

Silver SPRUCE Academy

2023-24 Fall Class Descriptions

Most classes limited to 25 students unless otherwise stated.



SEE CALENDAR FOR DATES

(C) = Continuous (Q1) = 1st Quarter (Q2) = 2nd Quarter

CONTINUOUS

(C) Terra Nova, PSAT (8/9), SAT Testing (CE)

We offer Terra Nova Testing through McGraw Hill for grades 3rd through 11th in April/May and assist homeschooling families in preparing for and registering for the PSAT and SAT. We can also provide scholarship and college preparation assistance. Tutoring in most subjects can be scheduled during Curriculum Education hours.

(C) Curriculum Education (CE)

Work with a certified teacher for up to 10 hours per year on core subject tutoring, supplemental classes, or extracurricular curriculum to enhance your homeschooling experience. Each session can be individualized towards each child's education. Individual sessions require a scheduled date and time with a specific teacher, please email to inquire.

MONDAYS

(C) Detectives & Brain Games - (All Ages) [Books & Activities Home Bag]

Each student in the family looks through the book "1,000 Play Thinks", "Whodunit", or Brain Games book, then write about one of the ways you used your detective skills to solve the activity, what your detective name would be, why detectives are important, and a brief description of a detective you have read about. Each student should also draw, write, or show the challenge they chose and how they solved it and/or draw or color a picture of a new challenge or a detective they learned about! Bag is checked out for 1 week from Wednesday to Wednesday and counts for 10 hours of attendance if completed.

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TUESDAYS

(Q1) Physical Education w/Tanley – (ALL AGES) [Eagle Park]

Each quarter we will meet at a different location, where we will learn various forms of physical education. We will begin each week with a quick warm up before we jump into the class activities, then before we disperse we will do a quick cool down and reflect on the day's activities. Q1, since Fall weather is nice, we will be doing all our activities outside at Eagle Park in Bayfield. We will be learning new games that challenge us physically as well as mentally. Please bring sunscreen, water, and clothing you can play in.

(Q2) Physical Education w/Tanley – (ALL AGES) [Bayfield Gymnastics]

Everyone is dropped off and picked up at Bayfield Gymnastics. Students will be divided into an older/younger group and switch for 1hr class time at gymnastics w/ Ms. Annette on the Olympic trampoline, silk swings, balance beam, training bars, and numerous gymnastic tumbling mats and equipment. Opposite group will attend Physical Education with Tanley at the Pine River Library and switch at 1 hr change. Students need to dress in layers and wear good walking shoes.

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(C) Antler Antics – (Ages 14-21 Grades 9-12, College)

Antler Antics is designed around each student’s individual learning needs to include tutoring, college dual enrollment, internships, budgeting, World Travel, PSAT/SAT tutoring, testing, etc. Three options are available to choose from:

	<u>Option 1- Full Day Program</u>	<u>Option 2 - 1/2 Day Program/Supplemental Study</u>	<u>Option 3 - Dual Enrollment/Internships</u>
9:00am	Class 1	Planning	Planning
10:00am	Class 2	½ SPRUCE Full Day 1 Dual Enrollment Class	Dual Enrollment
11:00am	Class 3		
12:00pm	Lunch/Leaders/Exercise Class 4		
1:00pm	Class 5		
2:00pm	Class 6	½ Combination of Internship Dual Enrollment Tutor PSAT SAT	Dual Enrollment
3:00pm	SPRUCE‘n Up	World Travel Budgeting	

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(Q1) Antler Antics Full Day Program

Morning Mingle/Pledge

9:00-10:00 (CLASS 1 w/Tanley) Foliage & Fairies

Do you like plants and trees? Let's learn about them. Which environment is best for each plant? Can all plants survive the same temperature and climate? Do some need more, less, or no light to grow? Let's apply what we learn to create a SPRUCE fairy garden.

10:00-11:00 (CLASS 2 w/Tanley) Moving Out

Whether you're going off to college, renting an apartment, or buying a house when you move out, there will always be situations you weren't prepared for. Do you know how to meal plan? Do you know what things you can or can't take into a dorm/apartment you're renting? Let's talk about it!

11:00-12:00 (CLASS 3 w/Tanley) Debate

Students will be split into two groups to discuss and argue topics with supporting and relevant evidence and facts. We will dig into complex ideas and learn to research more about them to get a full understanding of what we will be debating.

