

PEORIA ACADEMY

Enrichment Program

Fall 2025 Catalog

Enrichment classes begin Monday, August 25, 2025



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2025-2026 ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMING AT PEORIA ACADEMY

Peoria Academy's Enrichment Program offers unique experiences
in the arts, academics, and athletics.

It is an essential part of our holistic approach to education.

We welcome both Peoria Academy and non-Peoria Academy students to enroll in
enrichment offerings and club sports. Only currently enrolled Peoria Academy
students are eligible for IESA athletics.

Semester Pricing is the charge for the entire class. Price per class is for your
information only. Students must be registered for the semester. There will not be a
class by class charge.

FALL ENRICHMENT DATES

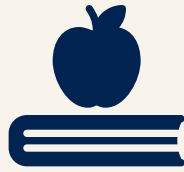
Begins: Monday, August 25, 2025

Ends: Friday, December 12, 2025

For group enrichment activities, makeup classes will be scheduled for the last week
of the semester (December 15 - 19, 2025) unless otherwise specified by the
instructor.

*To maintain program excellence, Peoria Academy may adjust or cancel an enrichment or
athletic program, at its discretion, based on a variety of factors like enrollment totals in a
particular offering. Updates will be provided as soon as available.*





HOURS

Building Hours:

7:00 am - 5:30 pm

Before Care:

7:00 am - 8:00 am

After Care:

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Extended Care:

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Enrichment Classes:

3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

4:15 pm - 5:15 pm

CONTACT INFORMATION

Enrichment & After/Extended Care Phone:

309-868-7616

Main Office Phone:

309-692-7570

Email:

mbennett@peoriaacademy.org



BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Before Care:

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
\$6.25 per half hour
\$12.50 total per day

(semester pricing: \$500)



After Care:

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
\$6.25 per half hour
\$12.50 total per day

(semester pricing: \$500)



Extended Care:

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
\$6.25 per half hour
\$12.50 total per day

(semester pricing: \$500)

Peoria Academy will close at 5:30pm (exceptions include school functions, sporting events, etc.) Students not picked up by 5:30pm will be charged \$1 per minute until parent/guardian arrives.

Students enrolled in athletics, a 4:15 -5:15 pm enrichment class, or individual lessons may attend After Care for free before that activity (only available the day of and until the practice/lesson/class begins). If not picked up after the practice/lesson/class ends, the drop-in rates of \$6.25 per half hour will apply, unless it is after 5:30 PM, then it is \$1 per minute.

CAMP PA

Are you looking for engaging and enriching activities for your children to do on half days at Peoria Academy? Look no further, Peoria Academy has you covered! Camp PA offers your children the chance to participate in athletic activities, games, arts & crafts, musical explorations and much more. Don't forget to pack a lunch for your student and have them wear comfortable clothing to run around, play, and learn!

Camp PA

\$30 per day (11:30 am - 3:00 pm)

\$50 per day w/ extended care included (11:30 am - 5:30 pm)

September 12th, 2025

October 10th, 2025

November 14th, 2025

If your student is not pre-registered before the day of Camp PA, there will be a \$20 drop-in fee, in addition to the regular fee.



PEORIA ACADEMY

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

STUDY HALL

Advisor: Brandon Jordan

Students enrolled in after care will be given the option to stay in the library/gym, go outside to play (when feasible), **or** attend quiet study hall. Study hall is a quiet space for students to independently work on their schoolwork. Parents may choose to send their students to study hall by notifying Mrs. Bennett for the week via email mbennett@peoriaacademy.org, messaging on Parent Square, or calling 309-868-7616.

FREE, if enrolled in Aftercare or \$6.25 per half hour

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

TUTORING

- **Mrs. Rankin (PRE-K - 4TH)**
joanie-5@hotmail.com
- **Ms. Kellenberger (K - 5TH)**
kkellenberger@peoriaacademy.org
- **Ms. Amina (Middle School Math Only)**
amechkor@peoriaacademy.org
- **Mrs. Buck (PRE-K - 4TH)**
rbuck@peoriaacademy.org
- **Mrs. Watkins (K - 4TH)**
ewatkins@peoriaacademy.org

If you are interested in before or after-school tutoring for your child at Peoria Academy, you may contact one of the listed teachers by email or Parent Square. They will let you know their availability and coordinate scheduling within building operating hours. Peoria Academy families will then be billed bi-weekly through FACTS for services used. Non-Peoria Academy families must prepay for the semester. There will be no refunds for tutoring.

