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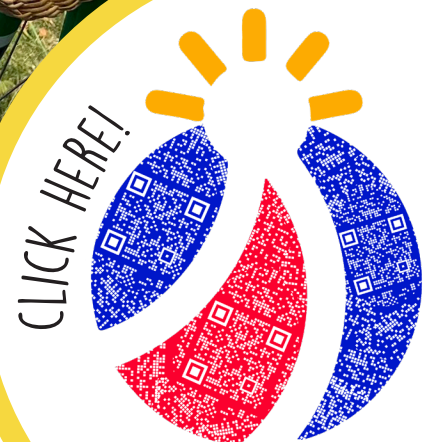


SPRING 2025

March - May
AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org



ALBERT LEA
SCHOOL DISTRICT 241
EARLY LEARNING



2025 MARCH – MAY

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Brookside Education Center 211 W Richway Dr | Albert Lea, MN

Community Education Office.....507-379-5318
AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org
Monday-Friday | 8:30am-2:30pm
Office hours are subject to vary.

Adult Education Center 507-379-4866
Early Childhood 507-379-4831
Tiger Cub Child Care Center 507-379-5158

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS: If the Albert Lea School District is closed due to inclement weather, all programming will be canceled for that day. If the district announces a late morning start, all morning programming will be canceled. Our primary method of communication for notifying individuals will be through email. Additionally, a text message may be sent to individuals who have approved to receiving SMS notifications or posted on KAAL News.

CHECK YOUR EMAIL: Community Education's primary method of communication is email. When signing up for a class, please monitor emails from the address listed below. Emails will include class cancellations, location or time changes, last-minute notes from instructors, class confirmations, and receipts. To ensure you receive these communications, please add the following email address to your contacts to prevent them from going into your SPAM folder.

• albertleacommunityed@alschools.org

3 WAYS TO REGISTER



ONLINE

AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org



CALL

(507) 379-5318



IN PERSON

211 W Richway Dr

CASH, CHECK OR CARD ACCEPTED

**DISTRICT 241 EMPLOYEES
RECEIVE A \$10 DISCOUNT
ON A COMMUNITY ED CLASS!**

**CALL 507-379-5318 BEFORE YOU
REGISTER TO APPLY THE DISCOUNT.**

WHY CHOOSE

COMMUNITY EDUCATION TO MANAGE YOUR CLASS



Marketing to over 12k homes in District 241



Facility scheduling, rentals & fees covered



Platform for gathering online registrations



Two team members to assist in customer management, revenue processing, and ensuring a smooth operation of your class

**SUMMER CLASS PROPOSALS
ARE DUE AT THE END OF MARCH.**

LET'S CHAT!

507-379-5318

AlbertLeaCommunityEd@alschools.org



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We're looking for new members to join the Albert Lea Community Education Advisory Council!

Help shape the future of Community Education by sharing your ideas and input. If interested, call our office at 507-379-5318 to request a Statement of Interest form.



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When you register right away, you get the classes you want and the instructor can prepare for your participation. Instructors set a minimum number of participants in order to make the class run. The earlier you sign up the less chance of a last minute cancellation.

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CLASS LOCATIONS

Albert Lea High School	2000 Tiger Ln
Brookside Education Center	211 W Richway Dr
Full Draw Archery Club	131 S Newton Ave
Halverson Elementary	707 E 10th St
Hawthorne Elementary	1000 E Hawthorne St
Lakeview Elementary	902 Abbott St
Rock Gym	211 W Richway Dr, Gym B
Sibley Elementary	1501 W Front St
Southwest Middle School	1601 W Front St

CLASS KEY



NEW CLASS OFFERING



POPULAR CLASS



ONLINE CLASS VIA ZOOM

Have questions on how to join a Zoom class?
Call our office at 507-379-5318.

ADULT EDUCATION CENTER

LEARN ENGLISH - GED - MATH - CAREER PATHWAYS - CITIZENSHIP



Brookside Education Center
211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea, MN

507-379-4866

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES AT THE ALBERT LEA ADULT EDUCATION CENTER!

If you're looking to improve your English skills for work, school, or daily life, we're here to help! Our free English classes are designed to support you as you build your language skills in a welcoming, flexible environment.

DAYTIME CLASSES:

- Monday- Thursday: 8:30-11:00am or 11:30am-1:30pm
 - In-person or online
 - FREE childcare & transportation available
- Call now to reserve your space!**

NIGHT CLASSES:

- Monday & Tuesday: 6:00-8:30 PM
- Online only

Whether you're starting from the basics or looking to improve your fluency, these classes will help you gain confidence and open new opportunities.



Haga clic aquí para escuchar.

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EARN YOUR GED WITH THE ALBERT LEA ADULT EDUCATION CENTER!



Ready to take the GED? The Albert Lea Adult Education Center, located at Brookside Education Center, offers:

- **Free prep classes** (in-person and online)
- **Free practice tests** and study materials

TESTING DATES:

- April 11 and May 9 from 9:00am- 2:00pm
- Call 507-379-4866 for other times.**

TESTING REQUIREMENTS:

- 17+ years old.
- Accommodations available (extra time, breaks).

REGISTER NOW:

- Visit **GED.com** to create an account.
- Call **507-379-4866** to schedule your test.

CLASS HOURS:

- Monday-Thursday: 8:30am- 1:30pm
- *Childcare and transportation available.*

LOOKING TO BOOST YOUR CAREER SKILLS? CAREER PATHWAYS CLASSES ARE FOR YOU!

There are a wide range of FREE online courses to help you achieve your professional goals.

BRIDGES TO CAREERS IN HEALTHCARE

CNA, CNA Prep, LPN/PN,
Medication Aide and
Medical Assistant classes.

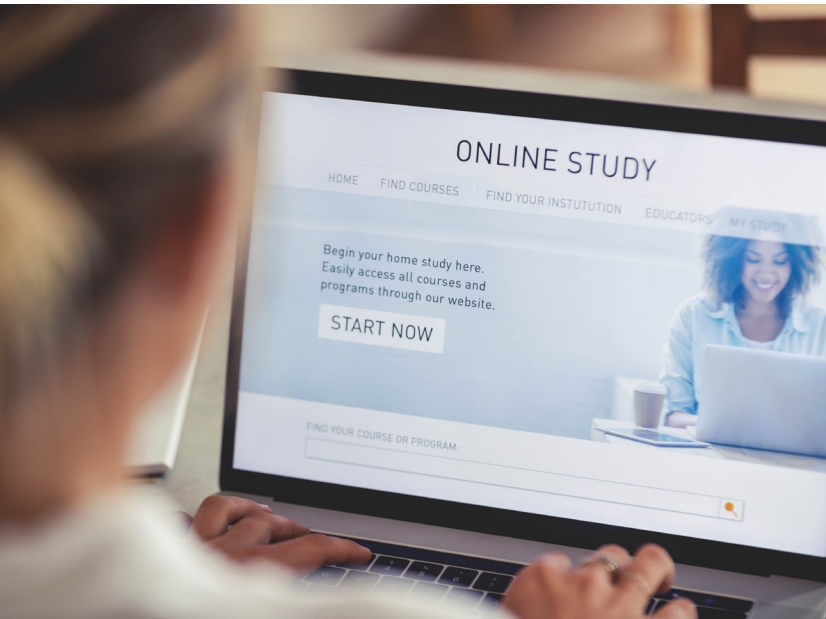
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE PROFESSIONAL PREP COURSE

10-week course designed
to prepare students for work
in retail and office environments.

MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION (MOS)

Earn industry recognized Microsoft
credentials and certificates in Word,
Excel and PowerPoint.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



We have over 35 online certificate programs available to assist you in taking the next step in furthering your career.

Spring session runs from
April 7, 2025 to June 2, 2025.

These three month certificate programs are completed online at your convenience, between the session dates. You will receive a certificate of completion upon finishing the course.

Full descriptions can be seen online at
AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org.

