

**GCCSA Summer Enrichment Program:**  
**The Gate City Charter School of the Arts**  
**Summer Enrichment Program (GCCSA SEP)**  
Two 2-week sessions in July and August  
Session 1: July 10-July 21    Session 2: July 31-August 11

We welcome GCCSA students, homeschooled children and students from other schools. Our days begin with a community meeting and end with a closing circle. We provide a **Movement and Mindfulness program which includes both Zumba and Tai Chi classes.** The Movement and Mindfulness program occurs before morning enrichment classes and after afternoon enrichment classes throughout our 2 two week sessions.

**GCCSA Summer Enrichment Program:**  
*Movement and Mindfulness*

**Morning Movement and Mindfulness** Monday-Friday 8:30-9:15 Session 1 or 2

**Afternoon Movement and Mindfulness** Monday-Friday 2:30-3:15 Session 1 or 2

**Zumba (Movement)** Grades K-8

Instructor: Jessica Salman

Zumba® Kids classes feature kid-friendly routines based on original Zumba® choreography. We break down the steps, add games, activities and cultural exploration elements into the class structure. Zumba helps develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporates fitness as a natural part of children's lives by making fitness fun. Classes incorporate key childhood development elements like leadership, respect, team work, confidence, self-esteem, memory, creativity, coordination and cultural awareness.

**Movement with Breath - Introduction to Tai Chi (Mindfulness)**

Grades K-8

Instructor: Kyle Finnell

In 'Matching Movement with Breath', students will take time to slow down, breathe deeply, and notice the space around them. Blending movements and postures from ancient China, taoist yoga, and inner martial arts, students will learn how to move their bodies with intention and grace. Some students will find standing like a tree to be challenging, but fun will be found when they learn to frolic like monkeys and walk like unicorns.

**GCCSA Summer Enrichment Program:**  
*Lunch*

**Lunch at GCCSA -SEP** 11:30-12:30 Monday-Friday Sessions 1 & 2

Supervisors: GCCSA SEP Staff

GCCSA SEP provides an hour for children to eat lunches from home in a picnic style and socialize with peers. This is a time to be active outdoors, rest in the shade, and create art independently with provided materials. Lunches will not be heated up or refrigerated. Please send a refillable water bottle with your child each day. GCCSA is a nut free environment.

## **GCCSA Summer Enrichment Program:** *Enrichment Classes*

### **Art in Math** Grades 4-8

Instructor: Ben Berube

Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30 Session 2

“Mathematics is the language of patterns, and patterns delight our brains in the visual arts”

Beth Slade

Join us to explore patterns in modern art, illustrations and the art of Da Vinci, Escher and others. What is the connection between mathematics and art? Discover how your drawings can be improved and enhanced by applying mathematical principles. We will explore perspective drawing, technical drawing and learn about lines, angles and geometric figures as we create.

### **Bookmaking** Grades 1-8

Instructor: Jennifer Berube

Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30 Session 2

Let's create a variety of books from scratch! Children are instinctive storytellers, and when they make books by hand they forge a personal and physical connection to reading, writing, and making art. Through bookmaking, students develop creative expression, self-esteem, and a stronger appreciation for books. In this class, we'll create a paper bag book, accordion books, a pop-up book, and shape books while trying our hands at some simple binding techniques.

### **Cardboard Creations** Grades 1-8

Instructor: Jennifer Berube

Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30 Session 1

Cardboard is one of the most commonplace, multi-purpose, recyclable art materials around! Artists will gain the skills and knowledge to master cardboard.. Students will learn basic techniques of scoring, joining and folding by creating numerous sculptures that may include games, costumes, architectural structures, and more.

### **Cartooning** Grades 2-8

Instructor: Ben Berube

Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30 Session 1

Everybody loves cartoons! What makes cartooning its own art form, and how can we take part in creating our own cartoon art? Join us for fun studying, reviewing, and watching cartoons from different parts of the world and times throughout history. In this class, you will learn how to draw your favorite cartoon characters, and design and draw your own creations. From animals, people, objects, and backgrounds, all the basics of drawing in a comic style will be covered.

## **GCCSA Summer Enrichment Program:** *Enrichment Classes*

### **Creative Drama Grades K-4**

Instructor: Hailey Sullivan

Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30 Sessions 1 & 2

Creative Drama invites children to explore their natural world of creative play and develop it further using theatre and games and storytelling adventures. We will build our collaborative skills as we work together to take our favorite stories from the page to the stage! Creative drama is improvisational and process oriented. Children are guided by a leader to imagine, enact and reflect on real and imagined experiences, using voice and movement to express their understanding.

### **GCCSA Summer Theatre** Grades 4-8

Instructor: Hailey Sullivan

Monday-Friday 12:30-2:30 Sessions 1 & 2

Gate City Summer Theatre will teach students the fundamentals of theatre and acting in a fun, supportive and creative environment. Students will use their bodies, their voices, and most importantly, their individuality as they learn the craft of acting. Emphasis will be placed on group building and teamwork, as students collaborate and develop a short culminating performance.