\$37.50 per half hour

BEFORE SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL MAY BE AVAILABLE, PLEASE INQUIRE





MONDAY

GUITAR / BASS / BANJO / UKULELE / SIGHT SINGING (K - 8TH)

Instructor: Wes Sedrel

Mr. Sedrel holds a B.A. in philosophy and music, and a Master's (MDiv) from Dubuque Theological Seminary. He is a member of the St. Martin Chamber Players, the Bradley University Guitar Ensemble, and Collegium Musicum at Bradley University.

GUITAR, BASS, UKELELE & BANJO:

I teach basic guitar technique, reading standard notation (not tablature.) I teach both notes and chords. I try to set the student up to go any direction she/he wishes, and to achieve independence. I teach some basic technique derived from classical guitar studies (these techniques work for all styles!) I also include basic music theory: ear training, chord structure, key signatures, time signatures, and (tonal) intervals. This will help the student with any music endeavor in the future.

SIGHT SINGING & MUSIC THEORY:

The immediate goal of my sight singing and music theory curriculum is for the student to be able to look at a line of music and to hear in their head, how it goes: in other words, to be able to sing it back without hearing it first. This is also known as ear training. I use solfège to accomplish this. This is simply the do re mi-fa sol la ti do scale with which many kids are already familiar.

Along with this I also teach basic music theory. This includes note names on the staff; key signatures, time signatures, and (tonal) intervals. This will help the student with any music endeavor in the future.

One thirty minute class per week.

\$400 per semester (\$30.77 per class/13 weeks)

3:30, 4:00, 4:30, & 5:00 PM

VOICE LESSONS (2ND - 8TH)

Instructor: Maggie Slotter

Students will work on vocal technique, performance skills, and audition preparation. We will also work on building confidence in singing and performing. Ms. Slotter holds a BM in Music Performance from Bradley University. She has taught voice lessons for the last 8 years at Kidder Music and is looking forward to the opportunity to work with students one on one in developing their singing skills!

One thirty minute class per week.

\$400 per semester (\$30.77 per class/13 weeks)

3:30, 4:00, 4:30, & 5:00 PM

PIANO LESSONS (PRE-K - 8TH)

Instructor: Trisha Taylor

Trisha Taylor is an experienced and passionate piano teacher with 8 years of teaching experience and a degree in Music Education with a piano proficiency. In addition to private lessons, Trisha has experience leading group classes and recitals, providing students with opportunities to build confidence, showcase their progress, and develop performance skills. Trisha's warm and encouraging teaching style makes her a favorite among students and parents alike, and she is committed to helping each student reach their fullest potential at their own pace.

One thirty minute class per week.

- **(PRE-K - 2ND) GROUP LESSONS - 5 STUDENTS TOTAL/SESSION**

\$150 per semester (\$11.54 per class/13 weeks)

3:00, 3:30 PM

- **(2ND - 8TH) INDIVIDUAL LESSONS**

\$400 PER SEMESTER (\$30.77 PER CLASS/13 WEEKS)

4:00, 4:30, 5:00 PM

MONDAY (CONTINUED)

MODEL UNITED NATIONS (5TH - 8TH)

Instructor: Holly Rocke

MUN is an academic simulation in which student delegates learn about diplomacy, global politics and the United Nations. Delegates also enhance public speaking, debating, writing, critical thinking, and leadership skills. Participants will also have the opportunity to participate in virtual MUN conferences, in-person travel events, and take leadership roles in our Peoria Academy MUN conference.

\$260 per semester (\$20 per class/13 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

SPORTS CAMP (4TH - 8TH)

Instructor: Scott Corbin

Sports camp offers a fun and active environment for kids to play and learn! We focus on teamwork, sportsmanship, and developing healthy habits through a variety of sports and games, including soccer, basketball, and more.

\$260 per semester (\$20 per class/13 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

STORY TIME ART (PRE-K - 2ND)

Instructor: Mandy Bennett

This class begins with a captivating read-aloud of a beloved children's book, filled with colorful illustrations and engaging characters. After the story comes alive in their minds, the class seamlessly transitions into an exciting art project. Drawing inspiration from the book, children channel their creativity and create their own masterpieces. Whether it's painting, drawing, or sculpting, each craft is thoughtfully designed to reflect the themes, characters, or settings from the story.