HOW DO THE COURSES WORK?

Once inside the online classroom, here's what you can expect:

- **Discussion** – Post written comments in the online discussion with your fellow participants and the instructor
- **Readings** – Courses have online readings, PDFs, and/or links to outside articles and resources
- **Presentations** – View slides and listen to audio lectures recorded by your instructor
- **Self-Quizzes** – Each unit has a self-quiz to test yourself

BUSINESS

- Bookkeeping Certificate
- Certificate in Accounting and Finance for Non-Financial Managers
- Entrepreneurship Certificate
- Certificate in QuickBooks Online
- The Basics of Bookkeeping

BUSINESS COMMUNICATION

- Certificate in Business Writing
- Certificate in Customer Service
- Certificate in Effective Grammar and Writing
- Certificate in Basic Game Design
- Certificate in Workplace Communication

DATA SCIENCE

- Certificate in Data Analysis
- Certificate in Mastering Excel
- Power BI Certificate
- SQL Certificate

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Spanish for Medical Professionals

LEADERSHIP

- Certificate in Leadership Development

MANAGEMENT

- Certificate in Non-Profit Administration
- Certificate in Project Management
- Certified Remote Work Manager
- Management Certificate
- Six Sigma Green Belt Certificate
- Supervisory & Leadership Certificate

NEW MEDIA MARKETING

- Certificate in Marketing
- Digital Marketing Certificate
- Mastering Video Marketing Certificate
- Integrated Marketing Certificate

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Beginning Conversational Spanish
- Introduction to Fiction Writing

SOCIAL MEDIA FOR BUSINESS

- Social Media for Business Certificate

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

- AI Certificate
- Mastering Computer Skills for the Workplace
- Certificate in Web Design
- Coding Certificate
- Graphic Design Software Essentials Certificate
- WordPress Certificate

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- Certificate in Online Teaching
- Certificate in Teaching Adults

TRAINING FOR K12 TEACHERS

- Certificate in Learning Styles
- The Teen Brain

DAYTIME ADVENTURES

For securing your spot on a trip, the recommended payment methods are online registration or calling our office at 507-379-5318 to pay by credit card over the phone. Please note that trips are non-refundable.



BACHMANS, IKEA, MALL OF AMERICA REGISTRATION OPEN DECEMBER 30

This is the trip to get you ready for Spring. We will visit Bachman's to view all the beautiful spring flowers and unique gift items. A tour of the ever-changing Bachman's Ideas House is included! We will go to the Mall of America/IKEA for lunch on your own and an afternoon of exploring. You can visit both IKEA and Mall of America if you wish! The trip includes 2 or 3 stops and as much walking as you care to do.

Register no later than March 14, 2025. No refunds on trips. Depart from the parking lot behind Harbor Freight. Remember to arrive 10 minutes early for check-in.

T03 Friday, March 21 7:30am-6:00pm \$51



SAVE THE DATE!

JULY 18, 2025

**"CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES"
at the Plymouth Playhouse**

SCULPTURE & STYLE: A DAY OF ART & SHOPPING REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 30

Immerse yourself in a perfect blend of style and creativity with our "Sculpture and Style" day trip! Begin your adventure by strolling through the Caponi Art Park in Eagan, MN. Our artist guide will lead us through the park as we walk about one mile and view over 55 sculptures nestled across 60 acres. As you explore, you'll discover local artisans' masterpieces, each piece telling its own story.

After indulging in some art therapy, let your stylish side shine as we travel to the Eagan Outlet Mall and shop-til-we-drop! Grab lunch, window shop, and don't forget to pick out a mother's day gift! We'll even throw in some coupons to be used at the outlet!

Your trip fee includes motorcoach transportation, admission/tour at the Caponi Art Park, and coupons to use at the Eagan Outlet Mall. Lunch is on-your-own.

Register no later than April 23, 2025. No refunds on trips. Depart from the parking lot behind Harbor Freight. Remember to arrive 10 minutes early for check-in.

T05 Wednesday, May 7 7:45am-5:10pm \$57

NATIONAL EAGLE CENTER AND LARK TOYS REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 30

Come soar with the eagles at the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN. Admission includes time to explore exhibits, spot Eagles off the observation deck and a live Eagle Show. We will then stop at Herb and Arrow for lunch with choices of a side salad, Flatbread Pizza and Dessert options. This is a farm to table type restaurant. Lunch will cost each participant anywhere from \$15.00-\$40.00. Heading to Kellogg, we'll make a stop at Lark Toys where you can take a ride on the carousel and have an ice cream cone for dessert while doing some shopping.

The trip fee covers motor coach transportation, admission to the National Eagle Center and the Carousel Ride and Cone at Lark Toys.



Register no later than March 24, 2025. No refunds on trips. Depart from the parking lot behind Harbor Freight. Remember to arrive 10 minutes early for check-in.

T04 Friday, April 11 7:45am-6:20pm \$80



**Find out more information on this extended trip
by contacting Owatonna Community Ed!**

Book Now ➡



Contact Us
507-444-7900



For More Information:
Owatonna.CE.Eleyo.Com

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION



OPEN ROCK GYM HOURS

PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

The rock gym welcomes climbers of all ages and experience levels! Enjoy our beginner to expert graded routes, our bouldering wall, Kilterboard, rope climbing and more. Our experienced staff are available to belay and ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Come explore and make your indoor rock climbing adventure unforgettable! Register before you arrive at AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org.

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday
6:00-9:00pm

\$10 PER CLIMBER

Brookside Education Center
211 West Richway Drive, Gym B

**Cash or check transactions are not accepted at the boathouse or the rock gym. To register, a credit card payment must be made online through our website at AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org.*

PUNCH PASSES NOW AVAILABLE

Punch passes for the rock gym and boathouse are back!

Passes are **\$40 for 5 punches** and **expire 1-year from the date of purchase**. Stop by the Community Education office at Brookside Education Center or visit AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org to purchase.

KIDS ROCK! YOUTH CLIMBING CLUB ★

Grades 3rd-7th

Whitney Sauer & Alex Hagen

Embark on an exciting journey with our Youth Climbing Club, designed for students in grades 3-7. Over six weeks, participants will receive instruction from our lead staff and gain a comprehensive introduction to the world of indoor rock climbing.

Brookside Gym B 6 sessions **\$30 per student**

EE06 GRADES 3-5

Tuesdays, April 1- May 6

3:30-5:00pm

EE06 GRADES 6-7

Tuesdays, April 1- May 6

5:00-6:30pm

ROCK CLIMBING BELAY CLINIC

Ages 14+

Alex Hagen

At this clinic you will learn and practice the essential skills needed to safely belay a rock climbing partner. Designed for pairs, this clinic is ideal to take with a friend or family member. Upon completion, you'll have the opportunity to earn your belay certification at the Albert Lea Rock Gym. This certification is valid for one year, with the option to retest for recertification within that period. Please note that this certification may not be recognized at other climbing facilities.

Clinics are held Tuesday nights January 14- May 20 from 6:00-8:00pm. The duration of the clinic is **ONE 2-HOUR SESSION**. Please select your date of choice during registration.