12:00-12:30 (CLASS 4 w/Natalie) Lunches w/ Leaders

A member from our community will provide us an insight into their job, hobby, or showcase an interest they pursue in life.

12:30-1:00 Physical Education

In a group, students will learn a game and or sport, new ways to be active and to learn new sports that may spark their interests in pursuing active hobby's or becoming part of a team.

1:00-2:00 (CLASS 5 w/Natalie) Teen Scene

Students plan a 7-week class with SPRUCE Staff to teach, co-teach, or find an instructor to teach to their peers. Ideas include; Engineering, Debate, Government and Civics, Marine Biology, Forensics, Chemistry, Financial Literacy @ TBK Bank, Weights & Personal Training @ Momentum Gym, Theater, Spanish, Coding, Culinary Essentials, DMV, Drivers Ed, Rules of the Road, Self Defense, Entrepreneurial Businesses, and Internships also planned for up to 45 hours per semester.

2:00-3:00 (CLASS 6 w/Natalie) Team Building

Working as a team can be hard for teenagers but human interaction, social communication, and building relationships with peers is a super important skill that is emphasized in team building.

Moose Mingle/SPRUCE'n Up

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(Q2) Antler Antics Full Day Program

9:00-10:00 (CLASS 1 w/Tanley & Nicole) Baking w/Sweet Bliss Bakeshop

The Lipeles Family owns Sweet Bliss Bakeshop, sells at the local Farmer's Markets, and will help teach our students baking skills in their home bakery kitchen. We will learn about owning a bakeshop, the tips to high altitude baking, and how to make sweets from around the world!

10:00-11:00 (CLASS 2 w/Tanley & Nicole) Gameschooling!

Have you ever used board games to learn a new subject in school? There are over 140,000 board games throughout the world that teach logic, critical thinking, help with decision making and problem solving. Ms. Nicole and Tanley will introduce us to some games we know and some new ones while gameschooling!

11:00-12:00 (CLASS 3 w/Tanley) Public Speaking

The goal of the speech is to educate, entertain, or influence the listeners. Public speaking improves confidence, better research skills, stronger deductive skills and the ability to advocate for causes. Students will practice speaking through improv scenarios, job interviews, and a final public speech.

12:00-12:30 (Lunches w/Leaders Natalie)

We will hear from each student about when they have been a leader to their peers by presenting a leadership role and valuable lesson learned.

12:30-1:00 (Physical Education w/Natalie & Rivkah)

Rivkah will lead us on weekly explorations of the Lipeles property to see how different parts of nature intertwine to help support and maintain healthy ecosystems including pine forests, arid southwest conifer forests, and even a coy pond!

1:00-2:00 (CLASS 5 w/Natalie & Nicole) Cooking w/Sweet Bliss

We will return to the kitchen to learn food safety basics, knife skills with fruits and veggies, egg-celent dishes, and other worldly knowledge to cook up some tasty dishes and delectable treats!

2:00-3:00 (CLASS 6 w/Natalie & Sarah) Interior Design

Every kid has imagined their dream bedroom if you could do ANYTHING YOU WANTED! Sarah will walk us through what interior design is, the best way to place furniture, scale a drawing, and then each student will design a shadow box of their own personal bedroom decorated in their style!

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WEDNESDAYS

(C) Mini Moose Herd - (Youngest Group of Students)

Our Mini Moose Herd youth program offers a 6-hour day for students to enjoy social interaction, explore enrichment courses, and participate in group projects in classes. Funded students must enroll in the full day to participate. Taught by all teachers.

(Q1) Mini Moose Herd

9:15-10:30 (CLASS 1 w/Tanley) Alphabet Art

Let's learn and explore the alphabet in artistic ways! This will be a fun way to learn sight words, letter recognition, and develop fine motor skills... All while having fun (and making an artistic keepsake)!

10:30-11:45 (CLASS 2 w/ Stephanie L.) Flora & Fauna

We will explore the flora of our gardens and the fauna that are beneficial to them. What makes them so good? How can we help them? We will learn how to differentiate between the helpful and harmful insects to plants. We will learn how to raise a mutualistic flora and fauna ecosystem.

11:45-12:15 (Moosechief, Munchies, & Mayhem w/Stephanie G.)