Limited to 10 students

\$285 per semester (\$21.93 per class/13 weeks) - supplies included

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

BULLDOG GYMNASTICS (K - 2ND)

Instructor: Joanie Rankin

Come learn beginning tumbling, beam, and bar skills. Each skill is broken down into progressions to ensure safety and success! A gymnastics skill book will be included to track your progress and celebrate your achievements. Also included in beginning gymnastics is aerobic, strength, and flexibility training. Mrs. Rankin has taught gymnastics for many years and has worked with toddlers up to team competition levels.

\$260 per semester (\$20 per class/13 weeks)

3:15 pm - 4:15 PM

CODING FOR BEGINNERS: BUILD YOUR FIRST GAME! (2ND -4TH)

Instructor: Louis Ubert

This course is perfect for any student curious about coding but unsure where to start. Throughout this course, basic programming skills will be introduced to help develop a playable game! No experience necessary, super beginner-friendly with step-by-step guidance throughout the process.

Limited to 8 students

\$285 per semester - includes supplies (\$21.93/13 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM



TUESDAY

GUITAR / BASS / BANJO / UKULELE / SIGHT SINGING (K - 8TH)

Instructor: Wes Sedrel

SEE MONDAY FOR DESCRIPTIONS

- **GUITAR, BASS, UKELELE & BANJO**
- **SIGHT SINGING & MUSIC THEORY**

One thirty minute class per week

\$430 per semester (\$30.72 per class/14 weeks)

3:30, 4:00, 4:30, & 5:00 PM

PEORIA ACADEMY FALL PLAY - ALICE IN WONDERLAND (2ND - 8TH)

Instructor: Sandra Peters

*Students will need to attend rehearsal/class Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:15pm (**Enroll on TUESDAYS ONLY**)*

After Alice tumbles down a mysterious rabbit hole, she finds herself in a strange land where everyone is raving mad. With the help of a Cheshire Cat, an astute Caterpillar, and a righteous Humpty Dumpty, Alice must find her way home and discover who she really is. A darker, more faithful version of Lewis Carroll's classic tale that reimagines the experience of Wonderland, and ends with an unexpected new twist.

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Performances are November 6th and 7th

Complete information on the final dress schedule will be sent home the first week of classes.

Classes will continue after performance. Students will be working together to make a one skit show, and will learn scriptwriting and staging.

\$420 per semester (\$14.49 per class/14 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

MATH CLUB (7TH - 8TH)

Instructor: Amina Mechkor

The Math Club enrichment program provides a motivating environment for students to explore and enhance key math concepts, develop IB subject knowledge, improve problem-solving skills, and enjoy math.

\$280 per semester (\$20 per class/14 weeks)

3:15 pm - 4:15 pm



TUESDAY (CONTINUED)

SOCCER SHOTS (2ND - 5TH)

Instructor: Coach Robert Taylor

Soccer Shots focuses on individual skill, fitness and sportsmanship, providing an opportunity for children to be challenged through fun games and team interaction. Children will also be introduced to competition in a developmentally appropriate manner. Children need to just wear sneakers and comfortable clothes. Shin guards and cleats are optional.

\$325 per semester (\$23.22 per class/14 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE (K - 2ND)

Instructor: Ms. Hu

Ms. Hu is a Chinese teacher and Principal of Peoria Chinese Language School. She has over 10 years of Chinese teaching experience. In her 14 classes, she will teach students how to communicate well, including pronunciation and reading using pin yin. She will teach using dialogues, short stories, calligraphy, characters, games, Chinese festivals, food and other traditions.

\$280 per semester (\$20 per class/14 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

RUN CLUB (1ST - 4TH)

Instructor: Lori Harms

Get your running shoes ready! Our after-school Running Club is launching, offering a fun and engaging way for students to stay active, improve fitness, and build friendships. Join us for a mix of games, drills, and group runs designed to make exercise enjoyable for all skill levels.

\$280 per semester (\$20 per class/14 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM


SCHOLASTIC BOWL PREP (4TH - 8TH)

Instructor: Brooke Hardy

Scholastic Bowl is an academic competition that challenges students to expand their knowledge across a wide array of subjects. Students prepare by studying topics like history, science, literature, and mathematics. Practices involve quick thinking, buzzer systems, and teamwork, as students work together to answer questions correctly and efficiently. This competition enhances students' knowledge and builds confidence in public speaking and teamwork. We will use the fall semester to prepare for Spring competition.