### **Hand Sewing 101** Grades 1-8

Instructor: Michaelene Koskela

Monday-Friday 12:30-2:30 Session 1

Students will learn how to sew by hand, using a variety of stitch techniques on his or her own muslin sampler. We will design a pattern, cut fabric, sew on buttons and create a tomato pin cushion in this class. We will choose from a variety of additional sewing projects using the techniques and stitches we master. In this course we will not use a sewing machine. No prior sewing experience necessary.

### **Intro to Magic: Tricks and Stage Presentation** Grades 3-8

Instructor: Ben Berube

Monday-Friday 12:30-2:30 Session 2

This class will teach you about the history of magic. You will learn how to use performance arts to enhance a magic act, and various sleights, tricks, illusions, and “secret moves” necessary to perform miracles that will amaze your friends and family. Join us if you can keep a secret!

### **Music Making Concert** Grades 3-8

Instructor: Caleb Swann

Monday-Friday 12:30-2:30 Session 2

Prepare a concert for your fans! Whether you play an instrument or want to learn how to use computers to make music, let's create a digital concert for all to hear!

## **GCCSA Summer Enrichment Program:** *Enrichment Classes*

### **Photo 101 and Experiments in Photography** Grades 3-8

Instructor: Caleb Swann

Monday-Friday 12:30-2:30 Session 1

Love photography? From 35mm to digital point and shoots to iPhones, and everything in between, let's explore the fun world of photography! From stop-motion to macro photography, scanners and time lapse, experimental photography can be whatever you want it to be! Can you build your own camera? Capture things your eye can't even see? You can here!

### **Printmaking** Grades 1,-8

Instructor: Tricia Gately

Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30 Session 1

Students will participate in many printmaking processes, including monoprints, found object prints, cut paper prints and glue prints. Participants will create up to a year's worth of greeting cards along with unique pieces of varying sizes.

### **Puppeteering** Grades K-8

Instructor: Jennifer Berube

Monday-Friday 12:30-2:30 Session 2

Students will explore puppetry and develop characters in a class that will turn them into puppeteers! Activities include manipulating a puppet, pantomime, adding language, adding a partner and props, building scenes, and constructing puppets. Students will create fun and unique puppets using paints, fabric, glue, scissors and imagination. We'll make glove, rod and cone, marionette and many paper puppets while we practice bringing our new friends to life!

### **Spanish Made Easy** Grades K-4

Instructor: Astrid Alvarado

Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30 Session 1

Students will learn foundational skills such as basic language patterns and vocabulary. Repetition through meaningful games, media, readings, activities will be utilized throughout the class. Focus on acquiring skills through listening, speaking, reading and writing. Spanish culture is an important part of the class and will be explored through art and research projects.

### **Spanish Made Easy** Grades 5-8

Instructor: Astrid Alvarado

Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30 Session 2

Students will learn foundational skills such as basic language patterns and vocabulary. Repetition through meaningful games, media, readings, activities will be utilized throughout the class. Focus on acquiring skills through listening, speaking, reading and writing. Spanish culture is an important part of the class and will be explored through art and research projects.

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**Summer S.T.E.A.M.** Grades 3-8  
Monday-Friday 12:30-2:30 Session 1

Instructor: Ben Berube

Summer STEAM provides fun hands-on activities in the areas of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics to develop new skills, expand creative thinking, and foster team building and new friendships. Activities include math games, hands-on science activities, engineering challenges and multi-media art projects.

**Upcycled Art!** Grades 1-8  
Monday-Friday 2:30 -2:30 Session 1

Instructor: Tricia Gately

Students will participate in using recycled and unwanted items to create something new and amazing! Projects include: turn a t-shirt into a reusable shopping bag, make a recycled book box, make a clock from a book!

**Using the Sewing Machine** Grades 3-8  
Monday-Friday 12:30-2:30 Session 2

Instructor: Michaelene Koskela

Students will learn how to use a sewing machine: thread the machine, tension as well as how to choose proper machine needles. Students will practice on four types of paper guides to zig zag, circles, squares and hearts. Students will learn about fabric types and to measure and read patterns. Projects to choose from will include small pillows, mini messenger bag, and headbands.

## **GCCSA Summer Enrichment Program:** *Summer Parties*

GCCSA SEP offers parties where children learn through play and creative activities. Each party is two hours long and includes opportunities for group collaboration, free play and dress up.

**Summer Parties** are offered separately from our 2 two week summer classes. PreK and K caregivers are welcome to attend our Summer Parties. Adults present at parties will be asked to fully participate with the children and the party coordinator.

