Excursions in Learning
Children's Program
Manchester Community College

August 1-12, 2005
Morning Classes
Afternoon Classes
or Full Day
In-depth, 30-hour enrichment courses for gifted and/or creative students in Kindergarten through Grade 8.

Junior Culinary Camp
grades 5-8
Session I: July 18–22, 2005
or
Session II: July 25–29, 2005

Choose from a palette of ideas!
Dear Parents and Students,

We invite you to attend our week-long Junior Culinary Camp and our two-week Summer Excursions program. There will be a potluck dessert orientation on Friday evening, July 29th. Tour MCC, meet new friends and enjoy delicious sweets.

Junior Culinary Camp uses MCC’s kitchens to involve students in all aspects of food preparation. Because of the program’s popularity, we are offering two identical sessions in July. *(See page 4 for dates.)*

Summer Excursions offers gifted and/or high-achieving students the opportunity to explore a wide variety of topics through active, authentic learning. Students are encouraged to imagine, create, investigate, question and learn to think critically. See our new feature, “A.M. à la Carte,” offered daily between 8 a.m. & 9 a.m.

Discover new ideas. Develop new talents. Become an Excursions in Learning participant.

There are three ways to register:

1) Send your completed registration and School Component Form (if applicable) to:
   Manchester Community College
   Continuing Education Excursions Registration, MS #13
   Great Path
   P. O. Box 1046
   Manchester, CT 06045-1046

2) Fax number: *(860) 512-3221*

3) All walk-in registrations will be processed in the Registration Office in the Lowe Building.

Please note:

- Phone-in registrations are not available at this time.
- The five-digit Course Registration Number (CRN) and the course title must be written on the registration form.
- Make checks payable to MCC.
- Summer Excursions and Junior Culinary Camp are very popular programs; please register early. We will do our best to accommodate your requests.
- Confirmations: Registrations will be confirmed by mail only. (This will take approximately three weeks.)
- Information: If you have questions regarding Summer Excursions or our new Junior Culinary Camp, please call Susan Meisler, Coordinator, at *(860) 512-2804,* or the Continuing Education Info Line at *(860) 512-2800.* (This is not a phone-in registration number.)

We are committed to providing a dynamic learning environment for your children. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Meisler, Coordinator of Youth Programs

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Excursions Mission Statement:

*To provide enrichment for gifted and/or high-achieving students by engaging them in active, authentic learning experiences.*

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*Summer Excursions student in 2004*

Cover design and layout by Valerie Scott

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**Excursions in Learning General Information**

**WHAT:**
Two different programs are described in this catalog: Junior Culinary Camp (grades 5-8) and Summer Excursions (grades K-8).

These unique summer programs offer gifted and high-achieving students the opportunity for an in-depth investigation of topics of interest through a multi-disciplinary, inquiry-based approach. Students with common interests and similar abilities will work together in a stimulating and challenging learning environment. Active learning is promoted through experimentation, imagination, role-playing, investigation, problem-solving, and independent projects. All staff have training and experience in gifted and talented education and/or advanced levels of training in their course content.

**WHO:**
Junior Culinary Camp is for children completing grades 5-8 who demonstrate an interest in the culinary arts.

Summer Excursions is for children completing grades K through 8 who are creative, highly motivated and have demonstrated advanced development in one or more of the following areas: visual and/or performing arts, math, history, language arts, sciences or technology.

**WHEN:**
1. **Junior Culinary Camp** meets weekdays from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. from July 18-22 or July 26-July 30, 2005. *Children should bring a lunch that does not require refrigeration.*

2. **Summer Excursions** meets weekdays from August 1-August 12, 2005. Morning sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to noon; afternoon sessions will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Children staying all day should bring a lunch that does not require refrigeration. Lunch will be supervised for children attending both sessions.

**WHERE:**
All courses will be held in air-conditioned classrooms at MCC, in Manchester, Connecticut.

**COST:**
1. The tuition for Junior Culinary Camp is $250.00 (There is an additional $25 materials fee payable to the instructor at the first class).

2. The tuition for Summer Excursions is $215 for a half day (1 course, 30 hours for 2 weeks) or $430 for full day (2 courses, 60 hours for 2 weeks.) The tuition for Claytime or Clay Creations is $240, and for AM à la Carte, $50. The Summer Excursions registration fee includes a free program T-shirt.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**
Scholarships are available only for the two-week Summer Excursions Program. Scholarships are limited and need-based, (one scholarship per family). Please call (860) 512-2804 to request an application form. Scholarship applications must include all necessary information and be postmarked by June 1, 2004, to be considered.

**PAYMENT:**
Checks or money orders should be made payable to “MCC.” Registration is open on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified applicants. The maximum enrollment for each class is 16 students. The minimum enrollment for all classes is 10 students. MCC reserves the right to cancel any class due to insufficient enrollment.

**FOR NEW SUMMER EXCURSIONS STUDENTS ONLY:**
Registration form must be accompanied by the School Component form. Seats in courses will not be held until both forms are received.

**ACCEPTANCE:**
Parents will receive official written confirmation of class placement as registrations are processed. A program information packet will be mailed to parents prior to class.

**REFUND POLICY:**
If your child cannot be accepted into the program, or the class is cancelled due to low enrollment, you will be notified and your payment will be refunded in full.

All refund requests must be written.

1. A $70 fee will be assessed for all refund requests after July 1, 2005.

2. Refund requests must be received by
   - **July 5, 2005** for Junior Culinary Camp: Session I
   - **July 11, 2005** for Junior Culinary Camp: Session II
   - **July 18, 2005** for Summer Excursions in Learning

NO REFUND WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THESE DATES.

Refunds are issued by the State Comptrollers’ Office and take approximately four to six weeks to process.

