

Valley Faith Co-op 2019-20 Course Catalog

Classes will be held at Monument Bible Church

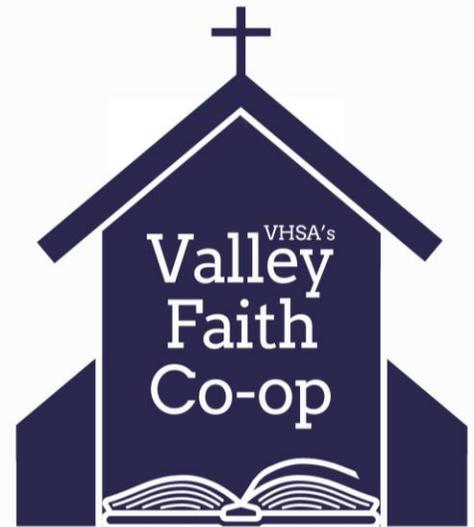
4124 Ave. I, Scottsbluff

Always Thursdays

2019: September 26, October 10, 24, November 7, 21, December 5

2020: Jan 16, 30, Feb 13, 27, March 12, 26

(possible make up date April 2. Final Program-TBD)



Don't forget to mark your calendars! Co-op student registration will open at 10a.m. on:

-August 21-24 (Wed-Sat) Teacher/Co-Teacher Families Registration

-August 26-Aug 31 (Mon-Sat) Open/General Families Registration

***Remember, you need to be a VHSA member to register for classes, so have that done first!**

To register go to: valleyhomeschool.org and click "Member's Area." Log in, click "Valley Faith Co-op," click "Class Registration."

Registration Reminders:

- You will NOT be able to register until your VHSA membership form/fees (\$25) are in, so PLAN AHEAD!!!
- Many classes run full year, but students may switch at semester time or stay all year! These classes are in non-bold. Other classes are strictly full-year, and a few are 1 semester long; these are in **bold**. Watch these as you register. Enjoy the extra options!!!!
- One Parent/Parent Rep **MUST** fill out a registration also. This is where you will **SIGN UP** for volunteer positions, chores, and which semester-end program you will help set-up or clean-up. This is important to keeping our co-op running!

MANDATORY Co-op Orientation Meeting: This meeting is REQUIRED for Co-op families and teachers who have NOT attended at least TWO orientations in the past. These meetings help get us all on the same page. Be watching your email for details.

For all classes, preference is given to: children of current year teachers; children of the appropriate age; and fully paid registrations. Teachers may decline lessons or classes for non-payment.

Important Reminders:

- Absences: We understand things happen that are out of our control and cause us to have to miss co-op. However, when you sign up for classes, please remember that your child is taking a seat in a class that another child may be on the waiting list to join. Teachers are also investing their time and resources. So, please treat the time and sacrifice of others with respect. If you are going to be absent, please email us at rancherjen@hotmail.com with 24 hours notice, or call or text Jen Lerwick at 308-641-7219 or home 308-247-2043. Please note the names of who will be filling in your volunteer positions in your absence.
- Volunteering: Parents (or the parent representative) will be asked to volunteer while their children are attending class. We strongly urge (ok, require) volunteering all but one period of the time you are on campus (example: kids taking 5 periods of classes, parent volunteers for 4 periods), as well as signing up for one clean up or set up chore, and one special program (Either Christmas or Spring) set-up or clean-up crew. *This is an important part of what makes this a "co-operative."*
- Assembly: We will have an assembly time before classes begin each co-op day. This is an important time for all of us to connect and to share announcements.
- Be sure to read through our FAQ pages. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact us at vhsacoop@gmail.com.

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Class Schedule

(Arrive and Get Settled 9:00-9:05) (Morning Assembly **9:05-9:25**)

****Bold** classes are full-year or one-semester-only classes. Non-bold can be attended either semester OR for the whole year!**

Grey-Preschool, **Red-Multiple age groups**, **Orange-age 5-8**, Yellow- age 8-12, **Green-age 10+**, **Blue-age 12+**, WHITE-all ages

