

# Silver SPRUCE Academy

## 2023-24 Spring Class Descriptions

Most classes limited to 25 students unless otherwise stated.



### SEE CALENDAR FOR DATES

(C) = Continuous (Q1) = 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Q2) = 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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### **(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:

	<b><u>Option 1- Full Day Program</u></b>	<b><u>Option 2 - 1/2 Day Program/Supplemental Study</u></b>	<b><u>Option 3 - Dual Enrollment/Internships</u></b>
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	½ Combination of Internship Duel Enrollment Tutor PSAT SAT World Travel Budgeting	Dual Enrollment
2:00pm	Class 6		
3:00pm	SPRUCE'n Up		

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### **(Q3) Antler Antics Full Day Program – MEET AT PINE RIVER LIBRARY**

#### **Morning Mingle/Pledge**

#### **9:00-10:00 (CLASS 1 w/Natalie) Yearbook**

Using your artistic techniques, use the pictures we have uploaded to the yearbook to design personal pages, class pages, and review pages completed by other students.

#### **10:00-11:00 (CLASS 2 w/Natalie) Technology & Robots**

Every day we use technology for life, fun, and entertainment! Explore some robots that use technology to complete small challenges, courses, and fun activities.

#### **11:00-12:00 (CLASS 3 w/Natalie) Personal Finance**

Using the TBK Personal Finance curriculum, we will explore everything from how to save cash, open a checking account, credit cards, interest calculating, and other important financial topics. We will also incorporate aspects of a local bank into our studies.

#### **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. We will meet at the Pine River Library park for lunch when the weather is nice or eat inside in the teen room if the weather is unfavorable

#### **12:30-1:00 Physical Education**

We will walk to Momentum Fitness for our PE.

#### **1:00-2:00 (CLASS 5 w/Natalie) Weights @ Momentum Fitness**

Keeping your body healthy is super important by both what you put into it and also what you do with it. Learn to use some of the equipment or participate in activities that are offered at Momentum Fitness to increase your strength, coordination, and health!

#### **2:00-3:00 (CLASS 6 w/Natalie) Job Shadow Lewis Merc**

Each week the student will shadow a different position at Lewis Merc. The jobs will include sales, customer service, stocking, rentals, supply yard, and other areas of the business.

#### **Moose Mingle/SPRUCE'n Up**

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### **(Q4) Antler Antics Full Day Program – SPRUCE CAMPUS**

#### **Morning Mingle/Pledge**

#### **9:00-10:00 (CLASS 1 w/Natalie) Duct Tape Creations**

Get creative with Duct Tape! Begin with small skills by creating shapes, fidgets, a flower, a wallet, and then expand into creating an item of your choice.

#### **10:00-11:00 (CLASS 2 w/Natalie) Forensics/Biology/Genetics**

Forensics is an incredible study of how to use detective skills to determine the evidence at a crime. A majority of the items used in forensics come from our human biology and genetics. Let's explore these topics.

#### **11:00-12:00 (CLASS 3 w/Natalie) Spanish**

Knowing how to speak another language is very important and Spanish is a language that is widely used around the world. Learn basic words, combinations of words, sentences, conversational Spanish, and apply what we have learned into writing.

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

Continue to have numerous speakers from around the area talk to us about the leadership rolls they are in.

#### **12:30-1:00 (Physical Education w/Natalie)**

Engage in numerous physical educational activities indoors and outdoors dependent on the weather.

#### **1:00-2:00 (CLASS 5 w/Natalie & Asher) Theater Willy Wonka**

Students will continue to work on learning their lines for the Willy Wonka play. We will bring the group together to start rehearsing specific scenes.

#### **2:00-3:00 (CLASS 6 w/Natalie & Asher) Stage Construction**

We will need to create different scenes, backdrops, and props for the Willy Wonka play. We will learn to construct, paint, and create through our artistic abilities.

#### **Moose Mingle/SPRUCE'n 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.

#### **(Q3) Mini Moose Herd**

##### **9:15-10:30 (CLASS 1 w/Tara) Mediums of Art**

Water color, acrylic, pencils, crayons; Learn how to use them in ways you never knew before. Students will learn how to properly hold the tool, draw, color, and new ways of using it that are not traditionally taught.

##### **10:30-11:45 (CLASS 2 w/ Stephanie L.) Introduction to Theater**

We will learn the different aspects of theater. Our main focus will be stage directions and music. We will also cover projection, stage manners, costuming, and have fun!

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

In a one room school house setting we will cover the topics that directly affect your health and nutrition. Topics will include finding healthy food while out, recipe modifications, food allergies and sensitivities. We will discuss the best way to have a balanced nutrition and physical activity level.

