**‘23 Class Descriptions & Teacher Bios**

**Preschool**

**Snack, Amber Yates**

**Teacher Bio:** I am a wife to my husband Jarred and mother of 5 children, Madison 17, Jaden 16, Jaxon 7, Adalynn 6 and Ryken is almost 2! We have been homeschooling since 2019. We have 1 dog, 2 cats, 3 beta fish, and a couple dozen chickens! I’m looking forward to serving your little people yummy snacks!

**Class: Playtime with Toys, Robbi Gould**

Preschoolers learn so much through playing and sharing! Each week I will bring in different toys for them to play with. When it's nice we'll go outside to play with bubbles.

**Teacher Bio:** My family moved here from central Nebraska 7 years ago and love living in the Black Hills. We've homeschooled our 4 kids for 11 years; one girl (19) and 3 boys (15, 10, 8). We especially love to camp in the hills, sail on our small boat and kayak during the summer.

**Class:** **Music and Movement, Ramona Royalty**

In our weekly, 30-minute music class, self-expression using the voice and body is encouraged through movement, song, listening, and experiencing music in many different forms. They will get to hear their favorites, more popular songs, as well as music they may not have heard before. We’ll discover new and time-tested ways to make noise and interact with the music, rhythm, movement, ear training, and use of different instruments. All of this fosters the ability to use language and engage in dramatic play, creative movement, and imaginative musical games.

**Teacher Bio:** Hi! I’m Ramona Royalty, aka Miss Mona. I am a mom of 5, ranging from 23 to 3 years old! My husband, Cody and I have been together for about 8 years. We are all born and raised in Rapid City! I have traveled to many states and a few countries, during road trips, flights, or a cruise! I have my bachelor’s degree in business administration. For work related to children, I babysat for families as a teen, was a Sunday school teacher periodically, subbed for the RC school district k-12, then opened my in-home daycare in Dec 2012. I gradually shifted to preschool age, then to today providing care for school agers! We started home learning/exploring full time last school year and loved it! The thing I love about working with children is their energy, zest for life, and that I get to learn so much right alongside them and see the world/community through their eyes.

**Class: Bible, Ashlie Livermont-Buckley**

In this class, our little ones will go through a journey from Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Hebrews, and more to learn how to BE LIKE JESUS.

Along with reading Bible verses, the class will include coloring sheets, crafts, and even a few games to correspond with the Bible story of the day. I am excited to share scripture with these beautiful young minds.

**Teacher Bio:** My name is Ashlie Buckley. I am a follower of Jesus, wife of Kyle, mother of four wonderful children and foster mom to some precious bonus children. My husband is returning from his current deployment this fall and our family looks forward to spending time together. We have homeschooled since 2018 and are excited to share the co-op experience with your family this year!

**Class: Crafts, Deidre Dealy**

Preschool crafts is a fun opportunity for our kids to develop their creativity and make memories to take home with them.

**Teacher Bio:** I am a homeschool mom to four amazing kids. My husband, Matt, and I run a small produce farm at our home in the Black Hills. I love to be outdoors in nature, but also love an excuse to stay inside and craft or work on a jigsaw puzzle while sipping on a hot drink.

**Class: PE Games, Shannon Powell**

In our PE class we will work on gross motor skills, team work, balance, hand-eye coordination and following simple directions.

**Teacher Bio:** My name is Shannon Powell. This will be my second year being involved in the Black Hills Co-op. I have been an in-home childcare provider for 12 years. We have 8 children of our own. I’m excited to be the Preschool PE teacher.

**Class: KINDERGARTEN, Kandi Tonsager**

**Class size:** 15

**Class fee:** $20

**Description:** Calling All Kinders!!!!!

From letter and number learners to emergent readers, we will cover a

bit of it all through weekly themes, music & movement, circle time,

story time, crafts, games & centers. Each week we will have a new

theme to help us learn skills including: Fine motor, cutting &amp; pasting, prewriting, counting, calendar, alphabet, science skills, reading & listening skills, dramatic play, music, large motor, sensory and arts and crafts.

Please make sure students use the bathroom before class, break is a ways in and we move fast! All projects will be kept until Open House night where you will be given a memory binder. We will perform at Open House, so please plan to attend!