9:30-10:15	10:20-11:05	11:10-11:55	L u n c h	12:35-1:20	1:25-2:10
Preschool Academy Ages 2-5 Time for preschool classes are 9:30-10, 10:05-10:35, 10:35-10:50 SNACK, 10:50-11:20, 11:25-11:55 Preschool: Letters and Sounds (Zoo Phonics), Story time/Craft time, Sensory Fun, Music and Movement				Tot Play Time	Tot Play Time
				Nursing Room, Tot Rest Time	
Science, \$0 Vashti Perez-Rupp 5-8yr Max 20	BYOL, \$0 Vashti Perez-Rupp 5-8yr Max 20	Arts & Crafts, \$10 or \$6/sem Bethany Robbins 5-8yr Max 20		Elementary P.E., \$0 Jennifer H. & Rhonda M. 5-8yr Max 25	Legos I, \$5 Alison Ashford 5-8yr Max 10
Elements of Art, \$5 Teresa Macke 5-10yr Max 10	Mathterpieces, \$5 Mindy Lively 5-12yr Max 12	Show & Tell, \$0 5-8yr Brittney Todd Max 20		Junnie B. Jones, \$0 Larissa Daugherty 5-8yr Max 12	Horrible Histories, \$5/sem Nikea Hoksbergen 5-12yr Max 20
Adventures in Odyssey, \$0 Jennie Hullinger 5yr and UP Max 20	Cut & Paste Geography, \$5/sem Nikea Hoksbergen 5-12yr Max 20	Jr. Ranger, \$5/sem Brandee T. & Laura L. 5yr and UP Max 12		Clarinet, \$0 Darren Emerick 5yr and UP Max 6	Sew Fun, \$see below Larissa Daugherty 5-12yr Max 7
<u>Birdology, \$0</u> <u>1st Semester ONLY</u> <u>Amanda Filipi</u> <u>8-12yr</u> <u>Max 25</u>	Horses are Fun, \$0 Sheri Logan 8yr and UP Max 8	<u>Lewis & Clark, \$12/yr</u> <u>Becky Kerbel</u> <u>8-12</u> <u>Max 12</u>		Legos II, \$5 Alison Ashford 8-12yr Max 10	Begin. Performance, \$0 Bethany, Austin, Mindy 5yr and UP Max 20
<u>Reptileology, \$0</u> <u>2nd Semester ONLY</u> <u>Amanda Filipi</u> <u>8-12yr</u> <u>Max 25</u>	Survey of Science, \$10/sem Laura Leggott 8yr and UP Max 12	Soccer Basics, \$ball Grace Santos 8-12yr Max 25		<u>Sign Language, \$4/yr</u> <u>Becky Eichner</u> <u>8-12yr</u> <u>Max 12</u>	<u>Colonial America, \$10/yr</u> <u>Brandee Taffe</u> <u>8-12yr</u> <u>Max 20</u>
Stamp Collecting, \$supplies Sheri Logan 8yr and UP Max 8	Jump Rope, \$0 Darren Emerick 8yr and UP Max 20	<u>Battle Bots, \$22</u> <u>Elizabeth Haas</u> <u>10-14yr</u> <u>Max 18</u>		Smashbooks, \$5/sem Nikea Hoksbergen 8yr and UP Max 20	Tinker Time, \$0 Kathleen Flammang 8yr and UP Max 12
<u>Racquet Sports, \$0</u> <u>Darren Emerick</u> <u>8yr and UP</u> <u>Max 16</u>	Hairstyles, \$supplies Thea Boerkircher 10yr and UP Max 12	Strategy Games, \$0 Art & Pam DeVos 12yr and UP Max 20		Casseroles, \$supplies Darcy Gustafson 8yr and UP Max 15	<u>Ukulele Building, \$45/yr</u> <u>Grant & Bethany R.</u> <u>10yr and UP</u> <u>Max 12</u>
Pottery, \$55, enroll in 1st & 2nd periods 1st Semester ONLY Kathleen Flammang 10yr and UP Max 10		Cooking on a Budget, \$10/sem Larissa Daugherty 12yr and UP Max 7		<u>Percussion Ensemble,</u> <u>\$30/yr</u> <u>Steve Taffe</u> <u>10yr and UP</u> <u>Max 12</u>	Spanish Tutoring, \$0 Sandra Huffman 5yr and UP Max 12

Worship Jam, \$0 Bethany R. & Art D. 10y and UP Max 12	<u>Career & College Readiness, \$0</u> <u>Leo Sierra</u> <u>12yr and UP</u> <u>Max 12</u>	<u>Beginning Knitting, \$7/yr</u> <u>Pat Lossing</u> <u>10yr and UP</u> <u>Max 10</u>	<u>Intermediate Knitting, \$7/yr</u> <u>Pat Lossing</u> <u>10yr and UP</u> <u>Max 10</u>	High School P.E., \$0 Alan Gustafson 12yr and UP Max 20
Craft Studio, \$10/sem Nikea Hoksbergen 10yr and UP Max 15	Dissecting Fun, \$7 plus supplies 2nd semester ONLY Jennifer Lerwick 12yr and UP Max 12	<u>Investment Club, \$5 each week</u> <u>Darren Emerick</u> <u>Jr & Sr. High</u> <u>Max 12</u>	<u>Book Study, \$book</u> <u>Pam & Art DeVos</u> <u>12yr and UP</u> <u>Max 20</u>	Canning 101, \$10/sem Sue C. & Laura L. 12yr and UP Max 10
<u>Fallacy Detective, \$0</u> <u>Laura Leggott</u> <u>11yr and UP</u> <u>Max 15</u>			ACT Test Prep, \$5/sem Sandra Huffman Jr. High/High School Max 12	

9:00-9:05

Arrive and get settled in the sanctuary - Get your supplies to your classes, family basket in the hallway, lunches to the kitchen fridge if needed, and get your coffee... all in time to be ready for announcements at 9:05!

9:05-9:25

Morning Assembly in the sanctuary -- attending assembly is one of the best ways to know what's happening at co-op and to get connected with our homeschool community. It is especially vital for parents to attend assembly!!

Preschool Academy - 9:30 to 11:55am

This group of classes has been put together to help both our little ones too young for classes and parents of those littles to be able to enjoy a learning/social first look at co-op! We hope that by offering these classes, co-op can still be a fun family experience. We look forward to having your children this year! All we ask is that 2 year olds be 2 by April 6, 2019 to join classes!

