SPARC 2018 (9/8/16 10:41a.m)

Local Courses (Middle School)

How Things Are Made Tyler, TX Area Les Rhea \$100.00 MS grades 6-8

Tyler is the home of some famous industries. Join us as we travel each day to two different companies to find out how they make their products. Some possibilities are Tyler Candle Co., Tyler Newspaper, Tyler Candy Co., Janie's Cakes, Goldenbrook Farms Ice Cream, Trane A/C & Heating and the list goes on!! Included in the price is lunch at a restaurant each day to find out how they make certain things (tortillas, fried ice cream, pastries, etc...)! We will learn a lot about industries in Tyler while enjoying some culinary delights!!

Box Gardening Whitney Figueroa \$100 MS grades 6-8

Say good-bye to the hard work and endless maintenance of gardening in long rows, and say hello to Square Foot Gardening. This easy, foolproof, and ingenious method of gardening produces more herbs, fruits, and vegetables in less space and with less water than a traditional garden. In this course, students will learn about:

- Geographic History of gardening
- Chemistry
- Botany
- Environmental impacts of traditional gardening and Square Foot
- Gardening
- Symbiotic Relationships
- Health and Nutrition

At the end of week, each student will own a fully functional, small-scale square foot garden and a plan for maintaining the garden throughout the year.

Local Missions/Service Project Stephanie Williams \$25

MS Grades 6-8

Join Mrs. Williams for a week-long service project fulfilling the needs of those right here in our own community. We will use SPARC week as an opportunity to learn through service and to carry out the command Jesus gave, "And He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them, 'If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.'" Mark 9:35

Middle School Trips

Hill Country Hiking and Beyond Austin, TX Area K. Wilson, Ben Rogers \$300.00-400.00 (dependent on transportation needs) 6th grade only

The Sixth graders are taking on the Hill Country of Texas. We will be visiting Enchanted Rock, Hamilton Pools, and the Mammoth Site in Waco to discover the natural beauty and history of Texas. When we are not visiting these sites, we will be enjoying the fun and adventure of the Highland Lakes Camp on Lake Travis. Camp life will be full of action with opportunities like hiking, archery, zip-lining, paintball, and water activities!!

Texas History Adventure Austin, TX and San Antonio, TX Danny Loudermilk, Ivan Johnson \$450.00 7th grade only

Come experience Texas with the Brook Hill seventh grade. We will be visiting the Texas State Capitol and the Bob Bullock Museum in Austin, Missions San José and Concepción, the Alamo, outdoor market and the famed Riverwalk in San Antonio. The group will also be participating in leadership and recreational activities at the T Bar M Camp in New Braunfels.

Christianity and the Founding Fathers Washington, D.C. Tiffany Hubbard, Tammy Hayes, and Jason Eslicker \$1649.00 students /\$1814.00 parents 8th grade only

The eighth grade will be visiting the sites in Washington, D.C. to gain a better understanding of the relationship between our Christian faith and the founding of our nation. There will be tours of the various memorials as well as the Smithsonian Museums, the Holocaust Museum, Washington Monument, Arlington National Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, and other sites. A private tour of the Capitol with Representative Louie Gohmert will highlight the trip. Students will be given the chance to interact with the culture, politics, and heritage of our nation in a way that will ignite in them a love of country that will last a lifetime. The trip will end with a fun-filled evening on the Potomac River Spirit Dinner and Dance Cruise.

Local Courses (Upper School)

Lettering Erica Mattay \$100-\$200 Girls grades 8-12

The students will work on journaling Bible stories after reading and discussing them. We will not only discuss stories and parables in the Bible, but also meaningful scriptures. We will make a large journal mural to display in the library. The students and Mrs. Hays will travel to the Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Michaels and/or Hobby Lobby the week before SPARC in order to get all the supplies the participants will need. Mrs. Hays has some more costly supplies the students will be able to use during the week so they do not have to buy expensive items. The students can use a Bible or a journal for their work.

DIY Pat Brunson \$150.00

Are you inspired by all the creative crafts you see on Pinterest, Instagram, and craft blogs? Looking for something fun and creative to do? Want to try new ideas in décor/crafts/repurposing/building? Learn some of the newest DIY trends or just be a part of the creative vibe! Whether you are a beginner or an expert, this SPARC course will guide you with instructions, tips, and techniques to create new projects. Unleash your creative side in this cool course and work alongside other like-minded girls as each day we will break down a new technique for you, bringing a project from raw materials to finished product. If you love to be creative and do it yourself, you will love this class!

Proverbs 31:30 Shannon McEuen \$100

Connecting Health and Faith by spending time in intense Bible study and physical fitness. Ladies will discover the value of being a Godly mother and wife and we will examine the precepts of the Proverbs 31 woman.

Sex, Dating, and Relationships Jes Moore \$75

11th and 12th grade boys

How far is too far? What does the Bible say about sexuality? How can I have a legit dating relationship? Considering the sex-crazed, hook-up based culture we live in—not to mention the ever-climbing divorce rate—it's clear that we need a better understanding of sex, dating, and relationships. Pastors Gerald Hiestand and Jay Thomas give us a paradigm-shifting view of purity and relationships—a view that accounts for the biblical evidence and helps us guard against unnecessary heartache.

