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Elementary  
Fall Clubs  
2019



# Fall 2019

## Elementary Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Fox Club</b> (Mrs. Salimbene's Classroom) 7:30-8:15 am	<b>Fox Club</b> (Mrs. Salimbene's Classroom) 7:30-8:15 am	<b>Fox Club</b> (Mrs. Salimbene's Classroom) 7:30-8:15 am	<b>Fox Club</b> (Mrs. Salimbene's Classroom) 7:30-8:15 am	<b>Fox Club</b> (Mrs. Salimbene's Classroom) 7:30-8:15 am
<b>Nature's Best</b> (Bretton Woods) K-5th 3:15-5:30 pm (transportation to & from Bretton Woods provided)	<b>Fox Singers</b> (Music Room) 1st-5th 3:15-4:30 pm	<b>LAND</b> (Outdoor Habitat) K-5th 3:15-4:30 pm	<b>Darnestown Community Band</b> (Music Room) 4th-8th 3:15-4:20 pm Beginning 4:30-5:20 pm Intermediate	<b>Creative Kids Drama</b> (Classroom) K-5th 3:15-4:30 pm
			<b>Calleva Saddle Club</b> K-5th 3:15-6:00 pm (transportation to & from stables provided by Calleva)	
<b>Fox Club</b> (Media Center) 3:15-5:30 pm	<b>Fox Club</b> (Media Center) 3:15-5:30 pm	<b>Fox Club</b> (Media Center) 3:15-5:30 pm	<b>Fox Club</b> (Media Center) 3:15-5:30 pm	<b>Fox Club</b> (Media Center) 3:15-5:30 pm

Students enrolled in after school activities will gather for a snack immediately following the 3:15 pm carpool. Please send in an extra snack on days they are in a club.

# Nature's Best

## at Bretton Woods

Nature's Best is a fantastic way for students of all ages to interact with each other and the natural world, learn new skills, and appreciate the people and environment around them and abroad. This club nurtures the mission and vision of Seneca Academy by fostering responsibility for self, others, and the environment, as well as intellectual, physical, and emotional skills. Every activity has a global discussion point attached to broaden students' awareness and imagination.

Students will be participating in different activities each week, including building and launching bottle rockets, firing 100-yard slingshots, hiking on the C&O Canal, campfire cooking, native clay crafting, primitive skills, and low ropes/zip lining. Accompanying discussion topics are: exploration, design thinking, conflict resolution, local history, food/nutrition/hunger, natural resources, community building and celebrating diversity, and ancient cultures. Students will also receive a *Leave No Trace* certificate after completing a workshop that includes 7 principles of outdoor ethics (more information at [Int.org](http://Int.org)). Some activities may be combined and additional activities may be added, such as canoeing, stand-up paddleboarding, tubing, and rope swinging into the creek depending on water temperatures, level, and desire.

***\*permission slip required for bus transportation; additional waiver provided by Bretton Woods***

<b>Who:</b>	Any K-5th grader
<b>When:</b>	Mondays from 3:15-5:30 pm (8 sessions) Sep. 30 Oct. 7, 21, 28 (No club Oct. 14) Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25 No Nature's Best in December
<b>Where:</b>	Bretton Woods (10 minutes away; transportation provided on Seneca Academy bus)
<b>Cost:</b>	\$280
<b>Instructor:</b>	David Ritter, Bretton Woods Youth Leadership Staff
<b>Class Size:</b>	4-12 students

# Seneca Fox Singers

Fox Singers learn musical concepts through engaging music activities and vocal performance. Students work to develop skills in general music, music reading, vocal technique, solfege, and performance practices in a fun and encouraging environment. Students will receive a Fox Singers binder, sheet music, and a practice CD to use outside of class. Students can expect to experiment with percussion, boom whackers, kazoos, Orff, and other instruments.

<b>Who:</b>	Any 1st-5th grader
<b>When:</b>	Tuesdays from 3:15-4:30 pm (10 sessions) Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Nov. 5, 12, 19 (No club Nov. 26) Dec. 3, 10 <i>Dec. 12: Performance at Barnes &amp; Noble</i>
<b>Where:</b>	Music Room
<b>Cost:</b>	\$180
<b>Instructor:</b>	Jennifer Mitchell
<b>Class Size:</b>	8-20 students

# LAND Club

Let's get outdoors and explore nature! We will discover all aspects of nature right at school. We will take nature walks to look for insects, plants, snakes, and whatever else we find. We will even do a little landscaping around the school.

Our club meets outside, rain or shine, so wear appropriate weather gear!

This club is led by Landscapes and Nature Discoveries, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization that provides outdoor educational experiences for children, encouraging them to appreciate, conserve, and respect their natural environment while cultivating connections within the community.