These classes are offered as a block enrollment. The different class descriptions are to let you know who will be teaching your child each half hour as they rotate through the 4 classrooms. The children will be divided into 4 groups, and they will rotate through their classes every half hour, just like the big co-op kids do, but with a leader who goes with them from station to station, so parents don't have to pick up and drop off kids every half hour from room to room. Registration in Preschool Academy is for the entire morning; you may not pick and choose the preschool classes that your children are registered for. Maximum 14 two and three year olds. Maximum 20 four and five year olds.

Total class fees for preschool are \$35 covering supplies and snacks. This is payable to our Preschool Coordinator: Jennifer Mascher, 308-225-2068.

- Letters and Sounds (Zoo Phonics): we will work on learning to recognize letters and what they say;
 - taught by Austin Martinez and Chelsey Gies
- Storytime / craft time: fun stories with a craft that helps them remember what they learned;
 - taught by Jennifer Howard and Angelique Sprock
- Sensory Fun: We will help your littles explore learning using eyes, ears, fingers, toes and noses,
 - taught by Sue Clapp and Darcy Gustafson
- Music and Movement: learning to move with rhythm and music that's both fun and full of learning!
 - taught by Kerry Callaway
- Snack-time: mid-morning. Be sure to let us know about any allergies, as you may be required to bring special snacks.
 - Coordinated by Jennifer Mascher

9:30-10:15

Science, Ages 5-8yr, Cost: \$0 (full year or semester class)

Hands-On Science! Basically what would happen if we added this or that to it, or what would happen if we mix things together. Silly things, nothing crazy. No harsh chemical. Mostly will be using water, vinegar, salt, oil. Min 5 Max 20
Vashti Perez-Rupp, 308-631-6561, Vashtiperez@gmail.com

Elements of Art, Ages 5-10yr, Cost: \$10/yr or \$5/semester (full year or semester class)

We will be learning about the seven elements of art and creating small projects that relate to each element. Students will also get to experience a variety of mediums and learn about a few famous artists. Max 10
Teresa Macke, 308-672-6272, Teresa.macke@yahoo.com Co-Teacher: Sara Henni

Adventures in Odyssey Club, Ages 5 and up, Cost: \$0 (full year or semester class)

We will listen to episodes of Adventure in Odyssey and will have coloring pages available. There may be a game or 2 as well. This will be a relaxing and quiet class as the kids sit and listen to the next adventure!! Max 20
Jennie Hullinger, 308-631-4606, jenniehall@usa.com

Birdology, Ages 8-12, Cost: \$0 (FALL SEMESTER ONLY)

Birds are awesome! Come along as we discover all about our feathered friends, research being done in the area, and common birds of the area. Min 5 Max 25
Amanda Filipi, 308-436-3777, amanda.filipi@nebraska.gov Co-Teacher: Chaley Jensen

Reptileology, Ages 8-12, Cost: \$0 (SPRING SEMESTER ONLY)

Let's discover reptiles! These often misunderstood animals have amazing adaptations and are very unique. Come along as we uncover the mysteries behind reptiles in western Nebraska! Min 5 Max 25
Amanda Filipi, 308-436-3777, amanda.filipi@nebraska.gov Co-Teacher: Chaley Jensen

Stamp Collecting, Ages 8 and up, Cost: supplies, see below (full year or semester class)

We will be learning how to identify and prepare stamps to put into stamp albums. Each student will need to have a Stamp Album and Stamp tweezers. You can bring your own, or I can help you get set up with one. Min 2 Max 8
Sheri Logan, 719-892-0035, loganranch2000@gmail.com

Racquet Sports, Ages 8 and up, Cost: \$0 (full year class)

Learn or improve your skills at badminton, touch tennis, pickleball, and table tennis. All skill levels welcome, including beginners. Equipment provided. Max 16
Darren Emerick, 308-279-0509, left-handed-dog@gmail.com

Pottery, Ages 10 and up, Cost: \$55 (first semester ONLY) Takes TWO class periods

This is an introduction to clay and pottery. Please note this class is two class periods long and only offered the first semester. We will learn how to do coil pottery, pinch pots, and slab rolled projects. We will also learn how the kiln works. The first four classes we will be exploring different techniques with clay, and the last classes of the semester we will learn different paint and glazing techniques. All the items made in class will be fired in the kiln and ready to display or use at the end of the semester. Your child will need a paint shirt or to wear something that you don't mind getting dirty. Everything is washable but it will be messy! Min 4 Max 10
Kathleen Flammang, 308-672-2267, kathleenflammang@icloud.com Co-Teacher: Larissa Daugherty

Worship Jam, Ages 10 and up, Cost: \$0 (full year or semester class)

Worship Jam class is open to kids ages 10 and up who know how to play at least basic chords. All ability levels are encouraged to join; however, we will not be giving lessons. A basic understanding of playing with a chord sheet is necessary. We will focus on playing as a group. Bring your own instrument. Min 4 Max 12
Bethany Robbins, 308-760-2188, bethanyjorobbins@yahoo.com Co-Teacher: Art DeVos

Craft Studio, Ages 10 and up, Cost: \$20/yr or \$10/sem (full year or semester class)

