

TexarkanaMonthly

TC KIDS' COLLEGE 2020

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THE MISSION OF TEXARKANA COLLEGE

is to **advance the community through attainable higher education and lifelong learning**, and it has a rich history of doing so with excellence since 1927. As TC's website states, it has always been "dedicated to providing academic and vocational leadership to the intellectual, cultural, social and economic life of the northeast Texas region," and that is why it is such a vital and valued part of our community. It not only provides the opportunity for members of our community to earn associate degrees and career certificates through traditional routes, but through the Community and Business Education Program, it is our leading resource for Allied Health courses, a variety of adult continuing education classes and employee training resources. The goal of the CBE Program is "To provide a variety of avocational and vocational education courses that educate, entertain and enrich the diverse interest and needs of our community. Texarkana College CBE endeavors to make high quality continuing education opportunities regularly available, as needs dictate, to residents of this area."

As we navigate through the intricacies of the COVID-19 crisis and quarantine, we continue to be disappointed by having plans for education, travel and entertainment cancelled or indefinitely postponed. While summer is supposed to be a time for kids to enjoy time away from school and take part in family vacations, fun outdoor activities and summer camps, this year will look very different. Working parents are shuffling and rearranging, trying desperately to figure out ways to care for and entertain their children during the workday without these activities as options. Texarkana College and the Community and Business Education Program are here to rescue scrambling parents and their bored kids.

For 27 years, TC has provided thousands of kids in the community an opportunity to explore and create through its summer enrichment program. They hope to help keep kids engaged and happy as it continues the Kids' College tradition. "This year may look a little different because of the social restrictions of COVID-19, but our instructors are just as prepared to take a fresh approach to making topics come alive in a virtual setting," said Mendy Sharp, TC Executive Director of Community and Business Education. Students from ages 7-12 can participate in multiple virtual sessions. Each class will challenge students to learn and apply content



Madeleine Russell, Business Development Specialist and Mendy Sharp, Executive Director of Business Development.

and skills with real-life projects that use and create up-to-date discoveries. The virtual Zoom sessions will begin July 6 and meet once a week until July 31. Students can choose from Fine Arts, Mass Communications, Culinary, or STEM topics. "We are delighted to be able to serve the students of our community in a safe way, and still give them the experiences of Texarkana Kids' College with hands-on activities that will challenge their mental, physical, and creative selves," Sharp said. "We have some outstanding instructors who are truly experts in their field and have the training and experience to bring learning to life even in a virtual setting."

Ultimately, we may have to make peace with adjusting in this new climate, but all hope is not lost! There are still good times to be had and great memories to be made this summer and you don't even need a mask! Registration for Kids' College classes is available through the TC Community and Business Education online portal at <http://cbe.texarkanacollege.edu/kidscollege/> or you can call 903-823-3270. Courses have limited space available and will fill up quickly, so don't wait to register your children. They will thank you for it! 🍷



FUN WITH FOOD

July 8 • \$50.00

KIDS' COLLEGE FUN WITH FOOD

This class will have 4 sessions that consist of:

- **PLAY:** Let's dig in to food that is safe to play with and eat!
- **CREATE:** Let's create a "round" of dessert!
- **DISCOVER:** Let's learn about sugar levels and other facts you may not know!
- **TRANSFORM:** Let's turn fruits and veggies into bugs and insects!

A class session requires at least 5 students to make and may have a maximum of 15.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Morning sessions of Fun with Food will meet on Thursdays at 10:30 AM, July 9-30.

Afternoon sessions of Fun with Food will meet on Wednesdays at 3:30 PM, July 8-28.

REQUIRED PARENTAL CONSENT

All online courses for children require a submitted consent form for each registered child.

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INSTRUCTOR

SUE ANNE HUBERT

Sue Anne Hubert began her culinary career when she served as a Personal Chef for the President of School of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Missouri. While working as a chef, Sue Anne went to school and graduated in 1992 with a Bachelors of Sociology and Psychology.

