

## **Story Pirates Mystery Writing Workshop**

What is summer without a good “whodunit”? Using the novel *Digging Up Danger* and a mystery story creation guide from *The Story Pirates*, students will design an original puzzle to tease and entertain their readers. A good mystery story often feels like an awesome magic trick and we will go step-by-step in performing that satisfying literary magic. By creating a setting, a mystery, a detective, clues, and a culprit, each writer will enter the mystery zone and become an author.

**Grades:** Appropriate for students 4th-8th grades

Session #1 Dates: June 24-Friday, June 28

Session #2 Dates: August 12-16

Time: 9:30-12:30

Price: \$275 (\*per session)

## **The Olympic Experience**

Light the torch and join for a week of Olympic-themed learning, projects and activities. With the 33rd Summer Olympics starting in Paris on July 26th, it is time to deep-dive into the world’s greatest sports spectacular. We will learn about the rich history of the games from the origins in Ancient Greece, through the most unforgettable triumphs of the modern games, to the plans for the 2028 games here in Los Angeles. Students will design a mascot for the upcoming LA games, design and compete in a “Silly Olympics”, and debate on how the games should be awarded to cities in the future. When the games in Paris dazzle spectators all over the globe, you will be revved and ready to see more history written.

**Grades:** Appropriate for students 4th-8th grades

Session #1 Dates: July 22 - Friday (Opening Ceremonies in Paris) July 26

Session #2 Dates: July 29- Friday, August 2

Time: 9:30-12:30

Price: \$275 (\*per session)

## **Surf’s Up Science**

Let’s hit the beach! Observing, experimenting, wondering, and wandering at the beach are some of the great summertime traditions. The scientific secrets of the seaweed, sand, tar, and waves await us on the shores. With each meeting we will start with a discussion at the Roundhouse Aquarium on Manhattan Beach Pier, building the scientific foundation for our beach experience that day<sup>1</sup>. We will then hit the beach to play, make science connections, and experiment with our sandy, salty surroundings. What makes wet sand so much easier to build with? Why does the wind seem always to blow away from the water? What is the life of a sand crab like? Let’s get curious alongside the seagulls. Drop off and pick up will both happen at the base of the Pier on 2 Manhattan Beach Blvd.

**Grades:** Appropriate for students 4th-8th grades

Session 1 Dates: July 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Session 2: Dates: August 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Price: \$275 (\*per session)

Time: 9:30-12:30

## **Graphite to Graphs: Sketching Your Way to Data Visualization**

Course goals: Students will become familiar with the coordinate plane, gain an intuition for more complex equations, and be able to apply graphs to real world problems.

Course Description: This introductory course aims to help students get acquainted with the coordinate plane in ways beyond just graphing lines. The course meets students where they are to ensure they always get something valuable from the experience. Through interactive exploration, students discover the basics of graphing and gain an intuition for more complex equations through real-world applications. The students will end the course with a culminating project using what they learned to create drawings on Desmos using mathematical equations and graphs. Students in the course are required to open a free Desmos account prior to arrival.

Student Teacher: Mairin King

**Grades:** Middle School

Session #1 Dates: June 10-13

Session #2 Dates: August 5-8

Session #3 Dates: August 12-15

Class limit: 6

Price: \$195

Time: 9:30-12:30

## **Cooking Across Cultures with Chef David**

Food is life! Food is family! This three day camp will cook a different dish(es) everyday as we learn about how different cultures use food to define community. Each day we'll learn techniques in the proper way to prep, cook, and serve our dishes. The days will end by creating our own community around the table as we enjoy the dish together. Pricing includes all ingredients.

Price: \$245 (\*per session)

Time: 9:30-12:30

**Grades:** Appropriate for students 4th-9th

### **Menu**

Session #1 Dates: June 25, 26, 27

Tuesday: Homemade Polish Pierogies filled with cheddar cheese or mashed potatoes

Wednesday: Everyday Dal **and** Mango Lassi

Thursday: Turkish Eggs with Olives, Feta, Tomatoes and homemade Roti bread

### **Menu**

Session #2 Dates: August 5, 6, 7

Potato, Sausage and Broccoli Fritta

Tuesday: Sheet-Pan Bibimbap

Wednesday: Beef PHO

## **Summer "Off the Grid"**

Session #1 Dates: July 8, 9, 10

Session #2 Dates: August 5, 6, 7

Grade/Age Level: 4th-8th

Time: 9:30-12:30

Cost: \$180 (\*per session)

Welcome to the ultimate summer event, Summer "Off The Grid" - Old School Board Games for Kids & Teens! Join us at 500 Center St for a day filled with classic board games that will transport you back in time. Let's ditch the screens and enjoy some good old-fashioned fun together. From Monopoly to Scrabble, we've got all the favorites ready for you to play. So grab your friends and get ready for a day of laughter and friendly competition. Don't miss out on this chance to unplug and have a blast!

### **English Grammar, Writers' Workshop**

Session #1 Dates: July 15, 16, 17

Session #2 Dates: August 12, 13, 14

Time: 9:30-12:30

Grade/Age Level: 4th-7th

Cost: \$180 (\*per session)

Description: Improve your writing by examining and exploring how words fit together. Have some fun with Schoolhouse Rock and the parts of speech, as well as Skee-Lo's explanation of subjects and predicates. Learn new ways to get started and sustain your writing projects. Compose a few poems to play with language, master a foolproof way to use quotes and evidence, how to use dialogue, and some simple and effective techniques for editing and revising.

### **Geography and Topography!**

Session #1 Dates: June 17-Wednesday, June 19

Session #2 Dates: July 29, 30, 31

Time: 9:30-12:30

Grade/Age Level: Appropriate for students 3rd-5th

Cost: \$180 (\*per session)

Description: The art and science of map making. Explore different maps through the years and how mapmaking evolved as technology advanced. Examine different world views and how the way a map is designed can inform and influence opinions about different countries and cultures. Look at areas of interest on google earth, like the Panama Canal, Persian Gulf, Hawaii, and the islands near, Catalina, and far, New Zealand. We will also be making maps of both real places as well as a Treasure Map project at the end. Either three half days, or four mornings, I can adjust the schedule to meet and match other classes.