Written requests for refunds may be made to
Susan Meisler, Coordinator:
In person: (LRC B147A)
By fax: (860) 512-2801
Or mail: Continuing Education, MS #16, MCC
P.O. Box 1046, Manchester, CT 06045-1046
(You must call to verify our receipt of your written request.)

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For additional brochures or further information:
Call Susan Meisler, Coordinator at (860) 512-2804 or the CE Info Line, (860) 512-2800, and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.
Junior Culinary Camp & A.M. à la Carte

Junior Culinary Camp
For students completing Grades 5-8 during the 2004-2005 academic year
2 Sessions:
July 18-22 or July 25-29
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Put on a “signature” chef’s hat and join us to learn about food preparation, healthy eating, and kitchen safety tips. Feel the need to knead? Learn about the history of bread, then prepare and sample “Mall Pretzels” and flat breads. Looking for pizzazz? Try pizza dough with fresh toppings, pasta and popular ethnic foods. Scrumptious snacks? Try grrreat granola and hummus with pita chips. Just desserts? Learn to freeze and chocolatey chip ice cream in delicious waffle cups. We’ll create our own variation of chocolate chip cookies and “dip into” chocolate covered fruit. The wee the instructor at the beginning of first day of the session.

Week 1 – 7/18-7/22/05
CRN #20253 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. MCC Bldg. LOWE L292

Week 2 – 7/25-7/29/05
CRN #20254 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. MCC Bldg. LOWE L292

Instructor: Julia Porter is a certified teacher and an instructor in the Culinary Arts Division of MCC. She has worked in the food industry (including her own catering business) for more than 16 years. Julia has taught at Great Path Academy and developed several courses for Excursions. She returns with “Junior Culinary Camp.”

Summer Excursions offers an early morning session
“A.M. à la Carte”
For students completing Grades K-8 during 2004-2005 academic year

A.M. à la Carte
Bring in some of your favorite books, your GameBoy™, or play supervised board games and/or activities. Do mind aerobics to prepare yourself for the day.
CRN #20264 10 sessions, Monday-Friday, 8/1-8/12, 8-9 a.m. MCC Bldg. AST G106 Fee: $50
Instructor: Linda Armstrong

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## List Of Courses For Summer Excursions

Courses are listed by grade level and by time (morning or afternoon). Grade level refers to the grade completed in 2004-2005. Courses listed more than once indicate that they are appropriate for more than one grade level.

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| For all grade levels K-8 | A.M. à la Carte |

Information (860) 512-2804  Registration Fax (860) 512-3221
Excursions in Learning Classes

For students completing Grades K-2 during 2004-2005 academic year.

GRADES K-2

MORNING CLASSES

Constructions for Children
If you are a young builder and like to do things with your hands, this is the class for you! Challenge yourself by building castles, hot air balloons, wigwams, and a model of Stonehenge. The list of building materials is endless—wood scraps, LEGO™ products, aluminum foil, boxes, fabric scraps, edibles, packing foam, and more. Start saving your building materials now. The sky’s the limit!
CRN #20209 9 a.m.-noon
MCC Bldg. LOWE L240
Instructors: Jodi Clare and Kirsten Dergosits

Finding Art in Nature
Explore nature through poems, drawings, paintings, stories, creative movements and sound effects. Much of our time each day will be spent outdoors looking for feathers, pebbles, skins, nests, turtle shells, and much more. This class is a balance of physical activities, such as tree tag and nature hikes, and quiet times, such as sponge painting to mimic clouds and mud art to replicate nature’s treasures. Emphasis is on developing observational skills, artistic expression and an appreciation of nature. This fusion of body, mind and the arts will have us moving, feeling and creating. Join us!
CRN #20208 9 a.m.-noon
MCC Bldg. LOWE L207
Instructor: Linda Marchisio

Let’s Dance (Grades K-3)
Let’s dance around in a circle; let’s shake, wiggle and waggle. Let’s pretend to be animals in the jungle; let’s dance like butterflies in the sky. This class introduces fundamentals of dancing to children who have completed grades K-3. We will focus on creativity, balance and coordination. Dance-related activities include crafts, storytelling, acting and prop design.
CRN #20210 9 a.m.-noon
MCC Bldg. LOWE L141
Instructor: Lorelei Chang

Math that Isn’t (Grades 2-4)
See course description on page 7.
CRN #20222 9 a.m.-noon
MCC Bldg. AST C203
Instructor: Barbara Johnston

Nibbles of Books
Discover and create new kinds of books! You’ll flip and pop-up and do a double-double take. Turning circles and shape books will be part of the literary adventure. We’ll make a home for the three little pigs and discover the longest tale. We’ll catch sunbeams and have an open-ended scavenger hunt while collecting images for our books. Simple measurement and sewing skills will help us bind our ideas together to make our very own books, books, books.
CRN #20211 9 a.m.-noon
MCC Bldg. LOWE L124
Instructor: Susan Reischerl

Puppets, Puppets, Puppets (Grades K-1)
Introducing the magic of puppetry! You will make puppets that are as tiny as your little finger and puppets as big as you are—or bigger. You’ll explore the different kinds of materials to use—paper for shadow figures and moving-mouth puppets, clay to sculpt puppet heads for your own rod puppets, and cloth or yarn to create marionettes. Once we’ve created our wonderful puppet figures, our challenge will be to bring them to life through pieces you create and perform. Intrigued by puppetry? Like to work with your hands and your imagination? You won’t want to miss this course!
CRN #20212 9 a.m.-noon
MCC Bldg. AST D213
Instructor: Rolande Duprey

Whoosh, Bzz, Gurgle, Fizz
Welcome to the world of science. Come and explore how things around you work by participating in a variety of exciting, hands-on activities. We’ll investigate the mysteries of electricity, magnetism, aeronautics, catapults and simple machines. Learn about the process of scientific thinking that will allow you to be the scientist. Don’t miss the whoosh, bzz, gurgle and fizz of discovery.
CRN #20214 9 a.m.-noon
MCC Bldg. LOWE L142
Instructor: Melissa Szych