Sue Anne then moved to Oklahoma to continue her education at the Tulsa Technology Center and OSU IT in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. She completed a certificate in Culinary Arts with a 4.0 GPA and earned a place in National Honor Society with 100% attendance in the classroom.

Sue Anne continued as a Personal Chef and Caterer for family and friends. She went on to be a Sous Chef for Cherokee Casino and has since moved to Texas where she continues creating dishes for family and friends. We are so excited to have Sue Anne as our "Fun With Food" Kids' College Instructor!



REQUIRED SUPPLIES LIST

- ½ pint of strawberries
- 10-15 grapes
- Package of celery (3-4 stalks)
- 1 cucumber
- Small container of grape tomatoes (approx. 15)
- ½ pint of grapes (approx. 15-20)
- 4 ounces of cream cheese
- 1 small container of peanut butter
- Basil (approx. 8 leaves)
- 3 ounces mini chocolate chips
- ¼ pint blueberries
- 1 orange
- 1 apple
- 2-4 bananas
- 1 individual box of raisins
- 6 slices of bread
- 1 box of angel food cake mix
- 1 box of regular cake mix (flavor of choice)
- 1 large Ziploc bag
- 1 pre-made package pie crust
- 2 pudding cups
- 1 can of whipped topping
- 1 package of gummy worms
- Sprinkles of choice
- 1 package of cream cheese frosting
- 1 small package of marshmallows
- 1 jar of marshmallow fluff
- 2 cups of white flour
- 1 tablespoon Cream of Tartar
- 1 package of Kool-Aid
- 1 cup of vegetable oil
- 1 cup clear dish liquid
- 1 small bottle of corn syrup



HIP-HOP BASICS

Starts July 6 • \$50⁰⁰

KIDS' COLLEGE HIP-HOP DANCE

Your child will need a room with space for dancing and movement.

Hip-hop dance refers to street dance styles primarily performed to hip-hop music or that have evolved as part of hip-hop culture. It includes a wide range of styles primarily breaking, locking, and popping which were created in the 1970s and made popular by dance crews in the United States.

In this hip-hop basics dance class, students will learn foundational skills of popping, locking, break-dance, and freestyle.

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MEETING SCHEDULE

Hip Hop Basics will meet on Mondays at 3:30 PM, July 6-27.

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INSTRUCTOR

RACHEL NORMAN

OWNER OF TEXARKANA DANCE ACADEMY

From a young age, Rachel knew her calling in life was to inspire children to grow as individuals through the art of dance. She grew up dancing in Durant, Oklahoma under the direction of many talented and inspiring instructors. In high school, Rachel was a member of the Durant High School Sparklers and held the office of Captain for a year. Rachel pursued her love of dance in college and graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theatre Management and Promotions with a Minor in dance.

Rachel's teaching career spans over a decade. Upon moving to Texarkana, she began teaching at Texarkana Dance Academy. As an instructor, Rachel believes dance can teach more than technique. "Being a dance teacher is more than teaching the technique of dance. My goal is to instill self-confidence and life knowledge in each of my dancers. I want them to leave my studio as young women who are healthy, strong, and love themselves."

Rachel is thrilled to be teaching at Kids' College this year. Being able to provide an opportunity for kids across our community to stay active and engaged in physical activity this summer is of utmost importance to her. She is excited to be teaching Lyrical 101 and Hip-Hop 101. Both of these classes will provide students with the opportunity to learn foundational skills in these styles of dancing while also being able to express themselves through music and movement.





LYRICAL 101

Starts July 10 • \$50⁰⁰

KIDS' COLLEGE LYRICAL DANCE

Lyrical dance is a dance style that blends ballet and jazz together, usually performed to a song with lyrics. One of the most common qualities of lyrical dance is the continuation of movement. The choreography is usually designed to have the movements flow very naturally and smoothly into each other, with little or no stopping or moments of stillness. The word "lyrical" itself has nothing to do with words to a song—rather, it draws upon the dictionary definition, which includes phrases such as "having a poetic, expressive quality... highly emotional or enthusiastic." In Lyrical 101 we will work on the foundational skills of lyrical including storytelling and expressing emotions through dance.