This will be a class for the students to pick a project to work on. The sky's the limit, mostly! I would like the student to pick some projects they would like to accomplish. They do not all have to work on the same thing. Basic supplies will be provided but depending on the idea, the family may have additional costs to complete the project. Max 15
Nikea Hoksbergen, 307-274-7367, hoksbergencurt@gmail.com Co-Teacher: Brandee Taffe

Logic: The Fallacy Detective, Ages 11 and up, Cost: \$0 (full year class)

We will be working through the book: *The Fallacy Detective*, discussing about 3 chapters a week. What is a fallacy? A fallacy is an error in logic, a place where someone has made a mistake in his thinking. This is a handy book for learning to spot common errors in reasoning. Min 5 Max 15
Laura Leggott, 308-641-1226, lleggott@gmail.com

10:20-11:05

BYOL - Bring Your Own Legos and Toys, Ages 8-12yr, Cost: \$0 (full year or semester class)

We'll do a special Lego character to build with parts 'n pieces, description optional, or themes may play a part in building. We'll go with the flow class. Just gonna have fun playing, interacting, and socializing with one another. Min 5 Max 20
Vashti Perez-Rupp, 308-631-6561, Vashtiperez@gmail.com

Mathterpieces, Ages 5-12, Cost: \$5 one time fee (full year or semester class)

Could it be true that Math and Art are connected? How do we see Math displayed in God's creations? The astronomer Galileo Galilei wrote that the universe is written in the language of mathematics, and its characters are triangles, circles, and other geometric figures. Artists who strive and seek to study nature must first, in Galileo's view, fully understand mathematics. In this class we will discover how math and art are connected and will create art that reinforces what we already know about math. Min 6 Max 12
Mindy Lively, 308-430-3132, Joshandmindy@hotmail.com

Cut & Paste Geography, Ages 5-12, Cost: \$10/yr or \$5/sem (full year or semester class)

Students will learn about geography by flipping through magazines, picking out what interests them, and identifying where in the world it is located. They will cut out pictures and glue them in a notebook they will create. Each student will need a three-ring binder. Min 2 Max 20
Nikea Hoksbergen, 307-274-7367, hoksbergencurt@gmail.com

Horses are Fun (Horseless Horse Project), Ages 8 and up, Cost: \$0 (full year or semester class)

We will be learning all about horses. Breeds, colors, markings, gaits, grooming, tack, etc. Students are NOT required to have a horse for this class. Min 2 Max 8
Sheri Logan, 719-892-0035, loganranch2000@gmail.com Co-Teacher: Brandee Taffe

Survey of Science, Ages 8 and up, Cost: \$20/yr or \$10/semester (full year or semester class)

In this class we will introduce the major branches of science and do an experiment or project for each one. We will talk about the different careers these branches of science can open the doors to, and experience the fun of learning with all of our senses. Each week we will fill out a lab sheet about our project, compiling our notes and observations. Non-readers will be assigned a buddy to help them. Big kids can learn even more by helping younger ones "get it". (This is a repeat class from previous years.) Min 5 Max 12
Laura Leggott, 308-641-1226, lleggott@gmail.com

Jump Rope, Ages 8 and up, Cost: \$0 (full year or semester class)

Let's jump! We will cover all the basics of single, team, and double rope jumps. Double Dutch, trick jumping, and of course "how many can we jump on one rope?" All skill levels welcome, including beginners. Max 20
Darren Emerick, 308-279-0509, left-handed-dog@gmail.com

Hair Styles, Ages 10 and up, Cost: bring supplies (full year or semester class)

We will have fun learning new hair styles, braids, and updos. Depending on the level everyone is at I will try to come prepared for beginners and more skilled. We may do an every other week where you get to do hair and have your hair done. I would ask that everyone in the class come to coop with clean hair. (: Things to bring on the first day of coop include: Hair brush, comb, regular ponytail holders and small elastic ponytail holders, and bobby pins. Please place these belongings in a Ziplock-type bag with your child's name written on it. I will keep these until the last coop, and they will then be returned.

I will bring a few spray bottles of water and some hairspray. Min 2 Max 12

Thea Boerkircher, 308-225-0595, boerkirchers@hotmail.com Co-Teacher: Bethany Robbins

Pottery, Ages 10 and up, Cost: \$55

TWO class periods long, see 1st period for description. Must sign up for both periods. Available 1st semester only.

Career and College Readiness, Ages 12 and up, Cost: \$0 (full year class)

Students will explore and identify different careers and colleges. Students will need basic classroom supplies: notebooks, pencils, pens. Occasionally, students will need to bring a computer for research. Students will be asked to give a presentation at the end of the school year, regarding their career choice. They will be asked to work on their projects outside of the classroom. Max 12

Leo Sierra, 308-632-1473, lsierra2@unl.edu

Dissecting Fun, Ages 12 and up, Cost: \$7, see below (2nd SEMESTER ONLY!)

This will be a hands-on, student-led dissection class. I will pick up random animal body parts from a local meat processor, and the students will have the opportunity to dissect whatever is available that week. I'm hoping for hearts, kidneys, eyes, lungs, etc...

