

SOAR 2019 Fall Workshops



August 29, 2019

Dear SCS Parents and Guardians,

Welcome! SOAR is looking forward to an exciting 2019 fall line up of workshops. The first part of the catalogue lists classes for 1-4 students and the second part lists workshops for 5-8 students. The last part of the catalogue lists the fall musical option and a one off workshop for middle school students that we are piloting for the September 25th early dismissal day to explore the possibility of SOAR offering some more early dismissal one-off workshops in the spring for a variety of grade levels.

The catalogue listing all fall SOAR classes and a direct link to the on-line registration form have been forwarded to you by your child's homeroom teacher. This will allow you to register without going to the SCS website.

Here is the link to the on-line registration form:

<https://forms.gle/Fm2pQqr8DEdwRBCv7>

Once you know the workshops your child(ren) is interested in signing up for, click on the above link to get to the on-line registration Google Form. *If you have any difficulties registering your child, please contact Linda Sloane, SOAR Program Director, at soarenrichment@gmail.com*

Registration for SOAR classes will be open Thursday, August 29th – Tuesday, September 10th. Workshops will begin Monday September 16th. We recognize that this is a short turn around time. However, our registration form allows you to rank your preference (1st-4th) for multiple classes, and everyone who registers by 9/10 will have an equal chance of getting into a high preference class. Please rank only one class as a first choice, second choice, third choice, etc. class. **Registration confirmations will be e-mailed on or before Friday, September 13th.** *After 9/10, late registrations will be offered if spots remain; many classes will already be full.*

PAYMENT: Please send payment to the school via your child only *AFTER* you have received class confirmation(s) so that your check accurately reflects your actual total. Please send payment in an envelope labeled with your child's name and homeroom teacher.

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SCHOLARSHIPS: SOAR feels strongly that financial constraints should not limit any child's ability to participate in SOAR. As a result, we offer confidential scholarships. To request scholarship support, check the appropriate box on the registration form or call or e-mail the SOAR Director, Linda Sloane. We do ask that each family contribute what it can, but we are happy to work with families as needed.

EXTRAS CREDITS: Children, who attend a SOAR workshop on a day they are already enrolled in EXTRAS, may attend SOAR free of charge. Please indicate if your child is attending EXTRAS on the days of workshops selected on the registration form.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HELPERS: Instructors have requested Middle School Helpers for several classes. This term the following classes would love a 6th – 8th grade helper or two: Fun Fitness (for 1st and 2nd graders), Science Club (for 3rd-5th graders), and How Do Artists Get Their Inspiration (for 1st -3rd graders). Middle School Helpers **must register** for the class they would like to help with but **do not need to pay** for that class.

Please be in touch with any questions or concerns. On behalf of the Program Committee and the Board, we look forward to lots of new discovery, creativity and excitement with these wonderful offerings. Thanks for your continued robust support of SOAR workshops.

Best,
Linda Sloane,
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Workshop Reminders

1. **Note dates of each workshop:** they vary by workshop and are not consistent from class-to-class. Many classes do not meet consecutive weeks due to instructor's schedules or the Region 1 calendar. Some classes run from February through until April vacation and several classes don't even begin until after the spring break.
2. **Contact the SOAR Program Director** if your child has a behavioral plan or food allergy which SOAR instructor/s should be aware of
3. **Pack an additional healthy snack** on the days your child attends SOAR. Snacks improve a student's ability to concentrate and enjoy the workshop. Time is provided during workshops for children to have snacks.
4. **Notify the SCS office** if your child will be in school the day of their workshop but *will not* be attending SOAR. Failure to do so delays the departure of SCS buses.
5. **Pick-up your child promptly:** Pick-up is from the upper building circle, unless otherwise noted. Dismissal times vary from workshop to workshop.