GRADES K-2

AFTERNOON CLASSES

Claytime (Grades 1-2)
Create lifetime treasures while having fun. We’ll learn how to coil, pinch, roll slabs and sculpt clay, all while creating colorful fish, critter bowls, mobiles and more. Bring a smock and come prepared to explore the magic of clay. The tuition for this course is $240. Materials fee: $10, payable to the instructor at the beginning of class on the first day of the session.
CRN #20215 1-4 p.m.
MCC Bldg. AST D130 & AST D131
Instructor: Janine Turgeon

Creative Dramatics
Laugh! Sing! Dance! We will play a variety of games and activities that work our “physical selves” (crawl like a dog or parade around like a king); our “vocal selves” (mimic sounds around you—use big booming voices or teensy-weensy voices); and our “intellectual selves” (what would it be like to be someone else—someone totally different from yourself). We will incorporate movement with story-telling and improvisation to explore the fun and exciting world of creative dramatics.
CRN #20216 1-4 p.m.
MCC Bldg. LRC B209
Instructor: Debra Leigh Siegel

Discovering Ancient Egypt through Art (Grades 2-4)
See course description on page 8.
CRN #20233 1-4 p.m.
MCC Bldg. AST D132
Instructor: Karen Anger

“I really thought the teachers communicate well with the handouts sent home each day outlining what was covered in class.”
Parent
Excursions in Learning Classes

Fun with Numbers (Grades K-1)
Put on your thinking caps and prepare to explore the fascinating world of numbers! We will use powerful numbers to discover how big our world really is. Math clues and basic algebraic equations will help us discover the unknown. Build a function machine that will cause creative thinkers to input numbers in one form and watch them exit in another. Meet Zaney Zero and watch him work. Just how square is that root anyway? Probability and statistics will help us determine just how great our chances really are. This class is an opportunity to use skills of logic and reasoning to develop natural talents of deduction, sequencing, and inference. We will use hands-on activities, art, story, and song to have “Fun with Numbers.”
CRN #20217 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. AST C111
Instructor: Barbara Weeks-Wilkins

Math that Isn’t (Grades 2-4)
See course description on bottom right.
CRN #20218 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. AST C203
Instructor: Barbara Johnston

Sounds Abound (Grades K-1)
Environmental sounds! Rhyming sounds! Quiet sounds! Noisy sounds! Play different games as you learn about the different types of sounds and why some sounds are “brothers” while others are “cousins.” Read rhyming stories created by Dr. Seuss and others to find out why words rhyme. Discover how changing a sound can change the meaning of a word. Pretend that you have trouble hearing, then learn to lip read! Become a sound expert; you’ll become a champion reader, speaker and speller. This is your opportunity to “sound off!”
CRN #20213 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. LOWE L213
Instructor: Marge Laptik

Hey Zeus, Wow Them with Your Powers (Grades 4-6)
How would Zeus or Apollo use their legendary skills in today’s world? Investigate popular mythological figures from Greek and Roman times to learn about their special attributes. Then bring your favorite character up-to-date by having him/her try out for a competitive event—a sports team, a school play, a class office or audition for a TV program of your choice. Take on your character’s personality, dress in a traditional way—then explain the qualities you bring to the activity of your choice. Zeus might want to be a school security guard; Mercury an instant messenger for the school’s computer labs; or Diana, an advice columnist for the class newspaper. We’ll videotape these interviews and assess your performance.
CRN #20223 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. D130 & D131
Instructor: Janine Turgeon

Exploring Mayans, Aztecs and Incas
Are you ready to explore the games, foods and crafts of ancient civilizations? Do you like adventures? In this class you will learn what life would have been like for the Mayans, Aztecs and Incas. You will learn about each of their cultures. You will work on projects such as making Mayan glyphs and designing and crafting an Incan mask. We will also plan and create a city of the likes of Machu Picchu.
CRN #20221 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. LOWE L241
Instructor: Melissa Prue

Perplexing Problems (Grades 5-7)
See course description on page 10.
CRN #20224 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. C201
Instructor: Tom Ebersold

Clay Creations
Use your hands and your imagination to create personal works of art. A variety of hand-building techniques will be demonstrated and explored as we create both individual and group projects. Past students will build on previous skills. Bring a smock and come prepared to create some exciting projects. The tuition for this course is $240. Materials fee: $10, payable to instructor at the beginning of class on the first day of the session.
CRN #20220 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. AST D130 & AST D131
Instructor: Karen Anger

For students completing Grades 3-5 during 2004-2005 academic year

GRADES 3-5 MORNING CLASSES

Castles and Life in Medieval Times (Grades 5-6)
Just how “dark” were the Dark Ages? Learn about this exciting time in history while creating your own three-dimensional castle. Do you know why castles were built, or who got to live in them? Discover just what it takes to be a knight. As we build our castles we will explore what life was really like in Europe 800 or so years ago. Other activities include designing a coat of arms and building a catapult. We will culminate our adventure with a medieval wax museum whose figures can be animated.
CRN #20219 9 a.m.-noon
MCC Bldg. AST D132
Instructor: Karen Anger

Let’s Dance (Grades K-3)
See course description on page 6.
CRN #20210 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. LOWE L141
Instructor: Lorelei Chang

Math that Isn’t (Grades 2-4)
Math isn’t just a bunch of numbers and formulas. The influence of math is fun and all around us. Explore the elements of geometry and build geodesic domes and towers of straws and paper clips. Learn about angles and construct a periscope. Investigate symmetry, work with mirrors and create your own kaleidoscope. Develop and challenge your decoding skills as you unlock the mysteries of codes and quizzes. Investigate number fun and magic with games and activities such as smart cards, puzzles and magic squares. Challenge your friends and family with these new games and math tricks. Join us for a unique adventure in “Math that Isn’t.”
CRN #20222 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. AST C203
Instructor: Barbara Johnston