A class session requires at least 5 students to make and may have a maximum of 15.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Lyrical 101 will meet on Friday mornings at 10:30 AM, July 10-31.

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JOURNALISM

Starts July 7 • \$50⁰⁰

KIDS' COLLEGE JOURNALISM

Students will need pencils, pens, and paper or a computer/tablet to write on.

Journalism is all about finding the truth and sharing it with the world!

In this course, you will learn how to gather and share news through print, radio, and video news reporting. The student learns in this course the ins and outs of the news writing style, personal interviews, and more!

A class session requires at least 5 students to make and may have a maximum of 15.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Morning sessions of Journalism will meet on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM, July 7-28.

Afternoon sessions of Journalism will meet on Thursdays at 3:30 PM, July 9-30.

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INSTRUCTOR

BRADEN BROWN

Braden Brown graduated from Texarkana College with an Associate of Arts in Mass Communication. After completing his studies at TC he moved to Texas A&M Texarkana and went on to obtain his Bachelor of Arts in General Studies with a concentration in Journalism. Braden has gone on to teach for his hometown alma mater, Maud ISD, for the past thirteen years at the elementary level in a variety of subject areas.

"I'm very excited about Kids' College this year! It is definitely going to be different but the children of our community need something cool, new, and fun right now. I can't wait to share this experience with them."

We are so excited to have Mr. Brown teach Journalism for Kids' College ONLINE!





VIRTUAL SCIENCE

Starts July 6 • \$50⁰⁰

KIDS' COLLEGE SCIENCE

Students will need internet connection with Zoom software, a dedicated space to work in the home, like a kitchen table, and access to a stove or microwave.

We will do several experiments sure to provide some science experience and fun to share with friends when school starts! These common chemical reaction labs are a great and safe way to see how the natural world works and how to follow the scientific method. These labs can be adapted to use household items and ingredients so they can be replicated over and over again at home or at school—so the science fun never ends!

A class session requires at least 5 students to make and may have a maximum of 15.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Virtual Science Lab will meet on Mondays or Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, July 6-29.

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INSTRUCTORS

SHELBY & THOMAS STRAWN

Shelby and Thomas Strawn are both high school science teachers at Pleasant Grove High School. Mrs. Strawn teaches Honors, Dual Credit, and AP Biology, while Mr. Strawn teaches AP Environmental Science, Environmental Systems, and Chemistry. This is Mrs. Strawn's fifth year teaching and Mr. Strawn's fourth year teaching. Both Mr. and Mrs. Strawn are currently in school, as well, pursuing their own advanced degrees with focus in the sciences.

"We are looking forward to extending our knowledge and love of science to the children in the Texarkana community with virtual Kids' College!" Thank you to the Strawn's for being our Kids' College Virtual Science Lab Instructors!



REQUIRED SUPPLIES LIST PER STUDENT

- 1 clear plastic bottle
- 1 pipette
- 1 small container of vegetable oil
- assorted food coloring pack
- 3 tablets of Alka Seltzer
- 3 small packs of instant baker's yeast
- 1 small box of baking soda
- 1 small container of 6% hydrogen peroxide (store grade)
- 4 plastic ziplock sandwich bags
- 1 small funnel
- safety goggles
- dishwashing soap (medium size bottle)
- white pipe cleaners (small pack)
- fishing line (small)
- 10 small clear plastic cups
- 1 small container of Borax
- 2 wooden skewers
- 1 large clear container
- 1 measuring cup
- 1 teaspoon and 1 tablespoon measuring spoons
- 1 small container of rubbing alcohol (91%)
- 1 small section of cheesecloth or coffee filter
- 1 small container of salt