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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE (*- classes for 5-8)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ * Hooray for Disney's Hollywood, Gr 4-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ * Farm, Gr 3 – 8 ◆ Fun Fitness, Gr 1-2 ◆ * Redhawks Go Global with Cucina Volante, Gr 5-8 ◆ * Computer Art with Python 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ * CARTboard Creations, Gr 4-6 ◆ How Do Artists Get Their Inspiration, Gr 1-3 ◆ * \$avings \$pree, Gr 3-5 ◆ * Studio Art at Hotchkiss, Gr 5-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ * Farm, Gr 3-8 ◆ Fun Fitness, Gr 1-2 ◆ Fun With Wixie for Grades 1 and 2 ◆ My Day, My Life: Writing and Illustrating Your Autobiography, Gr 2-4 ◆ * STEAM Club, Gr 3-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ * Hooray for Disney's Hollywood, Gr 4-8 ◆ * Robot Engineering, Gr. 6-8

WORKSHOPS FOR GRADES 1-4

Tuesdays

Computer Art with Python: Grades 4-8

Marta Eso from Hotchkiss is back with another exciting computer class. If you think computer-programming work might not be for you, think again! Unleash your creativity with Python's Turtle Graphics! Learn some introductory programming skills while creating beautiful, computer generated, geometric designs. Python is a popular programming language for beginners and professionals alike. In this course we utilize its graphics module in a cloud-based classroom so that students can access their projects both at school and at home.

Fee	Day(s)	Dates	Location	Maximum	Instructor(s)
\$35.00	Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:30	9/17, 9/24 10/1, 10/8, 10/22, 10/29	Computer Lab	14 Students	Marta Eso

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Food Farming And Fun At Hotchkiss's Fairfield Farm: Grades 3-8

A perennial favorite, SOAR's collaboration with Hotchkiss resumes with twice-weekly visits to Fairfield Farm. SCS students will be partnered with Hotchkiss students working side-by-side harvesting crops and preparing the fields to plant fall crops. We will also explore the landscape and learn how the animal and plant cycles shift from season to season. Transportation to the Farm is provided, but **pick-up is at the Farm promptly at 5:15pm.**

Fee	Day(s)	Dates	Location	Maximum	Instructor(s)
\$30	Tues & Thurs 3:15-5:15	9/24, 9/26, 10/1, 10/3, 10/8, 10/10	Hotchkiss's Fairfield Farm, 396 Sharon Rd., Lakeville	13 Students	Amanda McClure & Ellie Youngblood

Fun Fitness: Grades 1-2

We'd love 1 or 2 Middle School Helpers.

After a day in the classroom and before an evening in front of a computer, it's time to get moving! Millen Murray, a long time para-professional at SCS returns to run this ever-popular workshop. This well-loved workshop is designed to teach children to appreciate their own physicality. Participants will test their skills with different games while improving physical co-ordination, learning about strategy and good sportsmanship. Emphasis is placed on rules of conduct so that everyone feels comfortable and has a good time. Whenever the weather permits, this class will take place outdoors. Participants need to dress in loose, weather-appropriate clothing and have appropriate foot wear. Nutritional snacks are provided, and healthy eating habits will be discussed. *Please let us know of any food allergies or dietary restrictions, as snacks will be provided for this class only.*

Fee	Day(s)	Dates	Location	Maximum	Instructor(s)
\$40	Tues & Thurs: 3:15 - 4:15	9/24, 9/26, 10/1, 10/3, 10/8, 10/10	Outdoors/Cafeteria	12 Students	Millen Murray

Wednesdays

CARTboard Creations: Grades 4-6

SOAR is excited to have Salisbury Central's own Jen Segalla teaching this wonderful workshop. Participants will enjoy the same kind of exploration, hands-on, problem solving work that they experience and love in the Excelplex. This engaging workshop will combine art and engineering skills as participants create sculptures with cardboard and wire! The class will begin with an overview of the life and work of artist, maker and inventor, Alexander Calder. Participants will then create 3D, 'stable' sculptures based on his inspirational work. They will sketch and plan, make a small miniature model and then create their final larger scale stable.