**Teacher Bio:** Kandi is a mom to 5 sons Andy (18), Zach (16), Luke (14),

Jake (11) & Joey (5) and one daughter, Lizzy (8). She is married to a

Geometry & Driver’s Ed teacher in Belle Fourche. They met in college at

Chadron State. Kandi taught in public school as a special education teacher

in k-8th grades as well as owns and operates a preschool. We’ve been

homeschooling for 6 years. The Tonsagers love sports, the outdoors,

camping, fishing, hunting, movies, arts & crafts and travel. Kandi also loves

writing, reading, photography & storm chasing!! Can’t wait to meet you!

**1st/2nd Grade**

**Class:** Storytelling and storybook crafts

**Teacher:**  Jessica Baas

**Fee:** $8

**Class Size:** 8

**Class Description:** Let's tell a story! After reading some great stories with beautiful illustrations, we'll respond with crafts or artwork of our own. Then, we'll practice group improv storytelling with prompts like story cubes and cards.

**Teacher Bio:** Hello! My family and I, Kevin, Katrina (17), Alexa (12), and Emma (10), are loving the beautiful Black Hills together for the last 8 years. We've been homeschooling for 12 years. I especially enjoy baking and handmade arts of all kinds. My current favorite projects are quilting, book binding, and wood burning.

**Class:** Dance & Movement

**Teacher:**  Ande Barrozo

**Fee:** $5

**Class Size:** 12

**Class Description:** This class will be focused on fun movements. The plan is for the kids to learn a routine for the open house. We will be using modern Christian music. We will be working on controlled movements and timing to increase the kids’ coordination. The fee is for our performance.

**Teacher Bio:** Andreya (Ande) Barrozo is a mom of five. She has been homeschooling for 15 years. Her family has enjoyed living in the Black Hills for ten years.

**Class:** Fun with Handicrafts

**Teacher:**  Alicia Christensen

**Fee:** $30

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**Teacher Bio:** My name is Alicia Christensen and am a homeschool mom of four: Ivy (7), Isaac (6), Rose (4), and Noah (2). For 26 years, I called Omaha, Nebraska home until moving to Rapid City to marry my now husband, Aaron Christensen, who works for United Airlines as a pilot. I received my B.A. in Elementary Education from York College, a small Christian college in York, Nebraska and a Masters in Education with a School Library emphasis from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. I taught as a K-6 special education teacher in Omaha for five years and two years as a K-12 special education teacher in New Underwood, SD. Despite all these years devoted to public education, I knew early on that I wanted to homeschool my children and was blessed that Aaron felt the same way. We have been using Charlotte Mason inspired curriculum in our homeschool and part of her method has a focus on the use of handicrafts. While I would not call myself a hard-core crafter, I enjoy crafting and have come to relish the brief pockets of time carved out for those activities in my day. I am praying that the children who are part of my class will begin to experience that same joy while employed in the different handicrafts throughout our time together.

**Class:** Spanish Scripture

**Teacher:** Julie Tomlin

**Fee:** $5

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**Teacher bio:** ¡Hola! This will be my 4th year teaching Spanish at co-op. I minored in Spanish at Colorado State University and was immersed in it for a semester study abroad in Alicante, Spain. I enjoy homeschooling my 4 kids, studying the Bible, hiking, ping pong, and serving with American Heritage Girls. I attend the new Redemption Church in Piedmont.

**Class:** Phonics Fun

**Teacher:**  Lindsey Hodgson

**Fee:** $12

**Class Size:** 8

**Class Description:** Phonics fun is the perfect class for students who are new or reluctant readers! We will be reviewing and practicing phonetic rules such as: short and long vowels, blends, digraphs, and letters with two sounds. The students will also have time to practice reading with a teacher and independently.

**Teacher Bio:** Hi! My name is Lindsey Hodgson and I'm from central MN. I've lived in Rapid City for one year. I love creative projects, hiking, and spending time with my family. I have been homeschooling my children for 3 and 1/2 years.

**Class:** Drama (The Wonkey Donkey)

**Teacher:**  Carla Stevens

**Fee:** $10

**Class Size:** 15

**Class Description:** This class will explore the world of theater through the lens of the popular children's book, The Wonky Donkey. The Wonky Donkey is a fun and engaging way for 1st and 2nd graders to learn about performing. Students will learn about different elements of theater, such as acting, storytelling, costumes, and sets. This class will help students to develop their creativity, teamwork, and communication skills. They will also have the opportunity to perform in a play adaptation of The Wonky Donkey, which will give them a sense of accomplishment and confidence.

