the Swan, Pegasus the Winged Horse, and others. Great constellation mythological stories will also be featured.

Mike Lynch is a retired WCCO Radio meteorologist and has been hosting star watch parties and teaching astronomy classes for more than 50 years! He also writes a weekly stargazing column for the St. Paul Pioneer Press and is the author of the book "Stars, a Month by Month Tour of the Constellations." Even if it's cloudy, you'll learn a lot and have a great time!

No cancellations/refunds after September 23.

## F24-STARS Tuesday, October 1

7-9 PM **PWELC** 

\$25 Individual; \$35 Family living within the same

household





## Let's Propagate Plants!



Ages 15+

Instructor: Pamela Vruwink

Looking to expand your indoor plant collection? Create new plants from existing plants! In this hands-on class we will propagate plants by taking fresh cuttings from established houseplants. Course fee includes plant cuttings and growing medium.

September: Monstera species October: Philodendron species November: Syngonium species

#### F24-PLANTS-SEP Tuesday, September 17

5:30-6:45 PM Jefferson Learning Center-111 \$15

**F24-PLANTS-OCT** Tuesday, October 22 5:30-6:45 PM Jefferson Learning Center-111 \$15

**F24-PLANTS-NOV** Tuesday, November 19 5:30-6:45 PM Jefferson Learning Center-111 \$15



# Plant Lovers Unite! Ages 18+



Connect with other houseplant enthusiasts in the community! It doesn't matter if you are a certified member of the plant killer club or if you have green thumbs that seem to sprout magic. We'll share a bit about what we love to grow and play some plant themed games. Please bring a pest and disease-free plant or cutting to share.

# **F24-PLANTS Friday, December 13**5:30-7 PM Jefferson Learning Center-111 \$5



## Vanventure!

Ages 18+



Join us for a small group adventure! Our fall outings include a visit to the Minnesota State Capitol, an opportunity to decorate a ceramic piece of your choosing at the Kraft Koop, and the American Swedish Institute.

**F24-VAN-CAPITOL Friday, September 13**8:30 AM-4:30 PM
Jefferson Learning Center
\$10

# F24-VAN-KRAFTKOOP Friday, November 1

4:55-8:30 PM Jefferson Learning Center \$39

# **F24-VAN-ASI Thursday, December 19**12:30-9 PM Jefferson Learning Center \$10



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#### First Aid

Instructor: Deb Brandt



With the basic first aid you learn in this course, you could make a difference in the lives of others! This First Aid course uses Chain of Survival to teach the basics of first aid, including injury prevention and when to get help. Upon successful course completion, participants will receive First Aid certification through the American Heart Association.

#### F24-FA-SEP

Wednesday, September 11

6:15-9:15 PM Middle School-room \$65

#### F24-FA-OCT

Wednesday, October 9

6:15-9:15 PM Middle School-room \$65

#### F24-FA-NOV

Wednesday, November 13

6:15-9:15 PM Middle School-room \$65

#### F24-FA-DEC

Thursday, December 12

6:15-9:15 PM Middle School-room \$65

#### **CPR**

Instructor: Deb Brandt



If you are looking to learn or recertify in CPR, use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and help someone who is choking, then this hands-on class is for you. Upon successful course completion, students will be certified through the American Heart Association in adult/child and infant CPR. Don't wait! Learning CPR today could save a life tomorrow!

#### F24-CPR-SEP

Wednesday, September 4

6:15-9:15 PM Middle School-room \$65

#### F24-CPR-OCT

Wednesday, October 2

6:15-9:15 PM Middle School-room \$65

#### F24-CPR-NOV

Wednesday, November 6

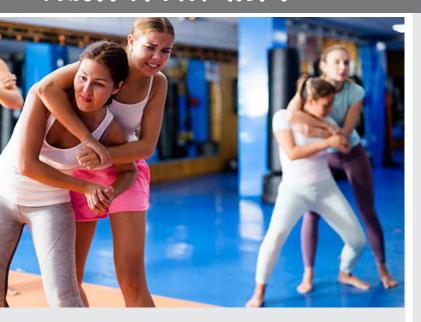
6:15-9:15 PM Middle School-room \$65

#### F24-CPR-DEC

Thursday, December 5

6:15-9:15 PM Middle School-room \$65





#### Women's Self Defense

Ages 13+

**Instructor: Mid-MN Total Defense** 

Self defense skills exclusively for women, taught by women. Learn simple and effective techniques!

