



VHSA 2016-17 Co-op Course Catalog

Classes will be held at Monument Bible Church, 4124 Ave. I, Scottsbluff

Always Thursdays

2016: October 6, 20, November 3, 17, December 1

2017: January 12, 26, February 9, 23, March 9, 23, April 6

- **Early Student Registration (for families who are teaching this semester) will take place September 14th.** A link to the early registration form will be emailed to all teachers.
- **General Student Registration will begin September 15 and close September 19th 2016.** Registration can be completed via our online registration form, at:

<http://www.valleyhomeschool.org/2016/08/vhsacoop/>

MANDATORY Co-op Orientation Meeting: REQUIRED for Co-op families, September 24th, 3pm : Join us for a quick welcome to co-op, as there are some changes this year! Please plan to attend this mandatory meeting for families participating in co-op. If this date doesn't work for you, we have an alternate meeting set for Sept 26th and 7pm. Now that you are all signed up with kids in classes, we need parent s to sign up for their various volunteer responsibilities.

We will cover:

- Family chore cards,
- Room Monitors, Hall Monitors
- Co-teachers needed
- Where to find supplies for cleaning and such
- FAQ
- Co-op policies

Registrations for private lessons (and all payments for such lessons) must be made directly with the private lesson instructor, per the instructions on the private lesson page. Please do this **before** filling out your online student registration for all other classes.

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

Important Reminders:

- **Absences:** We understand that 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.
- **Volunteering:** Parents (or the parent representative) who sign their children up to participate in classes will be asked to volunteer while their children are attending class. 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 9:30-9:40) (Morning Assembly 9:40-9:55)

Grey: Preschool, Red: Multiple age groups, Orange: age 5-8, Yellow: age 8-12, Green: age 10+, Blue: age 12+

10:00-10:45	10:50-11:35	11:40-12:25	Lunch 12:30-1:05	1:10-1:55	2:00-2:45
Preschool Academy Ages 2-5 Time for preschool classes are 10-10:30, 10:35-11:05, 11:05-11:20 SNACK, 11:20-11:50, 11:55-12:25				Dance with Carrie Williams, age 2-8 \$7.50 per class (\$90 for the year) Tot Room	Tot room
Preschool Art and Dance, Alphabet, Lego Club, Colors and Sensory				Tot rest time	Tot rest time
Lego Club 1 5 and up Allison Ashford Max 12 Blue Room	Lego Club 2 5 and up Allison Ashford Max 12 Blue Room	Creative Writing \$4 5-8yr Jake & Caroline Teeple Max 12 Blue Room		Cinderella in Different Cultures 5-8yrs Bethany Robbins Max 8 Center Room Downstairs	\$100/ year Duck Stamp/ FUNDamentals of Art Mary Hunt Age 5 and up Min 10, Max 20 Extended time period at end of day. See description. #106 Large Classroom
US Geography \$4 5-8yr Caroline Teeple Max 12 Room 105	Chess Club 5 and up Jake & Caroline Teeple Max 15 #103 Library	Fun snacks \$12 5-12yr Autumn Gwynn Max 12 Kitchen		Art History \$15 6-12yr Kathleen Flammang Max 20 #106 Large Classroom	Ooey Gooley Science \$12 5-8yr Marcy Thomalla Max 12 Center Room Downstairs
Learn to Read \$5 5-8yr Raconda Steele Max 7 Yellow Room	PE 5-12yr Art DeVos Min 5, Max 25 Gym	Sewing 7-9yr Max 5 Bonnie Stolen #106 Large Classroom		The Great STEM Challenge 1 \$3 5-8yr Pam DeVos Max 18 God Squad Room	Fairy Tales, Nursery Rhymes, Tall Tales, Fables, and Other Great Stories \$3 5-7 years Barb Senkel Max 12 #107 Cove
Musical \$10 7 and up Autumn Gwynn 10 Min Sanctuary	Nebraska State History \$5 8-12yr Jennifer Mascher Max 10 Green Room	Rush Revere 8-12yr Max 12 Bethany Robbins #107 Cove		Casserole 8 and up Darcy Gustafson Max 10 Kitchen	The Great STEM Challenge 2 \$3 8 and up Pam DeVos Max 18 God Squad Room

