

# Preschool and Elementary Activities, Enrichment and Classes

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Are you looking for activities, classes, or enrichment for your child? This comprehensive guide features a wealth of opportunities to meet your family's needs. There are virtual and in person activities, games, courses, and attractions, geared towards and preschool and elementary school students. The offerings are categorized into the following areas:

- Athletics and Recreation
- Cultural and the Arts
- STEM
- Language and Literature
- All & Other

Each entry includes a link to the resource, a brief description, pricing information, and the type of programming offered.

Please preview these offerings before sharing them with your children; some virtual resources may contain ads and should be viewed with discretion. Since the information in this guide is subject to change, we encourage you to visit each program's website to get to most up to date details.

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# Athletics & Recreation

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## Venture Outdoors

Description: This nonprofit inspires children and adults alike to explore nature and engage in a wealth of activities, classes, and programs

Pricing: Varies by program

Type of Programming: Virtual, In Person, Activities, Classes, Camps, Summer, School Year

## British Swim School

Description: The program operates at several pools in the Pittsburgh area, and teaches water safety and swimming skills in addition to offering a swim team for experienced swimmers.

Pricing: Varies by program

Type of Programming: In Person, Classes

## Pittsburgh Ballet Theater

Description: The Pittsburgh Ballet Theater offer classes and programs from children ages 18 months – 17 years. Certain classes require an audition.

Pricing: Varies by specific program

Type of Programming: Virtual, Classes, Workshops, Summer, School Year

## Pittsburgh Soccer Academy

Description: PSA offers individual and small group training, virtual training, and camps and clinic to develop soccer skills for children age 5 through High School.

Pricing: Varies by specific program

Type of Programming: Virtual, In Person, Summer, School Year, Classes, Workshops

## Kennywood Amusement Park

Description: Located in West Mifflin, this traditional amusement park features 7 Rollercoasters, A 14-Ride Kiddieland & Several Other One-Of-A-Kind Attractions.

Pricing: Junior (Under 46") \$39.99 + tax, Regular (46" and Taller) \$59.99 + tax, Senior (60+ Years of Age) \$24.99 + tax. Season passes start at \$85.95 and go up from there.

Type of Programming: In person

## CMU Athletic Camps

Description: There are variety of camps and clinics available, including soccer, basketball, volleyball, swimming, and diving. Age ranges for camps vary by sport, but start as young as age 5 and go up to 12th grade.

Pricing: Varies by camp

Type of Programming: Summer Camps, CMU affiliated

## YMCA Youth Programming

Description: The YMCA offers a comprehensive suite of programs for every age and skill level, including swimming, sports, dancing, and the arts. Specific lesson offerings vary by location.

Pricing: Varies by type of class

Type of Programming: In Person, Classes

## The Scoring Factory

Description: Located on East Carson Street, this gym offer classes, clinics, and camps to help improve children's basketball skills and development for children in grades 2-12.

Pricing: Varies by program; memberships are also available starting at \$15/month.

Type of Programming: In Person, Camps, Classes

## Soccer Shots

Description: Soccer Shots offers a variety of programs, classes, and workshops to teach children soccer while also having fun! Classes are for children ages 2-8.

Pricing: Varies by program

Type of Programming: Workshops, Classes, Virtual, In person

## Switch and Signal

Description: an indoor skatepark in Swissvale that offers private and group lessons, rentals, and camps. This location also has a skate shop, café, and a strong desire to build community.

Pricing: Varies by program

Type of Programming: In Person, Camps, Classes

# Athletics & Recreation

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## **Gymkhana Gymnastics Schools**

Description: With locations in Point Breeze, Bethel Park, Monroeville, and Wexford, Gymkhana provides high quality gymnastics fun for all ages and skill levels.

Pricing: Varies by program

Type of Programming: In Person, Camps, Classes

## **Sandcastle Water Park**

Description: Located in West Mifflin, this traditional amusement park features 7 Rollercoasters, A 14-Ride Kiddieland & Several Other One-Of-A-Kind Attractions.