**Teacher Bio:** Carla is a 14-year veteran homeschooler of four children. She is the wife of Charlie, and they will have been married for 24 years in November. They are an active-duty military family, and they have lived all over the US and abroad. They currently live in the Black Hills, where they hope to stay permanently as Charlie is near retirement. Carla has a background in music, theater, and oral communications. She has degrees in all three fields and she is very passionate about them. She enjoys helping kids become more comfortable with speaking and performing in front of others. Carla loves every aspect of music, and thinks it is a beautiful way to teach and to share God. Carla adores laughing, reading, and spending time in nature-especially with family. Hot coffee keeps her going, and baking is cathartic for her.

**Class:** Beginners American Sign Language

**Teacher:**  Hannah Diller

**Fee:** 0

**Class Size:** 10

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**Class:** History Pockets: Life in Plymouth Colony

**Teacher:**  Heaven Butchart

**Fee:** $7

**Class Size:** 12

**Class Description:** During this course we will be transported back to Plymouth Colony and learn all about the life of early colonists. There will be art, geography, history and more combined into one fun class!!

**Teacher Bio:** Hello! My name is Heaven Butchart. This will be my second year teaching at Co-op. I have 3 boys: 7, 5 and 2 and we’re expecting one more in December. We attend Fountain Springs. I enjoy gardening, hiking and doing arts and crafts and reading as many books as I can! I can’t wait to teach your children!!

**Class:** P.E.

**Teacher:**  Whitney Fredekind

**Fee:** 0

**Class Size: N/A**

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**Class: “**The Water Horse” Novel Study

**Teacher:**  Lindsey Hodgson

**Fee:** $10

**Class Size:** 8

**Class Description:** Join the fun in reading and studying the novel, The Water Horse by Dick King-Smith. We will be reading the novel aloud as a class. We will create a matchbook with a chapter summary and drawing. Kids will get practice in reading aloud, writing sentences, reading comprehension, and time to draw.

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**Class:** STEAM

**Teacher:**  Tim King

**Fee:** $10

**Class Size:** 15

**Class Description:** This class will be a fun and broad overview and introduction to the subjects of Science, Engineering, Technology, Math and Art. Each week we will discover, in a hands-on way, something fun and interesting about one of these often difficult and confusing subjects. Students should expect to develop and use problem solving skills to address and overcome a different challenge each week. Topics will include design and building challenges, flight and aerodynamics, physics, chemistry, electricity, and others. Kids should expect to have fun while experiencing science and solving problems.

**Teacher Bio:** Tim is a church planting minister working with the Church of Christ on West Main in Rapid City. Tim also volunteers with Trail Life USA as a Trail Guide for the Woodland’s Trail boys. Tim enjoys spirited Bible discussion, reading good books, designing and building things, hunting, fishing, shooting bows and guns and basically everything outdoors. Tim is married to Terra King and they have four kids and one on the way: Kassidy 11, Katie 7, Hezekiah 5, and Maverick 2.

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**Teacher:**  Autumn Lundeen

**Fee:** $25

**Students:** 8

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**Teacher Bio:** Desirée DeVries has always loved music from singing in the car as a toddler to studying music at Bellevue Community College in Bellevue, WA and music performance at Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle, WA. She moved back home to Rapid City in 2015 and opened Rapid City School of Music where she gets to teach kids to love music everyday.

**5th/6th Grade**

**Class:** P.E.

**Teacher:**  Katie Olson

**Fee:** 0

**Class Size:** 18

**Class Description:** Let's let loose and run wild with some fun and unique active group games! This class has a positive atmosphere of teamwork, cooperation, and building important physical skills while having fun.

**Class:**  Cooking

**Teacher:**Alonna Fletcher

**Fee: $**25

**Max Students:** 15

**Class Description:** Class description

We will have fun learning some fundamentals in the kitchen. It will smell yummy and be tasty whatever we are cooking up for the day. Please be aware your child will be using knives to cut and prepare food, if you feel they may not be ready for this please do not sign up for this class. Participation is required in the class. Due to a waiting list for this class any students not participating will be moved to another class offered at this time to allow for someone from the waiting list be moved in the class. We look forward to learning with your kids!