##### **12:15-12:45 (Recess/PE w/Tara)**

Each week students will participate in team games (mainly indoors). 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) Microwave Magicians**

The microwave is a helpful little contraption that can allow us to create some very quick and fun edible experiments. Let's explore what magic we can make in the microwave!

##### **1:45-2:45 (CLASS 4 w/Trudy) Roman Numerals**

How did the Romans keep track of numbers, tell time and anything else to do with numbers? With Roman Numerals, we will discover which number is represented by which letter and how they go together.

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

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### **(Q4) Mini Moose Herd**

#### **9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge**

#### **9:15-10:30 (CLASS 1 w/Tara) Birds**

What is the difference between ducks, chickens and quail and what do they have in common? Each week we will have a guest animal to study and learn about.

#### **10:30-11:45 (CLASS 2 w/ Stephanie L.) Oompa-Loompa**

We will refine our singing in preparation for Willy Wonka Jr. We will also make sure our costumes are finished and we know all our stage directions.

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

Each week students will cover topics regarding health and nutrition. This series will be discussing how our environment affects our choices by dissecting advertising and culture influences on our choices. Finally, we will sum up all we have learned by creating a plan to address all area of nutrition and how we can modify that as we grow.

#### **12:15-12:45 (Recess/PE w/Tara)**

As Spring comes in, we will try to enjoy as much outdoor time as we can to exert energy in nature. Find ways to use as much SPRUCE PE equipment as possible.

#### **12:45-1:45 (CLASS 3 w/Natalie & Anjelica)**

Learn some of the very elementary words, phrases, and names of items as you explore learning the language of Spanish. Learn words for foods, colors, days of the week, school items, and more!

#### **1:45-2:45 (CLASS 4 w/Trudy) Water!**

Such an important commodity! Let's see what is in it, whether it is from rain, melted snow, out of the pond, even bottled water might be worth looking at! Some of our third world countries, even places right here in the US don't have access to clean water. How can we tell if it is safe to drink, and when do we need to add water purifiers if we are backpacking? How can animals drink out of the same water that made us sick?

#### **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.

#### **(Q3) Moose Herd**

##### **9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge**

##### **9:15-10:30 (CLASS 1 w/Trudy) Communication Before the Cell Phone!**

Good news, we used to talk to each other, and what did we do before that? Petroglyphs, smoke signals, write on a piece of paper, pictures with an actual camera!

##### **10:30-11:45 (CLASS 2 w/Tara) Construction Challenges**

Each week we will have a new material. The challenge will be to build a bridge, skyscraper, home, city and much more! See if you can complete the challenge in the time given.

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

In a one room school house setting we will cover the topics that directly affect your health and nutrition. Topics will include finding healthy food while out, recipe modifications, food allergies and sensitivities. We will discuss the best way to have a balanced nutrition and physical activity level.

##### **12:15-12:45 (Recess/PE w/Tara)**

Each week students will participate in team games (mostly indoors). 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.) Theater Skills**

We will learn stage directions, costuming, projecting, and much more! We will also learn how to sing in a group.

##### **1:45-2:45 (CLASS 4 w/Natalie & Stephanie G) 1/2 Toaster Treats/ Yearbook**

**TOASTER TREATS:** Toaster ovens are amazing little countertop ovens and can be used to create so many tasty treats. Create a different toaster treat each week including mini pizza, pigs in a blanket, and more!

**YEARBOOK:** Let's preserve the memories of our school year in SPRUCE's fabulous Yearbook! We will create personal pages, then begin working on class and event pages.

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

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### **(Q4) Moose Herd**

#### **9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge**

#### **9:15-10:30 (CLASS 1 w/Trudy) Animal Habitats**

We'll learn the differences between different animals and their habitats. Some can be the same species, but different breeds. Some can be in different environments, it just depends on what their needs are.

#### **10:30-11:45 (CLASS 2 w/Tara) Up Close - Microscopes**

What is that!? Learn how to focus and prepare slides. We will cover how to use a microscope and look up close at some strange objects.

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

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#### **12:15-12:45 (Recess/PE w/Tara)**

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#### **12:45-1:45 (CLASS 3 w/Stephanie L.) It's Willy Wonka Time**

We will refine our songs, acting, and stage directions. We will work on our costumes and make-up.

#### **1:45-2:45 (CLASS 4 w/Natalie) Spanish Explore**

Review the words you know in Spanish, what you want to learn, and begin to explore the world around you while blending words together to make sentences using the Spanish language.

#### **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.

#### **(Q3) Moose on the Loose**

##### **9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge**

##### **9:15-10:30 (CLASS 1 w/ Stephanie L.) Life in the Theater**

We will learn the different aspects of the theater and what it takes to put on a play. We will cover auditioning, singing, projecting, and much more!