Hey Zeus, Wow Them with Your Powers
New!
Excursions in Learning Classes

Print Making
Learn about the fascinating art of making your own prints—from thumbprints to block prints—from stencils to stamps. You can reproduce your artwork in a variety of textures, colors and layouts. Some of your prints will be bound, one of your special prints will be matted, and many will be left to share with your family and friends.
CRN #20225 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. AST D110
Instructor: Amy Burris

Running Your Own Business—from Start to Finish
(Grades 4-8)
See course description on page 10.
CRN #20226 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. AST C210
Instructor: Jim Griffin

Science Sampler
Enjoy the exploration of a variety of science topics, including light, heat and flight. Learn about air pressure and sound. Engage in problem-solving activities to see how science works in our daily lives. We’ll even use science to cook a snack!
CRN #20227 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. AST C107
Instructor: Susan Krzych-Mattera

Space Camp
Houston, we have a problem! We need students to complete space missions, exploring the solar system in search of lost probes. However, before they can soar into outer space with the computer program, “The Great Solar System Rescue,” students will need to train for their missions. In training, students will use the Internet to research various topics. They will learn how to navigate through a variety of sites on the Internet, gather information, and download photos related to the solar system. Other exciting activities include the construction and launching of pop rockets, investigation of craters, creation of constellation boxes, etc. Start the countdown!
CRN #20228 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. AST D218
Instructor: Staff

Theatre Games
Get acquainted with the fun and excitement of the stage in this introductory class. Explore the freedom to make a contribution to theatrical production in this comfortable environment. Focus on improvising, shaping ideas into skits, developing concentration skills, problem-solving and engaging in group interaction. Mastering these skills will help you with school presentations and daily social interaction. Present an exciting, original show for parents and friends on the final day of class.
CRN #20229 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. AST E106
Instructor: Deb Popillo

Tooling Around with Art
Have you ever created a painting using Q-tips™? Has your thumb ever been your main art tool? What types of tools do you think famous artists use? With these fun and exciting hands-on projects, you will learn new and different tools to create with, as you learn how artists make art. Use every day objects—newspaper and cardboard, shower curtains, clay—in a new way. Bring home your own objects d’art. A parent-volunteer, carpooled field trip to the Wadsworth Atheneum will be scheduled. There will be a $3 admission fee, payable to the instructor at the beginning of class on the first day of the session.
CRN #20230 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. LOWE L245
Instructor: Tina Mirto

“I was amazed at what the kids accomplished in just 2 weeks.”
Parent

GRADERS 3-5
AFTERNOON CLASSES

Amazing Inventions
Do you ever wonder how certain things like bubble gum or the light bulb were invented? Did you know that some inventions just happened by accident? Do you have an idea for an invention you would like to test? During this course you will explore various inventors and the products they created. While planning your own invention, we will test some inventors’ theories and try their experiments.
CRN #20231 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. LOWE L240 & LOWE L241
Instructor: Melissa Prue

Discoveries in the Dark (Grades 4-6)
Ever wonder what it would be like to develop your own black-and-white pictures? You will learn how to use a 35mm camera to take pictures and then develop them. We will focus on (no pun intended) how to pick a subject, picture composition, use of light, developing black-and-white film, and printing 5” x 7” and 8” x 10” photos. Students must be able to follow directions carefully and work with a camera and sensitive materials. Participants must have use of a 35mm camera, and provide one roll of black-and-white film.
CRN #20232 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. AST D111
Instructor: Gabrielle Zane

Discovering Ancient Egypt through Art (Grades 2-4)
Travel back thousands of years and across the desert sands to the civilization of Ancient Egypt. Learn how Egyptian traditions and beliefs shaped the way they lived and died. Create a replica of an ancient Egyptian tomb. Learn about the tradition of mumification and make your own mummy, complete with sarcophagus. Experiment with writing using Egyptian hieroglyphic symbols, try your hand at some ancient Egyptian games and much, much more!
CRN #20233 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. AST D132
Instructor: Karen Anger
Junior Dance Camp (Grades 4-8)
See course description on page 11.
CRN #20234 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. LOWE L141
Instructor: Lorelei Chang

Making Magical Books
Learn how to assemble and complete unique and beautiful books. Incorporate different kinds of writing in a variety of book formats. Create a nature log with rubbings and descriptions, an origami book with simple haiku poems, a Chinese flutter book with an original adventure story and/or an accordion book with limericks.
CRN #20235 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. AST D110
Instructor: Amy Burris

Math that Isn’t (Grades 2-4)
Math isn’t just a bunch of numbers and formulas. The influence of math is fun and all around us. Explore the elements of geometry and build geodesic domes and towers of straws and paper clips. Learn about angles and construct a periscope. Investigate symmetry, work with mirrors and create your own kaleidoscope. Develop and challenge your decoding skills as you unlock the mysteries of codes and quizzes. Investigate number fun and magic with games and activities such as smart cards, puzzles and magic squares. Challenge your friends and family with these new games and math tricks. Join us for a unique adventure in “Math that Isn’t.”
CRN #20218 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. AST C203
Instructor: Barbara Johnston

Science Sampler
See course description on page 8.
CRN #20236 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. AST C107
Instructor: Susan Krzych-Mattera

Space Camp (Grades 3-5)
See course description on page 8.
CRN #20249 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. AST D218
Instructor: Staff

“OUTSTANDING… Teacher, content hits multiple educational concepts at a complex level…fun.”
Parent

Sports Math (Grades 4-8)
See course description on page 11.
CRN #20237 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. AST D215
Instructor: Jim Johnston

