

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Community Programs serves learners of all ages and abilities. We help participants learn new skills or enhance current ones through our youth and adult enrichment programs. Categories include: Arts, Technology, Fitness, Gymnastics, Aquatics, and more! Other incorporated programs include, Flipside, the federally funded 21st Century Community Learning Centers; CDF Freedom School; The Community Impact Program, Como Planetarium and Adults with Disabilities programming.

FUNDING

Youth and Adult Enrichment: Enrichment: In 2023-2024, \$1.2M in tuition and fees were collected through enrollment. A State Levy of \$1.04M was also received, along with additional \$1.2M in American Rescue Plan Funding which allowed 5200 youth to access programming for free.

Flipside: In 2023-20234, Free Flipside programming was made possible through funding and partnerships with General District funds through the Community Education Department and Department of Alternative Ed, The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant, and American Rescue Plan Funding. All programming is offered to you for free.

Freedom School: In 2023-2024, Free Freedom School programming was made possible through the following funding sources and partnerships: Saint Paul Public Schools Office of Alternative Ed, Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund, Children's Defense Fund Freedom School, Minnesota Office of Higher Education, Minnesota Department of Education, and the Wilder Foundation.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

ADULT ENRICHMENT	YOUTH ENRICHMENT	FLIPSIDE	FREEDOM SCHOOL
\$907,000 Total Operating Budget	\$2,824,000 Total Operating Budget	\$3,899,677 Total Operating Budget	\$1,006,000 Total Operating Budget
9,803 Total Enrollment	16,316 Total Enrollment	3,648 Total Enrollment	751 Total Enrollment
1122 Courses Held	827 Courses Held	20/205 FT/PT Staff	2/126 FT/PT Staff
7/160 FT/PT Staff	8/174 FT/PT Staff	105 2-hour Program Days	28 8-hour Program Days
COMO PLANETARIUM	1323 Total Enrollment	28 Courses/Events Held	1/2 FT/PT Staff

TESTIMONIALS

“Loved the crash course in blacksmithing basics in such a short time for a reasonable price, and getting to leave with a completed, functioning bottle opener.”

“My child loved getting feedback from her Cahoots buddy each week! This is our second time doing Cahoots and we plan to do it again next year. This program is both fun and educational.”

“Fantastic coach! This was a class of young kids and I felt like the coach really knew how to connect with the kids while still maintaining a controlled environment. My child started the session not loving gymnastics – by the end, he was ready for more. Thanks!”

“My daughter loved every minute of Dr. Berserk’s Science Camp! Her counselor was caring, knowledgeable and did a great job communicating. It was a wonderful experience, and I will definitely sign her up again next year. Thank you!”