#### **F24-DEFENSE**

Tuesdays: November 5, 12, and 19

7:10-8:30 PM

Kennedy Elementary School-Big Gym

\$25

## **Word: Getting Started**

Ages 15+

Instructor: Cheri Baron



Microsoft Word is a word processing software used to create letters, reports, and other documents. We will create a document and then learn the basics of using the software such as cut and paste, changing the font and font size, changing margins, changing the paragraph alignment, and how to save and print. This is a slower paced class for those with little or no experience using a word processing program. Basic typing skills are helpful. Make sure to bring a jump drive if you wish to save your work.

**F24-WORD-START Tuesday, September 17**6-8:30 PM
Jefferson Learning Center-117 Computer Lab
\$22

#### **Excel Level 1**

Ages 15+

Instructor: Cheri Baron



If you work with numbers and want to learn how to use formulas or create a chart, you may want to consider using Microsoft Excel. Excel is an electronic spreadsheet program. With this software, you can keep track of a budget or organize financial information. We will create a spreadsheet, enter data, do simple calculations and create charts. You will learn a tricks and shortcuts to make using Excel much easier and save you time. Make sure you bring a jump drive if you wish to save your work. Basic computer knowledge is needed.

#### F24-EXCEL1 Tuesday, October 29

6-8:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-117 Computer Lab

\$22

## **Word: The Next Step**

Ages 15+

Instructor: Cheri Baron



If you know the basics of a word processing program, but want to learn some additional features and shortcuts, then this is the class for you. We will use Microsoft Word to learn how to cut and paste, insert symbols, change cases, add borders and shading, insert clip art, create numbered/bulleted/multi-level lists, set tabs and design tables. Basic computer knowledge is needed. Minimal typing skills are required as you will use a document that has already been typed. Make sure to bring a jump drive if you wish to save your work.

#### F24-WORD-NEXT Tuesday, November 19

6-8:30 PM

Jefferson Learning Center-117 Computer Lab \$22





# 55+ Driver Discount Program



**Instructor: Precision Driving Center** 

The Driver Discount Program is a state approved accident prevention/insurance discount course that is open to the public; pre-registration is required. Participants will be provided the latest information in regards to driver and traffic safety, new vehicle technology and updates with traffic laws. People ages 55 and older who complete the course qualify for an appropriate 10% discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. Participants must complete a 4 hour refresher class every three years to maintain the 10% discount.

Registration must be completed with Precision Driving Center online or by phone. Visit www.driverdiscountprogram.com to register online or call weekdays from 9 AM-3 PM at 320-308-1400 or toll free 888-234-1294. Willmar Community Education is not taking registrations for this course.

Jefferson Learning Center-111 \$24

- Thursday, September 12, 12:30-4:30 PM
- Thursday, September 12, 5-9 PM
- Thursday, October 10, 12:30-4:30 PM
- Thursday, October 10, 5-9 PM
- Monday, November 11, 12:30-4:30 PM
- Thursday, December 5, 12:30-4:30 PM
- Thursday, December 5, 5-9 PM

# AIM/People First Bowling League



Join us every week at Ally on Ash for two fun-filled games of bowling!

First Half: September-December; Second Half: January-April 19 Ash St SE, New London, MN 320-231-1777

## **Healthy Living Class**

Instructor: Amber Silva

The Healthy Living Class is designed to educate and support participants in living healthier lives. Through education sessions, hands-on learning opportunities, and field-trips, participants will get to learn and practice new skills that can help them take steps towards making healthier choices.

September 13 and 27; October 11 and 25; December 6 and 13

3:45-4:45 PM Aim Office Conference Room 320-231-1777 \$15

## Fitness Class

Instructor: Amber Silva

Come join us for a general fitness class. You will experience different forms of exercise from yoga to high intensity interval training.

September 13 and 27; October 11 and 25; December 6 and 13

5-5:30 PM Aim Office Conference Room 320-231-1777 \$15





# Stillwater Day Trip Ages 18+



Spend a day in Stillwater! Take in the fall colors, shop, browse the fall art festival, and cruise down the St. Croix if you wish!

