

## 2024 College for Kids Class Descriptions:

### **Active Aardvarks:** Loveland ▾ Fort Lupton ▾ Windsor ▾ Greeley ▾

Active, Junior Aardvarks, get moving! Learn fun and amazing ways to stay fit and healthy in this course! Students will be on the move each day, trying different activities which may include: soccer, basketball, volleyball, tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, yoga, and fitness. Students will develop fundamental sports skills while building confidence and relationships. Kids gain strength, stamina, flexibility, teamwork, leadership skills and a greater appreciation of how our bodies work! Students must come to this class in tennis shoes!

### **American Sign Language:** Loveland ▾ PM ▾ Greeley ▾ PM ▾

Sign Language isn't just a language, it's a whole culture! Come and learn about the fascinating world of American Sign Language where you will learn actual signs as well as the whole alphabet, while practicing communicating with fellow classmates. This course will include hands-on crafts, games and interactive group activities. Take what you learn home and then you can teach your family and friends your fun new skills!

### **Animals Unleashed:** Loveland ▾ Fort Lupton ▾ Windsor ▾

Come with us as we dive into the amazing world of animals from a scientific perspective! Students will learn about different ecosystems and the species that call them home. We will spend our days investigating well known and lesser known species, how they interact with each other, and how we can protect their precious ecosystems. Students will have access to hands-on learning labs, activities, games, videos, as well as classroom animal visits!

### **Art Exploration:** Loveland ▾ PM ▾ Fort Lupton ▾ PM ▾ Windsor ▾ PM ▾ Greeley ▾

Come and get your creativity on with Art Exploration! This class is an excellent way to build artistic confidence through discovering and manipulating materials. By focusing on the process and the exploration of materials whether it be clay sculpting, paper mache letters, pour painting, tie-dye and more, kids will use their imagination and articulate their ideas into works of art. This unique learning experience places an emphasis on having fun while exploring creativity! Students will get to take their works of art home with them at the end of the week!

**Artist Bootcamp:** Loveland ▾ AM ▾ Fort Lupton ▾ Windsor ▾ Greeley ▾

Have you ever looked at a piece of art that made you feel some kind of way; good, bad or indifferent? Come and learn more about how art can be an expressive experience. In this class, students will focus on art fundamentals through a variety of creative exercises and hands-on learning experiences. This will allow young artists to "get loose" and enjoy the process without overthinking the outcome. Students will focus on diving deep into the artistic processes, exploring different mediums and genres to help them develop their own creative voice.

**Becoming Your Best Self!:** Loveland ▾ Greeley ▾

We all struggle at times with feeling confident, good enough, and healthy enough. In this space we will learn and discuss ways to feel better about who we are, and recognize what all we have in common with each other! Students will focus on mental and physical health, interpersonal relationships and leadership skills; such as time-management, goal setting and organization. We will dive into positive character traits and how we can work towards exemplifying them in our everyday lives. Daily content is taught in an energetic and highly engaging manner with opportunities for each learner to share and participate.

**Charizard's Japanese Adventure:** Fort Lupton ▾ Windsor ▾ Greeley ▾

Japanese is like coding! Within a week, students will be able to decode Pokémon cards in Japanese! This class offers students to learn Japanese language and culture through action related talk and play-based activities. Students can exchange greetings and introductions, sing songs, and respond to simple instructions in Japanese at the end of the week. This class offers fun activities such as origami, kendama toy lessons, chopstick game, and sushi making.

**Dino World:** Loveland ▾ Fort Lupton ▾ Windsor ▾ Greeley ▾

This summer, Dinosaurs will once again rule! Explore the wide world of Dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals in this class. We will learn about the earth's natural history, how Dinosaurs continue to impact our culture today, and create Dino arts and crafts. Don't miss this summer program that was 65 million years in the making!

**Farm to Table:** Fort Lupton ▾ AM ▾ Greeley ▾ AM ▾

Get hands-on with agriculture and see how it affects daily life in everything from the clothes on your back to the wires in your computer. We will explore the "farm to table" revolution by diving into the foods and fiber industry. Class activities will include cheese or butter making, eggs-periments, by-products, exploration and much more!