Pricing: general admission is \$39.99, children age 3 and under are free. Season Passes start at \$66.99.

Type of Programming: In person

## **First Tee Pittsburgh**

Description: A non-profit youth development program that delivers life skills and character education to young people ages 5-18 through the game of golf. Participants join us for lessons in putting, chipping, pitching, full swing and on course play while they also learn healthy habits, goal setting, respect, courtesy, confidence and more.

Pricing: \$60 per session per participant for households earning \$50,000 per year or more, AND only \$30 for households earning less than \$50,000 per year. However, no kid is ever turned away for the inability to pay.

Type of Programming: In person, classes, activities

## **Pittsburgh Fencers' Club**

Description: Located in Point Breeze, this club focuses on bringing competitive fencing to Pittsburgh. It features classes for children ages 6 to 12 as well as teens to adults. They also offer private lessons as well as some zoom lessons and camps are available in the summer.

Pricing: drop in classes are \$25 per class, a pack of 4 classes is \$99 for a single child, \$167 for a family. A month of unlimited fencing is \$150.

Type of Programming: In Person, Virtual, classes

## **The Wheel Mill**

Description: Located in Homewood, this indoor park provides a safe space for children and adults to ride bikes on various tracks. Lessons are available for first time riders, as well as those hoping to learn MTB and BMX riding. Summer camps are also available.

Pricing: Day passes are \$23 for adults and \$18 for children 12 and under on weekdays, \$29 for all ages on the weekends. Memberships range from \$45 to \$95 per month. Private lessons are \$70 + tax per session and includes a day pass for riding after instruction.

Type of Programming: In person, classes, camps, activities

## **Cosmic Kids Yoga**

Description: Yoga Instructor Jaime leads children in a series of fun, engaging yoga routines. The classes vary in length and theme to suit a wide array of interests!

Pricing: Free to watch on YouTube with ads or download the app for \$10/month to stream ad-free

Type of Programming: Virtual

## **USA Professional Karate**

Description: Located in Squirrel Hill, this program offers specialized Kids Karate classes that address the unique skills and challenges that children of all ages face. Beginning at age four with the most basic of instruction, and building through age 12. In addition to self-defense training, students develop lifelong skills including: respect, discipline, confidence, integrity, improved focus, and more! Classes also available for ages 13 and up.

Pricing: \$19.95 for introductory class and about \$129 a month for regular classes.

Type of Programming: In person, classes

# Cultural and the Arts

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## Art for Kids Hub

Description: This online resource offers video lessons on drawing, painting, and origami.

Pricing: Free, but you can get a paid subscription to watch videos ad-free and get member exclusive lessons for \$5.99/month

Type of Programming: On Demand Lessons

## Art in Motion Pittsburgh

Description: This dance studio offers classes live and in person classes for a variety of dance styles and skill levels.

Pricing: You can do a drop in class for \$10, or sign up for class packages

Type of Programming: In person, Virtual, Classes

## Carnegie Museum of Art

Description: This museum features a robust collection of over 30,000 works of art, including paintings, sculptures, photographs, and decorative design. The Carnegie Museums also have a curated list of virtual offerings.

Pricing: Adult tickets are \$19.95, tickets for children 3-18 are \$11.95, and children under 3 are free. Workshops, classes, and camps are an additional cost.

Type of Programming: In-person, Virtual, Camps

## DIY

Description: On-demand classes on a variety of hands-on projects and subjects, including photography, drawing, LEGOs, and science

Pricing: Plans start at \$4.99/month

Type of Programming: On demand classes, Virtual

## Jam with Jamie

Description: This is a nationwide music company that offers virtual classes, parties, and events for a variety of age groups.

Pricing: Varies depending on the type of activity/session you book; drop-in classes for the live virtual "Jam Club" are \$18.

Type of Programming: Virtual, Live Classes

## The Laurie Berkner Band Educational Videos

Description: Children's music group The Laurie Berkner Band offers a series of free "Berkner Break" educational videos on their YouTube channel.