**Option 1:** Rivertown Fall Art Festival, Fall Colors, and Shopping with lunch on your own and NO cruise

The Rivertown Fall Art Festival is located in beautiful historic downtown Stillwater, MN along the scenic St. Croix River, a stunning fall backdrop to showcase art! This event also offers a beer & wine tent, a variety of

food selections, live music and entertainment. The Art Festival is just steps away from a bustling main street that features art shops & galleries, boutiques and every flavor of restaurant. The Art Festival showcases specialty hand-crafted items, including artist mediums of all kinds: ceramics, clay, culinary arts, drawing, fiber work, glass, jewelry, metal, mixed media, painting, photography, pottery, wood and an others category.

**Option 2:** St. Croix River Cruise with lunch, Rivertown Fall Art Festival, Fall Colors, and Shopping

Interested in viewing the scenic St. Croix by boat? Join us for a cruise down the St. Croix with a lunch buffet. Cash bar on board.

Walking is required. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes. Please note the bus times may change depending on the number of buses needed.

**F24-STILLWATER Saturday, October 5**7:15 AM-4 PM
New London-Spicer High School \$55 Option 1 or \$99 Option 2

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# Comedy Writing: How to Be Funny on Paper and Stage



Instructor: LeeAnne Krusemark

Whether you need to make a dull work presentation more lively, mix laughter with learning in the classroom, or ultimately want to write for print/production or perform your own stand up routine, this fast-paced session will show you how to apply humor to all aspects of your life. You will learn the anatomy of a joke, how to use your powers of observation to sharpen your wit, write different types of jokes, and use humor to entertain and influence people. Informative handouts for future use are included. This is a virtual class. Participants must have audio and visual technology capabilities such as a laptop, tablet, or a smartphone.

**F24-COMEDY Wednesday, October 16**4-6 PM
Online
\$29

# Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People



Ages 13+

**Instructor: Craig Coffman** 

In just a few hours, you can learn enough secrets of the trade for years of musical enjoyment. Learn to play piano the way professionals do using chords. The chord method is lots of fun and dramatically easier to learn than reading notes. Fee includes an online book, follow up video lessons, a class recording, and an optional periodic online question and answer session. The course is partly lecture/demonstration and partly hands-on instruction.

**F24-PIANO Saturday, October 26**9 AM-12 PM
Online
\$59

# Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People

Ages 13+

**Instructor: Craig Coffman** 

In just a few hours you can learn enough about playing the guitar to give you years of musical enjoyment, and you won't have to take private lessons to do it. This crash course will teach you basic chords to get you to play along with your favorite songs right away. Fee includes an online book, follow-up video lessons, a class recording, and an optional periodic online question and answer session. The course is partly lecture/demonstration and partly hands-on instruction.

**F24-GUITAR Saturday, October 26**1-3:30 PM
Online
\$59

# 1 Instant Pot/1 Sheet Pan/1 Skillet Meals



Kirsten Madaus

Simplify supper with one pot cooking! Using a sheet pan OR a skillet OR a pressure cooker to make a complete meal saves time and energy. Join Kirsten online in her kitchen as she demonstrates Skillet Gnocchi with Sausage and Peas, Sheet Pan Quesadillas or Pesce Primavera, and pressure cooker Beef Stroganoff Soup or Curried Wild Rice Soup for Two. There's something for a wide spectrum of eaters: additional recipes in the handout range from 2 servings to 8, from vegan to omnivore. Class recording as well as bonus extra recipe videos will be provided to students afterwards if you'd like to cook along at your convenience.

**F24-MEALS Tuesday, September 24**6:30-8 PM
Online
\$25



These are virtual classes. Participants must have audio and visual technology capabilities such as a laptop, tablet, or a smartphone.



# Festive Appetizers and Boards Kirsten Madaus



Use your kitchen gadgets\* to create yummy appetizers for holiday gatherings, game nights, or just for fun. Join Kirsten live online from her home kitchen as she demonstrates Instant Pot Hot Crab & Shrimp Dip, Air Fryer Buffalo Cauliflower, Goat Cheese & Garlic Crostini, Jalapeño Rarebit Poppers, Mediterranean Mezze Boards, and more! Registration includes extensive recipe handout and link to class recording so you can re-watch at your convenience.

\*No air fryer or Instant Pot? No problem! Recipes will include oven/stovetop directions too.

**F24-APPS Tuesday, November 12**6:30-8 PM
Online
\$25

## Face Yoga Ages 13+

Instructor: Janice Novak

There are 19 flat muscles in your face, all of which can be strengthened and toned, just like arm or leg muscles. Facial exercises can take years off your appearance by reducing frown and forehead lines, reducing 'puppet mouth' lines, lifting and firming neckline, making upper and lower cheeks fuller, reduce puffiness and sagging around eyes, improve circulation and nutrient flow into cells and improve lymph circulation. Learn simple exercises that will rejuvenate your face. You will need a regular teaspoon for a few of the exercises and a little of your favorite facial moisturizer.

