











UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MILWAUKEE

Extended Time Care (E.T.C.) PM Mini Sessions

2026

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Our Mission

University School of Milwaukee cultivates excellence in learning, leadership, and citizenship for prekindergarten through 12th grade students. Students are engaged, known, and valued within our passionate independent school community guided by our Common Trust.

The Common Trust

The basic philosophy of community behavior at University School of Milwaukee is the Common Trust, which is expressed in the following pledge:

"We, the members of the University School of Milwaukee community, commit to and practice the Common Trust. We agree to relate to one another and the school with respect, trust, honesty, fairness, and kindness."

Questions? Email etc@usm.org or call 414.540.3350.

Welcome

Welcome to USM E.T.C. PM Specialty Programs

Welcome back to another exciting season of Mini Sessions!

We are pleased to present USM's 2026 Extended Time Care (E.T.C.) Mini Session guide. This session offers unique and engaging enrichment activities for USM students in PK through 8th grade. From puppet making to yoga to moving and grooving, there is so much to explore this November and December! Mini Sessions are led by USM faculty members or affiliates of the school who have demonstrated their commitment to providing quality after school experiences for our students.

Mini Session programs are offered once a week Monday through Thursday. Our team is excited to present both new and repeat classes. We are always looking to expand our programs, so if you and your family know of programs or classes that you would like to see in the future, please let us know! Your feedback and interest is what keeps these programs growing and running. And spread the word—specialty programs are more fun with friends!

Join us for this upcoming session and enjoy the fun and wonderful atmosphere we have to offer. We look forward to seeing your child after school!

Sincerely,
USM Auxiliary Programs

2026-27 Timeline for All Sessions



FALL SESSION	MINI SESSION	WINTER SESSION	SPRING SESSION
Mid-September to mid-November	Mid-November until the start of winter break	January to March	April to the end of the school year

EXTENDED SESSION 1	EXTENDED SESSION 2
Coincides with and runs through the fall and mini sessions. Held after school to help students dive deeper into their interests.	Coincides with and runs through the winter and spring sessions. Held after school to help students dive deeper into their interests.

Registration

HOW TO REGISTER

To register, you must sign up using UltraCamp. Visit www.usm.org/etc to get started. Specialty programs will remain open for registration at least a week before the first programs start. **If you are interested in registering after the first class has started, you will have to contact the Auxiliary Programs office to make that booking.** Following registration, billing will be submitted to your child's FACTS student billing account.

Registration will open on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. The UltraCamp registration link will be emailed to all PK through 8th grade families at that time, or visit www.usm.org/etc.

BEHAVIORAL STATEMENT

Appropriate behavior is expected during all E.T.C. Specialty Programs. If a student's behavior disrupts others' ability to learn and enjoy their experiences, or affects teachers' ability to teach effectively, a parent or caregiver will be alerted. If problematic behavior persists, the student may be asked to take a break from the program. Breaks will be determined by the severity and repetition of the behavior, and removal from the program due to unacceptable behavior does not qualify for a refund.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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CLASS LIST FOR MINI SESSIONS 2026-27

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays
Makerspace: Building Models Basics (1st-4th)	Little Learners Yoga (PK-K)	Ukulele (1st-4th)	Board Games (1st-4th)
Mini Theatre Adventures (PK-K)	Bowling (5th-8th)	Mini Gift Makers (PK-K)	Body Boost (4th-6th)
Intro to Chess (1st-4th)	Advanced Chess (1st-4th)	USM Innovation Tank (5th-8th)	Jewelry Making (1st-4th)
Puppet Making (2nd-6th)	Upcycled Bucket Band (1st-4th)		Moving and Grooving (PK-K)

UPCOMING

Saturdays in January
3V3 Basketball (1st-2nd) and (3rd-4th)

Mini Sessions

Classes listed alphabetically.

Advanced Chess

1st–4th Grade

Tuesdays | 3:30–4:30 p.m.

$65 | Fred Lange

This club is the perfect place for advanced chess enthusiasts from 1st through 4th grade to learn, play, and grow their current strategies. Join us for exciting games, colorful pieces, and a world of fun on the chess board. Get ready to experience the joy of chess with new friends who share your passion. At the end of the session, there will be a small in-group tournament.