Stop the Presses (Grades 5-8)
See course description on page 11.
CRN #20238 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. LRC B141
Instructor: Tom Ebersold

Excursions in Learning Classes

For students completing Grades 6-8 during 2004-2005 academic year

GRADES 6-8
MORNING CLASSES

Castles and Life in Medieval Times (Grades 5-6)
See course description on page 7.
CRN #20219 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. AST D132
Instructor: Karen Anger

Crime Scene Investigations
Play the role of a detective at a crime scene! In this class you will conduct forensic research under the guidance of MCC’s own Mistress of Investigations. Learn to use scientific principles from physical, life, earth and archaeological sciences. Conduct experiments like “The Dirt on Crime” using evidence from soil samples. “What Type Are You” can reveal evidence from blood typing using artificial blood. “Sherlock Bones”—you guessed it—will involve forensic archaeology and “Whose Lipstick” will teach you about the chromatography of lipstick. Learn about DNA fingerprinting, white powder analysis and many more investigative techniques. Join us to find out who done it!
CRN #20239 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. LRC B124
Instructor: Joanne Russell

Digital Photography
Learn how to control, point, and shoot digital cameras to create a special project. Load images into a computer and learn the basics of Adobe Photoshop, the premier photo imaging/editing software program. Equipment, software and techniques for successful digital photography will be discussed. Share your pictures by learning how to set them up for emailing and/or printing. If you own a digital camera please bring it to class. (MCC has only a limited number to loan.)
CRN #20240 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. AST D211
Instructor: Richard Hoyer

Hey Zeus, Wow Them with Your Powers (Grades 4-6)
See course description on page 7.
CRN #20223 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. AST D215
Instructor: James Johnston

Hollywood Writing for TV and Screenplay
Learn how to effectively write your very own TV show and a final screenplay to be published. Activities include filmed sketches, a TV pilot and an in-depth Hollywood script. The final class will be a simulation of a Hollywood meeting where you’ll pitch your ideas to the class and family members—just like they do in Hollywood.
CRN #20242 9 a.m.-noon MCC Bldg. LRC B218
Instructor: Chris Buonacquisto

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Registration Fax (860) 512-3221
Excursions in Learning Classes

**Jumpin’ Java™**
Java™ is a very popular programming language that is used to create games and other application programs. In this class students will develop programs that play games like Tic-Tac-Toe and Ping Pong, as well as other entertaining applications. Students will be encouraged to explore their creative side when they are writing their Java™ programs. We will also write small programs called Java™ applets that can be run inside a Web browser. Java™ is the language used in the high school Computer Science AP examination, so this is a good way to become familiar with Java™ in a fun and relaxed environment!

**CRN #20241** 9 a.m.-noon  
MCC Bldg. LRC B222  
**Instructor: Catherine Seaver**

**“Just the right amount of fun and learning. Mrs. Seaver is awesome”**  
*Parent*

**MCC Junior Jazz Band**
Do you enjoy listening to jazz music? Do you have the desire to learn how to improvise and play a variety of jazz styles? If you have at least two years’ experience on any brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument (piano included), then you’re ready for the MCC Junior Jazz Band. Together, we will listen to and perform jazz classics, learn the art of improvisation, compose our own blues tune, and have a great time. You will have the opportunity to demonstrate your new skills and talent during a concert performance on the last day of class. Please remember to indicate the instrument you play on the registration form.

**CRN #20243** 9 a.m.-noon  
MCC Bldg. V2 V127  
**Instructor: Gerry Saes**

**Perplexing Problems (Grades 5-7)**
Enhance your problem-solving skills and build your algebraic thinking abilities as you solve different types of mathematics problems. Problems will be drawn from many sources, including the Continental Mathematics League and Math Olympiads. Work cooperatively and individually to learn and practice a variety of strategies designed to help you solve perplexing problems.

**CRN #20224** 9 a.m.-noon  
MCC Bldg. AST C201  
**Instructor: Tom Ebersold**

**Running Your Own Business—from Start to Finish (Grades 4-8)**
This course will introduce you to the ins-and-outs of starting, maintaining, and building your own business. It will feature hands-on activities, such as planning, manufacturing, selling, and accounting for a class-designed product. You will create a product, develop a business and marketing strategy, sell the product, keep financial records of earned income, and hopefully, distribute your profits to your stockholders. This course will provide an exciting glimpse of the free-market economy.

**CRN #20226** 9 a.m.-noon  
MCC Bldg. AST C210  
**Instructor: Jim Griffin**

**Shakespeare for Kids**
“All the world’s a stage ...” Join us as we discover Shakespeare from page to stage. We will read, act, discuss and discover the works of William Shakespeare to gain a better understanding of his words, his language and his plays. We’ll “play” around with Shakespeare’s original text as well as a contemporary translation of it. We will meet Shakespeare’s famous characters and see how similar they are to people today (people you might even know). We’ll choose some of Shakespeare’s scenes and perform them outside on the campus of MCC in our very own “Shakespeare in the Park.”

**CRN #20245** 9 a.m.-noon  
MCC Bldg. LRC B209  
**Instructor: Debra Leigh Siegel**

**Unmasking Electronics**
This course is for you whether or not you know anything about electronics. All you’ll need is curiosity. What’s an electron? What’s electricity and how does it work? We’ll start with the basic science of electricity from atoms to zinc, then look at how different electronic devices work from anodes to zener diodes. Learn how to diagram, build and test circuits using prototyping boards, meters and oscilloscopes. You’ll be electrified!