Pricing: Free

Type of Programming: Virtual, Videos

## Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems!

Description: Children's book author and illustrator Mo Willems records a series of lunch time videos, guiding young artists through drawing activities.

Pricing: Free

Type of Programming: Virtual, Videos

## Met Kids

Description: The Metropolitan Museum of Art has developed an online hub for children, which includes an interactive map, a "time machine" to explore arts from different eras, and educational videos.

Pricing: Free

Type of Programming: Virtual

## Treasure Trunk Theater

Description: This offers a variety of live and on demand classes related to music, theater, and the arts for ages 8 and younger

Pricing: Pricing varies based on whether you provide a set of classes, a single class, or Imagination Club membership. Drop-in classes start at around \$20/class.

Type of Programming: Virtual, Live Classes, On Demand classes

## Senator John Heinz History Center

Description: This Smithsonian affiliate has 6 floors of historical exhibits, archives & a separate sports museum.

Pricing: \$18 for adults, \$9 for children ages 6 to 17 or students, \$15 for seniors, and free for children under the age of 6.

Type of Programming: In person

# Cultural and the Arts

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## North Hills Art Center

Description: Offers classes for adults, teens and children. Sessions run Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. Class offerings are updated seasonally and occasionally additional classes are added. Children's classes are designed to be age appropriate for children 7 to 18 and summer camps are available. Classes cover sculpture, pottery, drawing, painting, and more.

Pricing: Classes for children range from member pricing starting at \$70 per class to \$100 non member pricing.

Type of Programming: In person, Classes, Camps, Virtual

## Artissima Art Studio

Description: Offers mommy and me classes for children ages 2.5 to 4, and art classes for children and teens ages 4 to 18. Students will experiment with different media, develop new techniques, and be inspired by art and art history in a fun, energetic environment. They focus on quality and aim to inspire and guide the children to reach their creative and artistic potential.

Pricing: One day workshops start at \$40, classes and camps start at \$230.

Type of Programming: In person, Classes, Camps, Virtual

## School of Rock

Description: Offers music, performance and song writing lessons to children ages 3-18. Rock 101, performance and songwriting are all available to middle school aged children. Classes generally consist of one private lesson and one group rehearsal each week. Many of their classes are now also available in an online format and summer camps are also available.

Pricing: Classes range from \$250 to \$300 per month. Summer camps are \$300 per week.

Type of Programming: In person, Classes, Camps, Virtual

## East End Performing Arts

Description: Located in Regent Square, this program offers private lessons, group classes and summer camps for children in grade 2 through 5 to build appreciation and understanding of music and theatre.

Pricing: \$58 per month

Type of Programming: In person, Classes, Camps, Virtual

## Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

Description: Official site for Benedum Center and Byham Theater, presenting PNC Broadway Across America, children's theater and events. The Trust also facilitates several large cultural events in the city on a yearly basis and supports art galleries as well as public art installations. It also encompasses the Harris Theater, featuring independent film as well as classes and programming for children and teens.

Pricing: Prices vary depending on venue and event

Type of Programming: In person, Classes

## Pittsburgh Girls Choir

Description: The Pittsburgh Girls Choir welcomes girls, ages 6 to 18, of all races, ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds into our supportive community committed to artistic excellence through an exemplary music education program. In addition to the choir, they also offer summer camps and outreach programs.

Pricing: there is a sliding scale for tuition

Type of Programming: In person, Classes, Camps

# STEM

## Educational Technology Community

Description: Run by the Entertainment Technology Center, The Educational Technology Community inspires collaborative learning by providing experiences to explore technology in classrooms, non-profits, museums, libraries, and after school programs.

Pricing: Free

Type of Programming: Virtual, Events, Year-Round, CMU affiliated

## BuzzMath

Description: Geared to both teachers and families, this platform provides math problems and activities with automated corrections and progress monitoring so that you can gauge your child's growth in various skills.

