

# TOPEKA COLLEGIATE ADVENTURES

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

This year we are offering morning adventures! We have also extended the Adventures Program to **every week** instead of 10 weeks per semester, with the exception of the short, 6-week Sunrise Yoga Adventure (see details below). This will help eliminate confusion. Adventures will be held before and after school on all full days of school. Morning adventures will be held on half-days of school as well. This means we need families to sign up earlier than in the past. The deadline for enrollment for the spring semester is December 13. Adventures will start on the first day after Winter Break, January 6. Instead of being charged by semester, we are charging by session because the number of sessions will vary based on the day of the week. Families have to sign students up by semester and will be charged for every session regardless of whether they attend. No refunds or withdrawals. Families will not have to pay for the entire semester up-front. Charges will be posted to your RenWeb account monthly.

**SCHEDULE/COST:** Morning adventures will be from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and cost \$10 per adventure per week. Most afternoon adventures will include complimentary care from 3:35 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., a snack, and the adventure from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Choir and Martial Arts are exceptions. Choir runs from 3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Martial Arts runs from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Students enrolled in Martial Arts can have complementary aftercare from 4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost for afternoon adventures will be \$15 per adventure per week.

**ENROLLMENT:** ALL ADVENTURES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To secure your child's spot in an adventure, enroll online at <https://forms.gle/BNhR2vDqSsmyZJfd8> by December 13, 2019. Only students who are enrolled in the class are allowed to attend the adventure. Siblings cannot attend unless they are enrolled.

**FULL/CANCELLED CLASSES:** Many classes will fill quickly. If a class is full or if there are too few participants to offer a class, you will be notified in advance of the start and fees will be refunded or another class can be selected.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:** For Topeka Collegiate families, all afternoon adventures registrations will be charged to your RenWeb account monthly. The charges will be included on the monthly statement and should be paid with your other RenWeb charges. For the general public, we accept the following forms of payment: Credit card charged in office or over the phone, check made out to Topeka Collegiate with Adventures in the memo line, online payment at <http://www.topekacollegiate.org/student-life/family-resources.cfm> or cash. No refunds will be given if a family chooses to withdraw a student from a class after the enrollment deadline. Families are still obligated to pay for the entire semester.

**DROP-OFF:** Students enrolled in morning adventures should be dropped off at the north Eagle Foyer entrance by the gym at 7:00 a.m. For safety reasons, please wait until your child has entered the building before leaving. The doors will not be unlocked until 7:00 a.m. Students cannot be dropped off before that time.

**PICK-UP:** Students will be escorted to the main entrance of the school at the conclusion of each afternoon session. Students who do not have a parent/guardian waiting for them will be signed into our After-care Program. The rate for this program is \$6.00 per hour and is billed by the minute. Our After-care Program ends at 5:25 p.m. **If students are not picked up by 5:25 p.m., families will be charged late fees. If students are not picked up by 5:30 p.m., they will be escorted to the Tutoring, Academics and Technology (TAT) Class and enrolled for the semester. The \$300 charge for TAT will be added to the family's RenWeb account. Rates will not be prorated if this occurs in the middle or end of the semester.**

**SPECIAL NOTE:** If you need to contact the After-care Program providers or your student after the office is closed, call or text Google Voice number **785-422-7382 (785-4CareTC)**. This will ring and send messages to the cell phones of all of the After-care Program providers. Care providers cannot always answer the phone, so please leave a voicemail. They will listen to it as soon as they get a chance and reach back out to you. Please let Rebecca Bonilla or Mindy Johnson know of any concerns or special circumstances that might affect your child's experience.

# CLASSES OFFERED

## Monday

**6-Week Sunrise Yoga** (MORNINGS) Grades K-8 - Yoga can be an excellent way for students (and adults!) to gain focus, self-regulations, and confidence. Maybe that's why it's among the fastest growing activities in the United States. This class will also help kids with strength, balance, and overall well-being in a fun, supportive and non-competitive session. In the class, we'll learn basic poses, skills and techniques central to yoga. Peace, respect, gratitude and acceptance will be central themes throughout the sessions. Finding ways for kids to shine bright, while releasing tension and stress will be the main goal of this class! What a great way to start your day! Instructor: Kathy Damron, certified yoga instructor and former member of the Topeka Collegiate Board of Trustees; **Dates: January 6, 13, 21 (Tuesday because Monday is a holiday), 27, February 3 and 10**

**Sign Language** (AFTERNOONS) Grades 1-8 - This class is for students who want to learn sign language. Students will focus on vocabulary development of the language and learn sentence structure, as well as some grammatical features. The class will also help students develop receptive and expressive skills for the language. The class will prepare students to start using American Sign Language in everyday conversations appropriate for the beginning level. Instructor: Ariel Garrett, Topeka Collegiate Prekindergarten Assistant, Library coordinator, After-care Program provider, and Summer Adventures Director