Dates: 12/1, 12/8

Board Games

1st–4th Grade

Thursdays | 3:30–4:30 p.m.

$75 | Katie Brister

Students will play a variety of classic and modern board games while learning new strategies and games along the way. Each week will feature different options that encourage problem-solving, decision-making, and friendly competition. Students of all experience levels are welcome!

Dates: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17



Body Boost*

4th–6th Grade

Thursdays | 3:30–4:30 p.m.

$150 | Chloé Adams

Students will move, jump, and build strength in an exciting new fitness class made just for 4th through 6th graders! This bodyweight-based workout focuses on balance, coordination, endurance, and confidence. No equipment will be needed, just their bodies! Through games, challenges, and creative exercises, students will learn how to use their own bodies to get stronger and feel their best!

Dates: 12/10, 12/17, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28

***Note: This class runs through Jan. 28, 2027.**

Intro to Chess

1st–4th Grade

Mondays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

$65 | Fred Lange

This introductory class welcomes players of beginner and intermediate levels. Newer players will learn the rules of the game, as well as the fundamentals of how to safely attack and defend. More experienced players will have lessons on middle game strategy and tactics. At every class, there will be a lesson followed by practice positions and open play. At the end of the session, there will be a small in-group tournament.

Dates: 11/30, 12/7

Mini Sessions

Classes listed alphabetically.

Jewelry Making

1st–4th Grade

Thursdays | 3:30–4:30 p.m.

$115 | Izzi Buikus

Students will design and create their own unique pieces in this jewelry making class! They will use beads, string, and other materials to make wearable art. With new techniques and ideas explored each session, students can sign up for this class multiple times to keep creating more gorgeous accessories.

Dates: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

Little Learners Yoga

PK–K

Tuesdays | 3:30–4:30 p.m.

$90 | Mia Mullen '19

This introductory yoga class gives young children the chance to explore movement and meditation through games, stories, songs, guided breathing, and more! Students will work to develop fine and gross motor skills, self-regulation strategies, and have time to participate in related crafts and activities. At the end of our classes, yogis will take time to find savasana (ultimate relaxation pose) to come into their evenings relaxed and rejuvenated.

Dates: 12/1, 12/8, 12/15

Makerspace: Building Models Basics

1st–4th Grade

Mondays | 3:30–4:30 p.m.

$115 | Matthew Gagnier

Join in on the fun of building pre-printed models! Students will have the opportunity to choose from an assortment of exciting model sets and put their building skills to the test. They will follow the designs, piece together each model, and watch their creations come to life. Build one, build two, or build them all!

Dates: 11/30, 12/7, 12/14

Mini Gift Makers

PK–K

Wednesdays | 3:30–4:30 p.m.

$115 | Izzi Buikus

Students will get creative and make something special for the holidays! They will use arts and crafts to create small handmade gifts for family and friends. Each project will give young makers a chance to create, decorate, and share something made by them!

Dates: 12/2, 12/9, 12/16





Mini Sessions

Classes listed alphabetically.

Mini Theatre Adventures

PK–K

Mondays | 3:30–4:30 p.m.

$90 | Chris Vance

Students will explore the world of theatre through storytelling, creative drama, movement, and imaginative play! Young performers will explore themes like imagination, detectives and superheroes while building confidence, creativity, communication skills, and teamwork. Students will have fun bringing stories and characters to life.

Dates: 11/30, 12/7, 12/14

Moving and Grooving

PK–K

Thursdays | 3:30–4:30 p.m.

$90 | Chris Malicky

Students will move, dance, and play, exploring music and movement through dance, freeze games, rhythm activities, scarves, ribbons, and fun movement challenges. Each class will keep children active while encouraging creativity, coordination, and confidence!

Dates: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17



Puppet Making

2nd–6th Grade

Mondays | 3:30–4:30 p.m.

$100 | Angelica Miller '09

Students will bring their ideas to life in puppet making! They will design and create their own puppets using a variety of art materials and building techniques. From characters and creatures to completely original designs, students will experiment with different styles of puppets while developing their creativity and crafting skills.

Dates: 11/30, 12/7, 12/14

Ukulele

1st–4th Grade

Wednesdays | 3:30–4:30 p.m.

$90 | Katie Brister

Students will learn the basics of notes and chords to create beautiful music on this small instrument. We will provide them with a ukulele to use!