Friendly Letter Writing 8-12yr Mindy Lively Max 10 Green Room	American Girls \$1 8-12yr Jenny Hullinger Max 10 #107 Cove	Smash books \$32 8 and up Barb Douma Max 10, #105 Husker Room		Basic Counted Cross Stitching \$3 Age 8-12 Pat Lossing Max 7 #105 Husker Room	Nail Art \$5 8 and up Grace S and Veronica Min 10 Max 20 Kitchen
4-H Entomology Discovering the World of Insects 8-12yr Jana Schwartz Max 15 #103 Library	Manners & Etiquette \$10, 8 and up Autumn Gwynn Max 15 #104 Small Class	Motion and Machines \$5, 8-12yr Barb Senkel Max 12 Yellow Room		Experiments with Electricity \$20 8-12yr Thea Boerkircher Max 10 Green Room	Great States Quilt Math \$10 8-12yr Belinda Holder Max 15 #103 Library
Introduction to Tennis, Age 8-12, Max 16 Free Darren Emrick Gym	Sewing Ages 10 and up Max 5 Bonnie Stolen #106 Large Class	Percussion \$30 Ensemble 6 and up Steve Taffe Max 15 Sanctuary		American Sign Language \$8 8-12yr Becky Eichner Max 15 #104 Small Classroom	Crafts \$25 Age 8-12 Thea Boerkircher Max 10 Green Room
Basic Engine Operation \$10, 12 and up Ryan Douma Max 8 #106 Large Class	Inductive Study on Philippians \$3 10 and up Pat Lossing Max 10 #105 Husker room	Puppet Construction and Performance \$5 10 and up Bonnie Woolsey Max 8 #104 Small Class		Middle School Event Planning 11-14yr Marcy and Caroline Min 6 Yellow Room	Yearbook 8-18 Amber Newman Max 12 #104 Small Classroom
Double Enrollment Class Cake Decorating \$10 Sarah Yuill Upcycled Crafts Jenny Hullinger \$10 (one semester in each) Max 16 Age 12+ Kitchen and #104 Small Classroom	Science Labs \$25 12 and up Laura and Brandee Max 10 Kitchen	4-H ESI: EntrepreneurShip Investigation \$15/sem 10 and up Max 10 Jana Schwartz #103 Library		Writing and Study Skills \$2 12 and up Barb Senkel Max 12 Blue Room	P.E/Health Alan Gustafson 12 and up Min 4 Gym
		Kirigami Card Making Class \$20 12 and up Thea Boerkircher No max Green Room		Intro to Greek 12 and up Needs 1:00 slot Jake Roberts Min 6 Library	
Math 12 and up Thea B #107 Cove	Stock Market Game Don Lease 12 and up Yellow Room	Speech/Debate \$3 12 and up Raonda Steele and Mindy Lively Youth Loft		High School Event Planning 14-18yr Barb Douma and Raonda Steele Youth Loft	Basic Counted Cross Stitching \$3 12 and up Pat Lossing Max 10 #105 Husker Room

9:30-9:40

Arrive and get settled in the sanctuary- This will be an organized time of songs and games to get the morning started and to provide an appropriate place for students to gather. Arrive on time so you don't miss out on any of the fun! :)

9:40-9:55

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 10:00 to 12:25:

This group of classes has been put together to help both our little ones too little 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 2016 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. Please read the course descriptions carefully, and pay the teachers their fees directly as with any other co-op class. 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 \$22, payable to the individual teachers.

Preschool Co-ordinator: Marcy Thomalla, 308-635-1495, marcythomalla@live.com

- **Lego Club for Preschool:** build and play and count those blocks!
Angelique Sprock (with Darcy Gustafson), 308-641-3260, angeliquemp1978@gmail.com
- **Sensory Fun and Colors:** Hands on learning of colors and hands on sensory experiences like sensory bins, painting with shaving cream, play doh and more! Class fee \$7
Lacey Wiles (With Cara Stout), 417-372-1308, fullnessofjoy@hotmail.com
- **Alphabet:** We will learn our abc's. We will use different styles and activities to learn. My goal is by the end of the year, each child will know how to spell their names and say the alphabet.
Amber Newman, 256-318-7209, amberfields82@gmail.com
- **Preschool Art and Dance:** This year we will teach both art and dance. We will alternate every other class time with art or dance.
 - For Art class weeks, your student will do a variety of art projects which will be based off of a theme from a book. The cost of the art class is \$10.00. This will cover the art supplies for the entire year. If you are unable to make this payment please contact me and we can work something out!
 - For Dance class weeks, we will watch fun age appropriate worship and other silly kids videos. We will dance along to the music and learn the actions. This part of the class is free.Kathleen Flammang (with Stephanie Jordan), 308-672-2267, kathleenflammang@icloud.com
- **Snack-time:** A new addition this year is a snacktime, mid-morning. There will be a \$5 fee to cover snacks. Be sure to let us know about any allergies!
Marcy Thomalla, 308-635-1495, marcythomalla@live.com

10:00-10:45

LEGO Club 1, Ages 5 and up, No cost, Blue Room

This class is about imagination and skill. The kids will be free to create, explore, and BUILD. A time will be set aside to share their accomplishments with each other before class is finished. There will be some Legos to use. Children may bring their own in a marked tub. Parents, some swapping may occur. Also, the kids are responsible for their own Legos. Min 1, Max 12 students. Alison Ashford, 306-631-4630, alisonmashford@gmail.com, Co-Teacher: Grace Santos (This course is being offered for two separate periods for greater flexibility in class choices)

United States Geography, Ages 5-8, Cost \$4, Room 105

Let's learn more about the United States of America! In this class, we'll learn more about basic USA geography using some guided lessons, interactive games, and fun puzzles. Some light homework may be given. Min 4, Max 12 students.