**Finding Your Voice: Personal Storytelling:** Fort Lupton Windsor Greeley

Do you love telling stories? Are you curious about how to make your personal experiences come alive for others? Join our fun and interactive personal storytelling class! Together, we'll explore the art of storytelling through writing, games, and group activities. We'll also listen to several exciting stories told by expert storytellers as inspiration. You'll learn how to create characters, set a scene, and craft a narrative that captures the attention of your audience. Plus, you'll gain confidence in presenting your own story in front of others in a supportive and encouraging environment. By the end of the class, you'll have the skills and tools to share your unique perspective with the world!

**Folklore in Literature:** Loveland Fort Lupton Windsor Greeley

“Once upon a time...” -The famous words that start out many of our most cherished and beloved fairy tales! Come learn about how most of those stories started out as folk-tales; oral stories handed down from generation to generation, to teach kids about certain dangers, preserving cultures, or even historical events. The stories we know and love are not always the same ones that were told centuries ago. In this dynamic, theatrical, and engaging telling of cherished tales from around the world, students will explore how they have evolved and influenced modern day literature, film and culture.

**{FUN}ctional Life Skills:** Loveland Fort Lupton Windsor Greeley

In this course students will learn and gain basic life skills that they can use in their individual environments as they begin to become more independent in their everyday lives. Students will gain basic skills through hands-on learning including cooking, personal safety, cloth mending, budgeting, unplugged entertainment, and navigation. This class will give each student the opportunity to discover simple ways that they can start to become more self-reliant. At the end of the week, each student will take home an assortment of materials and skills learned along the way!

**Hawaiian Island Creations:** Loveland Fort Lupton Windsor Greeley

Students will use their imagination and creativity to travel over 2,000 miles offshore from the mainland to explore the Hawaiian Islands. We will discover Hawaii's traditions, cultures, ideologies, myths, facts, and controversies. We will learn how Hawaii went from a monarchy, to a territory, and ended up as America's 50th State. We will learn a little about land formations, build and erupt our own volcanoes, learn how to make leis, explore music with instruments and dance, all while having fun!

**Junior First Responder:** Windsor ▾ AM ▾

Do you want to learn about saving lives, being a firefighter, emergency medical services (EMS) or law enforcement? In this fun, interactive and educational course, students will learn from professionals who work and train as first responders in our own communities. Held in the Public Service Institute at Aims Community College, students will play games, do crafts and see live training in-action at our state of the art training grounds. Students will also focus on the skills necessary to become a first responder, such as critical thinking, leadership and teamwork. With visits from the local Fire and Police departments, students will be able to explore the many career options held within these fields.

**Lights, Camera, Action:** Greeley ▾

Video production is becoming increasingly prevalent in today's digital world. Creativity and technology come together in Lights, Camera, Action! In this fun and interactive class, students will learn the necessary skills and confidence to produce a short film, in-field interviews, and even go live on Aims Radio. From brainstorming and storyboarding, to lighting, audio, filming and editing, learning the basic steps of performing, acting on film, to video producing; deciding which shots are worthy of a final video. Parents/Guardians will receive their students' final film via email once they are finished. (Please note: the film may take up to a few weeks to complete and email)

**Mad Science:** Fort Lupton ▾ Greeley ▾

Dive right into the wonderful world of Science! Kids will explore a variety of introductory topics and learn about the many different fields of science including geology, biology, and chemistry. Through hands-on experiments, students will become scientists, formulating a hypothesis, exploring variables, and then interacting with lab experiments such as elephant toothpaste, DIY ice cream, cracking geodes and more! Students will get to take home a few of the small, educational science-themed toys that emphasized the concepts they learned that day.

**Ocean Exploration:** Loveland ▾ Fort Lupton ▾ Greeley ▾

In this class, we will discover the wonders of the ocean! Learners will explore the four basic concepts of oceanography: physical, geological, chemical and biological. We will learn about different ocean ecosystems, study amazing sea creatures, and ponder what would happen if the oceans dried up. Become an environmental steward and learn how we can reduce the threat to our oceans, even here in Colorado!

**Photography:** Windsor ▾ Greeley ▾

Photography is a great way to introduce kids to the concepts of artistic expression and storytelling. Students will learn how to see, and capture, the beauty in everyday life using real DSLR cameras under the supervision of a professional photographer. By the end of the week, they will understand photography concepts like shutter speed, aperture settings, and ISO, as well as develop their artistic eye! We'll talk about what makes for good photography and have the chance to review photos taken throughout the week. On the final day of class, students will get to take home their own SD card to access their photos and show off their learned skills!