Dates: 12/2, 12/9, 12/16

Upcycled Bucket Band

1st–4th Grade

Tuesdays | 3:30–4:30 p.m.

$90 | Ben Haimann

Straight out of STOMP, students will create and play their own musical instruments in imaginative ways using recycled materials like buckets, plastic bottles, cardboard, and wood. They will learn about bucket drumming, sound, design, and teamwork as they work with other students to form a unique upcycled bucket band!

Dates 12/1, 12/8, 12/15

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USM Innovation Tank

5th–8th Grade

Wednesdays | 3:30–4:30 p.m.

$100 | Ken Sikora

Students will turn their big ideas into the next great innovation! They will start by developing an original product or idea, then spend time designing, improving, and workshopping their creation. On the final day, students will pitch their innovation to the class and try to earn Wildcat bucks to bring their idea to the next level!

Dates: 12/2, 12/9, 12/16

Bowling

5th–8th

Tuesdays | 3:30–5 p.m.

$125 | Tim Bartz

Students will strike up some fun after school on two exciting afternoons at Brown Deer Lanes, where they will learn the basics of bowling, practice teamwork, and enjoy friendly games with friends. Whether they are aiming for their first strike or working on their spin, this program is all about skill-building, sportsmanship, and having a great time on the lanes! Transportation to and from Brown Deer Lanes, bowling fee, and shoe rentals are provided.

Dates: 12/8, 12/15

Join us in January for 3v3 Basketball

Register at www.usm.org/3v3 starting on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m.

USM 3v3 Basketball

1st–2nd Grade

Saturdays | 9–10 am

$100 | Matt Kiefer and Jackie Hendricks

Why 3-on-3? More touches, more decisions, more fun. With only six players on the floor, nobody hides in the corner. Every player handles the ball, guards the ball, and makes plays. It's the fastest way to build confident, smart basketball players, and it's the same small-sided approach we use to develop players in our Upper School program.

Dates: 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/20, 2/27, 3/13

USM 3v3 Basketball

3rd-4th Grade

Saturdays | 10 –11 am

$100 | Matt Kiefer and Jackie Hendricks

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Dates: 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/20, 2/27, 3/13

Music Lessons

Lower School Group Lessons

The Lower School orchestra offers separate beginner and experienced group lessons for students interested in violin, viola, cello, and bass. These small-group lessons take place once a week during recess or after school, with each session lasting 30 minutes. Spots are limited for the after-school option. Lesson groups and times will be assigned based on the instrument. Information for spring group sessions will be shared in the Winter Session Guide.

Private Music Lessons

USM hosts convenient, private, one-on-one and small-group lessons for various instruments, ages, and proficiency levels. These lessons are taught at USM by local music educators and performers and are held after school.

Learning an instrument through private lessons offers several key benefits that can greatly enhance a student's musical journey, such as:

1. Individualized attention.
2. Tailored learning experience with flexible pacing.
3. Technical proficiency and enhanced performance skills.
4. Building confidence.
5. Learning time management, discipline, practice skills...and more!

Private lessons for clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, percussion, violin, viola, cello, and piano are currently available. If your child is interested in learning a different instrument, please contact the Auxiliary Programs office at etc@usm.org or 414.540.3350.

To register for lessons, please email the Auxiliary Programs office at etc@usm.org with your instrument and we will provide you with the contact information for that teacher. Caregivers should then contact the teacher to discuss scheduling, pricing, and to coordinate an ideal lesson time.

Lessons will be billed monthly through the FACTS student billing account. Rates and policies are set by the private teacher and included in the monthly account statement.



JOIN US FOR

Wildcat Day Camps

When school is not in session, look no further than Wildcat Day Camps to fulfill your childcare needs. Children will embark on exciting adventures led by our seasoned E.T.C. AM, E.T.C. PM, and USM Summer Camps counselors.