Caroline Teeple, (641) 629-1584, twoteeples@yahoo.com, Co-Teacher: Jake Teeple, Designated Sub:

Learn to Read, Ages 5-8, Cost \$5, Yellow Room

This is a learn to read course that requires some worksheets, cost \$5
Raconda Steele, 575-779-9853, Lifewsteeles@gmail.com, Co-Teacher: Christina Boehr

Musical, Ages 7 and up, Cost \$10, Sanctuary

We will offer musical again this year. This will more than likely be a Christmas musical with more speaking parts. Cost is \$10 to cover the cost of the accompaniment cd as well as listening cd's, binders, paper, and copies. Min 10 students.
Autumn Gwynn, 308-672-3320, autumngwynn1979@hotmail.com , Co-Teacher: Brittney Todd, Jodie bridges, Cara stout

Friendly Letter Writing, Ages 8-12, Cost: stamps and supplies, Green Room

From the authors of the Four Square Writing Method, we will be doing Real Reasons to Write! Maybe it's not as fast as e-mail or a text message, but a letter is a gift! We will write to authors, elected officials, and missionaries! Please purchase your own stamps and envelopes. Students will also need stationery, lined paper, pencil and pens. We will learn friendly letter format and how to address an envelope. Min 2, Max 10 students
Mindy Lively, 308-430-3132, joshandmindy@hotmail.com, Co-Teacher: Ronnie Ballinger, Designated Sub: Barb Miller

4-H Entomology-Discovering the World of Insects, 8-12 years, Cost: supplies-see below, Library #103

Discover the fascinating world of insects! During this class we will learn the basics of insect structure and classification. We will collect and create insect collections. Students will also study the behavior of live insects! No cost for this class, but students will need to provide jars and other household items for insect collection and display. A list will be distributed before items are needed. Min 4, Max 15 students
Jana Schwartz, 308-632-1480, jschwartz2@unl.edu, Co-Teacher: Sheri Logan

Introduction to Tennis, Age 8-12, Free, Gym

This class will use low compression tennis balls, age appropriate equipment (racquets, nets, and courts) to teach basic tennis skills including, ground strokes, volleys, serves, footwork, rallying, and scoring. There is an emphasis on agility, balance, and coordination as well as basic athleticism. There are no fees or costs to the VHSA or students. Min 4- Max 16 students
Darren Emerick, 308-279-0509, lefthandeddog@gmail.com, Co-Teacher: Guadalupe Lang

Basic Engine Operation, Ages 12 and up, Cost \$10 for gaskets and parts, #106 Large Classroom

Class will cover mechanic tools operation and identification. Precision Measurements. Basic engine operation and parts identification. Engine maintenance. We will also disassemble a small engine, and if time allows, reassemble and run. Students may get slightly dirty. Max 8 students.
Ryan Douma, 308-672-3289, ryandouma@nmccat.com, Co-Teacher: Barb Douma

Dual Class: these two semester classes will take a maximum of 16 students. These students will take one semester of each class, in groups of 8, switching classes at semester break.

Upcycled Crafts, Ages 12 and up, Cost \$10, Room 104

We will make crafts out of recycled/upcycled materials, using things that may otherwise be discarded or used for other purposes. The cost for the class will be \$10, to cover material costs, and we may also be seeking donations of some "junk" for the class.

Jennie Hullinger, 308-631-4606, jenniehalla@usa.com, Co-Teacher: Bethany Robbins

Cake Decorating, Ages 12 and up, Cost \$10, Kitchen

Learn how to make buttercream icing and decorate cakes. I will provide tips to use for decorating. I am asking each student brings 3 cups of frosting and a cake to practice on each meeting, except the very first meeting. Gering Library has cake pans available to check out.

Sarah Yuill, 308-641-7862, fiestercat@hotmail.com, Co-Teacher:

Math Tutoring, Ages 12 and up, No cost, #107 Cove

This will be a study hall class where teens can bring their math homework to work on, and I will be available to answer math questions. No min or max students.

Thea Boerkircher, (308) 225-0595, boerkirchers@hotmail.com, Co-Teacher: Jenni Mascher

10:50-11:35

LEGO Club 2, Ages 5 and up, No cost, Blue Room

This class is about imagination and skill. The kids will be free to create, explore, and BUILD. A time will be set aside to share their accomplishments with each other before class is finished. There will be some Legos to use. Children may bring their own in a marked tub. Parents, some swapping may occur. Also, the kids are responsible for their own Legos. Min 1, Max 12 students.

Alison Ashford, 306-631-4630, alisonmashford@gmail.com, Co-Teacher: Grace Santos (This course is being offered for two separate periods for greater flexibility in class choices)

Chess Club, Ages 5 and up, No Cost, Library #103

In this class, we will be learning how to play the game of chess, or honing the skills of students who already know how to play. If you have a chess board available, please mark it with your name and bring it to class. Min 4, Max 12 students.

Jake Teeple, 641-629-1610, Twoteeples@yahoo.com, Co-Teacher: Caroline Teeple, Designated Sub:

P.E. Ages 5-12, No cost, Gym

This is a physical education class that will focus on teamwork, sportsmanship and physical activity through traditional PE games and activities geared for this age group. Min 5, Max 25 students.

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

Nebraska State History, Ages 8-12, Cost \$5 paid by first class, Green Room

We will be learning some facts about Nebraska. We will be making a lapbook. Max 10 students.

Jennifer Mascher, 308-225-2068, jennimascher@yahoo.com, Co-Teacher: Thea Boerkircher

American Girl Book Club, Ages 8-12, Cost \$1, #107 Cove

We will read through a couple American Girl books, and while doing so, we will talk about the history/events of the time period of the book. Min 3, Max 10 students.

