

Silver SPRUCE Academy

2022-23 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) 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. 23	RSVP/PAY before Mon. Jan. 9	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. 27	RSVP/PAY before Mon. Feb. 13	
Mar. 27	RSVP/PAY before Mon. Mar. 13	

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TUESDAYS

(C) World Travel @ Home - (All Ages) Atlas and Activities Home Bag

Each student in the family looks through the book "World Reference Atlas" or "Children's World Atlas," then write about one of the places you would want to go on a trip to. Include the page #, why you picked the location from the Atlas, and what you would want to do on your adventure. Each student should also draw, color, or create a picture about the Atlas destination they choose! Bag is checked out for 1 week from Wednesday to Wednesday and counts for 10 hours of attendance.

(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	Mingle/Trivia/ Teen Scene	Planning	Planning
10:00am	Class 1	½ SPRUCE AM or PM	Dual Enrollment
11:00am	Class 2		
12:00pm	Lunch/Leaders/Exercise		
1:00pm	Class 3		
2:00pm	Class 4	½ Combination of Internship Dual Enrollment Tutor PSAT SAT World Travel Budgeting	Internship
3:00pm	SPRUCE UP		

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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

9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge

9:15-10:00 (CLASS 1 w/Saylor) Instruments in Action

Just like you, instruments belong to a family. We will learn about where instruments belong, why they sound the way they do, and how to make our own!

10:00-10:45 (CLASS 2 w/Saylor) Bringing Books to Life

There is so much to learn from books. In this class we will dive into books (Literally!), becoming the characters and experiencing their adventures for ourselves!

10:45-11:30 (CLASS 3 w/Natalie) Paint Sample Mosaics

Explore the colors of nature through a different art activity each week. Use paint samples to learn the color wheel, match colors to nature, create mosaics of plants, animals, landscapes, and other unique artistic collages.

11:30-12:15 (CLASS 4 w/Natalie) Leaf Botany

Leaves have unique shapes, designs, vein patterns, and colors. Learn the difference between ovate, linear, cordate, pinnate, rotate, and the chemistry of autumn leaf colors while going on outdoor adventures to explore the botany around us.

12:15-1:15 Moosechief, Munchies, & Mayhem (w/Janna)

Let's enjoy the outdoors (as often as weather permits) while refueling for the second half of the day. Bring your own lunch and snacks. Exercise your bodies, minds, and social skills with activities ranging from free play, organized sports, and other interactive activities.

1:15-2:00 (CLASS 5 w/Trudy) Sustainable Farms

We will find out what plants and animals live in a symbiotic relationship. Do they provide protein and nutrients for the land while being sustenance for humans? Did everything on Old McDonald's farm have a purpose and would it be something we want to duplicate?

2:00-2:45 (CLASS 6 w/Trudy) Campus Exploration

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2:45-3:00 (CLASS Change to Homeroom) Moose Mingle/SPRUCE'n Up

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(Q2) Mini Moose Herd

9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge

9:15-10:00 (CLASS 1 w/Saylor) Sign Language

We will learn beginners ASL, covering basic conversation skills and more. Along the way we will discuss the benefits of knowing ASL and how we can better connect with others by learning this language!

10:00-10:45 (CLASS 2 w/Saylor) Melodies and Motion

It's fun to sing and it's fun to dance, but can you do both at the same time? Let's test our multi-tasking skills as we learn different songs that will help us move our mouths and our bodies at the same time.

10:45-11:30 (CLASS 3 & 4 w/Natalie) Science Fair

Alternating classes with Ms. Janna, Minis will explore scientific method of observation/question, research, hypothesis, test/experiment, analyze, and report. Students will perform multiple experiments in class to complete an independent science fair board for presentation on Dec. 14.

11:30-12:15 (CLASS 3 & 4 w/Janna) Yearbook

Alternating classes with Ms. Natalie, Minis will be the first to get the 2022-23 Yearbook rolling! Each student will complete a personal page with a cool background, pictures, and information about what makes them unique!

12:15-1:15 Moosechief, Munchies, & Mayhem (w/Janna)

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1:15-2:00 (CLASS 5 w/Trudy) The Places We Will Go!

Let's explore where we live; What town, county, state? We'll discover facts about each state's capitols and what each state is known for including the history and commodities.

2:00-2:45 (CLASS 6 w/Trudy) Name That Inventor

So many talented people out there! Did you know that mold off an orange could produce penicillin to help with diseases? Was electricity really discovered flying a kite in an electrical storm? Is falling out of a tree how gravity was discovered? Let's answer these questions and more!

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(C) Moose Herd - (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 Herd

9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge

9:15-10:00 (CLASS 1 w/Trudy or Amethyst) Which State Park?

Let's find out if each state has its own state park, some may have more than one. Which state parks would you like to visit and why? We will explore the history of how they become state parks and the details of the entrance fees and time of year they are open. Let's find out more about this country we live in!

10:00-10:45 (CLASS 2 w/Trudy or Amethyst) The World of Measurement

Measurements can be measured in many different ways, a stone could be weight, a hand could be used to measure a horse. Fractions; while $\frac{1}{4}$ sounds larger than $\frac{1}{2}$, is it? Why do we need to measure, what is the purpose?

10:45-11:30 (CLASS 3 w/Saylor or Amethyst) Circus Town

Welcome to the Circus, where we will explore the varying acts of this unique form of performance. Develop new skills, master them, and support one another as we push ourselves to try new things!

11:30-12:15 (CLASS 4 w/Saylor or Amethyst) Who ART you?

What makes you, you? In this class, we will express where we come from, our personalities, likes and dislikes, and more! Using materials from magazines to chalk to shoeboxes, we will use the world of art to express who we are.