Required: large shirt to cover clothes (this will be a messy class), eye protection, and a basic dissection kit. Disposable cake pans and latex gloves will be covered in class fees. Min 4 Max 12

Jennifer Lerwick, 308-641-7219, rancherjen@hotmail.com

11:10-11:55

Hands On Arts and Crafts, Ages 5-8yr, Cost: \$10/yr or \$6/sem (full year or semester class)

We will do various hands on art and craft projects. Min 2 Max 20

Bethany Robbins, 308-760-2188, bethanyjorobbins@yahoo.com Co-Teacher: Shurron Whitwere

Show and Tell, Ages 5 and up, Cost: \$0 (full year or semester class)

Children will have the opportunity to bring in something as a show and tell items and share with the class about it. They will learn to get in front of others and speak. They will also learn to sit and listen while others present their items. Max 20

Brittney Todd, 308-225-1318, bunchatodds7@gmail.com

National Park Jr. Ranger Class, Ages 5 and up, Cost: \$10/year or \$5/sem (full year or semester class)

Not able to travel to all the National Parks? Come explore them in the classroom! We will watch some videos of the parks, then work on the Jr. Ranger Program activity books to learn more about our beautiful parks. Students will earn Jr. Ranger badges from the National Parks system for completing these books. Min 3 Max 12

Brandee Taffe: 308-631-2683, cows_r_cute@hotmail.com and Laura Leggott: 308-641-1226, lleggott@gmail.com

The Lewis and Clark Expedition, Ages 8-12, Cost: \$12 (full year class)

Join us as we CONTINUE from last year on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. All students are welcome, even if you didn't start the journey with us. There is still much more to discover! The who, what, where, when and why of this great historical journey.

Students will be reading, building vocabulary, drawing, using map skills, keeping a journal, role playing, and doing hands-on projects. They may have a few review quizzes and an end-of-the-year celebration party and awards. Children may need colored pencils, markers, scissors, glue and a few other simple materials ie. yarn. Max 12

Becky Kerbel, 308-635-4051 or 631-4929, bskhome3@gmail.com

Soccer Basics, Ages 8-12, Cost: bring your own ball (full year or semester class)

Basics of soccer. We will do drills and scrimmaging. Everyone will need to have a ball. If you are purchasing one, size 4 is best for this age. If you already have one, size 4 or bigger is fine. If you'd like, I can keep the balls for the year or you can bring them

each time. Please mark the ball with a sharpie with your last name. Kids can wear shin guards if they want. That is not a requirement. My goal is to have fun and introduce soccer and improve skills at a level comparable to a U10 level. Min 7 Max 25
Grace Santos, 308-225-2726, gracesdaycare@gmail.com

BattleBots, Ages 10-14, Cost: \$22/yr (full year class)

This class will be about building and battling BattleBots that we construct in class! Using motors and design, we will discover the best ways to construct and battle our bots in the classroom "arena." As the class moves on through the year, we may send the BattleBots home periodically for more creative approaches to battles, where kids can use house supplies to make their BattleBots tougher, buffer, and stronger. We may occasionally ask for supplies you have around the home such as glue, cardboard, wire, etc., or to bring scissors or screwdrivers to class. Min 6 Max 18
Elizabeth Haas, 6612058626, caligang@gmail.com

Strategy Games, Ages 12 and up, Cost: \$0 (full year or semester class)

This is a fun class where you can learn how to strategize and think ahead through the use of strategy games. This class is for competitive players. Min 3 Max 20

Art DeVos, 308-279-1659, art@camprock.net Co-Teacher: Pam DeVos

Cooking on a Budget, Ages 12 and up, Cost: \$20/yr or \$10/sem (full year or semester class)

Come learn the ins and outs of fancy cooking on a budget! We'll be looking at etiquette, desserts, and learning the art of grilling. Min 3 Max 7

Larissa Daugherty, 308-530-1471, larissadaugherty5@gmail.com Co-Teacher: Sheri Logan

Beginning Knitting, Ages 12 and up, Cost: \$7 (full year class)

We will be learning basic garter stitch, casting on and off stitches. Homework is to work on their project at their level and bring back their project every class to be worked on. This is a must. Min 4 Max 10

Pat Lossing, 308-672-1199, jntlossing@gmail.com

Investment Club, Ages: Jr. & Sr. High, Cost: \$5/week, see below (full year class)

In this club, each student will contribute \$5 at every Co-op meeting to invest. I will provide a basic investing club charter and other paperwork (which basically makes it very difficult to withdraw your share...which is one of the objectives of investment.) I would also offer to cover the cost for anybody that can't afford the \$5 so nobody is prevented from joining for financial reasons.

Obviously nobody will get rich but the point of an investing club is educational and not wealth accumulation :) It is extremely informative and helps establish a habit of investing. Max 12

Darren Emerick, 308-279-0509, [lefthandeddog@gmail.com](mailto:left handeddog@gmail.com)

12:00-12:30

Lunch in Gym - PLEASE help clean up tables and chairs.