**CRN #20246** 9 a.m.-noon  
MCC Bldg. AST C111  
**Instructor: Chuck Russell**

**Acting Workshop**
Learn how to be spontaneous and express yourself through the art of improvisation. This type of training provides a foundation of ease and freedom when on stage and will prepare you for almost any acting situation you will encounter. Through theatre games and other acting exercises, this course will cover concentration, listening, relaxing, using your imagination, using your voice, using your body, and working as an ensemble. Each session will afford ample stage time to develop self-confidence while learning to relate to other performers. The culminating activity will be an exciting original show, which we will perform during our final class.

**CRN #20247** 1-4 p.m.  
MCC Bldg. AST E106  
**Instructor: Deb Popillo**

**Activate Your Ideas**
What are your dreams? What if anything were possible? Who are you? What is your unique signature? Learning to control your destiny is great fun! In this class we will use activities, like cooking, dancing, improvising, public speaking and art to teach you the process of creating and acting on our goals. This class will change everything. Prepare for your future!

**CRN #20248** 1-4 p.m.  
MCC Bldg. LRC B125  
**Instructor: Stephen Spaulding**

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**GRADES 6-8**

**AFTERNOON CLASSES**

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Computer Game Design and Programming
Learn the history of computer games from Pong to Counter-Strike. We will play games and figure out what makes them fun, and then design some games of our own. Students will learn how different types of games are created using sprites, backgrounds, tiling and sound. Several different development tools will be used including GameMaker, the Visual Basic and C++ programming languages and the Allegro game library.

CRN #20250 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. LRC B222
Instructor: Catherine Seaver

Decorate Yourself
In this “hands-on” class you will use metal beads and sculpy to create original jewelry designs. Learn basic design principals and elements. You will make your own beads and hammer metal into pieces that can be used in necklaces, bracelets, pins and/or earrings. Assemble your pieces with glue and “cold connections.” Each student will bring home at least two or three completed pieces.

Materials fee: $15, payable to the instructor at the beginning of class on the first day of the session.

CRN #20251 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. AST D133
Instructor: Cheryl Tuttle

Discoveries in the Dark (Grades 4-6)
See course description on page 8.

CRN #20232 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. AST D111
Instructor: Gabrielle Zane

Junior Dance Camp (Grades 4-8)
People worldwide use dance to communicate, entertain and to celebrate all kinds of events. We’ll try out different dance styles as we learn about a variety of cultures. We’ll begin each day with a ballet class followed by jazz, modern and improvisational steps. Dance-related activities include acting, story-telling, costume and prop design, stage make-up and choreography. Join us in this dynamic celebration of the many forms of dance.

CRN #20234 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. LOWE L141
Instructor: Lorelei Chang

Sports Math (Grades 4-8)
This is math that you can really use and really like! We will talk about, use, and explore math as an important part of sports. We’ll figure out batting averages and earned-run averages. You know the big salaries that athletes make? We’ll figure out how the team owners can make enough money to pay them. We will use commercial sports board games, as well as our own sports board games, to keep statistics. When we finish, we’ll not only know how those numbers appear in a box or line score for any sport, but also how they were calculated and why they are important.

CRN #20237 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. AST D215
Instructor: Jim Johnston

Stop the Presses (Grades 5-8)
Learn a journalist’s skills—interviewing, news writing, digital photography, and desktop publishing. Interview one another and turn your notes into news and feature stories. Take digital photographs and edit them for publication. Learn and apply desktop publishing skills to create your finished newspaper.

CRN #20238 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. LRC B141
Instructor: Tom Ebersold

Video Productions
Students will learn how to use video cameras (VHS and digital), how to conduct a television program, and how to edit on Media 100 using iMAC computers. Students will also learn many aspects of a television studio. Projects include a talk show, an interview program and a commercial about MCC. Learn how to put together a sequence of footages using the features of Media 100.

CRN #20252 1-4 p.m. MCC Bldg. LRC B218
Instructor: Chris Buonacquisto
Meet our Instructors

Karen Anger earned a B.S. degree in art education and has completed 30 hours of graduate work. She has been teaching since 1976. She is currently an elementary school teacher in Mansfield where she has twice been the recipient of the Celebration of Excellence Award. She returns with “Discovering Ancient Egypt through Art” and “Castles and Life in Medieval Times.”

Linda Armstrong, a mother of two, returns to Summer Excursions for her third year as a parent volunteer. Formerly a systems and programming manager with Connecticut’s Online Computer Center, she is finishing her requirements for a second career in Library Media. She will be supervising “A.M. à la Carte.”

Chris Buonaquisto teaches Media and Television Production to grades 6-8 at the Odyssey Community School. His courses and experience include TV writing, advanced television production and video filmmaking. Chris has taught in both the Summer and Spring Excursions programs. He returns this summer with his popular “Video Productions” and “Hollywood Writing for TV and Screenplay.”

Amy Burris is an experienced ESL instructor having worked both locally, at MCC, and abroad. She earned B.A. degrees in art and French before gaining her teacher certification. A public school teacher since 1993 she returns with “Making Magical Books” as well as a new course, “Print Making.”

Lorelei Chang is an accomplished performer who was trained in China in ballet, modern and Chinese folk dance. A dance instructor for 12 years, she is currently a staff member of the Connecticut Concert Ballet. She returns to the Excursions program for the second year with two courses, “Let’s Dance” for young children and “Junior Dance Camp” for students in grades four through eight.

Jodi Clare earned a B.S. in elementary education and has completed requirements for a Masters in early childhood education at CCSU. A kindergarten teacher in Manchester, she returns to Excursions for her very popular “Constructions for Children.”

Kirsten Dergosits earned a B.S. in elementary education and is currently enrolled in a graduate program at CCSU. As a teacher in Manchester, she tries to incorporate art and science to enhance the skills of kindergarteners. She joins her colleague Jodi Clare in “Constructions for Children.”