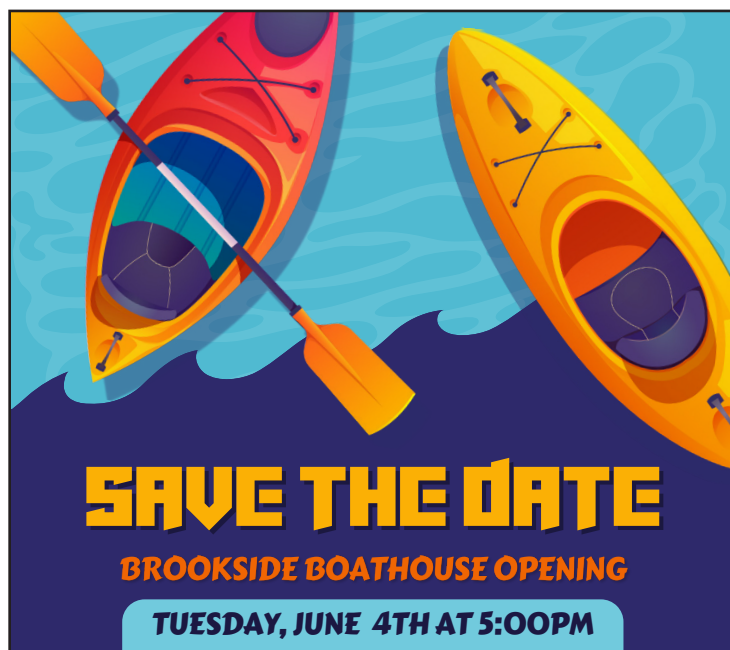
Certification testing is held 1 week after your clinic date, during regular rock gym hours, Tuesdays 6pm-9pm. You do not need to reregister for the rock gym if you are only coming in to test for belay certification.

EE31

Tuesdays, January 14- May 20
6:00-8:00pm

Brookside Gym B

1 session
\$10



SAVE THE DATE

BROOKSIDE BOATHOUSE OPENING

TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH AT 5:00PM

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

MARCH 15
APRIL 12
MAY 10

6:00-9:00PM

LIMITED SPOTS
PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED
\$10 PER CHILD



Drop your kids off for a night of adventure, creativity, and fun while you take some well-deserved time for yourself!

Enjoy a well-deserved evening out while your K-5th graders have a blast at Parent's Night Out at the rock gym! Kids will engage in a variety of supervised activities, including rock climbing, arts and crafts, gym games like gaga-ball, Lego building, and fun cooking projects. Activities vary each night, offering a unique experience every time. Participants should bring tennis shoes and a water bottle for a night of active, creative fun!



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211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea, MN



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TIGER CUB CHILD CARE CENTER

**4 STAR PARENT AWARE,
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**



Our experienced staff and engaging curriculum provided by Teaching Strategies Gold-Creative Curriculum offers children the opportunity to play, learn and grow in a safe, nurturing environment.

PROGRAM FEATURES:

- ✓ licensed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services.
- ✓ Child Care Assistance welcomed.
- ✓ Drop-ins for infants & toddlers. Families must pre-register. Slots are based on availability.

ENROLL NOW



Brookside Education Center
211 W Richway Drive
Albert Lea, MN 56007



507-379-5158



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ALBERT LEA
SCHOOL DISTRICT 241



COMMUNITY ED AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ^{NEW}

Grades 3-5

Experiential Ed Staff

Join us for an exciting after-school adventure designed to spark creativity, build friendships, and have fun! On Mondays, dive into artistic adventures with hands-on projects like leatherworking, paracord bracelet making, and unique crafts, exploring your creativity and taking home something amazing each week. On Thursdays, it's all about game time fun with board games, Legos, and team challenges, where you'll make new friends, build teamwork skills, and enjoy fun-filled afternoons. Come for one day or both—each session is packed with excitement and new experiences!

Hawthorne Elementary 2:50-5:00pm \$9 per session

YOU87	Thursday, March 13	Cafeteria
YOU92	Monday, April 7	Cafeteria
YOU93	Thursday, April 10	Cafeteria

Lakeview Elementary 2:50-5:00pm \$9 per session

YOU88	Monday, March 24	Cafeteria
YOU89	Thursday, March 27	Cafeteria
YOU94	Monday, April 14	Cafeteria
YOU95	Thursday, April 17	Cafeteria

Sibley Elementary 2:50-5:00pm \$9 per session

YOU90	Monday, March 31	Cafeteria
YOU91	Thursday, April 3	Cafeteria
YOU97	Monday, April 28	Cafeteria
YOU98	Thursday, May 1	Cafeteria

Halverson Elementary 2:50-5:00pm \$9 per session

YOU96	Thursday, April 24	Media Center
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STEM AFTERSCHOOL ^{NEW}

Lexi Ignaszewski

Grades 2-5

Jump into the excitement with 4-H Afterschool! Get ready for an action-packed adventure that makes afterschool the best part of the day. This program is filled with endless fun, hands-on learning, and new friendships! Sessions may include engaging games to get everyone moving and laughing, delicious snacks to fuel your creativity, fascinating experiments that bring science to life, and dynamic STEM activities that spark curiosity and innovation. Whether you're building, exploring, or just having a great time, there's always something new to discover.

Sibley Elementary 3:00-4:30pm \$3.50 per session

YOU60	Thursday, March 27	Rm. 112
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Halverson Elementary 3:00-4:30pm \$3.50 per session

YOU61	Thursday, April 3	Rm. 224
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Hawthorne Elementary 3:00-4:30pm \$3.50 per session

YOU62	Thursday, April 24	LL Art Room
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Lakeview Elementary 3:00-4:30pm \$3.50 per session

YOU59	Thursday, March 13	Rm. 226
YOU63	Thursday, May 1	Rm. 226

MUSIC AROUND THE WORLD ^{NEW}

Amber Mattson

Grades K-2

Fill your Passport as you explore the different types of music that is listened to and played around the world! We will visit a total of 18 countries in 9 weeks, exploring 2 countries in 1 week. We will learn about the instruments and even make some of our own.

Brookside Rm. 210A 6:00-7:00pm \$7 per session

YOU12 Italy/Spain	Thursday, March 13
YOU13 The Netherlands/Russia	Thursday, March 27
YOU14 Australia/South Africa	Thursday, April 10
YOU15 Brazil/Mexico	Thursday, April 24
YOU16 Hawaii/United States	Thursday, May 8

BAKER'S DELIGHT: GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE ^{NEW}

Grades 7-12

Amber Mattson

Come learn how to make a German Chocolate Cake from scratch, frosting and all! All ingredients will be provided. Bring 2, 8-9" round cake pans if you have them. Bring a plate and a container to take your cake home with you. Allergen Alert: The frosting that you will be making contains coconut.

YOU06 ALHS Rm. D202

Tuesday, March 18	1 session
6:00-9:00pm	\$50

BAKER'S DELIGHT: CHEESECAKE ^{NEW}

Amber Mattson

Grades 7-12

Come learn how to make a homemade cheesecake from scratch! All ingredients provided. Bring a springform pan if you have one, along with a container to home this delightful treat!

YOU31 ALHS Rm. D202

Wednesday, March 19	1 session
6:00-9:00pm	\$50

STORYTIME STEAM ^{NEW}

Grades K-2

Amber Mattson

Come listen to a story then get interactive! Activities will include Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. We will also have some interaction during the story reading with literature props and activities.



Brookside Rm. 210A 6:00-7:00pm \$7 per session

YOU20 Ava and the Rainbow	Monday, March 10
YOU21 Three Billy Goats Gruff	Monday, March 24
YOU22 The Three Little Pigs	Monday, April 7
YOU23 The Gingerbread Man	Monday, April 21
YOU24 Magnet Max	Monday, May 5
YOU25 A Wolf's Tale	Monday, May 19

FREEBORN EAGLES MIDDLE SCHOOL RUGBY ^{NEW}

Grades 5-8

Ron & Brittany Ericksmoen

Ready to take on a new challenge? Join the Freeborn Eagles Middle School Rugby team! Open to all 5th-8th graders, this is a great opportunity to experience the excitement of rugby, no matter your skill level. Grades 5-6 will play on modified-contact co-ed teams, while 7th-8th graders will compete on full-contact teams divided by gender. You'll learn the game, build new skills, and take part in four middle school jamborees, plus the State Tournament. Practices are Monday evenings at Frank Hall Park—just bring a mouthguard and football or soccer cleats!