12:35-1:20

Elementary PE, Ages 5-8, Cost: \$0 (full year or semester class)

A fun class to teach teamwork, sportsmanship and getting the wiggles out. Min 5 Max 25

Jennifer Howard, 870-421-7328, jhoward613@gmail.com Co-Teacher: Rhonda McElwain

Junnie B. Jones Story Hour, Ages 5-8, Cost: \$0, (full year or semester class)

Bring your pillow and your blanket and snuggle up for a fun time listening to how Junnie B. figures out school and making it into the 1st grade. This will be a class where I read out loud to the children. I'll have color sheets for them while I read if they want. My aim is for a fun, relaxing class while expanding their vocabulary and comprehension. We'll also be discussing how wisely she makes her decisions and what might have been better choices. Min 5 Max 12

Larissa Daugherty, 308-530-1471, larissadaugherty5@gmail.com

Clarinet Lessons, Ages 8 and up, Cost: \$0 (full year or semester class)

Introduction to the clarinet for beginners. Students with some playing ability are also welcome, and instruction will be tailored to individual experience. Reading musical notation will be included. Please bring your own clarinets. Min 2 Max 6
Darren Emerick, 308-279-0509, [lefthandeddog@gmail.com](mailto:left-handed-dog@gmail.com)

Lego Fun 2, Ages 8-12, Cost: \$5 one time fee (full year or semester class)

A time to enjoy being creative and imaginative with Legos. Max 10
Alison Ashford, 308-631-4630, alisonmashford@gmail.com Co-Teacher: Rene Simpson

Beginning American Sign Language, Ages 8-12, Cost \$4 (full year class)

We will be covering how to sign the manual alphabet, introductions and personal information, how to talk about family and friends, and home and daily living signs, all while incorporating ASL grammar. Materials will be provided. Students should plan to practice new vocabulary daily between classes. Payment can be sent via Paypal to mypslm_91@yahoo.com Min 5 Max 12
Becky Eichner, 308-641-3978, mypslm_91@yahoo.com

Smashbook, Ages 8 and up, Cost: \$10/yr or \$5/sem (full year or semester class)

A smash book is a journal in which you can write, draw, paint and glue in embellishments and memorabilia. No planning is involved – you simply decorate as you feel in the moment. Students will create their own smashbook. They will be encouraged to save and bring in any elements they want to place in their book. Ex., pictures, tickets, wrappers, cards. They will need a three-ring binder or other sort of journal/art book. Min 2 Max 20
Nikea Hoksbergen, 307-274-7367, hoksbergencurt@gmail.com

Casseroles, Ages 8 and up, Cost: supplies (full year or semester class)

Come learn some cooking skills and bring home a casserole for your family to eat after a long day at Co-op (and Mom won't have to cook!). I will send out a recipe before each Co-op so you can assemble ingredients and prepare them in class. You will need to bring your own casserole dish with a lid. Min 2 Max 15
Darcy Gustafon, 308-641-8116, bunchogus@hotmail.com

Percussion Ensemble, Ages 10 and up, Cost \$30/year (full year class)

Percussion Ensemble will provide students with hands-on technique and method training on various percussion instruments. Students will learn individual percussion technique as well as learn to play as a part of a group. Percussion instrumentation ranging from Latin-based hand percussion to modern-day drums. Fee may be split if needed: \$15/semester. Min 5 Max 12
Steve Taffe, 308-633-3786(DRUM), steve_taffe@yahoo.com Co-Teacher: Brandee Taffe

Intermediate Knitting, Ages 12 and up, Cost: \$7 (full year class)

Students need to have passed basic knitting class. Must know how to cast on & off stitches and do the garter stitch. We will be learning knit and purl and making more advanced projects. Min 2 Max 10
Pat Lossing, 308-672-1199, jntlossing@gmail.com

Book Study, Ages 12 and up, Cost: need the books (full year class)

In this class we will read and discuss two books, *Do Hard Things* by Alex and Brett Harris and *Know Who You Are: Live Like it Matters. A Homeschooler's Interactive Guide to Discovering Your True Identity* by Tim Tebow. This will be a discussion based class, and students will need to complete the assigned reading before class. There is no fee for this class, but students must acquire the books to participate. Min 3 Max 12
Art and Pam DeVos, Pam: 308-279-2145, pmdv1480@gmail.com, Art: 308-279-1659, art@camprock.net

ACT Prep Class, Ages: Jr. High & Highschoolers preparing for ACT, Cost: \$10/yr or \$5/sem (full year or semester class)

For high school students, even jr. high age, who want to brush up on the basics. The goal of this class is to improve ACT scores by becoming aware of areas of student's scholastic weaknesses, to be prepared for and learn strategies for taking the ACT. We will take practice tests, discover online resources for individual study, and encourage each other to work hard on their own to improve results. Students should be aware they will need to put in study time on their own. We will use some online sites, but

students may want to purchase the current ACT practice exam book, about \$30, on their own. If students could bring their own laptop that would be helpful. A binder for papers will be provided Min 3 Max 12
Sandra Huffman, 308-235-7487, skhuffman74@gmail.com

1:25-2:10

Lego Fun 1, Ages 5-8, Cost: \$5 one time fee (full year or semester class)

A time for creative and imaginative fun. Max 10

Alison Ashford, 308-631-4630, alisonmashford@gmail.com Co-Teacher: Rene Simpson

Horrible Histories, Ages 5-12, Cost: \$10/yr or \$5/sem (full year or semester class)

We will learn some history by reading sections of the Horrible Histories book series. There will be games and projects as time allows. Min 2 Max 20

Nikea Hoksbergen, 307-274-7367, hoksbergencurt@gmail.com Co-Teacher: Shurron Whitwere

Sew Fun for Beginners, Ages 5-12, Cost: see below (full year class)

A sewing class for beginners. We will learn about the sewing machine, different stitches, and make a bag for a final project. This class will be slower paced for each person to get a good handle on their sewing. Each child will have to have their own sewing machine that is in good working order, scissors, seam ripper, and a spool of white thread with bobbin. All material but the final bag project will be provided. Min 3 Max 7

Larissa Daugherty, 308-530-1471, larissadaugherty5@gmail.com Co-Teacher: Gail Reznor

Beginner Performance Class, Ages 8 and up, Cost: \$0 (full year or semester class)

Getting on stage and performing can be very scary for beginner performers. This class will provide an opportunity for children to learn the basic etiquette of performance and then give them a chance to 'practice' in front of their peers. Children will choose what they want to perform and practice at home, and during the class they will be able to bring their performance to the stage.