Jennie Hullinger, 308-631-4606, jenniehalla@usa.com, Co-Teacher:

Manners and Etiquette, Ages 8 and up, Cost \$10 full year, #104 Small Classroom

In this class, we will cover several different areas of etiquette. This may include phone conversations, meeting new people, meal manners, etc. we will end the semester with a get together in which we can use what we have learned. Maximum 15 students.

Autumn Gwynn , 308-672-3320, Autumngwynn1979@hotmail.com, Co-Teacher: Jodie Bridges

Sewing 2, Ages 10 and up, Cost-supplies, see below, #106 Large Classroom

Sewing machine and basic sewing skills. Good working sewing machine required. Also basic sewing supplies. Scissors, pins, pincushion, tape measure. There will be no homework required. We will be making a simple tote bag. It will require 8 fat quarters in a variety of colors or patterns. We will be learning basic cutting board safety and cutting skills. Simple piecing and straight stitch practice. We will also learn how to use an iron safely. Practice pinning fabrics together while learning right and wrong sides of fabrics. Max 5 students

Bonnie Stolen, 308 631-2742, j_stolen@yahoo.com, Co-Teacher: Deanna Funk?

Inductive Study on Philippians, Ages 10 and up, Cost \$3, #105 Husker Room

We will be using The Hidden Treasures in Philippians: An Inductive Bible Study for Children by Evelyn Wheeler. Using the theme of an archaeological dig, we will be digging into the Bible. We will be using colored pencils to mark up the entire book of Philippians (on copies). Each child will need to bring a pocket folder to keep their papers in. Min 4, Max 10 students.

Pat Lossing, 775-530-2461, vhsacoop@gmail.com, Co-Teacher: Barb Douma

Stock Market Game, Age 12+, No Cost, Yellow Room

You've been given \$100,000. Do you think you can invest it in the stock market and make more money? Experience and learn about the stock market in a real world simulation game. Students will be on teams and will buy and sell stocks to make the most money.

The class team(s) will compete against other teams across the state. All transactions are simulated and no actual money is involved. Prizes are awarded to the top teams in the state. Minimum 2, Maximum 15

Don Lease, 308-279-1121, daylease9184@gmail.com, Co-Teacher: Twila Griffiths?

Biology Labs, Ages 12 and up, Cost \$25, Kitchen

We will be doing High School level Biology Labs in the various fields of Biology. Our primary text sources will be Abeka and Apologia Biology. There will be minor homework (1 hour take home quiz, and a 1 hour research assignment), bringing the total lab hours to 36 (12 in-class). For those who turn in their homework, a letter grade will be provided for transcript purposes. When taking Biology for high school credit, 20% of the coursework is required to be lab work, to qualify as a lab science. So, this class should figure as 20% of your total credit grade if students are doing a complementary text course at home. We are yet unsure of the materials costs, so will ask for \$25 from each student, and will circulate a list of needed materials as well. Any funds not used will be divided and returned to the students at the end of the year. Each student needs to bring a 3-ring binder to class. Min 2, Maximum 10 students.

Laura Leggott and Brandee Taffe, 308-641-1226, lleggott@gmail.com

11:40-12:25

Creative Writing, Ages 5-8, Cost \$4, Blue Room

Let's be creative and practice those writing skills we've been working on at home! In this class, beginning and novice writers will get to practice their handwriting by applying it to fun writing prompts, and then share it with their peers and family. :) Min 4, Max 12 students.

Caroline Teeple, (641) 629-1584, twoteeples@yahoo.com, Co-Teacher: Jake Teeple, Designated Sub:

Fun snacks, Ages 5-12, Cost \$12, Kitchen

Each class time, we will make a fun themed snack for the week! \$12 for the year which is \$1 per class. Max 12 students.

Autumn Gwynn, 308-672-3320, autumngwynn1979@hotmail.com, Co-Teacher: Jodie Bridges

Sewing 1, Ages 7-9, Cost-supplies, see below, #106 Large Classroom

Sewing machine and basic sewing skills. Good working sewing machine required. Also basic sewing supplies. Scissors, pins, pincushion, tape measure. There will be no homework required. We will be making a simple tote bag. It will require 8 fat quarters in a variety of colors or patterns. We will be learning basic cutting board safety and cutting skills. Simple piecing and straight stitch practice. We will also learn how to use an iron safely. Practice pinning fabrics together while learning right and wrong sides of fabrics. Max 5 students

Bonnie Stolen, 308 631-2742, j_stolen@yahoo.com, Co-Teacher: Deanna Funk

Rush Revere, Ages 8-12, No cost, #107 Cove

We will be looking at a piece of American History in a fun and exciting way. This class will be great for audio learners because we will be listening to the story in class. Some basic writing skills are needed. Min 2, Maximum 12 students.

Bethany Robbins, (308)760-2188, bethanyjorobbins@yahoo.com, Co-Teacher: Sheri Logan

Smash Books, Ages 8 and up, Cost \$32, #105 Husker Room

SMASH* is defined as "the act of sticking your cool stuff into this awesome book." Each time the students meet they should bring in a collection of various tidbits of paper, leaves, quotes, candy wrappers, napkins, coasters, photos, lace, stickers, and any other small tokens they want to smash into their book. Other ideas include movie tickets, special receipts, birthday or greeting cards, cherished notes from friends and family members, quotes, fortune cookie inserts, maps, travel guides, flowers and feathers. Your children can collect Smash* book "findings" in a small plastic bin, a shoebox, small totes/bags, or even a gallon size Ziploc bag and bring it to every co-op class to "smash in." I will be collecting the books at the end of every class and will send them home at the end of the year. The cost for the class is \$32 for the year (only one book included in cost). Payment is due by or at the first class. Max 10 students.