\$280 per semester (\$20 per class/14 weeks)

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM



WEDNESDAY

GUITAR / BASS / BANJO / UKULELE / SIGHT SINGING (K - 8TH)

Instructor: Wes Sedrel

SEE MONDAY FOR DESCRIPTIONS

- **GUITAR, BASS, UKELELE & BANJO**
- **SIGHT SINGING & MUSIC THEORY**

One thirty minute class per week.

\$460 per semester (\$30.67 per class/15 weeks)

3:30, 4:00, 4:30, & 5:00 PM

MAD SCIENCE (1ST - 3RD)

Instructor: Scott Corbin

Come explore science with our middle school science teacher! Through hands-on activities, cool demonstrations, and engaging experiments, we will spark curiosity and build a strong scientific foundation in a fun, interactive way while complementing classroom learning. Children will learn about topics like space, electricity, or biology.

\$325 per semester (\$21.67 per class/15 weeks) - supplies included

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

JOURNALISM CLUB (5TH - 8TH)

Instructor: Holly Rocke

Journalism club is a hands-on opportunity for students to apply journalistic skills and get creative. Students will get the chance to practice and apply skills in design, photography, and videography based on their interests.

\$300 per semester (\$20 per class/15 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

DRAMA ESSENTIALS (PRE-K - 1ST)

Instructor: Taylor Newswander

This class emphasizes the collaborative nature of theatre and the importance of active listening and reacting on stage. It encourages beginners to embrace the journey of exploration and experimentation inherent in acting and performance. It aims to spark curiosity and provide a solid foundation for further learning in drama and theatre.

Limited to 10 students

\$300 per semester (\$20 per class/15 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

BOOK CLUB (3RD - 5TH)

Instructor: Kay Kellenberger

This class is a fantastic opportunity for young readers to come together and explore the world of literature. By fostering a love for reading and providing a platform for thoughtful discussions, this class aims to empower young readers, nurture their critical thinking skills, and broaden their literary horizons.

\$300 per semester (\$20 per class/15 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM



WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

CHESS (K - 8TH)

Instructor: Pete Karagianis & Evan Lagouros

Chess is a classic game that develops spatial thinking and strategies to build focused concentration. This class is geared to all levels of chess players. Beginners learn basic game rules and opening tactic moves. Intermediate and advanced players learn sophisticated combinations and strategies and advanced opening moves.

Pete Karagianis holds the chess titles of National Master and Life Master. Pete was a coach for the gold-medal-winning 2019 Pan American Youth team. He was a five-time state champion of Iowa and won the Illinois Tour twice. Pete currently works as the Director of Events for the US Chess Federation. He has coached teams throughout Central IL that have won state championships and placed at the national level, including a number of students who have achieved a top-50 national ranking for their age group.

\$300 per semester (\$20 per class/15 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

ART IS ME (2ND - 8TH)

Instructor: Terry Spayer

Hello, my name is Terry Spayer. I am a retired art instructor. I have been active in the arts including Peoria Art Guild, Illinois Central College, Chillicothe Grade School, and Dunlap Middle School. It is my goal to offer your child an enriched after school art program.

\$325 per semester (\$21.67/15 weeks) - supplies included

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

YEARBOOK (5TH -8TH)

Instructor: Taylor Newswander

Looking for aspiring photo journalists, social butterflies, selfie aficionados, digital designers, and anyone else who wants to work on putting together this year's yearbook! We'll work on collecting photos, basic photo editing, formatting, and other design elements for the yearbook, all while having a blast and helping preserve the memories made this year.

\$300 per semester (\$20 per class/15 weeks)

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM



THURSDAY

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Instructor: Wes Sedrel

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- **SIGHT SINGING & MUSIC THEORY**

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\$420 per semester (\$14.49 per class/15 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

PLAYING IN THE MUD: POTTERY AND CERAMICS (2ND -8TH)

Instructor: Erin Watkins

Get ready to roll up your sleeves and play in the mud! This fun and engaging introductory pottery class is all about exploring the creative possibilities of clay. You'll experiment with a variety of hand-building techniques—including pinch pots, slab work, coiling, and sculpting—and even get a chance to try your hand at the potter's wheel.