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\$55	Wednesdays: 3:15-4:45	9/18, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13	Excelplex	6 Students	Jen Segalla

How Do Artists Get Their Inspiration: Grades 1-3
[We'd love 1 Middle School Helper.](#)

SOAR is excited to introduce Tara Foley, an artist and art educator from the Wassaic Project in Wassaic, NY as a new instructor to SOAR. Tara brings to her work a wonderful creative eye and especially enjoys thinking about what inspires artists and where they get their ideas from. In this workshop, the participants will see that artists get ideas from all different aspects of life! They will engage in hands on art making activities inspired by: music, outer space, our emotions, our dreams, and cultural traditions. The beginning of each class will begin with a brief introduction to Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS), which is a powerful critical thinking tool developed for children that is used all across the country in museums and classrooms.

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\$55	Wednesdays 3:15-4:15	9/18, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/30	Music Room and Art Room	10 Students	Tara Foley

\$avings \$pree: Grades 4-6

Natalia Smirnova is back with another one of her engaging, fun and easy to understand financial literacy classes. With her expertise and passion for teaching these important life skills to children, she is able to make difficult subject matter come alive. This course will introduce students to the concepts of money, saving, and investment. In an interactive way, through games and simulations, participants will cover the following topics: what is money, special features of money, setting financial goals, savings vs. investments, and CDs, stocks, and bonds. The class will be taught through the use of educational, short videos from EconLowDown portal of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Q&A, discussions, and free online stock market simulations. Various fun assessments will be used along the way to help students grow their financial literacy skills. Learning Outcomes for the participants will be as follows: (1) developing a basic understanding of financial literacy concepts and vocabulary; (2) setting a financial goal; and (3) making a concrete plan for reaching this goal.

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Fee	Day(s)	Dates	Location	Maximum	Instructor(s)
\$45	Wednesdays: 3:15-4:45	9/18, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, and 10/30	TBD	10 Students	Natalia Smirnova

Thursdays

Food Farming And Fun At Hotchkiss's Fairfield Farm: Grades 3-8

Refer to Tuesday Classes for description and other details

Fun Fitness: Grades 1-2

Refer to Tuesday Classes for description and other details

Fun With Wixie: Grades 1-2

Pat Palmer, a veteran computer teacher, returns to SOAR with another one of her fun and interesting computer classes for younger students. Participants will use their creativity and the online app called Wixie to learn and practice various digital skills. With Wixie, the students can do computer paintings with various graphics tools and add text as needed. The emphasis will be on having time to experiment without feeling the need to create a particular product.

Fee	Day(s)	Dates	Location	Maximum	Instructor(s)
\$35	Thursdays 3:15 - 4:15	9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17	Computer Lab	10 students	Pat Palmer

My Day, My Life: Writing and Illustrating Your Autobiography: Grades 2-4

Molly Salisbury is back with another wonderful class exploring the life of different writers and genres of books that in turn, inspire the participants of her workshops to write their own stories and become authors in their own right. This time around the genre of autobiographies will be explored. Workshop participants will hear the life stories of remarkable teachers, leaders, athletes, artists and activists. They will explore all the different ways there are to tell a story - especially the story you are living! Every week students will do a little writing and illustrating of their own autobiographies and end up with a "ME" book containing images and stories from their lives.

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Included in these books will be a page about each student's imagined future and another about their family tree. Participants will finish the workshop with a colorful, illustrated book all about them!

Fee	Day(s)	Dates	Location	Maximum	Instructor(s)
\$45.00	Thursdays 3:15 – 4:30	9.19, 9.26, 10.3, 10.10, 10.17, 11.7	Art Room	11 students	Molly Salisbury

STEAM Club: Grades 3-5

We'd love 1 Middle School Helper.

The Flying Cloud Institute's Kristen Sparhawk is back with another engaging, hands-on science/art workshop. Each week at this STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) club we will explore a different, awesome hands-on activity. Students will be introduced to 3-d printing and design, engineering challenges, and laboratory investigations exploring different aspects of science.