**Planting and Gardening Exploration:** Loveland ▾ Greeley ▾

Calling all gardeners! Come and explore the basics of plant life-cycles, merged with art activities! Students will have various opportunities to learn about healthy, home-grown nutrition, along with hands-on experiments, such as planting seeds and decorating pots. We will learn about various types of plants, vegetables, herbs and spices, the bugs that help our gardens grow, and the sustainability that gardening and planting brings.

**Polymer Clay Jewelry Making:** Loveland ▾ AM ▾ Windsor ▾ Greeley ▾

Polymer clay is a fun and versatile material! Students can easily create colorful, sturdy and lightweight jewelry charms or small pieces of artwork. In this fun, hands-on class, students will learn how to take a simple block of clay, and through conditioning, shaping, and baking, turn it into amazing finished pieces. We'll cover the basics of working with polymer clay, researching our projects, and exploring a variety of techniques. At the end of class you'll leave with finished pieces of jewelry or artwork to call your own!

**SafeSitter:** Windsor ▾ Greeley ▾

Is your child ready to stay home alone, watch younger brothers and sisters while you're away from the house, or babysit for younger children? Then maybe it's time for Safe Sitter®. Safe Sitter® is for boys and girls who are ready to learn the skills they need to care for themselves and younger children. This Safe Sitter® course teaches students how to practice important safety skills, how to handle emergencies, and how to treat illnesses and injuries. In addition, students learn important business skills, such as how to screen jobs, set a wage, and work with employers. At the end of this course, students will receive a Safe Sitter card.

**Spanish! Language, Literacy and Culture:** Loveland ▾ Greeley ▾

Spanish is recognized both as a local language with a long and rich history in the United States and as a global language spoken by millions of people around the world. This course introduces students to the Spanish language so that they can develop proficiency on a basic level. While focusing on vocabulary, phrases, and literacy practices, students will also be immersed in Spanish-speaking cultures such as Spain, Mexico and Central America. Students will learn differences in values, attitudes and actions as they investigate different cultures through hands-on activities and crafts.

**Take the Stage:** Loveland ▾ Windsor ▾ Greeley ▾

They call it a Play for a reason! In this fun and hands-on class, students will be exposed to theater games and exercises designed to free their imaginations, build self-confidence, and encourage collaborative play with peers. Additionally, students will develop their characters and costumes, learn about script writing, acting techniques and dive into scenes! Through the exploration of a variety of character development and scene study, participants begin to build an actor's "Toolbox" in this class. They will also perform a play that will be recorded and distributed to the students' parents or guardians so they can see their actors/actresses hard at work!

**Ukulele for Beginners:** Loveland ▾ Greeley ▾

Do you like music? Have you wanted to learn to play an instrument but felt overwhelmed? Join Ukulele for Beginners to learn how to hold the instrument and a pick, basic chords, and how to read music. We will learn songs, and perform class solos. Listening to different styles of Ukulele will help us find our own unique style. Join us, as we perfect our skills through practice and then show off at a fun concert on the final day of class!

**Wilderness Survival:** Loveland ▾ Fort Lupton ▾ Windsor ▾ Greeley ▾

Our ancient ancestors were master bush-craferers. Living in Colorado we have access to 3.5 million acres of federally protected wilderness. Many of us have spent time camping and hiking throughout Colorado but how many of us could survive in this wilderness if we became lost or stranded? Wilderness Survival 101 teaches skills and strategies for dealing with unexpected and adverse circumstances. We will cover topics including: first aid, water sourcing and purification, navigation using a map and compass, fire craft, rope and knot skills, cooking methods, shelter building, 72-hour bags, clothing choices, food sources and the gear and tools necessary to survive in the wilderness.

**YouthBiz Shark Tank:** Loveland ▾ Windsor ▾ Greeley ▾

Calling all business bosses! Ever thought you had an idea for the next big thing? Ever wanted to start your own business and be your own boss? YouthBiz Shark Tank is for you! This camp will show you how to generate a business idea, or improve the one you already have, find out what you need to know to get started, make a model of your product, prepare and present a professional business pitch, just like on Shark Tank! On the last day of class, young business owners will pitch their businesses to a panel of judges, competing for the grand prize of \$100!