Together, we'll create functional and decorative pieces like mugs, bowls, and whatever else your imagination can dream up. Along the way, you'll learn the fundamentals of working with clay, including how to glaze and fire your pieces in the kiln.

No experience necessary—just bring your creativity, clothes you don't mind getting dirty, and an old towel. Let's get muddy!

Limited to 8 students

\$325 per semester (\$21.67 per class/15 weeks) - supplies included

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM



THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

DANCE (PRE-K - 4TH)

Instructor: Caitlyn Piccioni

Learn to Dance with Confidence: This class provides a safe and encouraging space for beginners to explore different dance styles and build their confidence. We'll focus on foundational grooves, simple footwork, and basic arm coordination.

Limited to 10 students

\$300 per semester (\$20 per class/15 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

SOCCER SHOTS (PRE-K - 1ST)

Instructor: Coach Robert Taylor

Soccer Shots focuses on individual skill, fitness and sportsmanship, providing an opportunity for children to be challenged through fun games and team interaction. Children will also be introduced to competition in a developmentally appropriate manner. Children need to just wear sneakers and comfortable clothes. Shin guards and cleats are optional.

\$350 per semester (\$23.33 per class/15 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

FILM CLUB (5TH -8TH)

Instructor: Ryan Gould

Come join the Peoria Academy Film Club where we explore films throughout history and around the world! Each week, we'll watch scenes from a selection of films and discuss filmmaking devices, such as mise-en-scene, montage, and various sound, camera and editing techniques. Students will also get a chance to explore the basics of film production—from scriptwriting to shooting and editing. Join us as we deepen our appreciation for all steps of the filmmaking process and enjoy dozens of films along the way.

\$300 per semester (\$20 per class/15 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

SIGN LANGUAGE (1ST-3RD)

Instructor: Emily Beaver

An early introduction to American Sign Language signs that you can use every day at home and in the classroom! Learn the finger alphabet, numbers, colors, days of the week and more to be able to describe the world around you and talk with friends.

\$300 per semester (\$20 per class/15 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

SIGN LANGUAGE (4TH-8TH)

Instructor: Emily Beaver

Introduction to American Sign Language signs that you can use every day at home and in the classroom! Learn the finger alphabet, numbers, signs to communicate with your friends and more. We'll also discuss American Sign Language and Deaf Culture, and the differences between visual spatial languages in the US and throughout the world.

\$300 per semester (\$20 per class/15 weeks)

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM



FRIDAY

VOICE LESSONS (2ND - 8TH)

Instructor: Sofia Cordes

Students will work on vocal technique, performance skills, and audition preparation. We will also work on building confidence in singing and performing. Sofia has been engaged in musical theatre for about ten years, and has been singing since she learned to speak! During her high school years, she was in Dunlap High School's choir and gained classical training from her time with the DHS Madrigal Singers. Though her passion lies in Musical Theatre, she is also trained in classical and jazz styles.

One thirty minute class per week.

\$400 per semester (\$30.77 per class/13 weeks)

3:30, 4:00, 4:30, & 5:00 PM

BOOK CLUB (6TH - 8TH)

Instructor: Mandy Bennett

This class is a fantastic opportunity for young readers to come together and explore the world of literature. By fostering a love for reading and providing a platform for thoughtful discussions, this class aims to empower young readers, nurture their critical thinking skills, and broaden their literary horizons. We will be using the traditional book club format of everyone reading the same book, with weekly discussions.

\$260 per semester (\$20 per class/13 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

SPORTS CAMP (K - 4TH)

Instructor: Scott Corbin

Our after-school sports camp offers a fun and active environment for kids to play and learn! We focus on teamwork, sportsmanship, and developing healthy habits through a variety of sports and games, including soccer, basketball, and more.

\$260 per semester (\$20 per class/13 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

DISNEY KARAOKE (PRE-K - 3RD)

Instructor: Marlee Pearl

Sing and dance along to all of your favorite Disney songs! Let's work on building confidence in singing and performing in a way that is fun and exciting!

Limited to 10 students

\$260 per semester (\$20 per class/13 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM



FRIDAY (CONTINUED)

MINECRAFT: BLOCK CODING (1ST - 4TH)

Instructor: Caitlyn Piccioni

This immersive curriculum artfully blends the thrill of gaming with coding fundamentals. Minecraft Education offers a fun and engaging space for students to improve their teamwork, communication, and digital citizenship through collaborative building, problem-solving, and creative design. Maybe you'll even learn some new tricks to bring to your Minecraft worlds at home!