Creative Kindness Debbie Brinkley \$50.00 Girls grades (9-12)

Each morning students will dive deeper into God's Word through the *Color Yourself Inspired Bible Study Coloring Journal.* Then they will create simple floral arrangements and design inspirational signs in order to show kindness by gifting their creations to senior citizens who are residents at local nursing homes. Students will purchase the Bible study journal and some supplies and will be provided additional supplies for the crafts. Lunch will be provided on campus Monday through Thursday. Friday we will eat lunch off campus after visiting the nursing homes.

The Best Films You Never Saw Kathy O'Brien \$20.00 20 max.

This course connects literature, film and Biblical principles through classic films. Each day we'll watch a film from a different genre, discussing literary elements and life lessons.

Introduction to Shooting Sports East Texas Travis Bunger \$300 Max 30

An introduction to shooting sports, specifically riflery, skeet shooting, pistol shooting, and archery. Students will also learn safety rules for firearms.

Understanding and Creating Comics Kent Travis

BAM!*THWIP* Snikt! Comics.Visual storytelling. Comic book movies are booming at the box office and graphic novel sales are on the rise. The stories are interesting the masses—and probably you, too. Have you ever thought about what makes comics work? Ever thought about creating your own comics? Well now's your chance. In this course, we'll learn about the *art* behind comics and the comic creation process—from writing to laying out to drawing to inking to lettering. Then, we'll create our own comics and print copies at the end of the week.

Please Note: It takes many people to make a comic. You DO NOT have to be able to do all aspects of this creation process. We need writers, drawers, letterers, people skilled with computers and possibly photographers (who says we can't make a comic using photographs?).

Behind the Scenes- Careers in Sports East Texas David Collins \$250

Join Coach Collins as he brings back Behind the Scenes. This course will focus on the different aspects involved in the sports, entertainment, and media industries in the state of Texas. We will explore sports and entertainment venues, go behind the scenes of the nation's largest manufacturer and distributer of sporting equipment, go behind the scenes for collegiate athletic healthcare and training insight, discover the science behind the sport, attend a professional and collegiate sporting event, visit with various experts in the field of sports and sports medicine, explore media coverage, and participate in team building adventures.

Competitive Gaming Dr. Sloan Lee \$50

Join Dr. Lee and learn about competitive board games, strategies, and rules. Students will train for a real competition in Dallas.

Service/Missions David Dickerson, Celia Tucker \$50

Join Mr. Dickerson and Mrs. Tucker as they meet the needs of those around us through service. We will partner with Samaritan's Purse in Houston to help with the rebuilding efforts following Hurricane Harvey.

Life Hacks and Skills Greg Jones

\$100

Join Mr. Jones as he will literally make your life easier by showing and teaching you how to overcome daily struggles and problems as well as learn necessary skills such as changing a tire, tying certain types of knots, sewing on a button, etc.

National Trips Mountain Women Arkansas Melissa Adkins and Abby Rickards \$550.00

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Education in the Outdoors Jacob Agnew, Kyle Ford \$550

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Join Coach Agnew and Coach Ford as they travel to Oklahoma. In this course, our male students will learn outdoor education such as canoeing, fly fishing, etc. There will be a devotional theme for the week.

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New Mexico Glenn Ballard \$1,300.00 max. 36

Join Mr. Ballard on an educational adventure to New Mexico. Our group will depart Monday, March 4th. Our first stop will be at the historic White Sands National Monument. This site is where the first atomic bomb was tested and the site of the first Space Shuttle landing. We will stay for lunch at the White Sands. Next, we will drive into Bonita Park in Ruidoso, NM. Next, we will spend two days at the slopes enjoying learning the art of snow skiing/snow boarding. After our ski adventure, we will explore Carlsbad Caverns National Park where your Earth Science lessons will come to life. Last, on our way back home, we will stop for a private star-gazing party at the McDonald Observatory in Fort Davis.

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Art in the Big Apple NYC Suzanne Shelton \$1400

Join Mrs. Shelton on a historic art tour throughout New York City. Students will see and learn about various techniques, genres, artists, and styles of art throughout the ages.

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Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand Christie Adams \$4000

Join Ms. Adams as she visits the War Remnants Museum and Reunification Palace in Ho Chi Minh City, fly to Siem Reap, Cambodia to visit a floating village on Tonle Sap Lake and an ancient temple in Angkor Wat. And discover Thailand's rich history and sacred temples in Bangkok

Internships Parent-led college trip

Greetings!

In addition to our amazing international SPARC trips that are open for registration, we have now opened our national trips for registration. There is a possibility that one or two more trips will become available. Also, stay tuned for our awesome local courses that will be options for SPARC 2018.

Below you will find the information for our national and international trips. To register, follow the steps below:

• Log in to your student Ren Web account

- On the left hand side of your screen click on "Student Information"
- Under "Student Information is a tab called "Course Requests." Click on this
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Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information

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Living a Better Story

East Texas

Kent Travis

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