<b>Who:</b>	Any K-5th grader
<b>When:</b>	Wednesdays from 3:15-4:30 pm (6 sessions) Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov. 6 (No club Nov. 13, 20, 27) No LAND Club in December
<b>Where:</b>	Seneca Academy Outdoor Habitat
<b>Cost:</b>	\$130
<b>Instructor:</b>	Garth Seely/LAND, Inc.
<b>Class Size:</b>	6-12 students

**\* We need parent volunteers to help with this very popular club! SSL hours are also available for high school students who help. Please select which dates you can volunteer on the registration form.**

# Saddle Club

at Calleva Horse Adventure Programs

Saddle Club is a wonderful opportunity for students of all ages to get out in the fresh air, learn a new hobby, or improve on existing horsemanship skills. The benefits of working with horses are endless. Horsemanship develops self-confidence, improves self-efficacy, teaches responsibility, and fosters empathy. It is also loads of fun, especially when surrounded by other students with similar interests with whom friendships can be built!

More Details:

- Students will ride in a lesson setting for approx. 45 minutes, typically.
- Each Clubber will have a chance to catch, groom, and saddle their horses, learn interesting horse-related topics, and help with barn chores, as well as receive support with homework.
- Our instructors at CHAPs are certified, safety-conscious, fun, and loving!
- No experience is required and returnees are welcome!

<b>Who:</b>	Any K-5th grader
<b>When:</b>	Thursdays from 3:15-6:00 pm (9 sessions) Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 (No club Oct. 31) Nov. 7, 14, 21 (No club Nov. 28) Dec. 5, 19 (No club Dec. 12)
<b>Where:</b>	Calleva Inc., Poolesville; <u>transportation provided</u> with pick-up at 3:15 pm at Seneca Academy & drop-off at 6:00 pm at Seneca Academy
<b>Cost:</b>	\$360
<b>Instructor:</b>	Calleva Horse Adventure Programs Staff; email <a href="mailto:tess@calleva.org">tess@calleva.org</a> with questions

**Register online at**  
**<https://calleva.org/farm/chaps/after-school-club/saddle-club/>**

# Darnestown Community Band

The Darnestown Community Band offers beginning/intermediate music instruction on brass (trumpet/trombone) and woodwind (flute/clarinet/alto saxophone) instruments. The program will give 4th and 5th grade students the opportunity to learn how to play their chosen instrument and develop skills throughout the year. Performance opportunities will be provided.

Students enrolled in the program will learn proper breathing techniques, posture, hand position, and other skills needed to play an instrument. Students should plan to participate for the entire year in order to develop their skills. More information will be coming out soon about parent/student information meetings, and a separate application form is required.

Students will perform at Barnes and Noble on December 12, as well as at Hershey Park in the spring of 2020.

<b>Who:</b>	Any 4th-8th grader
<b>When:</b>	Thursdays from Oct. 3 - May 21 3:15-4:20 Beginning/Intermediate 4:30-5:20 Advanced Band***
<b>Where:</b>	Music Room
<b>Cost:</b>	\$535** (annual cost paid upfront)
<b>Instructor:</b>	Jennifer Mitchell
<b>Class Size:</b>	8-22 students

*\* Additional practice and performance dates may be added as the year progresses.  
\*\* New students will have an additional \$25.00 materials fee.  
\*\*\* Times may vary depending on final enrollment. Mrs. Mitchell will notify parents of any changes.*



# Creative Kids Drama

Creative Kids Drama is an innovative and dynamic literature-based drama program. A professional actor/teacher leads the students in exploring and dramatizing specially selected children's stories. Creative Kids Drama introduces students to acting, increases their love of books, and is a fun way to practice oral language and literacy skills including sequencing, predicting, paraphrasing, and more! There will be an informal presentation for family and friends on the final day of class.

<b>Who:</b>	Any K-5th grader
<b>When:</b>	Fridays from 3:15-4:30 pm (7 sessions) Oct. 4, 11, 18 (No club Oct. 25) Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 (No club Nov. 29) No Creative Kids Drama in December
<b>Where:</b>	Classroom
<b>Cost:</b>	\$180
<b>Instructor:</b>	Creative Enrichment Staff
<b>Class Size:</b>	6-12 students

# Fox Club

Before and After Care: Fall Session  
September 30 - December 19

<b>Who:</b>	Any K-5th grader
<b>When:</b>	Daily from Sept. 30 to Dec. 19 <u>Morning</u> - 7:30-8:15 am <u>Afternoon</u> - 3:15-5:30 pm After Clubs - 4:30-5:30 pm
<b>Where:</b>	<u>Morning</u> - Mrs. Salimbene's Classroom <u>Afternoon</u> - Media Center/Playground
<b>Cost:</b>	<u>Morning</u> - \$70/day <u>Afternoon</u> - \$210/day <u>After Clubs</u> - \$85/day
<b>Instructor:</b>	Sue Ann Salimbene
<b>Class Size:</b>	5-15 students

Students enrolled in Fox Club after school will gather for a snack immediately following the 3:15 pm carpool. Please send in an extra snack on days they will be attending Fox Club.