Limited to 8 students

\$285 per semester - includes supplies (\$21.93/13 weeks)

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

GAMING CLUB: DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Instructor: Taylor Newswander

A fun and engaging way to empower your students to become more confident, tackle challenges head-on, and learn teamwork, perseverance, and creative problem solving, Dungeons & Dragons is a powerful learning tool that provides kids with numerous social, emotional, and creative benefits. We'll use dice and our imagination to go on epic quests and maybe even improve our math skills along the way!

Limited to 5 students/class

- **(5TH - 6TH)**
\$260 per semester (\$20 per class/13 weeks)
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
- **(7TH - 8TH)**
\$260 per semester (\$20 per class/13 weeks)
4:15 PM - 5:15PM





IESA ATHLETICS

SPEECH TEAM SEPTEMBER 9TH - NOVEMBER 17TH (5TH - 8TH)

Competition dates for meets are 10/31, 11/1, 11/8, 11/9, 11/15, 11/16

Coach: Emily Beever

Speech team is a fun and collaborative opportunity for students to come together and demonstrate their speaking, acting, and performance skills in a competitive atmosphere and to practice in a social environment. Interscholastic competitions are scheduled October-November, with an opportunity to be invited to perform at the state level in December. There are 14 different event categories to compete in, from acting, oral interpretation, original public address, and limited preparation events. Truly something for everyone! Practices will involve students completing speaking exercises and games, working with a partner, and rehearsing their various events. Final practice/end of season party will be 11/17.

MONDAY: 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

\$275

BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY AUGUST 11TH - NOVEMBER 1ST (5TH - 8TH)

Coach: Preston Butner

Are you ready to lace up your sneakers and chase the thrill of the trail? Cross country isn't just about running—it's about discovering your strength, building endurance, and supporting teammates every step of the way. Whether you're sprinting through sunlit fields, pushing through rainy hills, or cheering on your team at the finish line, this sport teaches grit, determination, and the power of heart. In middle school cross country, every runner matters. From first-timers to seasoned sprinters, everyone works together to grow stronger, faster, and more confident. Along the way, you'll learn how to set goals, face challenges, and celebrate victories—both big and small. So let's hit the ground running. The course is calling!

PRACTICE: 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM - ROTATING DAYS - Check schedule on Peoria Academy Website

\$275

BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL OCTOBER 20TH - APRIL 7TH (5TH- 8TH)

Coach: Preston Butner

Basketball offers an engaging environment for students to develop their athletic skills. The season focuses on improving individual techniques such as shooting, passing, and defense, while also emphasizing teamwork and game strategy. Regular practices and games provide ample opportunities for growth as athletes and competitors. Basketball encourages a strong work ethic, discipline, and sportsmanship. **Basketball will be co-ed, unless there is sufficient enrollment to consider separate boys and girls teams.**

PRACTICE: 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM - ROTATING DAYS - Check schedule on Peoria Academy Website

\$275

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DECEMBER 8TH - APRIL 1ST (5TH - 8TH)

Coaches: Emilie Egan & Ariel Kauffman

Girls Volleyball is a fast-paced, team-oriented sport that focuses on developing essential skills such as serving, setting, spiking, and blocking. Students participate in regular practices and matches, learning to communicate effectively with teammates and execute plays under pressure. Volleyball fosters both physical agility and mental sharpness, making it an excellent sport for improving coordination and teamwork.

PRACTICE: 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM - ROTATING DAYS - Check schedule on Peoria Academy Website

\$275



CLUB SPORTS

BOYS/GIRLS SOCCER CLUB - AUGUST 21ST - OCTOBER (5TH - 8TH)

Coach: Robert Taylor

Middle School Soccer is an opportunity for both boys and girls to learn the sport of soccer in a coed capacity. We will be learning important soccer skills such as passing and trapping, dribbling, making intentional runs with purpose, goal keeping, defending, correct soccer tackling, the step over, the scissors move, and so on. We will attempt to also use the sport of soccer to teach and institute some personal development skills, leadership, and character qualities.

Soccer Club is a co-ed club.

PRACTICE: TUESDAY AND THURSDAY - 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM

GAMES: FRIDAYS (AS SCHEDULED)

\$275

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