Jamboree Dates: May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24

State Tournament: June 7

YOU04

Mondays, March 10- June 2
5:30-7:00pm

Frank Hall Park

17 sessions
\$65



CARD CREATIONS ^{NEW}

Amber Mattson

Minimum 7 years old

Come create 2 cards each for 4 occasions. This class is for ages 7 and up. A guardian may register themselves and a student to create 8 cards total. (Additional students may come with the same guardian for an additional cost to make 4 cards total.) Bring your own stickers and embellishments if you wish. Please bring 1 roll of double sided tape per person and a scissors per person.

YOU32 Thurs., March 20 6:00-8:00pm **Brookside Cafeteria**

1 Guardian/1 Student: \$16 **1 Guardian/2 Students:** \$24

1 Guardian/3 Students: \$32

LEARN TO CROSS STITCH ^{NEW}

Amber Mattson

Grades 7-12

Learn how to do counted cross-stitch. The cost of a provided kit is included in the cost of the class. Students will learn the basics of counted cross-stitch and how to complete a design.

YOU05

Friday, March 21
6:00-8:00pm

Brookside Rm. 114K

1 session
\$15

YOUTH BOYS BASKETBALL PRACTICE ^{NEW}

Isaiah Peterson

Grade 7

This basketball practice is designed for boys in 7th grade looking to develop their fundamental skills, teamwork, and game strategy. Players will focus on drills that enhance dribbling, shooting, passing, defense, and overall court awareness. Led by experienced coaches, these sessions will help athletes improve their skills, build confidence, and prepare for competitive play.

YOU26

Mondays & Thursdays, March 24- June 5
5:30-7:00pm

Hawthorne Gym

21 sessions
No-Cost

AAU BASKETBALL PRACTICE ^{NEW}

Mark Habben

Grades 4-6

This AAU basketball practice is designed for 4th-6th grade boys looking to develop their fundamental skills, teamwork, and game strategy. Players will focus on drills that enhance dribbling, shooting, passing, defense, and overall court awareness. Led by experienced coaches, these sessions will help athletes improve their skills, build confidence, and prepare for competitive play.

YOU07

Mondays & Thursdays, March 24- May 8
5:30-7:30pm

Halverson Gym

14 sessions
No-Cost

MELODIES & MOTION: A MUSIC CLASS FOR LITTLE ONES AND CAREGIVERS ^{NEW}

Brooke Torkelson

Melodies & Motion: A Music class for Little Ones and Caregivers is an engaging and interactive experience designed to foster early musical development and strengthen the bond between children and their caregivers. Through singing, movement and playful activities, participants will explore music in ways that spark joy and stimulate learning. This class welcomes all types of caregivers and encourages a nurturing, active and fun-filled environment.

Ages 2-4 years & CAREGIVERS

YOU41

Wednesdays, March 26- April 30
4:00-4:30pm

Lakeview Cafeteria

6 sessions
\$40

YOUTH TRADITIONAL ARCHERY [★]

Jeff Laskowske

6th-12th Grade

Attendees will learn the art of shooting Traditional Archery. You will learn to properly fit, draw, aim and shoot a traditional long bow. **Register early, limited spots! Min 3/Max 5**

YOU51

Saturday, April 26
9:00-11:00am

Full Draw Archery Club

1 session
FREE



SING PLAY LEARN WITH MACPHAIL ^{NEW}

Ages 2-5 with a caregiver

Aaron Fennell

Enjoy this fast-paced musical activity emphasizing singing, instrument play, movement and internalization of steady beat. Musical play with young children can build impulse control skills, fine motor skills, increase vocabulary, pre-math skills and much more. Children are introduced to percussion and folk instruments in addition to familiar rhythm instruments.

YOU43

Mondays, March 31- May 5
5:00-5:45pm

Brookside Rm. 114K

6 sessions
\$40

ADULT BUSINESS AND FINANCE

GETTING STARTED WITH MEDICARE

Jacob Thompson

Enrolling in Medicare can feel like tackling a puzzle with no clear starting point—it's overwhelming and confusing. However, like any puzzle, a little guidance can make a big difference. That's why I'm hosting Getting Started with Medicare, an informational event designed to help clarify your options. During this session, you'll learn about your current Medicare coverage choices, the benefits and costs associated with each plan, and the key factors to consider when selecting the best plan for your needs.

BSFN38 Tuesday, March 25 6:00-7:15pm **Brookside Rm. 236** \$10

FROM START TO FINISH: STEP-BY-STEP HOME BUYER'S GUIDE

Pam Schmidt

Thinking about buying a home but not sure where to begin? This class will walk you through the entire home-buying process, step by step, helping you navigate one of the biggest purchases of your life with confidence. You'll receive a comprehensive Buyer's Guide manual to follow along, ask questions, and stay on track. From understanding credit repair and finding the right lender to inspections, appraisals, and title services, you'll gain valuable insights into every aspect of the journey. Learn how to distinguish between wants and needs, make an offer, understand key terminology, and prepare for the final walk-through and your big move. Don't miss this unique opportunity to get expert advice and feel prepared for your home-buying adventure!

BSFN48 Thursday, April 24 6:00-8:00pm **Brookside Rm. 236** \$25 per person/\$35 per couple



FAST-TRACK TO SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING FOR BUSINESS

Nickie Welsh

Take your business to new heights with our fast-paced, comprehensive session designed to equip business owners, entrepreneurs, and marketing professionals with the essential skills and strategies needed to leverage social media for business success. Learn how to effectively reach your target audience, increase brand awareness, and drive engagement across major social media platforms.

AE63 Tuesday, May 13 12:00-1:00pm **Online Class** \$23

ONE-HOUR INSTAGRAM MASTERY: GROW YOUR BUSINESS TODAY

Nickie Welsh

Curious about how Instagram can drive significant growth for your customer base and sales? This engaging beginner-level class has the answers you need to grow your business with Instagram. Discover the key steps to boost your company's bottom line. Plus, learn to create irresistible content and have fun along the way! Join us to unlock the potential of Instagram for your business.

AE66 Thursday, May 22 12:00-1:00pm **Online Class** \$23

ADULT FITNESS

This is an interactive PDF. Tap or click on text and images to access registration pages or websites.

ADULT OPEN PLAY BASKETBALL

Derek Wels

Get ready to hit the court and shoot some hoops! Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking to have some fun, come join us for an exciting pickup game. This is your chance to brush up on your skills, make new friends, and enjoy the thrill of friendly competition. All adults aged 18 and over are welcome to join the action-packed fun! *No open gym April 2.*

FIT26 **Halverson Gym**
Wed., March 26- May 21 8 Sessions
7:00-8:00pm \$24

SPRING ZUMBA® JAMS

Kristy Olson



Each class session includes a brief warmup of stretches, demonstration of the fun, easy dances, a review of the dances, and then a full-out, non-stop execution of the dances for a strong cardio and full-body workout. No previous dance experience required. Join the party—for fitness and fun! *No class April 21.*

FIT06 **Sibley Gym**
Mon., March 31- May 19 7 Sessions
5:30-6:30pm \$35

FIT07 **Sibley Gym**
Thurs., April 3- May 22 8 Sessions
5:30-6:30pm \$40

ONLINE DRIVERS EDUCATION

14 1/2 - 18 years old (18 year olds must still be enrolled in school)

Albert Lea Community Education, in partnership with A+ Driving School, offers online Drivers Education courses through the CruiseControl Education platform. Designed specifically for Minnesota students, this fully online program utilizes proven teaching methods to keep learners engaged throughout the process. With the flexibility to start classes anytime and progress at your own pace, students can enjoy an entertaining, "live" classroom setting

Early bird registration fee of \$385 ends **2 weeks prior** to the registration deadline. Then the price increases to \$405. Please note that classes must be completed by the listed end date; otherwise, re-registration and repayment will be required.

DEONLINE WinterSpring 2025

February 1-May 31

Registration Deadline April 15, 2025



DRIVING CONES AVAILABLE

Are you testing for your road test soon and need a little practice with parking? We have driving cone kits available for check out at the Community Education office. We ask for a \$20 deposit that will be returned to you after the kit is returned.