Depending on the group, we might also group some children together to work on duets or group performances. Children need to be mature enough to not only get up on stage but to respectfully watch the other student performances. We will be setting up some times outside of coop to visit the Veterans Home or nursing homes where the kids will be able to show off their hard work.

Min 2 Max 20

Bethany Robbins, 308-760-2188, bethanyjorobbins@yahoo.com Co-Teachers: Austin Martinez and Mindy Lively

History Pockets: Colonial America, Ages 8-12, Cost: \$10/yr (full year class)

Travel back to the time of Pilgrims, hornbooks, and settlements! Explore how life was in Colonial America. Do you want to be a cooper, a miller, a tanner? How will you dress for your day? What will you eat? What chores do you have? What games will you play? Will your homework take all day? Where do you live? Who has been an example by their bravery and hard work? We will discover these answers through fun hands-on activities that we'll store in a "pocket of history" each week; building into a special Pocket Book by the end of the year. Come on!!! History IS fun! Min 2 Max 10

Brandee Taffe, 308-631-2683, cows_r_cute@hotmail.com Co-Teacher: Lacey Wiles

Tinker Time, Ages 8 and up, Cost: \$0

Hey tinkerers! Do you like taking things apart? Do you want to know what makes things work? Here's a class where it is ok to do that! We will be disassembling small appliances like toasters, radios, etc. Just screwdrivers will be needed and all other tools will be provided. Small appliance donations accepted. Max 12

Kathleen Flammang, 308-672-2267, kathleenflammang@icloud.com

Ukulele Building and Playing, Ages 10 and up, Cost: \$45 (full year class)

Students in this class will build their own personal ukulele. They will need to bring either a cookie tin, cigar box, or some other item for the ukulele pot; and all other items including the neck, tuners, strings, etc. will be provided. We can help students find an item for their pot if needed. The first semester of the class will focus on the construction of the ukulele. This will include sanding, gluing, adjusting of the instruments, and learning to add/change strings. The second half of the year will be learning how to play the newly built instruments. This class is open to children ages 10 and up, but they need to be mature enough to do tedious tasks

such as sanding the neck to the desired thickness and making minor changes to create a better sound. The goal of the class is not to throw together a quick kit, but rather create an instrument that has a quality sound. Min 6 Max 12

Bethany & Grant Robbins, 308-760-2188, bethanyjorobbins@yahoo.com Co-Teachers: Jennie Hullinger & Elizabeth Haas

Spanish Tutoring, Ages: Anyone ALREADY studying Spanish, Cost: \$0 (full year or semester class)

Spanish Tutoring class for students learning Spanish in homeschool class. Bring assignments/book for help.

Just tutoring. Open ONLY to students already learning Spanish. May drop in, as needed, for help.

Sandra Huffman, 308-235-7487, skhuffman74@gmail.com

High School PE, Ages 12 and up, Cost: \$0 (full year or semester class)

Plans are to learn basketball skills first semester and volleyball skills second semester Min 4 Max 20

Alan Gustafson, 308-631-5786, bunchogus@hotmail.com

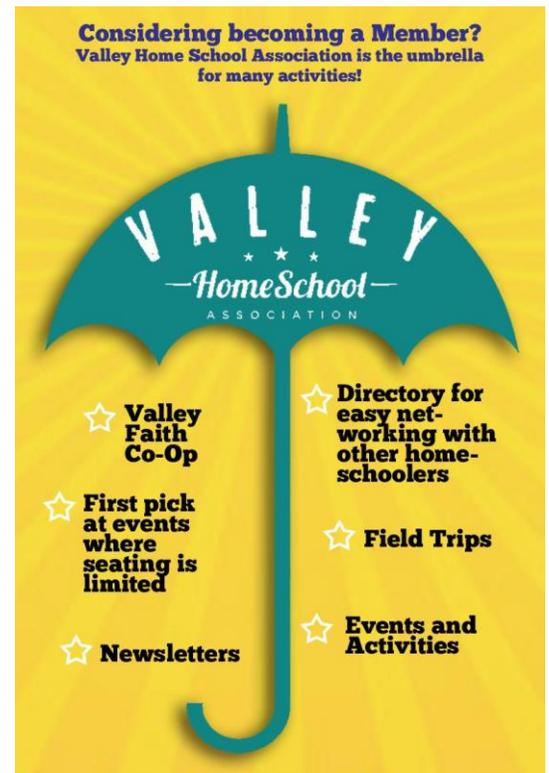
Canning 101, Ages 12 and up, Cost: \$20/yr or \$10/semester (full year or semester class)