Fee	Day(s)	Dates	Location	Maximum	Instructor(s)
\$55	Thursdays 3:15 – 4:45	9.19, 9.26, 10.3, 10.10, 10.17, 10.31	Guidance Suite	10 Students	Kristen Sparhawk, Flying Cloud Institute

WORKSHOPS FOR GRADES 5-8

Tuesdays

Computer Art with Python: Grades 3-8

Refer to K-4 section for class description

Fee	Day(s)	Dates	Location	Maximum	Instructor(s)
\$35.00	Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:30	9/17, 9/24 10/1, 10/8, 10/22, 10/29	Computer Lab	14 Students	Marta Eso

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Food Farming And Fun At Hotchkiss's Fairfield Farm: Grades 3-8

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Fee	Day(s)	Dates	Location	Maximum	Instructor(s)
\$30	Tues & Thurs 3:15-5:15	9/24, 9/26, 10/1, 10/3, 10/8, 10/10	Hotchkiss's Fairfield Farm, 396 Sharon Rd., Lakeville	13 Students	Amanda McClure & Ellie Youngblood

Redhawks Go Global with Cucina Volante: Grades 5-8

Your taste buds will be traveling far and wide in this cooking class that will explore regional and international cuisines. Together the participants will create various dishes from around the world so come prepared for culinary adventure. Good listening and teamwork skills required, along with willingness to set-up and cleanup for the meal. An ability to follow directions and take initiative is also essential. Let's hit the road, Redhawks chefs!

Fee	Day(s)	Dates	Location	Maximum	Instructor(s)
\$65.00	Tuesday: 5:15-7:15	9/24, 10/1, 10/5	Salisbury Congregational Church 30 Main St. Salisbury	12 students	Emily Armstrong

Wednesdays

CARTboard Creations: Grades 4-6

Refer to K-4 section for class description

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\$55	Wednesdays: 3:15-4:45	9/18, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13	Excelplex	6 Students	Jen Segalla

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Savings \$pre: Grades 4-6

Refer to K-4 section for class description

Fee	Day(s)	Dates	Location	Maximum	Instructor(s)
\$45	Wednesdays: 3:15-4:45	9/18, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, and 10/30	TBD	10 Students	Natalia Smirnova

Studio Art at Hotchkiss: Grades 5-8

SOAR, in collaboration with several Hotchkiss students, is very excited to bring this new workshop to SCS students. All participants will enjoy a unique opportunity to express their creativity and love for art by working with a variety of media in the wonderful art studios at Hotchkiss. As an added benefit, several talented Hotchkiss art students look forward to sharing their passion for art with SCS students by serving as the instructors and mentors for this workshop. A representative from SOAR will also help supervise this class. The class will take place at the Hotchkiss School in their art facilities. A Hotchkiss bus will transport the children to the campus. Parents will be responsible for pick-up at 4:45pm at the circle in front of the main building.

Fee	Day(s)	Dates	Location	Maximum	Instructor(s)
\$50	Wednesdays: 3:15-4:45	10/2, 10/9, 10/16, and 10/30	Hotchkiss School Art Studios	10 Students	Art Students and Faculty from Hotchkiss, John Atchley as SOAR representative

Thursdays

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STEAM Club: Grades 3-5

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\$55	Thursdays 3:15 – 4:45	9.19, 9.26, 10.3, 10.10, 10.17 10.31	Guidance Suite	10 Students	Kristen Sparhawk, Flying Cloud Institute

Fridays

Robot Engineering: Grades 6-8

This is an exciting new addition to the SOAR workshop roster. Engineers, Pat Hackett and Paul DePaolo will be bringing their expertise and passion for engineering to robot building. They will work with participants to achieve the following goal: to assemble and operate a Sparkfun robotics shield kit using an Arduino Uno and a Parallax BOE Shield. Details of the kit can be found at: <https://www.parallax.com/product/130-35000>. The class will include: Introduction to electronics safety, assembly of the kit, calibration of the sensors via software, add more sensors if time is available. The kit does not require any soldering but there will be time to learn how to solder