## There are two ways to register & pay for clubs!

Parents have two options for registration and payment for clubs and before/after care.

1. You can return the form at the end of the clubs booklet with a check, payable to Seneca Academy.
2. You can register and pay for clubs online.

There will be **no** additional credit card processing fee for using the online service; it is being offered as a convenience to our Seneca community.

To register online, please visit [senecaacademy.org/before-after-school-activities](http://senecaacademy.org/before-after-school-activities) and click on "Register for Fall Elementary Clubs."

If you have any questions regarding this process feel free to contact the front office at (301) 869-3728.

**In order to ensure timely club registration and processing, families should register by September 23, 2019. Registrations received after 9/23/2019 will have an added \$25 late fee that must be paid in order to complete registration.**

## **Seneca Club Policies**

- Students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis; priority will be given to Seneca Academy students before other community applications.
- Seneca Academy reserves the right to cancel any club due to underenrollment. There will be a refund for cancelled clubs.
- Students who have an outstanding balance are not eligible to enroll in clubs until their account is current.
- No make-ups will be given for student absences and no credit issued for withdrawal after the payment deadline.
- Students are expected to follow all class and school rules at all times. The teacher reserves the right to refer a student for expulsion from class based on dangerous, disrespectful, or disruptive behaviors.
- Payment is due at the time of club sign-up. Placement in a club is not guaranteed until payment is received.
- Students may not begin attending a club until payment is received or a written payment plan is in place.
- Make-up days for clubs will be determined if the need arises, as the calendar permits.

## **Club Payment Policies**

- Before and After Care contracts will be charged on a per term basis and are due at the time of club sign-up.
- Emergency drop-in care is available and is billed at the end of each month at a \$12 per hour rate. Invoices for drop-in care will be emailed.
- Payment for drop-in is due within 14 days of the invoice date. There is a \$10.00 late fee each month for late payments of the invoices.

### **Additional Fees**

- If you choose to change your aftercare option after the term begins, a \$25.00 administrative fee will be assessed.
- Late fees for pick-up of your child after 5:30 pm are due within 3 business days or before your child returns to after-care, whichever comes first. Fees are assessed as follows:
  - \$5.00 for the first five minutes late, and
  - \$2.00 for every additional minute.
- There is a \$30.00 charge for returned checks.
- Please add a \$25.00 late fee for registrations submitted after the due date.

# Seneca Academy

## Fall 2019 Club Registration Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

	DESCRIPTION	FEE	TOTAL
	<b>Nature's Best</b> - Mondays <i>*please sign and return bus permission slip on next page</i>	\$280	
	<b>Fox Singers</b> - Tuesdays	\$180	
	<b>LAND Club</b> - Wednesdays <i>*please select parent volunteer dates below</i>	\$130	
	<b>Darnestown Community Band</b> - Thursdays	\$535	
	<b>Calleva Saddle Club</b> - Thursdays	pay online at calleva.org	
	<b>Creative Kids Drama</b> - Fridays	\$180	
	<b>AM Fox Club</b> 7:30-8:15 am	<b>Circle Days</b> M T W Th F	\$70/day
	<b>PM Fox Club</b> 3:15-5:30 pm	<b>Circle Days</b> M T W Th F	\$210/day
	<b>PM After Clubs</b> 4:30-5:30 pm	<b>Circle Days</b> M T W Th F	\$85/day
<b>Total for Fall Term</b>			

\_\_\_\_ I will volunteer with LAND Club on the following dates (circle all available):

Oct. 2    Oct. 9    Oct. 16    Oct. 23    Oct. 30    Nov. 6

\_\_\_\_ I am not sure what day(s), if any, I am available to volunteer. Please email me to confirm.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please register and pay online  
or return this page with payment by 9/23/19.  
Checks are payable to Seneca Academy.  
Please add a \$25 late fee for any registration after 9/23/19.**

## Consent Form and Permission Slip for Nature's Best

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_,

(please print student's name)

to ride the Seneca Academy school bus to and from Bretton Woods Recreation Center to participate in the Nature's Best after-school club on the following dates:

- September 30
- October 7
- October 21
- October 28
- November 4
- November 11
- November 18
- November 25

I also consent to my email address being provided to Bretton Woods for the sole purpose of communicating with me about club activities.

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

(please print)

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

(please print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_