Learning how to properly clean, process and preserve fruits, vegetables, juices, pickles, jams and jellies. Min 3 Max 10

Sue Clapp & Laura Leggott, Sue: 308-672-9063, sue.clapp@yahoo.com Laura: 308-641-1226, lleggott@gmail.com

~ Frequently Asked Questions ~

- **What is a homeschool co-op?** The Dictionary defines cooperative as an organization that is owned and run jointly by its members who share the profits or benefits. A homeschool co-op is a group of homeschooling families who come together to enrich their experience by learning from and with one another. Teamwork divides the tasks and multiplies the success.
- **With whom is the co-op associated?** Our co-op is parented by Valley Home School Association. VHSA is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to support the efforts of Christian home educators by providing opportunities for fellowship, encouragement, education & the exchange of ideas and information from a Biblical perspective.
- **How much does co-op cost?** Co-op, itself, does not cost. However, we do require that participants belong to VHSA, which has annual dues of \$25 per family/per year (\$15 after January). Some classes offered require an additional fee by the teacher; those classes need to be paid directly to the teacher. We will have envelopes for each class on the first day of classes at the front table where you can put your check or cash for class fees. You can find our membership form on our website at www.valleyhomeschool.org
- **How and when do I pay for a class that requires a fee?** Class fees (when applicable) will be paid directly to the teacher. You can pay them by putting it in their teacher envelope at the welcome table on the first two days of co-op (preferably the first day, as teachers have spent money to provide the class for your child). Please check off your child's name on the envelope so the teacher knows who has paid. If your child/ren have the same teacher in more than one class, you are welcome to write them one check and mark it on both envelopes. By registering for a class or private lesson which includes a fee, you are required to pay the full amount, regardless of attendance. All makeup



lessons/sessions are to be worked out individually with the instructor. VHSA will not handle any cash outside of membership fees.

- **Do I have to sign a statement of faith?** Yes, we do require all participants and teachers to sign a statement of faith. You can find our statement of faith with the membership form on our website at www.valleyhomeschool.org.
- **I'd love to join in on the fun, what do I need to do to register for classes?** First, join VHSA by filling out membership information and paying the annual membership fee of \$25/per family. Browse through our course catalog, decide what classes would suit your children, and sign up! You can find the registration forms here:
<http://www.valleyhomeschool.org>
- **You know homeschoolers don't follow grade levels and segregated age groups. What if my kids want to be in a class for a different age?** The placement of any student is at the discretion of the parents and teachers, with the teacher having final say. Please contact the teacher to have any age/grade exceptions approved **prior to registering** for classes.
- **You offer a lot of great classes, but I can't be there all day. Am I required to do so?** Absolutely not! The co-op exists to supplement your homeschool program. Schedule classes in whatever manner suits your family.
- **Can I drop my kids off and go grab a coffee?** We all have many caffeine needs. But as long as you have a child on site, you must remain on site. Unless, of course, you are offering to buy for everyone-then special arrangements can be made immediately. ;)
- **Is lunch provided?** No, lunch is not provided by the co-op. All co-op participants will be asked to bring along a sack lunch or provide their own lunch in some form. There will be a designated lunch break during the co-op day.
- **Where can I be if I don't sign up for a class but I am still on site?** In order to respect the students and teachers and to cut down on distractions, we ask that all students/parents not in a class stay in the foyer or designated quiet study area. We would appreciate if you would check in with the welcome table first to see if all absences are covered.
- **I am a preschool parent and I am undecided about homeschooling. Can I register my kids?** Yes, please join us! There are many classes that are perfect for preschoolers. Please fill out the VHSA membership form and register your preschoolers for any classes you wish for them to attend.
- **I will be placing some of my children in the NURSERY; do I need to register them?** Yes, please register all nursery aged children for the times you will be utilizing the nursery so we can properly care for your little ones. Our nursery is for children ages 0-2 whose parents are teaching or helping with a class during the time the child is in the nursery. The nursery will be open after the opening assembly from 9:30am-2:10pm (closed during lunch).
- **What is a parent representative?** Life happens and scheduling conflicts occur. We understand that there may be times where your children can make it to co-op, but a parent cannot. Should this occur, a parent representative can fill in for the parent's absence. Please make sure that the elected individual is 18 years old and listed on your registration form.
- **What if my child has a discipline issue during class?** We're certain they won't. ;) But in the unlikely event this should occur, we will kindly ask the parent to step in as they will be required to be on site during the time the child is attending a class.
- **Can I help volunteer?** We actually prefer it! Parents (or the parent representative) who sign their children up to participate in classes will be asked to sign up to help volunteer while their children are attending class. Some examples of volunteer positions include: teachers, teacher helpers, bathroom/hallway monitor, substitute teacher, nursery, clean-up, and lunch room set up. Volunteer positions will be chosen online when you register. All families will be assigned one clean up task to complete before leaving for the day. If you are physically unable to complete your task, please contact Jen Lerwick (welcome table) or Laura Leggott (building coordinator).
- **What about accountability?** All classes will have at least two adults present in the classroom. Any doors without windows will remain open during class times. The only exception will be private music lessons, during which the parent of the child taking the lessons will be responsible for keeping an eye on their child's lesson.