### **Princess Training Academy Party** Grades PreK- 2

Instructor: Jennifer Berube

Monday, July 10 12:30-2:30

Come join us for enchanting crafts and games and everything princess! At this party we'll learn that a princess's significance extends beyond her beauty, in traits like problem solving, leadership and kindness. We'll curtsy and defeat dragons, practice disagreeing respectfully and choose glamorous gowns to wear at the royal ball! We'll dress our teddy bear princes in royal attire, teach them to waltz and invite them to sit at our Princess Tea!

### **Dinosaur Day Party** Grades Pre-K-3

Instructor: Jennifer Berube

Tuesday, July 11 12:30-2:30

Go back in time and play among the dinosaurs! Dig for bones and assemble a dinosaur skeleton. Create dinosaur crafts and enjoy dinosaur games while learning about these prehistoric beasts.

### **Secret Agent Spy Party** Grades 1-4

Instructor: Jennifer Berube

Wednesday, July 12 12:30-2:30

Calling all recruits...report to Headquarters! Gather your closest allies and go undercover to explore the secrets hidden in Spy Training Academy. Filled with top secret activities that will put spy skills and street smarts to the test, Secret agents will discover evasion techniques, create and use spy gadgets, uncover the science behind spying and more!

### **Afternoon at the Spa Party** Grades 1-8

Instructor: Jennifer Berube

Friday, July 14 12:30-2:30

This party is all about the good life! Rest, relax and create some comforting concoctions like a chocolate face mask and lavender pillow. Decorate fabulous footwear that will put the focus on your sparkly toes. Enjoy manicures, pedicures, plush robes, and turbans during this party that will refresh and rejuvenate you! Emphasis on celebrating and loving ourselves with tender care.

## **GCCSA Summer Enrichment:** *Instructors*

### **Astrid Alvarado**

Ms. Alvarado is a graduate of Rivier University with a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. She enjoys the outdoors and loves hiking and the beach as much as possible throughout the summer. She has taught Kindergarten up to 3rd grade. She currently teaches 6th grade at Gate City Charter School for the Arts.

### **Ben Berube**

Mr. Berube is a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Art and Design and earned a Masters of Education from Lesley University. He has been a special educator for ten years and currently teaches 8th graders at McCarthy Middle School in Chelmsford, MA.

### **Jennifer Berube**

Mrs. Berube attended puppetry and bookmaking workshops as a graduate student at Lesley University. As a Mom at home, Jennifer created Pretend and Play Parties, a custom children's party business. Jennifer has led many science and arts enrichment workshops as well as educational playshops in elementary schools and community centers. She has taught preschool through 4th grades. She is the 3rd grade teacher at GCCSA and coordinator of the GCCSA Summer Enrichment Program.

### **Kyle Finnell**

Mr. Finnell has been an educator for four years. His schooling focused on History, but he enjoys learning about anything. Mr. Finnell loves sharing stories with students and exploring creative art forms. His current passion is martial arts, specifically Taiji chuan (Tai Chi) and Bagua zhang.

### **Hailey Sullivan**

Ms. Sullivan is a sophomore at Nashua High School South. She has been dancing since the age of two and has been performing in musicals since the age of six. She recently assisted in the Jr. Actorsingers theatre production of the "Wizard of Oz" as a co-choreographer, and has been invited back as lead choreographer for next year's show. Ms. Sullivan is very excited to be a part of the GCCSA SEP, and can't wait to share her love of drama and theatre with students.

### **Tricia Gately**

Mrs. Gately holds a BFA with a concentration in Sculpture from Massachusetts College of Art and Design. Tricia has ten years of experience teaching in a variety of settings, from private schools, public urban schools to private therapeutic schools and a theatre arts camp. In her spare time, Tricia is an obsessive knitter!

## **GCCSA Summer Enrichment:** *Instructors*

### **Michaelene Koskela**

Mrs. Koskela has been sewing since she was 7 years old. She led a sewing and craft group weekly in her home in the 90's. Mrs. K. offers classes at Beck's Art Express and is found daily in the school Cafeteria at GCCSA. When she is not sewing or crocheting she is active riding bikes, camping, jogging, skiing and playing sports. Mrs. K. also bakes crazy good cake pops!

### **Jessica Salman**

Ms. Salman has ten years of instruction experience, specializing in group exercise for people of all ages, from children to older active adults. Jessica is a Master Trainer in dance fitness and teaches world styles of dance fitness including Latin, Bollywood and Bhangra, bellydance and African dance, among others. She is a certified Personal Trainer and Group Exercise Trainer from the American Council for Exercise. Ms. Salman's passion is to help others find their happiness through music and fitness.

### **Caleb Swann**

Mr. Swann is the IT Wizard for Gate City Charter School for the Arts. He is a graduate of San Francisco Art Institute. Caleb has worked with numerous charter schools throughout NH, providing technical expertise as well as artistic inspiration and distraction to students in grades K-12. He has a passion for photography and all things Digital Arts!