Barbara Douma, 402-309-0955, barbdouma@icloud.com, Co-Teacher: Pam DeVos

Percussion Ensemble, Ages 6 and up, Cost \$30, Sanctuary

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. Please contact Steve to confirm enrollment. Payment can be made on the first day of class or via PayPal at: cows_r_cute@hotmail.com. Can split payment: \$15 in October and \$15 in January. Minimum 5, Maximum 15 students.

Steve Taffe, 308-633-3786(DRUM), steve_taffe@yahoo.com, Co-Teacher: Brandee Taffe, Designated Sub:

Motion and Machines, Ages 8-12, Cost \$5, Yellow Room

Hands on, ears on, and eyes on learning about the Newton's Laws of Motion and the simple machines. Students may be required to watch youtube videos at home, and bring household items to each class. We will be sending a list of items for you to bring to class, and you will need a pencil case to keep them in as well. Cost: \$5 per student. Maximum 12 students.

Barbara Senkel, 308-247-2984, basenkel@hotmail.com, Co-Teacher:

Puppet Construction and Performance, Ages 10 and up, Cost \$5-see below for more details, #104 Small Classroom

I will help you construct your first basic hand puppet. We will use an old solid-colored t-shirt (fluorescent colors preferred), and you will need to purchase a few other craft supplies on your own. Homework: You will need to be able to sew t-shirt material or have an adult willing to help you. If you need me to do sewing for you, there will be a construction charge of \$20.

We will be practicing puppet skills and watching a puppet video on ventriloquism. Our goal will be to perform a "fun song" in our evening program at the end of the year. Max 8 students.

Bonnie Woolsey, (308)436-2394, bonbonwool@gmail.com, Co-Teacher:

ESI: EntrepreneurShip Investigation, Ages 10 and up, Cost \$15/semester, #103 Library

EntrepreneurShip Investigation (ESI) is an exciting, interactive, and comprehensive curriculum project designed for youth, ages 10-19. ESI uses a variety of tools to help participants develop their entrepreneurial skills and find their business niche. Through exciting activities, case studies and current technology, participants are transformed into budding entrepreneurs! After completing all levels of the curriculum, youth will have the skills and tools to start their own business, as well as have a completed business and marketing plan – the "road map" to the entrepreneur's success.

Finally, participants will learn that they can do all of these things without moving to a large city. The ESI curriculum provides an opportunity to reach young people; enabling them to explore opportunities they can create for themselves with the support of their community. Fees cover ESI book, StrengthsExplorer tool and other supplies. Checks should be made to Nebraska Extension and send to Nebraska Extension, Jana Schwartz, 4502 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE 69361. This course will be applicable for both new and past ESI class participants. Some lessons will be repeated, but students from last year will have the opportunity to build on their business ideas. The class will finish in the spring with a Marketplace to market and sell their goods. Minimum 4, Maximum 12 students.

Jana Schwartz 308-632-1480 jschwartz2@unl.edu, Co-Teacher:

Kirigami Card Making Class, Ages 12 and up, Cost \$20 (see below for \$5 off), Green Room

We will make Kirigami cards. Kirigami is similar to origami in that it is a form of paper art. The major difference is that in origami, you fold paper whereas in kirigami, you fold and cut paper. These designs will be integrated into cards to make pop-up cards. This class we will be using Precision Hobby Cutting Carving Knife (X-ACTO)! If your child can bring their own Precision cutting knife, you can take off \$5.00 (please make sure it has a new blade and that it is labeled so it can be left with me until the end of coop). If your child has a Self-healing cutting mat, you can take another \$5.00 off (Please label mat so it can stay with me until the end of the coop). No min or max students.

Thea Boerkircher, (308) 225-0595, boerkirchers@hotmail.com, Co-Teacher: Jenni Mascher

Speech/Debate, Ages 12 and up, Cost \$3, Youth Loft

This course will have 6 classes of Speech- learning the fundamentals of effectively speaking to the public. And 6 classes of Debate-researching and presenting a perspective on a topic and communicating it to an audience. There may be some homework, especially for those wanting H.S. credit. A small fee is for copies, etc. There may be a workbook required also, and we are working on how much that is going to be. Maximum 12 students

Raonda Steele and Mindy Lively, 575-779-9853, Lifewsteales@gmail.com

12:30-1:05

Lunch in Gym, please help clean up tables and chairs.