Rolande Duprey has earned both a B.F.A. and an M.F.A. in puppetry. She is the Director of her own puppet company, “Purple Rock,” which has performed original works throughout the United States and in several countries abroad. She is the recipient of numerous awards related to puppetry production. She returns to Excursions with “Puppets, Puppets, Puppets.”

Tom Ebersold earned a sixth-year degree in gifted and talented education from UConn. He has eight years’ experience as a TAG (Talented and Gifted Education Instructor). He incorporates problem-solving strategies into his teaching. A former editor and reporter in Trumbull, he still does occasional free-lance journalism. He returns to Excursions with “Stop the Presses” and the newly-developed “Perplexing Problems.”

Jim Griffin worked in the insurance industry for many years before earning his M.Ed. and beginning a second career in education. He teaches in the gifted and talented program at Lebanon Elementary School where he recently won an award as the District Teacher of the Year. He returns to Excursions with the popular “Running Your Own Business”—Start to Finish.”

Richard Hoyer is a fine art, portrait and location photographer who has had more than 20 years of fun and profit in the photo world. His work is exhibited regularly in galleries around the State. An instructor at MCC, he returns to Excursions with “Digital Photography” and the newly-developed “Sound Off with GarageBand.”

Barbara Johnston earned a B.S. in elementary education and taught in Bloomfield for ten years. A math specialist, she returns to Excursions with the popular “Math that Isn’t.”

James Johnston has been a middle school teacher for 34 years and an adjunct faculty member at CCSU for ten years. He has had several articles published in educational journals. An avid sports fan who enjoys tracking statistics, Jim has returned to the Excursions program to teach “Sports Math.” He will also be teaching “Hey Zeus, Wow Them with Your Powers.”

Susan Krzych-Mattera earned her B.S. and M.S. degrees in special education. Susan has taught in elementary and middle schools, and is a former adjunct instructor at the University of Hartford. She returns to Excursions with “Science Sampler.”

Marge Laptik has an undergraduate degree in physical education and a graduate degree in speech and language pathology. She works in the Coventry school system helping students use phonetics to improve reading, speaking and writing skills. She introduces a new course in phonics, “Sounds Abound.”

Linda Marchisio has taught in programs for gifted and talented students in Bloomfield, Hampton and currently, in West Hartford. She is a Master Teaching Artist, a professional storyteller, and a member of the Connecticut Commission on the Arts. A veteran Excursions instructor, she will be introducing young students to “Finding Art in Nature.”

Tina Mirto is a docent and museum educator who has directed programs at the New Britain Museum of Art and the Florence Griswold Museum. She designs and teaches interactive art classes. She returns to Excursions with “Tooling Around with Art.”

Deb Popillo is both a creative performer and director of many community theatre productions. She has taught theatre courses to both children and adults for more than 20 years. Deb is an instructor with credit-free programs at MCC and has been with the Excursions program for many years. She returns with “Theatre Games;” and “Acting Workshop.”

Julia Porter is a certified teacher and an instructor in the Social Science & Hospitality Division of MCC. She has worked in the food industry (including her own catering business) for more than 16 years. Julia has taught at Great Path Academy and developed several courses for Excursions. She returns with “Junior Culinary Camp.”

Melissa Prue earned a B.A. in English and an M.S. in special education. She is a special education teacher, has worked as an art/crafts director in a large camp setting, and was a site director for before- and after-school programs. She has a background in gifted education and uses creativity and multi-modalities to instruct students of all abilities. She will be teaching two new courses, “Exploring Mayans, Aztecs and Incas” and “Amazing Inventions.”

Susan Reischerl earned her B.S. and M.S. degrees in elementary education. A former teacher in the gifted program in Cromwell, she is now a sixth-grade language arts teacher. Susan returns to Excursions to teach “Nibbles of Books.”
Chuck Russell earned his associate’s and bachelor’s degrees in electrical/electronic engineering. He is an electronics and computer teacher at MCC. Chuck joins us to share his interest in science through “Unmasking Electronics.”

Joanne Russell earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry, and has taught biology and chemistry at MCC since 1995. She has actively promoted the importance of science education for public school students and teachers as the project director of an Eisenhower Professional Grant, “Project Fusion” and a Perkins Grant working with local science teachers in the use of technology-based data collection activities. Joanne will be teaching the ever-popular “Crime Scene Investigations.”

Gerry Saes, a graduate of UConn, is the band director at Horace W. Porter School in Columbia, Conn. He is also director of the Columbia Community Band. Prior to teaching, Gerry played lead trumpet in a professional jazz band. He will be directing the “MCC Junior Jazz Band.”

Catherine Seaver is an author and computer science instructor at MCC who has been involved with computer education for children in a variety of settings, including as an instructor at Great Path Academy and in Excursions. She returns with two newly-developed courses “Jumpin’ Java™” and “Computer Game Design and Programming.”

Debra Leigh Siegel is a professional theatre artist who works in many theatre companies throughout the Northeast. A faculty member in the Theatre Department at the University of Bridgeport, she has also taught courses in “Theatre Arts” and “Lighting Design” to high school students. She looks forward to bringing two new courses to Excursions, “Creative Dramatics” for young children and “Shakespeare for Kids” for middle school students.

Stephen Spaulding is the founder of The Sage Group which guides parents and children through the college selection process. He brings together his organizational skills and ideas in an innovative, interactive approach to goal setting, “Activate Your Ideas.”

Melissa Szych earned a B.S. and an M.S. in science education. A middle school science teacher in Mansfield, she returns with the popular science course, “Whoosh Bzz, Gurgle, Fizz.”

Janine Turgeon holds a master’s degree in ceramics. She has taught ceramics to children of all ages at the Farmington Valley Arts Center and created the after-school program in Marlborough, Conn. A professional ceramics artist, she has exhibited in several arts centers around the State. Janine returns to the Excursions program with “Claytime” and “Clay Creations.”