No School Day Camps

(Prekindergarten–4th grade)

Friday, Feb. 12, 2027

Thursday, March 4, 2027

Thursday, June 10 and Friday, June 11, 2027



Break Camps

USM Winter Break Camp:
Monday, Dec. 21 and Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2026
(Prekindergarten–4th grade)



USM Spring Break Day Camp:
Monday, March 22-Friday, March 26, 2027
(Prekindergarten–2nd grade)

USM Spring Break Missoula Children's Theatre Camp:
Monday, March 22-Friday, March 26, 2027
(Kindergarten-8th grade)



REGISTER TODAY!

www.usm.org/daycamps

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LEARN TO SKATE

TOTS, YOUTH, AND HOME SCHOOL GROUPS

Tots (Ages 3-5), Youth (Ages 6-17) $115

Participants will learn basic through advanced skating skills for enjoyment, or skaters may prepare to move into hockey, figure skating, or speed skating. Skaters will be divided in class by age and skating skills.





SATURDAYS: SESSIONS 3 AND 4

8:45-9:30 a.m., 9:30-10:15 a.m., 10:30-11:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.-noon

Session 3: Dec. 19, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30
(No class Dec. 26 and Jan. 2)

Session 4: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6

MONDAYS: SESSIONS 3 AND 4

LEARN TO SKATE TOTS, YOUTH, AND HOME SCHOOL GROUPS

12:30-1:15 p.m.

Session 3: Dec. 7, 14, Jan. 4, 11, 18
(No class Dec. 21 and Dec. 28)

Session 4: Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22

TUESDAYS: SESSIONS 3 AND 4

LEARN TO SKATE TOTS, YOUTH, AND HOME SCHOOL GROUPS

12:30-1:15 p.m.

Session 3: Dec. 8, 15, Jan. 5, 12, 19
(No class Dec. 22 and Dec. 29)

Session 4: Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

THURSDAYS: SESSIONS 3 AND 4

LEARN TO SKATE TOTS, YOUTH, AND HOME SCHOOL GROUPS:

9:30-10:15 a.m., 11:30-1:15 p.m.

Session 3: Dec. 17, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28
(No class Dec. 24 and Dec. 31)

Session 4: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4

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LEARN TO PLAY



LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY

(Ages 4-12) $115

Participants will learn the basic skills to learn how to play and enjoy hockey and/or join a hockey team. Skills learned: How to skate fluently forward and backward with a stick, hitting a puck and making goals, and increasing power and speed. Hockey helmet with full face cage required. *Prerequisite:* General knowledge of basic skating skills is needed for this class.

SATURDAYS: SESSIONS 3 AND 4

11:15 a.m.-noon

Session 3: Dec. 19, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 (No class Dec. 26 and Jan. 2)

Session 4: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6

HOCKEY POWER SKATING

(Ages 6-12) $115

Skaters will work on increasing power, quickness, edge control, and extension by reinforcing proper technique and using repetition to improve upon edgework. Stick and hockey helmet with full face cage required.

SATURDAYS: SESSIONS 3 AND 4

10:30-11:15 a.m.

Session 3: Dec. 19, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 (No class Dec. 26 and Jan. 2)

Session 4: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6

USM

FIGURE SKATING ACADEMY



ADVANCED FIGURE SKATING

(Ages 7-17) $120

Participants will perfect skills, choreography, power, and footwork. Skaters will perform a program to music at the end of each session. Choice of music, choreography, and skills will be chosen by each individual skater. Prerequisite: Participants must have taken skating lessons prior to this class. Ski headbands or winter hats are required. Helmets are encouraged for younger skaters.

SATURDAYS: SESSIONS 3 AND 4

7:30-8:45 a.m.

Session 3: Dec. 19, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 (No class Dec. 26 and Jan. 2)

Session 4: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6

USM

LEARN TO SKATE



LEARN TO SKATE ADULT

(Ages 18 and up) $115

Participants will learn beginning to advanced skating skills. Coaches will work with each skater or small group of skaters individually so that the participants may quickly achieve goals and advance at their own comfort level. Ski or hockey helmets are encouraged. Ski headbands or winter hats are required.

TUESDAYS: SESSIONS 3 AND 4

9:30-10:45 a.m.

Session 3: Dec. 8, 15, Jan. 5, 12, 19
(No class Dec. 22 and Dec. 29)

Session 4: Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

SATURDAYS SESSIONS 3 AND 4:

8:45-9:30 a.m., 11:15-noon

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TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER,

visit University School of Milwaukee's skating website at

www.usm.org/skating

For registration questions or more information about the program, please contact Brandon Bayer at bbayer@usm.org.





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