Time to eat your Moose Munchies while we learn about nutrition through an interactive group discussion. Learn where your food comes from and how to read a nutrition label to get the most out of our munchies.

12:15-12:45 (Recess/PE w/Tanley)

Each week students will be led in group and team activities to open up their horizon to new physical activities and sports. They will learn new and fun ways to stay active and exercise and also build teamwork and cooperation with one another.

12:45-1:45 (CLASS 3 w/Natalie) Bubbles, Balls, & Marbles

What is the best recipe to make bubbles and who can make the most unique bubble blower out of straws? Learn 10 field and track events through a sports ball decathlon? Marble games are fun so let's play thin ice and make a marble golf course.

1:45-2:45 (CLASS 4 w/Trudy) Sports, History, & Outdoors

What is the history and country that developed each sport; such as, did you know badminton is thought to have originated in India. The strategies, teamwork and goals are more factors. Is football the most complex? Was baseball invented by Abner Doubleday? Learn the answers and the history while learning the games.

2:45-3:00 Moose Mingle/SPRUCE'n Up

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(Q2) Mini Moose Herd

9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge

9:15-10:30 (CLASS 1 w/Tanley) Play-Doh Creations

Let's learn how to build and create using Play-Doh! Playdoh is a children's modeling compound similar to clay, allowing you to manipulate it into any shape or object you want. In this class, we will be learning how to mold and shape many different objects out of Play-Doh, such as, flowers, animals, and food.

10:30-11:45 (CLASS 2 w/ Stephanie L.) Bountiful Breads

Bread is a staple in all societies. We will explore breads from around the world. We will investigate the different grains used to make bread. What makes it rise? What if I am allergic? We will find the answers as we bake bread together!

11:45-12:15 (Moosechief, Munchies, & Mayhem w/Stephanie G.)

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12:15-12:45 (Recess/PE w/Tanley)

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12:45-1:45 (CLASS 3 w/Natalie, Stephanie, Janna) 1/2 Yearbook & Moose Mysteries

YEARBOOK: Minis will be the first to get the 2023-24 Yearbook rolling! Each student will complete a personal page with a unique background, pictures, and fun facts!

MOOSE MYSTERIES: Bruce the SPRUCE Moose can't find his friends. Learn about animal prints, hair samples, and plant impressions to solve a new mystery each week and locate his forest friends!

1:45-2:45 (CLASS 4 w/Trudy) Oceans and Continents

7 Continents which include the Rain Forest, Australia, North America, South America, all the animals on those continents, 5 Oceans, marine life, geography, so much to cover in one quarter!

2:45-3:00 Moose Mingle / SPRUCE'n Up

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(C) Moose Herd - (Young Middle Group of Students)

Our youth program offers a 6-hour program for students to enjoy social interaction, explore enrichment courses, and participate in group projects in classes. Funded students must enroll in the full day to participate. Taught by all teachers.

(Q1) Moose Herd

9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge

9:15-10:30 (CLASS 1 w/Trudy) Archery

Taught by Muz Pinnecoose, students will learn archery basics, shooting techniques, target practice, bow and arrow safety, and opportunities to challenge themselves in an overall understanding of the skill and art of archery.

10:30-11:45 (CLASS 2 w/Tanley) Storybook Art

Do you ever listen to a book or story and picture the story in your mind or have thoughts while listening? Draw, paint, sculpt, and create those thoughts and images. We will listen to stories and create what our minds imagine.

11:45-12:15 (Moosechief, Munchies, & Mayhem w/Stephanie G.)

Time to eat your Moose Munchies while we learn about nutrition through an interactive group discussion. Learn where your food comes from and how to read a nutrition label to get the most out of our munchies.

12:15-12:45 (Recess/PE w/Tanley)

Each week students will be led in group and team activities to open up their horizon to new physical activities and sports. They will learn new and fun ways to stay active and exercise and also build teamwork and cooperation with one another.

12:45-1:45 (CLASS 3 w/Stephanie L.) Reuse Your Food

Did you know you can grow more food from your food scraps? We will explore which foods will continue to give us food. We will also learn how to compost, the different methods of composting, and why it is beneficial.

1:45-2:45 (CLASS 4 w/Natalie) Branches of Science

Learn to notice nature from a scientific view point. Venture outside to explore the three branches of science including Physical, Life, and Earth Science through the sub-fields Environmental, Earth, Ecology, Meteorology, Geology, Botany, Marine Biology, and Entomology.