Call 507-379-5318 to reserve a kit!

IN-PERSON DRIVERS EDUCATION

14 1/2 - 18 years old (18 year olds must still be enrolled in school)

Prepare your future driver for the permit test, the State of Minnesota Graduated Driver's License Test (GDL) and a lifetime of driving. Class fee includes 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction.

Albert Lea Community Education has been approved by the MN DMV to act as a proctoring center for students that have completed the Albert Lea Community Education Driver's Education program and have received their blue cards. If possible, the last day of class will be for knowledge testing proctored by the instructor. **ALL** students will need to attend even if they will not be taking the knowledge test.

Early bird registration fee of \$385 ends **2 weeks prior** to the start date of class. Then the price increases to \$405.

Deadline to register is **1 week prior** to the start date of class.

DE41MARCH

Monday-Friday, March 31- April 11

ALHS Rm. E113

3:30-6:30pm

DE42JUNE

Monday-Friday, June 2-13

ALHS Rm. E113

9:00-12:00pm

Once a student driver has a valid Minnesota permit and is ready to start their 6 hours of Behind the Wheel Training with an instructor, please call 507-379-5318 to get on the waitlist.



55+ DRIVER DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Deanne VonWald

Complete this course approved by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety to get a 10% discount on your auto insurance! Taught by a certified instructor, you'll discuss challenges we face as drivers, new road designs, vehicle technology, and updates on current laws. MN Statute requires insurance agencies to offer a 10% automotive insurance discount upon completion of an approved 4-hour class. Tests are not given, however each person must register, pay, and participate for the duration of the class to receive a certificate.

Upon completion, submit your certificate to your insurance company. To maintain your discount, this course needs to be completed every 3 years.

DD03

Monday, June 2
12:30-4:30pm

Brookside Rm. 234

1 session
\$24

ADULT HEALTH AND WELLNESS

*These classes are for educational knowledge and skill development purposes only.
Cultural and religious beliefs will not be taught, practiced, nor encouraged in these courses.*

ACUPRESSURE TO RELIEVE MIGRAINES, HEADACHES, NAUSEA & VERTIGO

 Janice Novak

Acupressure is a healing technique that works with how energy flows through your body. Just as you have blood that flows through vessels, you have energy that flows through pathways called meridians. Acupressure involves pressing or massaging key points on the body to stimulate energy flow which can offer great relief with no side effects. We will focus on the points that relieve and prevent migraines and headaches as well as nausea and vertigo.

HW69

Monday, March 31
6:00-7:30pm

Online Course

1 session
\$29

OVERCOME YOUR CARBOHYDRATE CRAVINGS

 Janice Novak

Ever had a day where you can't stop eating? Do you crave starches, snack foods, and sweets and find the more you eat, the more you want to eat? Is your snacking out of control? In this workshop, we will discuss a two-week plan that will STOP your cravings (no kidding!), help you lose weight and help keep your insulin levels balanced. Overcoming carb cravings is not a matter of willpower but a matter of biology. Learn how you can stop the vicious cycle of food craving and weight gain. No hype – just the facts.

HW31

Monday, April 7
6:00-7:30pm

Online Course

1 session
\$29

DEMENTIA AND TROUBLES SWALLOWING: HOW TO FEED YOUR LOVED ONE

Alissa Allison

Dementia can result in difficulties with walking, talking, and thinking. Difficulties with eating and swallowing, or dysphagia, can also occur. This can result in troubles with nutrition, hydration, UTI, and respiratory infections. Symptoms of dysphagia include coughing, wet sounding voice, sensation of food sticking, food remaining in mouth after eating, and slow eating. This course will provide knowledge to understand this part of the disease and how a speech language pathologist can provide support, resources, and therapy to help a caregiver safely feed their loved one. An informational handout will be provided with the course for participants to take home.

HW04

Thursday, April 24

10:00-11:00am

Brookside Rm. 236

\$20



ADULT COOKING

This is an interactive PDF. Tap or click on text and images to access registration pages or websites.

CLASSIC HOMEMADE PIEROGI & SWEET BERRY PIEROGI

Tess Georgakopoulos

Have some fun participating in this virtual class! Learn how to make your own homemade Classic Pierogi, and wonderful Sweet Berry Pierogi with 2 types of homemade dough and filling that will make your taste buds dance for joy! We will also be learning how to cook, and freeze these little dumplings that you can make ahead and store for a rainy day.

AE25

Friday, March 14
5:00-7:00pm

Online Cook-Along

1 session
\$35



CALIFORNIA SUSHI ROLL EXTRAVAGANZA

Tess Georgakopoulos

This workshop, led by Tess, focuses on making California-style "sushi" rolls, perfect for those who might not enjoy traditional raw fish sushi. Participants will learn how to create seasoned sushi rice, spicy mayo, and a variety of customizable roll fillings, including a crab salad made with crabsticks. The class will also cover techniques for stuffing, wrapping, and shaping the rolls, with options for vegetarian, non-seaweed, and spicy variations. Additionally, Tess will share creative plate-decorating ideas to elevate your sushi presentation.



AE26

Friday, April 25
5:00-7:00pm

Online Cook-Along

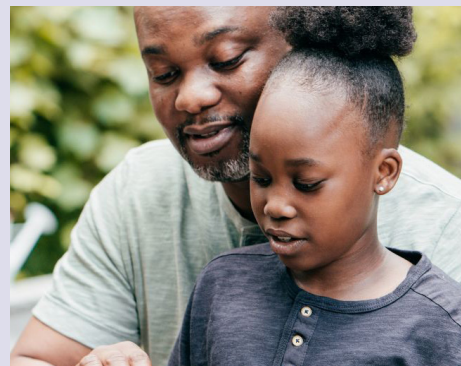
1 session
\$35

PARENTS WITH LITTLES - YOUR TECHNOLOGY SAFETY TOOLBOX

Nickie Welsh

Navigating the digital world can be challenging for parents with young children ages 0-5. This practical training class is designed to equip busy parents with essential tools and knowledge to keep their little ones safe in an increasingly connected world. You'll gain practical tips and strategies for managing technology use, protecting privacy, and fostering a safe digital environment for young children. Join us to build your family tech safety toolbox and create a secure digital environment for your little ones.

AE07	Thursday, March 13	12:00-1:00pm	Online Class	\$28
AE67	Tuesday, May 27	12:00-1:00pm	Online Class	\$28



WINTER CLOSET RESET

Traci Peterson

Learn how to declutter and organize winter clothing, gear, and accessories while creating space for spring and summer clothes. This course covers closet decluttering and efficient storage solutions for a well organized and functional closet. Enroll in this class and receive a complimentary organizing kit packed with essential tools and resources to help you put what you learn into practice!.

AE18	Brookside Rm. 220
Tuesday, March 11	1 Session
6:00-7:00pm	\$20



CREATE SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT WITHOUT PANICKING

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!

AE55	Tuesday, March 18	12:00-1:00pm	Online Class	\$23
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ADULT ARCHERY

Jeff Laskowske

Join us for a comprehensive archery experience, perfect for all skill levels! Whether you're just starting or looking to hone your skills, we've got something for everyone. In the beginner course, Jeff from Full Draw Archery Club will teach you the fundamentals of gripping the bow, aiming, and shooting, with all equipment provided. For those with some experience, the intermediate course will take your skills further, teaching you how to shoot and score league and competition shots. If you're interested in Traditional Archery, you'll also have the chance to learn the art of shooting a traditional longbow, including how to properly fit, draw, aim, and shoot. **With limited spots available, be sure to register early!**

Full Draw Archery Club	9:00-11:00am	\$10 per session
AE28 INTERMEDIATE	Saturday, March 29	9:00-11:00am
AE30 TRADITIONAL	Saturday, May 10	9:00-11:00am

PANTRY PREP AND MEAL PLANNING

Traci Peterson

Transform your pantry into a efficient, clutter free space. Learn step by step, practical organization techniques and innovative storage solutions, ensuring your pantry remains functional and fun. Discover strategies for meal prepping and grocery planning. Say goodbye to chaos and clutter, and welcome the freedom and tranquility that comes with a beautifully organized. Enroll in this class and receive an organizing kit with essential tools and resources to help you put what you learn into practice.