**Teacher Bio:** My name is Alonna Fletcher and I have been married to my husband for 11 years. We have 5 kiddos, Haylie (10), Oaklie (7), Ezra (6), Bennett (5) and our newest addition (through adoption) Jacob (2). We are foster parents so the list of children often fluctuates! Our family has homeschooled from the very beginning, although it wasn’t the plan! But God always knows better, right? We absolutely love it! We also love being outdoors as much as possible, cooking, crafting, and playing board games. I didn’t really learn to cook until I was an adult. So to save our kids’ future spouses from the torture my husband endured, I think it’s important to learn, and of course enjoy, how to prepare some of our favorite appetizers, main dishes, and desserts. I look forward to meeting your kids in the fall!

**Class:** LARP

**Teacher:** Robert Martin

**Fee:**$13

**Class Size:** N/A

**Class Description:** Live Action Role Play- This class is a great opportunity for older kids to burn off energy and learn how to design and build LARP weapons. We will build "weapons" out of PVC pipe, pool noodles and duct tape to do battle! The first 15 minutes of class time is spent building and the rest of the class time is BATTLE! This class is mostly physical education with a healthy dose of crafting, design troubleshooting, sportsmanship and rules of engagement learning opportunities.

**Teacher Bio:** Robert Martin is a homeschool graduate and now a homeschool parent. He loves building and "jerry-rigging" things. He is very physically active as you'll often identify him as the exceptionally tall "kid" playing LARP. He also owns and operates his own piano tuning business, serving the tri-state region.

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**Class: Survey of Science**

**Teacher:**  Sherrie Cotts

**Fee:** $20

**Class Size:** 20

**Class Description:** A hands-on approach to discovering broad concepts across multiple disciplines in the field of science.

**Teacher Bio:**  I have lived in the Blacks Hills area for about six years with my family of five. We were able to plug into the Black Hill Homeschool Co-op our first year here and have absolutely loved it!

We have been homeschooling for thirteen years and have graduated one child. This has caused me to recognize that we are nearing the end, only five more years left. Homeschooling (or is it just being a parent) has been very rewarding. I continue to enjoy watching our children grow, learn, take on personal interests and gain independence. While some of this makes me nervous at times I am very proud of how our children have and continue to develop.

Our family as whole enjoys the outdoors as well as vacationing and spending time together playing games. We might get caught watching a good tv program together on occasion.

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**Class:** Needlework

**Teacher:**  Kim Dieball

**Fee:** $20

**Class Size: 10**

**Class Description:** In this class, you’ll learn a variety of crafts using needle & thread. From stitching hand embroidery on fabric with embroidery floss, to stitching on plastic canvas with yarn, to hand sewing felt with thread, you’ll create fun projects and learn skills you’ll be able to use for years to come!

**Teacher Bio**: My name is Kim Dieball. I live in Rapid City with my husband Brent and have homeschooled our kids for 13 years. I’m currently teaching my daughter (12th grade) and son (9th grade) after my oldest son graduated in 2022. This is our 12th year at this co-op and my 7th year teaching crafty classes. I love crafting and making things with my hands and I look forward to teaching you skills you’ll be able to use to craft in the future.

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**Class:** Coding/Technology

**Teacher:**  Travis Brink

**Fee:** $10

**Class Size: 10**

**Class Description:** Beginning Programming Concepts/Gamebuilding

Learn about programming concepts with games and activities that will help them to gain understanding with real life manipulatives. They will each build a computer game over the course of the Fall Co-op using the concepts learned.

**Teacher Bio:** Since his pre-teen years in his “workshop” under the stairs conducting electrical experiments until today with his rectangle faced girlfriend (computer monitor), Travis Brink has been trying to figure out the best way to let machines to do work for him. Travis and Chandelle Brink have been married for 25 years and have homeschooled 5 amazing children over the last 18 years. Travis continues to work in Information Technology and loves to share his passion for technology with those that have a desire to figure out the how and why of computers. When he is not working, he is helping out the youth at Code Ninjas which is owned by Chandelle.

**Class:** Painting

**Teacher:** Maggie Whiteside

**Fee:** $20

**Class Size:** 15

**Class Description :** Students will learn an overview of basic art skills, including color, value and line, and use several different mediums. Each week they will learn about new artists with art appreciation, and then complete an art project. Some of the projects will include self portraits, still life, drawing, painting, etc.

**Teacher Bio:** Maggie is a lover of all things art. She has traveled to many countries visiting art museums. She was also a student of art throughout her grade school years and continues to pass on her love her with her children. She took several classes in art history in College. Maggie has also art in another co-op.