1:10-1:55

Dance, Beginner Tap and Ballet , Ages 2-8, \$90 year (\$7.50/class),

This dance class will consist of 15 minutes ballet, 15 minutes tap and 15 minutes creative dance. Your child will be learning basic ballet and tap steps using a unique analogy I have created. Creative Dance is a great brain breaker. Your child will get to express their own dance style in a variety of action packed song. As well as learn basic tumbling skills. You may have your child be barefoot

for ballet, or you can purchase ballet shoes. You may have your child wear sneakers for tap, or you may buy tap shoes. Dance wear is available at Target and dance shoes are available at Payless. Please call me, Carrie Williams, your child's dance instructor, for any questions. Max 10 students

Carrie Williams, 308-225-0657, peanut08012004@gmail.com, Co-Teacher:

Cinderella in Different Cultures, Ages 5-8, No cost, Center Room Downstairs

Each week, we will read a different Cinderella story from a different culture/geographical area. We will then study that country/culture/history etc. of where the Cinderella story took place. Max 8 students.

Bethany Robbins, (308)760-2188, bethanyjorobbins@yahoo.com, Co-Teacher: Deborah Oakes

Art History, Ages 6-12, Cost \$15, #106 Large Classroom

Your student will be introduced to a variety of famous artwork and artists and then given the opportunity to recreate that art. We will learn and try a variety of new art materials and participate in step for step projects. Art shirts are suggested.

Fees will cover all art supplies for both semesters. If You are unable to pay, please talk to me and we can work something out. Max 20 students.

Kathleen Flammang, 308-672-2267, Kathleenflammang@icloud.com, Co-Teacher: Jennie Hullinger

The Great STEM Challenge 1, Ages 5-8, Cost \$3, God Squad Room

Imagine you are shipwrecked on a deserted island. You and your team, using only your knowledge of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), have various problems to solve. How would you design your hut to keep your team safe from wild animals? Would you be able to design a bridge that would safely lead you over a lagoon of crocodiles to fruit trees? What if pirates attack? Can you design an adequate coconut catapult that will keep them away? We'll look into these solutions in class through these hands on STEM activities. Min 5, Max 18 students.

Pam DeVos, 308-279-2145, pam_devos@yahoo.com, Co-Teacher: Art DeVos, Designated Sub:

Casserole, Ages 8 and up, Cost: ingredients and pans. Kitchen

Each week, we will be preparing a casserole for the students to take home and cook for dinner that night. I will send out an email with the recipe ahead of time so the students have a grocery list and will know what to bring to class. You will need to have your own 9x13 casserole dish with a cover (or a disposable one) to bring your meal home for your family to enjoy (I bought some metal ones with a plastic snap-on cover inexpensively at Walmart and Target). You will also need to bring measuring cups/spoons and an apron. This should be a ton of fun and a nice break for your mom. :-)

Darcy Gustafson, 308-641-8116, bunchogus@hotmail.com, Co-Teacher: Sheri Logan

Basic Counted Cross Stitching 1, Ages 8-12, Cost \$3, #105 Husker Room

We will be doing a basic cross stitch pattern on a six-count for the first project. We will learn the basic kinds of stitches, how to use a pattern, and count it out. The students will then have the opportunity to choose a pattern. Min 2, Max 7 students.

Pat Lossing, 775-530-2461, vhsacoop@gmail.com, Co-Teacher: Bethany Adams

Experiments with Electricity, Ages 8-12, Cost \$20, Green Room

In Experiments with Electricity, we will do a hands-on experiment each lesson. Including: Static Electricity, Magnets, Electromagnet, Circuit, Insulators and Conductors, and Electric Motors, to name a few. Max 10 students.

Thea Boerkircher, (308) 225-0595, boerkirchers@hotmail.com, Co-Teacher: Jenni Mascher

American Sign Language, Ages 8-12, Cost \$8, #104 Small Classroom

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 by me. Students should plan to practice new vocabulary daily between classes. Payment can be mailed to Becky Eichner, 1707 5th Ave., Scottsbluff, NE 69361 or sent via Paypal to mypslm_91@yahoo.com Min 5, Max 15 students.

Becky Eichner, 308-632-7204, mypslm_91@yahoo.com, Co-Teacher: Brandee Taffe and Jen Lerwick

Middle School Planning Class, 6th through 8th grade (must turn 11 by April 6 2016), Yellow Room

Work together as a group to plan and carry out a special activity. Then at the end of our co-op year, we will hold the event for the middle school group! Minimum 6 students.

Marcy Thomalla, 308-635-1495, marcythomalla@live.com, Co-Teacher: Caroline Teeple

Writing and Study Skills, Ages 12 and up, Cost \$2, Blue Room

This study skills part course will help students write clear answers to essay questions and short essays, organize paragraphs, read for specific information, take study notes, and paraphrase. We will write humor, description, expository, journals and letters, narrative, persuasive, and possibly poetry to acquaint students with each of these genres in a fun and non-threatening class. There will be an outside-of-class writing assignment nearly every time. These will need to be submitted by Thurs at 8 PM of the week following class. Assignments will be emailed or mailed to the instructor by that date. Assignments will be graded on a rubric and extra points given for work handed in early. All assignments will be graded and handed back at the next session. Some of the writing will be shared with the class as time permits. Students will need to bring a spiral notebook and a 1 inch 3-ring binder. Max 12 students.

Barbara Senkel, 308-247-2984, basenkel@hotmail.com, Co-Teacher:

Intro to Greek, Ages 12 and up, Adults welcome, Cost: Textbook, Library

Textbook required to be purchased by student: Any Greek-English Interlinear New Testament. I prefer THE INTERLINEAR GREEK-ENGLISH NEW TESTAMENT with lexicon and synonyms by George Ricker Berry and published by Zondervan. ISBN 0-310-21170-0. I see there are a number of these in USED paperback on Amazon.com Min 6 students.