2:45-3:00 Moose Mingle/SPRUCE'n Up

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(Q2) Moose Herd

9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge

9:15-10:30 (CLASS 1 w/Trudy) Museums of Wax Figures

What makes wax museums so fascinating; the wax people, the objects, the locations, it could even be the history behind all the people and places. We will check it out and draw our own conclusions.

10:30-11:45 (CLASS 2 w/Tanley) Wacky Wild Animals

Did you know there are numerous animals out there that most people have never heard of? Do you know what an Okapi is? The okapi is a type of antelope that looks like it is part zebra, giraffe, and cow. Let's find and explore more of our wacky wild animals.

11:45-12:15 (Moosechief, Munchies, & Mayhem w/Stephanie G.)

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12:15-12:45 (Recess/PE w/Tanley)

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12:45-1:45 (CLASS 3 w/Stephanie L.) Basket Bundles

Baskets have many uses. We will explore the different materials and methods used from around the world to make baskets. Let's enjoy building beautiful baskets together!

1:45-2:45 (CLASS 4 w/Natalie) Mad Hatter Tea Party

A good detective uses many different skills to access a scene of a crime. Students will learn about fingerprints, key impressions, and the commonality of looking for the odd item out. Students will then attend a Mad Hatter Tea Party where a crime has occurred and they have to solve the situation!

2:45-3:00 Moose Mingle/SPRUCE'n Up

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(C) Moose on the Loose - (Intermediate Group of Students)

Our youth program offers a 6-hour program for students to enjoy social interaction, explore enrichment courses, and participate in group projects in classes. Funded students must enroll in the full day to participate. Taught by all teachers.

(Q1) Moose on the Loose

9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge

9:15-10:30 (CLASS 1 w/ Stephanie L.) Foraging Fun

Is it edible? Can I make something with it? We will explore the plants in our environment and how they are useful. Some plants are edible, some can be used for medicine, and others for household items. We will explore how the cultures around us have used plants throughout time.

10:30-11:45 (CLASS 2 w/Natalie) Archery

Taught by Muz Pinnecoose, students will learn archery basics, shooting techniques, target practice, bow and arrow safety, and opportunities to challenge themselves in an overall understanding of the skill and art of archery.

11:45-12:15 (Moosechief, Munchies, & Mayhem w/Stephanie G.)

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12:15-12:45 (Recess/PE w/Tanley)

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12:45-1:45 (CLASS 3 w/Trudy) Intuition and Horses

In today's high-tech lifestyle, not everything is black and white. Learn how horses tap into and teach us intuition, communication and the benefits they can provide.

1:45-2:45 (CLASS 4 w/Tanely) Mad Libs

Mad libs are a fun, comedic way to engage in learning adjectives, adverbs, nouns, and verbs. Parts of speech are the building blocks for writing. They can be used to support necessary comprehension, grammar, reading, and vocabulary skills.

2:45-3:00 Moose Mingle/SPRUCE'n UP

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(Q2) Moose on the Loose

9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge

9:15-10:30 (CLASS 1 w/Stephanie L.) Slippery Soaps

We all need to be clean! We will explore different techniques used in making soap. We will look at how different cultures used the materials around to be clean. What is the science behind soap making? Do not forget to add a dash of your favorite scent to make your soap unique!

10:30-11:45 (CLASS 2 w/Natalie) Cookie Crook

Students will learn to make secret messages, decode riddles, learn about teeth impressions, evaluate writing samples and then apply all of these skills to creating a crime scene of the Cookie Crook!

11:45-12:15 (Moosechief, Munchies, & Mayhem w/Stephanie G.)

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12:15-12:45 (Recess/PE w/Tanley)

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12:45-1:45 (CLASS 3 w/Trudy) Trivia Games

There is nothing better than showing off how smart you are, even if the questions are trivia. Of course, there is nothing worse than knowing and not being able to come up with an answer to a question you just can't remember! Nothing like a little pressure to make us all think a little harder.

1:45-2:45 (CLASS 4 w/Tanley) Old Fashioned Candy Making

Try your hand at making your very own candy! Get ready to amaze your sweet tooth by making candy. This class will allow you to recreate sweet treats from history, and learn how the candy-making process has evolved over the decades.