Cheryl Tuttle is an accomplished artist whose beading designs have been exhibited at several local shows and galleries, including Wesleyan Potters. Currently a substitute high school art teacher, she is also an instructor in the Credit-Free Division of MCC.

Barbara Weeks-Wilkins earned a B.S. in elementary education and an M.S. in special education. She is an elementary school teacher who has worked to integrate the arts into all areas of the curriculum. She returns to Excursions with “Fun with Numbers.”

Gabrielle Zane has an M.F.A. from Bennington College and has been teaching in the arts for more than 15 years. She has taught photography to students of all ages and is a Master Teaching Artist. As an accomplished photographer, her work has appeared in local and national newspapers and magazines. She returns to Excursions to develop “Discoveries in the Dark” with Excursions students.

Meet our Coordinator

Susan Meisler, the Coordinator of Excursions in Learning, brings 32 years of classroom experience to the Excursions program. She earned an undergraduate degree in history, graduate degrees in education and political science and a sixth year equivalency in the social sciences. She has made presentations on curriculum development to colleagues at local, regional and national conferences. She is the recipient of many awards including a recent Fulbright to India. She has traveled widely in Europe and Asia, and brings recognition of the importance of cultural diversity to the program. Susan is a museum docent at UConn and a teaching consultant for the Conn. Geographic Alliance.

Dynamic Instructors Wanted for Excursions 2006

Do you have a favorite teacher with special talents that might like to join the Excursions team?
Share this catalog.

Have him/her contact Susan Meisler, Program Coordinator at (860) 512-2804 or smeisler@mcc.commnet.edu for more information.
Excursions in Learning School Component Form

First-time Summer Excursions students:
Please give this to a teacher, counselor or principal to have him/her answer the following questions.

School Personnel: Please complete this form in a timely fashion since registration will not be considered without an accompanying recommendation. If you have concerns regarding this applicant’s candidacy for the program, please call the Coordinator, Susan Meisler, at (860) 512-2804. We strive for the best possible match of students to classes. Please detach and return to parent to be submitted with the completed registration. Attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Student’s Name ____________________________________________________________________________

School ___________________________________________ Grade 04/05) ____________

Address ___________________________________________ Phone # ____________________

Name of Person Completing Form: (Print) ___________________________ Email ____________________

Signature ___________________________________________ Title of Position ____________________

1. Is or has the applicant been involved in a gifted and talented program in the school district?
   □ YES □ NO □ No formal gifted program
   If yes, type of program ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

2. Please indicate the subject areas in which the child displays above average ability, motivation and/or creativity. Elaborate how these qualities are displayed.
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3. Based on the student’s performance or potential, does the student possess the above-average ability necessary to participate in the 30-hour classes described in this brochure. Why or why not?
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Excursions in Learning Registration Form

student’s name ___________________________ nickname ___________________________

(last) (first)

home address (street/city/state/zip) ______________________________________________________

student’s social security number (for student I.D.) ________________________ Banner ID# ______

male _____ female _____ birth date __________ grade (04/05 year) ______ age ______

parents’ names ___________________________ home phone __________ email __________

mother’s work phone __________ father’s work phone __________ cell phone __________

emergency contact (name, address, phone) _____________________________________________ relationship to child __________

Have you ever attended the Summer Excursions in Learning Program? ________ Yes ______ No ______

Reminder: A School Component Form must be completed for new students and be submitted with this registration form. See page 14.

JUNIOR CULINARY CAMP

SESSION I .......... JULY 18-25 ..... CRN #20253 (Circle One): 1st Choice 2nd Choice

SESSION II ........ JULY 26-30 ..... CRN #20254 (Circle One): 1st Choice 2nd Choice

SUMMER EXCURSIONS COURSES

A.M. à la Carte

In spaces below, list your child’s first and second course choices for Summer Excursions a.m., p.m., or both sessions.

SUMMER EXCURSIONS A.M. SESSION:

1st choice ____________________________________________________________ CRN # __________

2nd choice ____________________________________________________________ CRN # __________

If registering for MCC Jr. Jazz Band, name the instrument you play __________

SUMMER EXCURSIONS P.M. SESSION:

1st choice ____________________________________________________________ CRN # __________

2nd choice ____________________________________________________________ CRN # __________

☐ Check or money order # __________ enclosed.

I authorize the use of my MasterCard Visa ______

cardholder name (print) _________________________________________________

cardholder signature __________________________________________________

credit card # ____________________________ exp. date (month/year) __________

cardholder address ____________________________ (W) ____________________________ (H)

cardholder phone number (W) __________ (H) __________

check if you are: ______ applying for a scholarship (for Summer Excursions only) see page 5.

☐ an Excursions instructor

☐ parent volunteer

Make checks payable to MCC.

Mail to: Continuing Education Excursions Registration MS #13
Manchester Community College
Great Path, P.O. Box 1046
Manchester, CT 06045-1046

Have you included?

☐ Payment

☐ Completed Registration Form

☐ School Component Form

(If applicable)

☐ T-Shirt size

Office Use Only Regis. Conf. Receipt # __________

Banner I.D. __________

TUITION STRUCTURE:

Senior Culinary Camp ....$250
Summer Excursions

A.M. à la Carte ...............$50
A.M. only .......................$215
P.M. only .......................$215
Full Day .......................$430
Clay Creations ...............$240
Claytime .......................$240

Total tuition enclosed ______

Summer Excursions

Student T-Shirt Size

(check one)

Child Size

Adult Size

small (6-8) small (S)

medium (10-12) medium (M)

large (14-16) large (L)

extra large (XL)
Junior Culinary Camp
2 sessions
Session I: July 18–22, 2005
Session II: July 25–29, 2005
Grades 5-8
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Summer Excursions in Learning
August 1-12, 2005
Morning Classes, 9 a.m.-noon
and/or
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