**Secondary**

**Class:** Book Binding

**Teacher:**  Jessica Baas

Class fee: $8

**Class Size:** 8

**Class Description:** Save your M&M's wrapper or foil lined snack bags! We'll use colorful recycled materials to make books, pamphlets, and notepads. Students will learn Japanese stab binding and other book making techniques to personalize their own soft or hard cover book. Supply fee per student $8.

Optional book making tool kit available for purchase from instructor, $TBD

**Teacher Bio:** Jessica Baas- Hello! My family and I, Kevin, Katrina (17), Alexa (12), and Emma (10), are loving the beautiful Black Hills together for the last 8 years. We've been homeschooling for 12 years. I especially enjoy baking and handmade arts of all kinds. My current favorite projects are quilting, book binding, and wood burning.

**Class:** Painting

**Teacher:** Maggie Whiteside

**Fee:** $20

**Class Size:** 15

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**Class:**  Cooking

**Teacher:** Alonna Fletcher

**Fee: $**25

**Max Students:** 15

**Class Description:** Class description

We will have fun learning some fundamentals in the kitchen. It will smell yummy and be tasty whatever we are cooking up for the day. Please be aware your child will be using knives to cut and prepare food, if you feel they may not be ready for this please do not sign up for this class. Participation is required in the class. Due to a waiting list for this class any students not participating will be moved to another class offered at this time to allow for someone from the waiting list to be moved in the class. We look forward to learning with your kids!

**Teacher Bio:** My name is Alonna Fletcher and I have been married to my husband for 11 years. We have 5 kiddos, Haylie (10), Oaklie (7), Ezra (6), Bennett (5) and our newest addition (through adoption) Jacob (2). We are foster parents so the list of children often fluctuates! Our family has homeschooled from the very beginning, although it wasn’t the plan! But God always knows better, right? We absolutely love it! We also love being outdoors as much as possible, cooking, crafting, and playing board games. I didn’t really learn to cook until I was an adult. So to save our kids’ future spouses from the torture my husband endured, I think it’s important to learn, and of course enjoy, how to prepare some of our favorite appetizers, main dishes, and desserts. I look forward to meeting your kids in the fall!

**Class:** LARP

**Teacher:** Robert Martin

**Fee:**$13

**Class Description:** Live Action Role Play- This class is a great opportunity for older kids to burn off energy and learn how to design and build LARP weapons. We will build "weapons" out of PVC pipe, pool noodles and duct tape to do battle! The first 15 minutes of class time is spent building and the rest of the class time is BATTLE! This class is mostly physical education with a healthy dose of crafting, design troubleshooting, sportsmanship and rules of engagement learning opportunities.

**Teacher Bio:** Robert Martin is a homeschool graduate and now a homeschool parent. He loves building and "jerry-rigging" things. He is very physically active as you'll often identify him as the exceptionally tall "kid" playing LARP. He also owns and operates his own piano tuning business, serving the tri-state region.

**Class:** Bushcraft

**Teacher:**  Tim King

**Fee:** $45

**Class Size:** 15

**Class Description:** This class will be a fun hands-on introduction to the subject of Bushcraft coupled with the biblical mindset required to survive and endure difficult trials. Bushcraft is the art of improvised wilderness survival. Imagine you find yourself lost in the woods with nothing but what is in your pockets? What would you do? How would you survive? This class will focus on using what is readily available in “the bush” to build and use things that would aid in survival and comfort in the outdoors. Students will learn to tie knots, build things, safely use dangerous tools like knives, saws, and hatchets etc…

**Teacher Bio:** Tim is a church planting minister working with Church of Christ. Tim also volunteers with Trail Life USA as a Trail Guide for the Woodland’s Trail boys. Tim enjoys spirited Bible discussion, reading good books, designing and building things, hunting, fishing, shooting bows and guns and basically everything outdoors. Tim is married to Terra King and they have four kids and one on the way: Kassidy 11, Katie 7, Hezekiah 5, and Maverick 2.

**Class:** Drama (Jomeo)

**Teacher:**  Carla Stevens

**Fee:** $10

**Class Size:** 11

**Class Description:** Welcome to the Secondary Drama class, where creativity, collaboration, and theatrical skills come together! In this course, we will embark on an exciting journey to perform a comedic adaptation of the timeless classic, Romeo and Juliet. Never fear! Our adaptation, Etled Jomeo, is G-rated and no one dies! It infuses humor, modern references, and lively performances into Shakespeare's iconic tale of love, rivalry, and destiny.