**F24-FACE Tuesday, October 1** 6-7:30 PM Online \$25

# Acupressure to Relieve Stress, Anxiety, Insomnia & More



Ages 13+

**Instructor: Janice Novak** 

Acupressure is an ancient healing art and self-help tool. It can offer great relief with no side effects and help you feel your best. Along with the specific points to help relieve stress, insomnia, anxiety, irritability, and even weight gain, learn the nine master pressure points which are the most helpful and most frequently prescribed to help and assist every system in your body.

**F23-ACU-SAI Monday, October 28**6-7:30 PM
Online
\$25



# Just Breathe! Techniques to Calm, Center & Balance



Ages 13+

**Instructor: Janice Novak** 

Breathing in specific ways can have amazing and powerful healing benefits on mind and body. Breath work is the single most powerful thing you can practice for improving energy levels, health, and well-being. In this workshop, you will learn ancient breathing exercises that will: neutralize stress by reprogramming your nervous system, increase energy and vitality, increase brain function, improve immune response, decrease depression and anxiety, and help strengthen your back and abs from the inside out. The simplest and most powerful technique for optimum health is free and right under your nose!

**F24-BREATHE Monday, November 11**6-7:30 PM
Online
\$25

These are virtual classes. Participants must have audio and visual technology capabilities such as a laptop, tablet, or a smartphone.

## **Acupressure Face Lift and Skin Savvy**

Ages 13+

Instructor: Janice Novak

Here's a facelift you can do at home. Acupressure is an ancient Chinese healing method that works with the energy that flows through your body. Stimulating facial acupressure points can help erase years from your face naturally. Bring a healthy glow to your skin, decrease headaches, relieve eye strain, soothe nerves, and increase relaxation through acupressure. Learn how to make your skin as healthy as possible from the inside out.

F24-ACU-FACE Monday, December 2 6-7:30 PM Online \$25

#### Intro to Alzheimer's





This presentation by the Alzheimer's Association will help us to learn the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, risk factors and warning signs, resources, and how you can join the fight against the disease.

F24-ALZ Tuesday, October 15 6:30-7:30 PM Online Free; pre-registration required





## Artificial Intelligence and the **Future of Democracy**



Ages 14+

Instructor: John Houston

From deep fakes to manipulative chatbots to social media firestorms, Al poses great challenges and risks for democracy. Come learn about Al's fraught relationship with democracy and how we might find our way forward in the age of AI manipulation and disinformation.

F24-PHIL-AI Tuesday, September 17 7-8:30 PM Online \$49

## The Human Quest for **Immortality**



Ages 14+

Instructor: John Houston

History shows a deep human longing for immortality. But is it truly desirable? What would be required for persons to survive their physical death? And what might we make of the new promises of immortality through emerging forms of artificial intelligence? We'll examine these and other questions related to conceptions of the afterlife.

F24-PHIL-HQ **Tuesday, October 15** 7-8:30 PM Online \$49

These are virtual classes. Participants must have audio and visual technology capabilities such as a laptop, tablet, or a smartphone.

## Stoic Principles for Living Well

Ages 14+

**Instructor: John Houston** 



What sorts of creatures are human beings? Are we good creatures that sometimes do bad things? Or are we bad creatures that occasionally do good things? The philosophical literature on human nature is broad and diverse. In this course, we will discuss common threads and differences among philosophers who have left us enduring claims about the nature of human nature.

**F24-PHIL-SP Tuesday, November 12**7-8:30 PM
Online
\$49

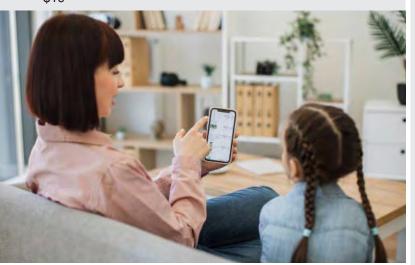
## Cell Phones & Parenting-Oh My!