##### **10:30-11:45 (CLASS 2 w/Natalie & Stephanie G.) 1/2 Crafty Cooks/Yearbook**

**CRAFTY COOKS:** Sometimes you may not have a lot of items in your fridge or pantry but want to be a crafty cook! Learn to use simple ingredients from the kitchen to make tasty dishes!

**YEARBOOK:** SPRUCE commemorates each year in a wonderful yearbook. We will use graphic design to create class, educational event, and personal pages.

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

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##### **12:15-12:45 (Recess/PE w/Tara**

Each week students will participate in team games. 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/Trudy) Punnett Square**

Ever wonder why some goats, dogs, or cats have blue eyes and others don't, or why cows and horses are different colors and what is responsible for that? Let's look a into genetics to see if we can figure out why certain animals have different traits.

##### **1:45-2:45 (CLASS 4 w/Tara) Library Guests**

Exploring what the library has to offer the community, each week we will have a guest from the Ignacio Library visit and show us electronic demonstrations, things they offer, and ways to use the library.

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

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### **(Q4) Moose on the Loose**

#### **9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge**

#### **9:15-10:30 (CLASS 1 w/Stephanie L.) Lights, Curtains, Let's Act!**

We will refine our lines, songs, costumes, make-up, and stage directions. It is time to put it all together and have some fun!

#### **10:30-11:45 (CLASS 2 w/Natalie & Angelica) Speak Spanish**

Many students know a few words in Spanish but let's expand our knowledge by getting a deeper vocabulary of multiple words, using them in sentences, and practicing conversational Spanish.

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

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#### **12:45-1:45 (CLASS 3 w/Trudy & Student Soren) Sword Fighting**

Fencing and sword fighting is still an art and Soren has some knowledge he is looking forward to sharing with the class.

#### **1:45-2:45 (CLASS 4 w/Tara) Homesteading**

Why is it so popular right now and is it the same as it was in 1862? Learn the history of homesteading and the tools of how to homestead in today's world.

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

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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.

#### **(Q3) Moose Posse**

##### **9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge**

##### **9:15-10:30 (CLASS 1 w/Natalie & Stephanie G.) ½ Culinary Chefs/Yearbook**

**CULINARY CHEFS:** There are many things that are important to know how to cook as the basis of cooking, preparing meals, and making sure you have a well-rounded diet. Learn some of these culinary hints. **YEARBOOK:** As the older group, we will engage in completing the yearbook by doing educational events, classes, and personal pages using an online graphic design program. We will also do editing and final touches to SPRUCE up the yearbook!

##### **10:30-11:45 (CLASS 2 w/Trudy) Aspiring Entrepreneurs**

What is a successful entrepreneur? Is it because you are credible, already successful, have the best product, or because you have marketed your product better than anyone else? Learn how to help and inspire others by creating a Podcasts and/or Ted Talk with help from local entrepreneurs.

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##### **12:15-12:45 (Recess/PE w/Tara**

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##### **12:45-1:45 (CLASS 3 w/Tara & Students Kynzlee & Bristol) Art**

Students will guide the class each week to learn different styles of art. From water colors to tape paint peeling we will explore art from new eyes.

##### **1:45-2:45 (CLASS 4 w/Stephanie L.) The Theater**

We will learn the different aspects of the theater. This will include auditioning, costuming, make-up, tech, and much more.

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

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### **(Q4) Moose Posse**

#### **9:00-9:15 Morning Mingle/Pledge**

#### **9:15-10:30 (CLASS 1 w/Natalie& Angelica) Conversational Spanish**

**Conversational Spanish:** After reviewing some words, and practicing sentences, students will engage in conversational Spanish to communicate with each other, ask questions, and put on skits in Spanish!

#### **10:30-11:45 (CLASS 2 w/Trudy) Incentives**

Public speaking, podcasts and inspirational business building, will encourage students to create business plans and learn what kinds of incentives that will entice clients to support their business plan.

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

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#### **12:45-1:45 (CLASS 3 w/Tara & Students Morgan, Eden, & Trinity) Artistic Crafting**

These three students are excited to share their knowledge in making leather bracelets, beaded keychains, and other useful artistic items.

#### **1:45-2:45 (CLASS 4 w/ Stephanie L.) That's a Take**

We will work on blocking and learning lines. We will also finalize costumes and make-up. It is time to put it all together and have fun showing everyone what we have been working on!

#### **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. 15<sup>th</sup>. Tentative dates include:

Jan. 25	RSVP/PAY before Thurs. Jan. 11	FAMILY Dates: February 4, February 11, March 23, April 6, and April 7, 2024. 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 Thurs. Feb. 15	
Mar. 28	RSVP/PAY before Thurs. Mar. 14	

### 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.