Fee	Day(s)	Dates	Location	Maximum	Instructor(s)
\$75	Friday 3:15-4:45	9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1	Carol Hackett's Room, Lower Building	8	Pat Hackett, Paul DePaolo

Additional Offerings

SCS/SOAR Fall 2019

"HOORAY FOR DISNEY'S HOLLYWOOD" for Grades 4-8

SOAR and SCS are excited to present this year's musical theatre production, "HOORAY FOR DISNEY'S HOLLYWOOD" an original musical revue which will showcase the talents of all participants. Directed by Michael Berkeley and Choreographed by Darcy Boynton, students will perform music and dance from decades of beloved Disney movies. Students will learn the fundamentals of performing in musical theatre including working on music and vocal techniques, memorizing lines and lyrics, and learning a variety of dance styles. No previous theatre

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experience is required! Rehearsals will take place on Mondays and Fridays (**please see schedule below**), culminating in three performances on **November 15 and 16, 2019**.

Please look over the rehearsal dates below and note them on your calendars. ***It is expected that students attend all rehearsals that they are called for.*** Due to the limited rehearsal time, we regret that we will not be able to include students who miss rehearsals due to absences other than illness/emergencies. The production assistant will communicate any changes in the rehearsal schedule to you in advance.

Rehearsal/Workshop Schedule

Mondays: 3:15-5:15: 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7 10/21, 10/28, 11/4

Wednesdays: 12:15-3:00: 9/25 and 11/6 (These are both early dismissal days.)

Fridays: 3:15-5:15: 9/20, 9/27/, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8

TECH WEEK mandatory attendance Tuesday, 11/12, 3:15-5:15; Wednesday, 11/13, 3:15-6; Thursday, 11/14, 3:15-6:00

Performances: Friday, 11/15, 9am (all school); Friday, 11/15, 6pm; Saturday, 11/16, 2pm

Instructors: Michael Berkeley & Darcy Boynton

Production Assistant: Millen Murray (Millen will be the main contact for all communications.)

Fee: \$80 (Scholarships available as needed; please note this on the registration form; all requests will remain confidential.)

Limited to 25 students Location: Cafeteria

PD Wednesdays

Wednesday Fitness and Fun: Grades 6-8

This is a one-off, one afternoon version of Leslie Eckstein's ever-popular SOAR fitness workshop for teens that she runs each winter. Part of this afternoon class will be spent on spinning bikes, another part will be spent participating in a variety of fitness activities, which will include some work with weights, other equipment and games outdoors, weather permitting and for added fun, some healthy cooking with smoothies will also be a part of the class. What a fun way to get moving, build fitness, blow off steam and spend time with friends on an early dismissal Wednesday. Students will need to bring sneakers to change into from street shoes or boots and should dress in comfortable clothes made for moving and stretching. Participants must **be at least 4'11" tall** in order to use the spin bikes. Participants will need to **provide their own transportation to and from Studio Lakeville.**

Fee	Day(s)	Dates	Location	Maximum	Instructor(s)
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\$40.00	Wednesday 12:15 – 3:00	9/25	Studio Lakeville, Lakeville (across from Patco)	14 students	Leslie Eckstein, Owner, Studio Lakeville
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Notes regarding all workshops:

1. SOAR workshops are “after hours”, informal and intimate, but all SCS school rules apply during SOAR programs. In addition, children enrolled in SOAR classes are expected to follow the **SOAR Behavioral Expectations**, which follow closely the SCS Behavioral *Expectations* and are posted on the SOAR informational page on the SCS website.
2. SOAR has a zero tolerance policy for behavior that is disrespectful, disruptive or which threatens the safety of others.
3. Students who display unsafe, disruptive and/or disrespectful behavior will need to be picked up immediately and may not be allowed to take future workshops.
4. Fees for workshops vary due to the different costs of materials per student in any given workshop.

IMPORTANT: SOAR programs are automatically cancelled if SCS closes early, has a scheduled early dismissal or cancels after-school activities. Every effort will be made to make-up missed SOAR classes but this is not always possible.