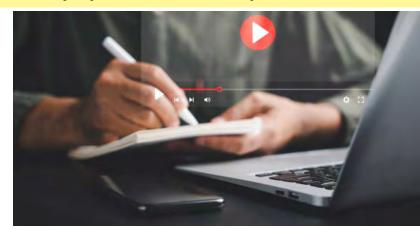
**Instructor: Nickie Welsh** 



When your child has a smartphone there are key things you should know to keep them safe and secure. In this class, you'll learn recommended safety settings on popular social media apps, parental apps for your child's smartphone, and more! We simplify this complicated technology so that you and your child can use a phone safely without worry.

**F24-SCS-PARENTING Thursday, September 19**12-1 PM
Online
\$19





# How To Create Your Own YouTube Channel

Instructor: Nickie Welsh



In this fun beginner class, you'll learn the basics to create your very own YouTube channel. Join the world's largest media platform to share your hobbies, advice, instructions, gifts and more with your worldwide audience! We'll walk you through a step-by-step process so that you can get started today!

**F24-SCS-YT Tuesday, September 24**12-1 PM
Online
\$19

## Google Sheets for Awesome Beginners

Instructor: Nickie Welsh



Expand your Google Sheets skills! Whether it's for work or play, this class will teach you comprehensive skills which will turn you from a Sheets novice into a Sheets expert. You will learn to enter, organize, refine, analyze, and visualize your data using Google Sheets!

**F24-SCS-SHEETS Thursday, September 26**12-1 PM
Online
\$19

These are virtual classes. Participants must have audio and visual technology capabilities such as a laptop, tablet, or a smartphone.

## My Kid Wants To Be a YouTuber- Help!

Instructor: Nickie Welsh



Does your child dream of having their own YouTube channel? Eliminate the worry with this helpful class as we walk you through the steps on how to set up a YouTube channel, safety settings, and consideration for kids having their own channel. Parents will learn the basic guidelines of being able to help manage and monitor their activity, all while incorporating practical business skills when it comes to managing your own channel. You'll learn how this hobby can become a practical career, safety practices, and even create fun videos! Parents will leave the class with helpful guidelines to get their kid's channel started safely and a solid foundation for their child's new creative outlet in 2023.

F24-SCS-YTKID Tuesday, October 1 12-1 PM Online \$19

## **Create Social Media Content** Without Panicking

Instructor: Nickie Welsh



Are you nervous to begin filming and posting your own social media content? Do you have a business, product or service, but panic at the thought of putting yourself on social media? Well in this beginner class, you'll learn helpful tips and strategies to create social media content with ease. You'll never have to worry about freezing up in front of a camera, all thanks to the helpful skills you'll be taking with you once your class is complete. We'll walk you through a step-by-step process so that you can get started today!

**F24-SCS-CONTENT** Tuesday, October 8 12-1 PM Online \$19



## **Practical ChatGPT Training** for Everyone

Instructor: Nickie Welsh



Have you been curious about what ChatGPT is exactly and how it may affect you? Learn what you need to know about ChatGPT powered by Artificial Intelligence in this fun and engaging class! You will understand how it works exactly and why it's taking the world by storm. You'll also learn practical everyday uses for ChatGPT in the workforce and at home. Don't get left behind in today's tech savvy world, and attend this upcoming training.

F24-SCS-CHATGPT Tuesday, October 15 12-1 PM Online \$19

## **Simplified Social Media for Business**



Instructor: Nickie Welsh

Driving new customer traffic to your website and promoting your business is imperative in today's technological world. Don't let your skillset or company get left behind by missing key social media rules! In this class, you'll learn how to craft a simple but effective social media marketing strategy, listen directly to customers, and implement tips to grow your business. And all the while staying organized without technology overwhelm!

**F24-SCS-BUSINESS Tuesday, November 5** 12-1 PM Online \$19

## **Grow Your Business with** Instagram



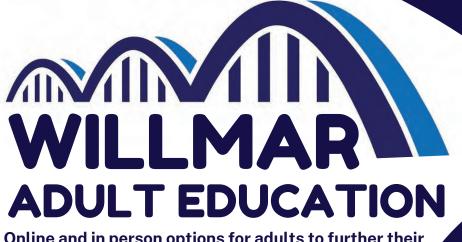
Instructor: Nickie Welsh

What can you do on Instagram that can result in huge growth for your customer base and sales? We've got the answers you need in this fun beginner level class to grow your business with Instagram. You'll learn the key steps needed to improve your company bottom line and gain more followers. Plus, you'll learn to make your content irresistible and have fun in the process!

F24-SCS-IG Thursday, December 5 12-1 PM Online \$19

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