12:15-1:15 Moosechief, Munchies, & Mayhem (w/Janna)

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1:15-2:00 (CLASS 5 w/Natalie or Amethyst) Safety Town

Learn numerous safety scenarios from area emergency personnel related to the following areas: animal safety, bicycle safety, pedestrian safety, bus safety, gun safety, electrical safety, poison safety, railroad safety, water safety and stranger danger through fun interactive activities.

2:00-2:45 (CLASS 6 w/Natalie or Amethyst) Campus Exploration

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(Q2) Moose Herd

9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge

9:15-10:00 (CLASS 1 w/Trudy) Goat Milk Products

Milking a goat may not seem like a very purposeful endeavor, however we will look into the many purposes of goat milk. How much milk will a goat produce, which breeds are better than others, and why can some people/animals not tolerate dairy?

10:00-10:45 (CLASS 2 w/Trudy) Money, Money, Money

TBK Bank has generously donated some materials to help our students learn a little more about what to do with money and how to make it work for us. Spending, saving, inventing; let's investigate the way to get the biggest bang for our buck!

10:45-11:30 (CLASS 3 w/Saylor) YOLO, Let's Solo!

Singing in front of others can bring up all sorts of feelings and emotions. Let's work together to build up confidence, learn proper singing technique, and discuss ways that we can take care of our voices while singing.

11:30-12:15 (CLASS 4 w/Saylor or Amethyst) Science Fair

Students will learn about the process of a science experiment by conducting an experiment of their choice. They will develop a question, hypothesis, conduct experiments and collect data, and draw conclusions. Completed experiments will be showcased to fellow students and teachers.

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1:15-2:00 (CLASS 5 w/Natalie) Before Electricity

Explore what life was like before electricity was invented and learn how to accomplish tasks that were daily life before Benjamin Franklin was credited with discovering electricity in 1752. Learn how many things we use today that require electricity and when they were invented.

2:00-2:45 (CLASS 6 w/Natalie) Improv

Experience a form of live theatre in which the plot, characters and dialogue of a scene or story are made up in the moment. Improv encourages expressiveness, creativity, fun, listening, empathy, and communication skills - ingredients in life for successful and happy humans.

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(C) Moose Posse – (Oldest 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 Posse

9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge

9:15-10:00 (CLASS 1 w/Natalie) Making the Moose Posse

Our oldest group of students have a new name of being the Moose Posse and need to establish what they would like their school year to include for school topics. Some ideas include; geometric shapes, mock trial, forensics, microscopics, vet science, Lego Robotics, pyrography, & junk yard art.

10:00-10:45 (CLASS 2 w/Natalie) World Travel

The World has some incredible destinations! Students will choose a World destination to research and create a travel brochure for including map, activities, and more! Students will present their brochure in full destination attire to convince the class to want to travel to their location!

10:45-11:30 (CLASS 3 w/Trudy) Trivia Games

Use it or lose it! Trivia questions are a great way to work out our brain, maybe even learn something new. What is the collective noun for a group of ferrets? A business! Learn to question and answers to keep working the brain!

11:30-12:15 (CLASS 4 w/Trudy) Novel in A Year!

We will become authors of our own stories. Will they be fact or fiction, memoirs, documentaries or autobiographies? You choose! SPRUCE will publish 5 copies of watch student's novels, and one will go to the local library.

12:15-1:15 Moosechief, Munchies, & Mayhem (w/Janna)

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1:15-2:00 (CLASS 5 w/Saylor) Team Building

At the start of a new school year, there are many new faces. This class will help us build trust, companionship, and comfortability with our classmates in quirky and sportive ways.

2:00-2:45 (CLASS 6 w/Saylor) Campus Exploration

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(Q2) Moose Posse

9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge

9:15-10:00 (CLASS 1 w/Natalie) Pyrography

Explore the different kinds of wood, uses, products, and then explore the art of pyrography or pyrogravure the free-handed art of decorating wood or other materials with burn marks resulting from the controlled application of a heated object. Students will design a cutting board.

10:00-10:45 (CLASS 2 w/Natalie) Mock Trial

Learn about the law, practice critical thinking, and gain greater confidence with public speaking by assuming the roles of attorneys, witnesses, jurors, the plaintiff, the defendant, and other central people while portraying characters in a fictional criminal or civil trial.

10:45-11:30 (CLASS 3 w/Trudy) Novel in A Year!

Writing the Great American Novel can take time, so I have budgeted this class into two quarters. We will continue to work on our individual stories. We will also look into illustration, covers, and title pages.

11:30-12:15 (CLASS 4 w/Trudy) Science Fair Projects

Moose Posse will experiment with multiple scientific examples in class, using scientific methods of various observations, questions, research, hypothesis, tests and experiment, analyze, and report. They will do this to complete an independent science fair board for presentation on Dec. 14.

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1:15-2:00 (CLASS 5 w/Saylor) Unscramble It!

Words can be wacky! Let's get the wheels turning in our brains and become quick to create words from naught and unscramble words from a lot!

2:00-2:45 (CLASS 6 w/Saylor) Music through the Ages

Music is a universal language. Let's study different genres of music, their origins, and purposes, as well as discuss our personal preferences in music.

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THURSDAYS

(C) Educational Events [Throughout Four Corners]

On most Thursdays there are Educational Events for homeschooling 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.

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.

SEPT 30 - SPRUCE Spectacular [Bondad, NM]

SPRUCE will enjoy the dog days of Summer at Tico Time enjoying Disk Golf, Hiking, Beach Volleyball, Water Slide, Paddleboards, Rafts, Ponds, and other camp activities. Students can also purchase an independent pass for \$50 each including: Zipline, Rock Wall, Free Fall, and Tarzan Rope. Families can call Tico Time to reserve an RV spot \$40 or Tent spot \$20.