D. Jake Roberts, 308-641-8244, roberts.djake@gmail.com, Co-Teacher: Don Lease

High School Event Class, Ages 14-18, Youth Loft

This will be a student lead class. Students will make suggestions as to what events they would like to plan (i.e. Christmas Party, end of the year events etc.). There is no fee for the class; however, students may be expected to do some fundraising or provide some supplies for the planned events.

Barb Douma 402-309-0955 barbdouma@icloud.com, Co-Teacher: Raconda Steele

2:00-2:45

Duck Stamp/FUNdamentals of Art, Age 5 and up, Cost \$50+/ semester (see below), #106 Large Classroom

This class will be on Basic Art Fundamentals and will cover basic drawing and painting skills. Some homework, but not extensive.

The first semester of this course, all ages will be preparing an entry for the **Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition**, with entries due March 15th. Duck Stamp Class covers: 1. Drawing a duck using simple shapes, 2. Composing the design for a duck stamp entry, 3. Color mixing and basic color theory

Second semester- All ages will do other art projects, and older students (6th grade and up), we will be working on an entry for the **Visionaries Show at the West Nebraska Art Center**. *The older students need to have a longer time period (1 1/2 hours) to work, so they are **encouraged to stay longer!** I will stay and work with willing students up to 4pm.* This course involves drawing, composition, color mixing and theory, and painting techniques. This is an excellent opportunity for kids to learn basic drawing and painting skills with a working artist.

Fees: With 12 students or more a \$100 fee/student (payable as \$50 per semester) would cover materials costs

Less than 12 would require an additional materials fee of less than \$10.00

Prefer all up front payment but will consider by the class. Please contact with questions.

Mary B. Hunt, 308-436-2219; 308-225-1713 cell, chromabird@hotmail.com, Co-Teacher:

Ooey Goey Science Experiments, Ages 5-8, Cost \$12, Center Room Downstairs

Do you like changing liquids to solids, or seeing solids become goo? Sign up for this class and come have fun learning about science in a fun way! I am asking each student to donate \$12 to help cover supplies for our 12 weeks of experiments. Max 12 students.

Marcy Thomalla, 308-635-1495, marcythomalla@live.com, Co-Teacher:

Fairy Tales, Nursery Rhymes, Tall Tales, Fables, and Other Great Stories, Grades K-1, #107 Cove

Each lesson will include at least one story from a variety of genres. Some of the old classics and some newer ones by great authors and artists. Each story time will include an activity or two with a discussion of the story and the character qualities and values demonstrated in the story. Max 12 students.

Barbara Senkel, 308-247-2984, basenkel@hotmail.com, Co-Teacher:

The Great STEM Challenge 2, Ages 8 and up, Cost \$3, God Squad Room

Imagine you are shipwrecked on a deserted island. You and your team, using only your knowledge of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), have various problems to solve. How would you design your hut to keep your team safe from wild animals? Would you be able to design a bridge that would safely lead you over a lagoon of crocodiles to fruit trees? What if pirates attack? Can you design an adequate coconut catapult that will keep them away? We'll look into these solutions in class through these hands on STEM activities. Min 5, Max 18 students.

Pam DeVos, 308-279-2145, pam_devos@yahoo.com, Co-Teacher: Art DeVos, Designated sub:

Nail Art, Ages 8 and up, Cost \$5, Kitchen

We will be using the fake nail wheels for painting in class so there won't be a worry this time of wet nails as they try to go on to another class. We will buy the supplies. The fee is payable by first class. Min 10 students, max 20 students.

Veronica Castaneda & Grace Santos, Grace-(308)641-5408, gracesdaycare@gmail.com

Great States Quilt Math, 3rd-6th Grade (should be able to work fractions/decimals), Cost \$10, Library #103

A fun way to motivate students to practice multi-digit addition/subtraction, multiplication/division, and fractions/decimals. Each of the fifty USA states will be represented on the finished paper quilt. Each week the students will complete five pages of essential math skills, learn interesting facts about each of the fifty states, and have fun coloring the quilt blocks from each state. Reading the key near the bottom of each page will give the student practice in following directions and additional math practice. Students will need a sixteen pack of crayons and/or colored pencils for each class time. NO MARKERS. Putting the quilt together will teach alphabetical order and placement of states on the USA map. There will be homework each week to be able to complete five states in each class. Cost covers glue, contact paper, borders, and zip lock bags that will be provided. Min 6, Max 16 students.

Belinda Holder, 308-765-8070, all4grandmabjh@yahoo.com, Co-Teacher: Jennifer Gannon

Crafts, Ages 8-12, Cost \$25, Green Room

We will be doing hands-on crafts. We will be using paints, fabrics, woods, and all sorts of mediums. Max 10 students

Thea Boerkircher, (308) 225-0595, boerkirchers@hotmail.com, Co-Teacher: Jenni Mascher

Yearbook, Ages 8-18, Small Classroom #104

We will put together a little yearbook, that will be available for purchase at the end of the year. Each student will need a camera, as they will be required to go around to classes and take pictures. We will write captions about pictures and small articles on trips and events. If your child wants to join, but doesn't have a camera, we can still use them. Max 12 students.