AE19	Brookside Rm. 220
Tuesday, April 8	1 session
6:00-7:00pm	\$20

CALL 507-379-5318 FOR REGISTRATION

ORGANIZING 101: MASTER THE BASIS

Traci Peterson

In this class, you'll learn the essential tips and techniques that form the foundation of effective organizing. These basics will equip you with the tools to create order and simplicity in any area of your life. Bring your organizing questions - there will be a dedicated Q&A to address your specific challenges. Perfect for anyone wanting to make organizing simpler and more manageable! Enroll in this class and receive an organizing kit with essential tools and resources to help you put what you learn into practice.

AE20	Brookside Rm. 236
Tuesday, April 22	1 Session
6:00-7:00pm	\$20



ORGANIZE YOUR BASEMENT NEW

Traci Peterson

Turn your basement from a forgotten storage space into an organized, functional area! In this class, we'll tackle those old, dusty boxes and uncover the forgotten items hiding in the depths. Learn effective methods for decluttering, sorting, and creating organized zones to keep everything accessible and orderly. We'll also cover tips for reducing moisture and managing musty odors to keep your basement fresh and tidy. Enroll in this class and receive an organizing kit with essential tools and resources to help you put what you learn into practice.

AE21 **Brookside Rm. 236**
Tuesday, May 6 *1 Session*
6:00-7:00pm \$20

POWER UP WITH GOOGLE SUITES: ESSENTIAL TOOLS FOR EVERYDAY TASKS NEW

Nickie Welsh

Unlock the full potential of Google Suites with our dynamic training session. This course is designed to help you master the essential tools within Google Suites, empowering you to handle everyday tasks more efficiently. Enhance your digital skills all while making a positive impact in your daily life.

AE62 Thursday, May 8 12:00-1:00pm **Online Class** \$28

CANVA FOR AWESOME BEGINNERS NEW

Nickie Welsh

Unlock a world of creative possibilities with Canva, the ideal digital tool for beginners and novices! This class will teach you how to harness the power of Canva, the easiest design website available, all for free. You'll learn to create stunning designs from scratch or use templates with step-by-step guidance for any digital image you need. Whether it's online documents, business cards, email signatures, or more, you'll leave this class with the confidence and skills to use Canva effectively and creatively.

AE64 Thursday, May 15 12:00-1:00pm **Online Class** \$28

YOUTUBE CHANNEL STARTER KIT: LAUNCH IN 60 MINUTES NEW

Nickie Welsh

Join our fun and engaging beginner class to learn how to create and launch your very own YouTube channel! Discover how to share your hobbies, advice, tutorials, talents, and more with the world on the largest media platform. We'll guide you through a step-by-step process, ensuring you have all the tools and knowledge to get started today. Dive in and start building your YouTube presence today!



AE65 Thursday, May 20 12:00-1:00pm **Online Class** \$28

DECLUTTERING & ORGANIZING FOR ELDERLY HOME SAFETY AND MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

NEW Traci Peterson

This class focuses on essential topics like removing tripping hazards, organizing medication for easy management, and creating clear, clutter-free pathways. Discover effective tips for downsizing belongings, labeling and storing medications, arranging commonly used items within easy reach, and setting up safe storage solutions for a senior-friendly space. You will receive an organizing kit with essential tools and resources to help you put what you learn into practice.

AE22 Tuesday, May 20 6:00-7:00pm **Brookside Rm. 236** \$20

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OWNING A FAMILY CHILD CARE BUSINESS NEW

Jacqueline Prescher, Families First MN

Have you thought about starting your own Family Child Care business? We will explore licensing and training requirements, look at tools and strategies on business planning, and funding resources that are available for grants and loans. Come with your questions and see if Family Child Care is a good fit for you! A special thanks to the Albert Lea Economic Development Agency (ALEDA) for sponsoring this opportunity to the community and Families First Minnesota for hosting this class.

AE14: Informational session offered via Zoom & by appointment only at no-cost to you. Preregistration is required.

ADULT ENRICHMENT — CHILD CARE TRAININGS



HEALTH AND SAFETY II - FAMILY CHILD CARE ^{NEW}

Theresa Paplinski

Review Minnesota Rule 2 health and safety licensing standards along with best practices related to physical premises safety, hazardous materials, and emergency preparedness. Identify approaches to respond effectively to both routine and emergency situations, ensuring a safe environment for children in family child care settings. Investigate influences on health and safety practices to promote a childcare environment that reduces risks for children. (This course is designed for currently licensed Family Child Care providers to fulfill family child care licensing in-service training requirements and meet federal health and safety Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) mandates.)

AE40 Tuesday, March 11 6:30-8:30pm \$13

SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT DEATH/REDUCING THE RISK OF ABUSIVE HEAD TRAUMA (SUID/AHT) ^{NEW}

Tristin Altmann

The content includes recommendations to reduce Sudden, Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUID) including SIDS, suffocation, and other sleep related infant deaths; safe sleep environments; MN Child Care regulations related to safe sleep; as well as symptoms and consequences of abusive head trauma, risk factors for abusive head trauma; strategies to use when stressed, angry or frustrated as well as mandated reporting requirements.

AE41 Tuesday, April 8 6:30-8:30pm \$13

ADVENTURES IN CHILDHOOD & CHOOSING GRATITUDE ^{NEW}

Adventures in Childhood: How Risky Play Supports Child Development: Say "YES!" to children's adventurous play by discovering the value of risk-taking in children's physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development. Investigate risky play categories, adult approaches and influences on children's risky play, and safety measures necessary to implement meaningful learning experiences that will engage children's senses and abilities in safe, yet exhilarating ways.

Choosing Gratitude: Living Life with a Glass Half Full: Discover how choosing gratitude shines a positive perspective on the events and circumstances that take place in your life personally and professionally. Unpack the differences between gratitude and thankfulness and explore how practicing each impacts your own life and the lives of the people you encounter each day. This is an online course.

AE43 Saturday, April 12 8:00-12:00pm \$23

CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS: WHERE DO I BEGIN? ^{NEW}

Tristin Altmann

Discover how to remain optimistic about caring for all children including those that you may perceive as having "challenging" behaviors. Discover why it is so important to do everything you can to keep the child in your care. This course is based on the work of Fred Rogers.

AE42 Tuesday, May 13 6:30-8:30pm \$13

YOUNG CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS ^{NEW}

This course addresses the following topic areas: risk factors related to developmental delay in young children; types of mild developmental delays across developmental domains including fine and gross motor delays, mild cognitive delays and speech and language delays; optimal practices that can be implemented in a child care setting; influencing factors for "transient" developmental delay; and Child Find and screening.

AE44 Saturday, May 17 8:00-12:00pm \$13

CHILDCARE AWARE TRAININGS HELD ON 3/11, 4/8 & 5/13 AT BROOKSIDE EDUCATION CENTER IN ROOM 236.

TRAININGS ON 4/12 & 5/17 ARE HELD AT BROOKSIDE EDUCATION CENTER IN ROOM 114K.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

ALBERT LEA AREA SCHOOLS PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

We are excited to announce the start of PRE-K and Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year at Albert Lea Area Schools.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?

**BROOKSIDE EDUCATION CENTER
211 WEST RICHWAY DRIVE, ALBERT LEA, MN**

KINDERGARTEN

- To be eligible for **Kindergarten**, students must be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2025.

For those unable to attend in person, completed registration packets can be dropped off at Brookside Education Center, Monday-Friday from 7:00am-3:30pm. Online registration is also available through the QR code.

If you have questions regarding Kindergarten Registration, please contact Dani Bryant at 507-379-4806 or dani.bryant@alschools.org.