**Zoo2U** (AFTERNOONS) Grades K-8 - Want to meet a live zoo animal? This adventure is for you! Zoo2U brings live animals to your school. Animal visitors can include: A variety of invertebrates (including tarantulas, scorpions, millipedes, and more), reptiles and amphibians (including several frogs, lizards, snakes, geckos, tortoises, and an alligator), small mammals (such as a skunk, an opossum, an armadillo, and a hedgehog), and birds of prey (including a screech owl, a barred owl, a great horned owl, and a turkey vulture). This year there will be some crafts, games, and activities added to the program as well! Instructor: Rachael Rost, Topeka Zoo Education Specialist

## Tuesday

**Cue the Drama** (MORNINGS) Grades K-8 - In this adventure, we will explore several different parts of theatre. From becoming a character, to connecting with your audience, and working behind the scenes - we will all practice taking on various roles that go into putting on a performance. Acting, dancing, singing, even set and lighting will be a part of our semester-long adventure. Instructor: Sheri Rippel, Topeka Collegiate preschool teacher and talented local thespian

**Pokémon** (AFTERNOONS) Grades 1-8 - We will learn about Pokémon types, strengths, and weaknesses in this fun adventure. Learn about how animals in our Pokémon world relate back to animals we have in our real world! Instructor: Elena Blum, Topeka Collegiate alumna and After-care Program provider

**Cooking 101** (AFTERNOONS) Grades 1-8 - This adventure will be tons of fun for anyone curious about cooking! We will be learning the skills needed to make recipes and those skills will be applied to a new recipe every week. There will be interesting lessons about nutrition, diet, and culture included in our classes as well! Instructor: Ariel Garrett, Topeka Collegiate Prekindergarten Assistant, Library coordinator, After-care Program provider, and Summer Adventures Director

## Wednesday

**Wondrous Wednesdays** (MORNINGS) Grades K-8 – Start your Wednesday morning with friends and a fun activity! Ms. Bonilla will be bringing card games and board games to play. Mrs. Johnson will be facilitating exploration with iPads, the VR system, and other electronics. They will be switching back and forth each week to keep it new and fresh. Instructors: Rebecca Bonilla, Topeka Collegiate Lower School Spanish Teacher and Extended Day Director, and Mindy Johnson, Extended Day Assistant Director

**Topeka Collegiate Youth Choir** (AFTERNOONS) Grades 4-8 – The Topeka Collegiate Youth Choir is open to fourth through eighth grade students who love to sing. During second semester, choir students prepare a musical, complete with songs, script, costumes, and staging. All choir members will have a part in the musical. Students can expand their experiences in singing and theater techniques as they work with fellow cast members to put on an amazing show! Performances will be held on May 8 and 9. Dress rehearsals will be April 29-May 7. Families will not be charged for those seven days. Since it is sometimes easier to work with a smaller group, there will be days throughout the semester when not all choir students will be needed for rehearsal. On those days, some choir students will be asked to attend aftercare until 5:15 p.m. instead of choir. We will guarantee each student will have the opportunity to attend at least 15 sessions of choir, which is how many sessions will be charged to each family's RenWeb account. There will not be choir on May 13. Please note that this adventure is from 3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Instructor: Kay Siebert, Topeka Collegiate music teacher; Assistant: Mindy Johnson, Extended Day Assistant Director

## Thursday

**Chess Club** (AFTERNOONS) Grades K-8 - Chess Club is an opportunity to learn the game and improve one's skill. Absolute beginners are welcome and will be taught the basic rules and concepts. More experienced players will learn different openings, strategies and tactics and will challenge themselves by solving chess puzzles. While students will have the chance to measure their progress through wins and losses against their peers, the main focus will be encouraging good sportsmanship and having fun. Instructor: Casey Artzer; Assistant Instructor: Sho Glashausser, chess champion and former Topeka Collegiate student

## Friday

**Martial Arts** (AFTERNOONS) Grades K-8 - Your child will have fun while learning developmental skills, all within a safe, healthy and exciting environment. Our program has the perfect blend of fun and learning: increases attention span, builds confidence, helps with grades, teaches concepts of teamwork and responsibility, assists with bully prevention, and strengthens other skills. We understand each child learns and grows differently. Each child moves at his or her own pace and can feel the satisfaction of a personal victory. Classes become more challenging as each child demonstrates the readiness to accept more complex skills. Please note that this adventure is from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Instructor: Master Daniel Jorgensen, Chief instructor at ATA