



SPECTRUM SCHOOL

WINTER 2026 ELECTIVES



Our 6-week Winter Elective courses, that run from Jan. 6th – Mar. 9th are now open to Homeschool students! Your student will work alongside both full-time and other homeschool students. Classes will be once a week, approximately 1.5 hours long. If your student would like to enroll in a morning and afternoon course on the same day, they will get to enjoy lunch time & recess with their peers as well!

Course Options

Monday: 10am–11:30am

Art Unleashed (ages 6+)
Animal Adaptations (ages 6+)
Future Engineers (ages 10+)

Monday: 1pm–2:30pm

Sign Language (ages 7+)
Outdoor Skills (ages 7+)
Young Makers (ages 7–9)

Wednesday: 10am–11:30am

Mailbox Magic (ages 6+)
Exploring the Paranormal (ages 8+)
Discovering France (ages 7+)

Wednesday: 1pm–2:30pm

Music: Sounds of Jamaica (ages 6+)
Dinosaurs & Fossils (ages 6+)
Pokemon Trainers (ages 7+)

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WINTER 2026 ELECTIVES **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:**

Art Unleashed! Discover your creativity as you explore different art styles and techniques! Each week features a new project using a variety of materials. A fun, hands-on way to express yourself and try something new!

Animal Adaptations w/ Severson Dells! Did you know there are around 5,000 bobcats in Illinois? They're built to stay hidden! In this exciting series, learn about the secret survival skills and superpowers of local wildlife. Build habitat posters, play predator-prey games, test bird beaks, learn to track animals, simulate migration, and discover how creatures prepare for winter.

Dinosaurs & Fossils w/ Burpee Museum! Be a fossil detective! Can you tell if it's a tooth, a horn, or a claw? Work with a team to identify fossils, arrange them from oldest to newest, and compare T.Rex skull pieces from a full-grown giant to our famous young Jane the T.Rex. Prehistoric fun comes alive in this hands-on fossil adventure!

Discovering France: Culture, Cuisine, & Conversation! Pack your imagination and get ready for an adventure to France! You'll learn simple French words and phrases, explore France's colorful regions, and discover its amazing art, food, and traditions. From the Eiffel Tower to tasty treats, every class is a new way to experience the magic of France!

Exploring the Paranormal: Myths, Legends, & the Unexplained! Step into the fascinating world of the unexplained! This non-scary, curiosity-filled journey will explore centuries of paranormal myth and mystery, Electronic Voice Phenomena, and stories of spirits from around the world.

Future Engineers: Design, Build, & Innovate! Through creative projects using CAD tools, LEGO components, and 3D printing, they'll explore core engineering principles, simple machines, and robot design. Each week brings new challenges that show how real products are imagined, built, and improved. Perfect for curious minds who love to build, tinker, and think big!

Mailbox Magic: Letters, Stickers, & Creative Connections! Let's step away from the screens and get creative! Students will explore the history of the post office and make colorful letters, custom stickers, and unique envelopes from upcycled materials. Each creation becomes a tiny work of art that can brighten someone's day and show how fun it is to connect through the mail!

Music: Sounds of Jamaica! Let's take a break from Winter and cruise to the sunny, tropical island of Jamaica with Miss Sue! Discover the vibrant rhythms and irresistible beats that make Jamaican music so unique. Explore the sounds of Bob Marley, reggae music, and the rich culture and stunning scenery of Jamaica.

Outdoor Skills w/ Severson Dells! Do you have what it takes to survive in the wild? Join the Severson Dells team to learn tips and tricks for wilderness living! Begin with outdoor safety and survival basics, then dive into hands-on activities like knot-tying, shelter building, compass reading, & map making. The course concludes with a focus on fire-building and safety. Learn how to stay prepared and have fun while developing impressive outdoor skills to share with friends and family!

Pokemon Trainers! Learn to play the Pokemon Trading Card Game in this fun, beginner-friendly class! Discover what it means to be a Pokemon Trainer as you learn how to build your first deck, trade cards, and battle with friends. You'll explore the rules, prizes, and strategies that make the game exciting and full of adventure!

Sign Language - Beginner, Level 2! Continue learning Sign Language in this engaging follow-up class! Building on the foundation from our Fall session, students will expand their vocabulary, practice self-expression, and deepen their appreciation for visual communication. New students enrolling in this class should already be familiar with the Sign Language alphabet, numbers, colors, days of the week, and basic weather signs.

Young Makers: Intro to Engineering & Design! Build, design, and create in this hands-on introduction to Engineering! Budding engineers will explore basic engineering and product design through fun, creative projects using LEGO bricks, beginner CAD tools, and 3D printing. Each week introduces new concepts that blend imagination with real-world problem solving. By the end, students will have designed and built their own mini inventions - no experience needed, just curiosity and a love for building!