Amber Newman, 256-318-7209, amberfields82@gmail.com, Co-Teacher: Gina Campbell

High School P.E., Ages 12 and up, Gym

Learning Basketball or maybe Volleyball or football, if we have a space. Min 4 students so we can play 2 on 2.

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

Basic Counted Cross Stitching 2, Ages 12 and up, Cost \$3, #105 Husker Room

We will be doing a basic cross stitch pattern on a six-count for the first project. We will learn the basic kinds of stitches, how to use a pattern, and count it out. The students will then have the opportunity to choose a pattern. Min 2, Max 10 students.

Pat Lossing, 775-530-2461, vhsacoop@gmail.com, Co-Teacher: Bethany Adams

PRIVATE LESSONS:

Private Piano Lessons, 1st grade and up, Cost \$80 per 6 weeks (see details below) plus books

I offer **25 minute** one-on-one piano lessons. Please determine what level your child is: Level 1 Beginner (cannot read music), Level 2 Beginner (can read music), and Level 3 Advanced (has taken at least one year of piano already). For Level 1 and Level 2 Beginners, I will teach how to read notes on the piano, basic music theory, and rhythms. For Level 3 Advanced, depending on where they are at, I will teach more in-depth music theory, faster note recognition, and more challenging music. For Level 1 or Level 2 Beginner, please purchase the Leila Fletcher Piano Course, Book 1. You can order through Music and More (here in Scottsbluff) or online (Amazon) for about \$10. For Level 3 Advanced, please bring what you already have and we will work from there! The first six weeks will be \$80, and payment is due by the first week of class. The second six weeks will also be \$80, due by the 7th week of class. The cost of all 12 weeks, paid for by the first week of class, will be \$145. Please pay in person or by mail. Max 3 students. Meagan Brush, 308-672-6195, mwhitelilies@yahoo.com, 120852 County Road C, Mitchell, NE 69357

Private Violin Lessons, 1st grade and up, Cost \$80 for 6 weeks (see details below) plus books

I offer **25 minute** one-on-one violin lessons. Please determine what level your child is: Level 1 Beginner (cannot read music), Level 2 Beginner (can read music), Level 3 Advanced (has taken at least one year of violin already). For Level 1 and 2 Beginners, I will teach violin basics (how to hold and play correctly), how to read notes on the violin, and basic music theory. For Level 3 Advanced, depending on where they are at, I will teach more advanced music, violin pitch, and violin technique (correcting and perfecting good holding and playing habits). For Level 1 and Level 2 Beginners, please purchase Strings Basics, Book 1 for Violin. This book can be purchased at Music and More (Scottsbluff) or online (Amazon) for about \$10. For Level 3 Advanced, please bring what you already have and we will work from there! The first six weeks will be \$80, and payment is due by the first week of class. The second six weeks will also be \$80, due by the 7th week of class. The cost of all 12 weeks, paid for by the first week of class, will be \$145. Please pay in person or by mail. Max 3 students
Meagan Brush 308-672-6195, mwhitelilies@yahoo.com, 120852 County Road C, Mitchell, NE 69357

Private Drum Lessons with Joe Patterson, Ages 5 and up, Cost \$20/lesson

This will be Joe's 3rd year teaching drums with the co-op. He specializes in developing lessons that help each student progress, no matter what their skill level or previous experience.

\$20.00 per lesson, payable up front or at each lesson.

Joe Patterson, 832-418-5396, lincolnpatterson@gmail.com

Classroom	10:00-10:45	10:50-11:35	11:40-12:25	Lunch 12:30-1:05	1:10-1:55	2:00-2:45	2:50-3:35?
Sanctuary	FULL	Drum lessons with Joe	FULL	Private Drum lessons with Steve	Drum lessons with Joe	Drum lessons with Joe	Drum lessons with Joe
Coat Room			Guitar Lessons with Joe				
Classroom	10:00-10:30	10:00-10:45	10:50-11:35	11:40-12:25	Lunch 12:30-1:05	1:10-1:55	2:00-2:45
#6 Fire Escape Rm (Downstairs)	Private Lessons Meagan Brush 25 minute periods throughout the morning				Meagan Leaves		

To simplify the registration process we ask that each student contact the private lesson instructor to set up lessons. We have found that scheduling private lessons first and then choosing classes works best.

Lessons will fill fast, be diligent in calling soon to secure a spot.

~ 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.
- **Who is the co-op associated with?** 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 and the exchange of ideas and information from a Biblical perspective.
- **How much does co-op cost?** There is no fee for our co-op. We do require that participants belong to VHSA, which has annual dues of \$18 per family/per year (half price after January). Some classes offered require an additional teacher fee, such as private lessons; those classes are optional and need to be paid directly to the teacher. You can find our membership form on our website at 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. VHSA will not handle any cash outside of membership fees. **If a class includes a fee, the fee must be paid, or payment arrangements must be made, prior to the first class. 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.
- **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 \$18/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/2016/08/vhsacoop/>
- **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 cut down on distractions, we are asking that all students and parents that aren't in a class stay in the foyer or designated quiet study area.
- **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 10:05am-2:35pm (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 a 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 assigned to you when we compile your family schedule. **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 Mindy Lively or Laura Leggott.
- **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.