Course Objectives:

1. Develop Acting Skills: Enhance your acEng abilities through exercises and scene work, exploring comedic Eming, physicality, and vocal techniques.

2. Interpretation and Analysis: Deepen your understanding of dramaEc literature by

examining the themes, characters, and plot of Romeo and Juliet, and adapt them to fit a

comedic narrative.

3. Collaborative Playmaking: Engage in a collaborative, creative process, working together as a team to develop innovative ideas, build on each other's strengths, and bring Jomeo to life.

4. Rehearsal and Performance: Experience the thrill of performing on stage through

intensive rehearsals, character development, blocking, and staging, culminating in an

unforgettable comedic production. By the end of this course, you will have developed your acEng skills, sharpened your comedic instincts, and gained a deeper appreciation for the art of theater. Get ready to laugh, explore, and shine on stage as we bring Jomeo to life in an unforgettable way!

**Teacher Bio:** Carla is a 14-year veteran homeschooler of four children. She is the wife of Charlie, and they will have been married for 24 years in November. They are an active-duty military family, and they have lived all over the US and abroad. They currently live in the Black Hills, where they hope to stay permanently as Charlie is near retirement. Carla has a background in music, theater, and oral communications. She has degrees in all three fields and she is very passionate about them. She enjoys helping kids become more comfortable with speaking and performing in front of others. Carla loves every aspect of music, and thinks it is a beautiful way to teach and to share God. Carla adores laughing, reading, and spending time in nature-especially with family. Hot coffee keeps her going, and baking is cathartic for her.

**Class:** Electrical Wiring

**Teacher:**  Nathan Cotts

**Fee:** $50

**Class Size:** 8

**Class Description:** This is a hands-on class teaching typical wiring for basic household needs.

**Teacher Bio:** I am Nathan Cotts, a graduate of Northern Arizona University with a BS in Constructions Management. I have been working in project management for large construction companies for about 28 years.

Our family has been homeschooling for 13 years. I enjoy teaching hands-on skills such as carpentry, electrical, and welding. I also enjoy hunting and fishing and share these skills with my children. I believe it is important for our kids to develop these skills as they are necessary for taking care of a home and family.

**Class:** Needlework

**Teacher:**  Kim Dieball

**Fee:** $20

**Class Size: 10**

**Class Description:** In this class, you’ll learn a variety of crafts using needle & thread. From stitching hand embroidery on fabric with embroidery floss, to stitching on plastic canvas with yarn, to hand sewing felt with thread, you’ll create fun projects and learn skills you’ll be able to use for years to come!

**Teacher Bio:** My name is Kim Dieball. I live in Rapid City with my husband Brent and have homeschooled our kids for 13 years. I’m currently teaching my daughter (12th grade) and son (9th grade) after my oldest son graduated in 2022. This is our 12th year at this co-op and my 7th year teaching crafty classes. I love crafting and making things with my hands and I look forward to teaching you skills you’ll be able to use to craft in the future.

**Class:** Choir

**Teacher:** Desi DeVries

**Fee:** $20

**Class Size: N/A**

**Class Description:** We will be learning how to use our voices, breathe properly, and enjoy singing for a lifetime. We will be performing at the open house with solos available.

**Teacher Bio:** Desirée DeVries has always loved music from singing in the car as a toddler to studying music at Bellevue Community College in Bellevue, WA and music performance at Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle, WA. She moved back home to Rapid City in 2015 and opened Rapid City School of Music where she gets to teach kids to love music everyday.

**Class:** Coding/Technology

**Teacher:**  Travis Brink

**Fee:** $5

**Class Size: 10**

**Class Description:** Websites, programs, scripts, games, and more. Learn how they work, modify them, or create your own. HTML, CSS, Python, JavaScript are some of the tools you will add to your geek toolbelt.

**Teacher Bio:** Since his pre-teen years in his “workshop” under the stairs conducting electrical experiments until today with his rectangle faced girlfriend (computer monitor), Travis Brink has been trying to figure out the best way to let machines to do work for him. Travis and Chandelle Brink have been married for 25 years and have homeschooled 5 amazing children over the last 18 years. Travis continues to work in Information Technology and loves to share his passion for technology with those that have a desire to figure out the how and why of computers. When he is not working, he is helping out the youth at Code Ninjas which is owned by Chandelle.