2:45-3:00 Moose Mingle/SPRUCE'n Up

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(C) Moose Posse – (Oldest Group of Students)

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(Q1) Moose Posse

9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge

9:15-10:30 (CLASS 1 w/Natalie) Teen Scene

Students plan a 7-week class with SPRUCE Staff to teach, co-teach, or find an instructor to teach to their peers. Ideas include; Vet Science, Paper Quilling, Murder Mystery, Duct Tape Art, Shakespeare, Forensics, Co-Cooking, Improv, Newscaster. Internships also planned for up to 45 hours per semester.

10:30-11:45 (CLASS 2 w/Trudy) Ropes & Knots

Ropes are made out of all kinds of imaginable materials; nylon, polyester, polypropylene, manila, jute, sisal the list goes on. What can you do with your rope; tie up your boat, mountain climbing, catch a calf, build a ladder and what kind of knots should you use.

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12:15-12:45 (Recess/PE w/Tanley)

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12:45-1:45 (CLASS 3 w/Tanley) Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was an English playwright, poet, and actor. He wrote many of the great plays that are still explored in education and entertainment settings today. Let's explore some of those plays in old English, what did Shakespeare mean? What are your thoughts and feelings about his work?

1:45-2:45 (CLASS 4 w/Stephanie L.) Plants to Dye For

Explore plants that can be used to make dye. Is the color the same as the plant? We will discover this by making our own dye and applying it to different mediums. Colors also have different meanings in different cultures. We will investigate cultures and their use of plant color.

2:45-3:00 Moose Mingle/SPRUCE'n Up

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(Q2) Moose Posse

9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge

9:15-10:30 (CLASS 1 w/Natalie) Forensics

Learn about Forensic Science to enhance problem-solving and deductive reasoning skills. Use communication, organization, and cooperation skills to work together to solve a crime created by your fellow student group using all forensic skills learned.

10:30-11:45 (CLASS 2 w/Trudy) Toastmaster Replicated

Toastmaster has some great questions with a timeline and everyone gets involved. You have to come up with a speech off the cuff, your friends will help with your grammar, your presentation and how well you say it.

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12:45-1:45 (CLASS 3 w/Tanley) Historical Figures

Have you ever wanted to talk to someone from the past that you looked up to? Someone like Albert Einstein, Pablo Picasso, or any of the past greats. Well, now you can! In this class we will choose a historical figure that inspires us in some way, then we will research them and by the end of this quarter, we'll become them. At the end of the quarter, we will host a mini "wax" museum where students will dress up and present their historical figures as if they were the figures themselves.

1:45-2:45 (CLASS 4 w/ Stephanie L.) Creative Candles

Shine a light in your world! Why are candles so important? We will explore the different techniques used to make candles. We will also investigate the history of candles. Why do we still like them and use them?

2:45-3:00 Moose Mingle/SPRUCE'n Up

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THURSDAYS

(C) Educational Events [Throughout Four Corners]

On most Thursdays there are Educational Events for students and families to learn about area resources that are available to supplement curriculum education. Events are tentative. Most events require 1 parent chaperone. Additional guests invited for fees. An RSVP is required on every event 1 week prior to assist hosts in accommodating our group size. Events, location, and RSVP is listed monthly on website. Some events will have an associated fee required to RSVP that is non-refundable.

(C) Ski & Board Club [Wolf Creek Ski Resort]

Silver SPRUCE Academy is in collaboration with Wolf Creek Ski School for homeschooling families. Please see our website at <https://www.silverspruceacademy.org/wolf-creek-ski-club> for more information after Oct. 15th. Tentative dates include:

Jan. 25	RSVP/PAY before Mon. Jan. 15	FAMILY Dates: TBD Family members can ski for \$15 lift ticket w/student that attended one or more lessons, includes 2 hr. lesson, and ski rentals. Snowboard rental is \$6 extra.
Feb. 29	RSVP/PAY before Mon. Feb. 12	
	Third date TBD.	

FRIDAYS

(C) Newsletter [Email, Facebook, Website]

A weekly newsletter is created by SPRUCE staff to keep you informed of upcoming classes, requested supplies, and educational activities your student/s are participating in. It is required that each family read the newsletter prior to coming to class on Wednesday to be prepared for that week's programming.