We look forward to meeting our Class of 2038 Tigers!

CLICK HERE

...TO START YOUR ONLINE REGISTRATION.

PRESCHOOL

- To attend **Preschool**, students must be three (3) years and four (4) years old on or before September 1, 2025.

Beginning January 23, Pre-K registration will be LIVE on our website.

If you have any questions regarding Pre-K registration, please contact the Early Learning Office at 507-379-4831. We are excited to serve our students!

CLICK HERE

**...TO START YOUR
ONLINE REGISTRATION.**





EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS

Early Childhood Screening is a **free** and simple check of how your child is growing, developing and learning.

What to expect at a screening appointment:

A trained professional will check:

- Vision and hearing
- Height and weight
- Immunizations records
- Large and small muscles
- Thinking, language and communication skills
- Social and emotional development

This screening may help link you to other free learning opportunities, such as prekindergarten programming, Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Minnesota early learning scholarships for high quality care and education, Head Start, Home Visiting, and Early Childhood Special Education.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, April 4 | 8:00am-6:00pm
Friday, April 5 | 8:00am-2:00pm

Thursday May 7 | 8:00am-6:00pm
Friday, May 8 | 8:00am-2:00pm

To schedule your child's appointment, register online at www.AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org, click the button to the right or call 507-373-4831.



Your child may also be screened at their Head Start, Child and Teen Check-ups or a clinic that offers developmental screening. Parents may conscientiously object to screening. Minnesota Statutes 121A.17.



EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

WHAT IS ECFE?

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a program by Albert Lea Area Schools offering parenting information and support for parents with children from birth to age 5.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL ECFE CLASS INCLUDE?

- **Parent-Child Activity Time:** Families explore a classroom with play materials and learning activities led by a licensed early childhood teacher.
- **Parent Education Time:** Parents meet with a licensed parent educator to share support, experiences, and parenting techniques.
- **Children's Activity Time:** Children engage with the early childhood teacher and practice social skills with their peers.

WE ARE HERE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS!

If you are interested in a parent-child class or a virtual parenting class but do not see a course that fits your schedule, please reach out to our staff. We are happy to discuss additional options that work for you!

Contact:

- Katrina Pedersen: katrina.pedersen@alschools.org
- Krista Doyle: krista.doyle@alschools.org

SUPPORT FOR CHALLENGING EARLY CHILDHOOD BEHAVIORS

We understand that your child's behavior can be challenging. Our Early Childhood Parent Educators are here to provide free information and support for parents and caregivers dealing with these issues.




To set up an appointment, which can be in person or via Zoom, please email:

- Krista Doyle: krista.doyle@alschools.org
- Mary Jo Volkman: mary.volkman@alschools.org

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ASSISTING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!



BABY SERIES CLASSES
TODDLER SERIES CLASSES
PARENTING CLASSES
SPECIAL EVENTS

-  NEW CLASS OFFERING
-  POPULAR CLASS
-  SIBLING CARE OFFERED



3 WAYS TO REGISTER
 CREDIT CARD ONLY

 **ONLINE**
 AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org

 **CALL**
 507-379-4831

 **IN PERSON**
 211 W Richway Drive

**CLICK TO
 SEE CLASS
 OFFERINGS**



BABY BUDS

Parent Educator: Mary Jo Volkman & Krista Doyle

0-12 month olds & parents

Welcome to our cozy Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) class designed for parents and their precious 0-12 month olds! Dive into a world of gentle songs, sensory play, and supportive discussions tailored to the needs of early parenthood. From tummy time tips to soothing techniques, discover invaluable insights while bonding with your baby and connecting with other families. Join us in a nurturing space where laughter, learning, and love abound. Together, we'll celebrate the joys of infancy and lay the foundation for a lifetime of exploration and growth.



Brookside Rm. 204

9 sessions each

See Fee Chart

EC14 

Tuesdays, March 25- May 20
4:00-5:00pm

 **EC18**

Thursdays, March 27- May 22
8:30-9:30am

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Parent Educator: Mary Jo Volkman & Krista Doyle

6-18 month olds & parents

Welcome to our exciting Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) class, where parents and their curious 6-18 month olds delve into the world of sensory exploration! Together, we'll engage in playful activities that stimulate your baby's senses—touch, sight, sound, smell, and taste. From sensory bins to textured play mats, every session is designed to spark wonder and promote developmental growth. Join us for a delightful blend of bonding moments, giggles, and discoveries as we nurture your little one's early curiosity in a warm and supportive environment.



Brookside Rm. 204

9 sessions each

See Fee Chart

EC06  

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MARCH 21

Thursdays, March 27- May 22
10:00-11:00am

BABY SHOWER

Parent Educator: Krista Doyle

Expecting parents or child 0-6 months

Welcome to the start of your parenting adventure! Whether you're expecting or have recently welcomed your little one, we're thrilled to invite you to our Early Childhood Family Education community. Explore our facilities, connect with other families-to-be, and discover our exciting programs. Plus, enjoy a free welcome baby goodie bag as our special gift to you!

Brookside Rm. 202

1 sessions each

No-Cost

EC08
EC10

Friday, March 14
Friday, May 9

10:00-11:00am
10:00-11:00am

PEA PODS

1-2 year olds & parents

Parent Educators: Krista Doyle & Mary Jo Volkman

ECFE Teacher: Katrina Pedersen



Welcome to a nurturing and enriching experience designed specifically for parents and their 1-2 year olds! Our Early Childhood Family Education class offers a supportive environment where families can learn, play, and grow together during this critical stage of early development. Enjoy the journey of parenthood surrounded by a welcoming community of families just like yours.

Brookside Rm. 204 9 sessions each See Fee Chart

EC27

REGISTER BY: MARCH 19

Tuesdays, March 25- May 20

8:30-9:30am

GROWING TOGETHER

1-3 year olds & parents

Parent Educator: Mary Jo Volkman

ECFE Teacher: Katrina Pedersen

Step into our vibrant Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) class, where parents and their adventurous 12-36 month olds embark on a journey of discovery and joy! Through engaging activities like sensory play, creative arts, and interactive stories, we celebrate each milestone and foster curiosity in our little explorers. Connect with fellow parents, share experiences, and gain practical tips from our supportive community of caregivers and educators. Join us for a fun-filled time of learning and laughter, where every moment is a new adventure in toddlerhood!

Brookside Rm. 204 9 sessions each See Fee Chart

EC21

REGISTER BY: MARCH 19

Tuesdays, March 25- May 20

5:30-6:30pm

LITTLE ACORNS

3-5 year olds & parents

Parent Educator: Krista Doyle

ECFE Teacher: Hannah Lee

Parents and their lively 3-5 year olds will embark on exciting outdoor explorations in nature! Together, we'll discover the wonders of the natural world through scavenger hunts, nature walks, and imaginative outdoor games. From observing wildlife to creating nature-inspired art, each session fosters a love for the great outdoors and promotes physical activity. Join us for a joyful blend of laughter, learning, and unforgettable adventures as we play, learn, and grow together in nature's playground! **No class May 8. Weather backup location:**

Brookside Rm. 237. REGISTER BY: MARCH 28

EC29

Thursdays, March 27- May 22

4:00-5:00pm

Outdoor Adventure Classroom

8 sessions

See Fee Chart

Join Our Parent Advisory Council

Your voice matters - join Early Childhood & Family Education (ECFE) at our next meeting. Connect with families, share insights, and help shape our program to better serve the community.

For parents of children ages birth- 5 years.

Thursday, April 1
11:30-12:30pm
Brookside Rm. 202

RSVP FOR PIZZA LUNCH!

Be sure to preregister online at AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org so we can save you a spot and plan lunch for everyone!

BUZZY BEES

2-3 year olds & parents

Parent Educators: Krista Doyle & Mary Jo Volkman

ECFE Teacher: Katrina Pedersen

Join us in our lively Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) class tailored for parents and their energetic 2-3 year olds! Join us for a delightful blend of play, learning, and connection in a supportive environment designed to celebrate this dynamic stage of early childhood. Through interactive activities, music, stories, and guided playtime, we'll explore the wonders of toddlerhood together. Build friendships with other families, gain valuable parenting tips, and watch your child thrive as they engage in age-appropriate activities that spark curiosity and creativity. This class is where learning meets laughter!

Brookside Rm. 204 9 sessions each See Fee Chart

EC22

REGISTER BY: MARCH 19

Tuesdays, March 25- May 20

10:00-11:10am



NO DRAMA DISCIPLINE
Parent Educators: Mary Jo Volkman & Krista Doyle

*Parents of newborns
0-7 years*

Join our discussion as we explore the workbook "No Drama Discipline" by Daniel J. Siegel and Tina Payne Bryson. This insightful guide offers effective strategies for nurturing emotional intelligence in children while maintaining discipline without conflict. We'll discuss practical techniques for fostering connection and understanding in parenting, making it a perfect resource for anyone looking to cultivate a more peaceful and supportive family environment. Come share your thoughts and experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere! **REGISTER BY: MARCH 19**

EC02


Tuesdays, March 25- April 29
1:30-2:30pm

Brookside Rm. 202
 6 sessions
 \$48

PARENT MAKE & TAKE
Educator: Krista Doyle & Mary Jo Volkman

*Parents of newborns
0-5 years*

Join us for a hands-on Parenting Make and Take class where you can create fun activities to bring home to your little one! This interactive session is all about crafting engaging projects that encourage play and learning for kids. It's a great opportunity to connect with other parents, share ideas, and leave with unique creations that will keep your kids entertained and engaged. Come ready to get crafty and take home some fun!

EC25: Playdough, Moon Sand, Sidewalk Chalk


Thursday, April 3
5:30-6:30pm

ECFE Rm. 202
 \$7

EC28: Calm Down Corner Basket


Thursday, May 15
5:30-6:30pm

ECFE Rm. 202
 \$7

POP-UP SUPER SCIENCE & NATURE IS NEAT!
Parent Educator: Mary Jo Volkman

3-5 year olds & parents

ECFE Teacher: Katrina Pedersen

Join us for our exciting new "Pop-Up" ECFE class! Whether you sign up for one session or all, your little explorer will love diving into the themes of Super Science and Nature is Neat. Designed for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers, these interactive classes feature hands-on experiments, engaging activities, and outdoor adventures that spark curiosity and foster a love of learning. Together, we'll celebrate the wonders of science and the beauty of our natural world in a fun and dynamic environment.

Brookside Rm. 237

1 session each

\$7 per child

EC32 SCIENCE


Thursday, March 27
9:00-10:30am
REGISTER BY: MARCH 21

EC33 NATURE


Thursday, April 17
9:00-10:30am
REGISTER BY: APRIL 11

OPEN GYM
Parent Educator: Krista Doyle

1-5 year olds & parents

Join us for Open Gym, a playful and active ECFE time designed for kids ages 1-5 and their caregivers! Let your little ones explore, climb, and run in a safe, welcoming environment. With a variety of equipment and activities, this open playtime encourages movement, coordination, and social interaction. Caregivers can relax and connect with others while the kids enjoy free play and make new friends. Come have fun, get moving, and make some joyful memories together!

Brookside Gym B

1 session each

\$7 per child

EC34


Thursday, March 27
5:30-6:30pm
REGISTER BY: MARCH 21

CLASS SLIDING FEE CHART							
<p>The class fee is based on your household’s total yearly income, before taxes and your family size. This information is confidential. class fees are necessary to supplement state and local tax dollars dedicated to supporting Early Childhood programs for School District 241.</p> <p><i>1. Locate your family size</i></p> <p><i>2. Locate your family income</i></p> <p><i>3. Move down column to class fee</i></p>	FAMILY SIZE	CATEGORY A		CATEGORY B		CATEGORY C	
		ANNUAL INCOME		ANNUAL INCOME		ANNUAL INCOME	
	2	Below \$35,000		\$35,000-\$45,000		\$45,000+	
	3	Below \$45,000		\$45,000-\$55,000		\$55,000+	
	4	Below \$55,000		\$55,000-\$65,000		\$65,000+	
	5	Below \$65,000		\$65,000-\$75,000		\$75,000+	
	6+	Below \$75,000		\$75,000-\$85,000		\$85,000+	
	CLASSES	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 1	SESSION 2
	Pea Pods	\$16	\$16	\$32	\$32	\$45	\$45
	Buzzy Bees	\$16	\$16	\$32	\$32	\$45	\$45
	No Drama Discipline	\$48		\$48		\$48	
	Baby Buds	\$16	\$16	\$32	\$32	\$45	\$45
	Growing Together	\$16	\$16	\$32	\$32	\$45	\$45
	Little Explorers	\$16	\$16	\$32	\$32	\$45	\$45
	Little Acorns	—	\$14	—	\$28	—	\$40
	Pop-Up Super Science & Nature if Neat!	\$7 each		\$7 each		\$7 each	
	Open Gym	\$7 each		\$7 each		\$7 each	
Make & Take	\$7 each		\$7 each		\$7 each		
Sibling Care is an additional \$2 per class, with no extra charge for multiple children – the cost remains the same for one child.							

ALBERT LEA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #241 COMMUNITY EDUCATION POLICIES

ADMINISTRATION & COLLABORATION:

Community Education is administered by Albert Lea Area School District #241 in collaboration with the city and various community organizations to meet the needs and wants of the community.

COVID-19 PROGRAMMING NOTE:

Community Education adheres to the Albert Lea School District's COVID-19 guidelines. As recommendations may change, we appreciate your flexibility. Full refunds will be issued if changes due to COVID-19 illness prevents your participation.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:

Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Early registration ensures you get the classes you want and helps instructors prepare. Preregistration is required. Community Education does not mail class confirmations. If you have an e-mail address at the time of registration, a confirmation will be e-mailed to you. We will contact you by phone or e-mail if there is a change for the class.

PARTICIPATION WAIVER:

Participation in Community Education programs, classes, or activities is voluntary.

By enrolling, you confirm that you have no physical conditions, health history, or illnesses that would make your participation hazardous to yourself or others. Participants and their parents or guardians hold District #241 free from liability in case of accidents or illnesses of any nature.

PROGRAM/CLASS CANCELLATION POLICY:

Community Education will issue a full refund if a class is canceled due to low enrollment. No refunds are available for day trips unless Community Education cancels the trip.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION:

To receive a full refund, please notify our office at 507-379-5318 at least three business days before the start of the class. After this period, no refunds will be issued. Any supply fees will be deducted from your refund.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

If the Albert Lea School District is closed due to inclement weather, all Community Education programming will be canceled for that day. If the district announces a late morning start, all morning programming will be canceled. Please listen to KATE Radio for weather updates.

PRIVACY POLICY:

The information requested during registration is used to verify eligibility and

determine staff, facility, and equipment needs. Registration information may be shared with school district staff, volunteers, and instructors. Email information is for internal use only and will not be sold or solicited. Occasionally, representatives of District #241 and/or the media may photograph or record students/adults during classes or events for district publications or web pages (including social media) and our Community Education brochure. Parents/guardians who object to having their child/self identified, photographed, or recorded must notify the Community Education office in writing.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to the unforeseen circumstances after the time of print, information in this brochure is subject to change.

PROGRAM SATISFACTION:

Albert Lea Community Education strives to provide the best experiences possible. If you are unsatisfied with your experience, please contact us at 507-379-5318.



INTERESTED IN TEACHING A CLASS?

Contact us at 507-379-5318 or
albertleacommunityed@alschools.org.

3 WAYS TO REGISTER



ONLINE

AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org



CALL

(507) 379-5318



IN PERSON

211 W Richway Dr

CASH, CHECK OR CARD ACCEPTED