Pricing: \$20/month or \$120/year; you can request a free demo

Type of Programming: Virtual, Activities

## Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Description: Connected to the Carnegie Museum of Art, The Carnegie Museum of Natural History is one of the top history museums in the country, and offers explorations and exhibits related to science, nature, and world cultures. The Carnegie Museums also have a curated list of virtual offerings.

Pricing: Adult tickets are \$19.95, tickets for children 3-18 are \$11.95, and children under 3 are free. Offerings such as workshops, classes, and summer camps are available at additional cost. You could also purchase a membership for all four Carnegie museums to receive free general admission.

Type of Programming: In-person, Virtual

## Architecture Explorations

Description: The Center for Architecture Explorations offers workshops, summer camps, and courses for students in grades K-12.

Pricing: Varies by specific camp or workshop

Type of Programming: Workshops, Year-Round (Saturdays), CMU affiliated

## Carnegie Science Center

Description: Part of the Carnegie Museums, the Science Center has interactive exhibits and programming about science and technology. The Carnegie Museums also have a curated list of virtual offerings.

Pricing: Adult tickets are \$19.95, tickets for children 3-18 are \$11.95, and children under 3 are free. Offerings such as workshops, classes, and summer camps are available at additional cost. You could also purchase a membership for all four Carnegie museums to receive free general admission.

Type of Programming: In-person, Virtual

## Carnegie Mellon Robotics Academy

Description: The Robotics Academy trains educators on how to use robots in the classroom, and also offers educational materials and workshops for students to encourage an interest in STEM.

Pricing: Virtual resources are free

Type of Programming: Virtual, Classes, Activities, CMU affiliated

## First in Math

Description: This website offers ways to play "The 24 Game" both online and offline. Order a deck of 24 Game cards, or purchase a subscription to play virtually.

Pricing: Virtual subscriptions are \$19.95 for 6 months or \$29.95 for 12 months. Card decks range from \$10.95-\$21.95

Type of Programming: Virtual, Game

## The Gelfand Center for Service Learning and Outreach

Description: Designed to promote STEM education and academic enrichment for students in grades K-12, The Gelfand Center runs various workshops and also has a collection of free, digital educational resources.

Pricing: Digital modules and remote lessons are free

Type of Programming: Workshops, Resources, Year-Round, Virtual, CMU affiliated

# STEM

## Math Playground

Description: This website offers math games on addition and subtraction, shapes, multiplication and division, fractions and decimals, prealgebra, and more.

Pricing: Free, but you can buy a premium family membership to unlock more games and features for \$5.99/month, \$14.97/quarter, or \$35.88/year.

Type of Programming: Virtual, Game

## Moving 4th into Engineering

Description: The Engineering Research Accelerator hosts an annual outreach event for 4th grade students.

Pricing: N/A

Type of Programming: Workshops, School Year, CMU affiliated

## MySTEM Academy

Description: This offers summer camps and school year programming for children ages 8-12 to learn about robotics and coding.

Pricing: Varies by workshop/program

Type of Programming: Virtual, In person, Activities, Classes

## Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium "Bringing the Zoo to You"

Description: The Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium a variety of virtual activities, including penguin and cheetah web cams, educational videos, a podcast, virtual wild encounters, and veterinary care videos. They are also open in person.

Pricing: Virtual Wild Encounters range from \$75-\$125; most other virtual activities are free. For school groups, senior homes, and adult community groups, they have virtual learning available at various prices. Zoo admission is \$16.95 per adult, \$14.95 for children 2-13, and free for children under 2.

Type of Programming: Virtual, Activities, Videos, In person camps

## School of Computer Science Outreach

## Roadshow

Description: This is an interactive presentation, for children in grades K-12, is offered by Women@SCS. It highlights all computer science has to offer and hopes to engage children in learning experiences.

Pricing: Free

Type of Programming: Workshops, Virtual, CMU affiliated

## Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

Description: A botanical garden set in Schenley Park that is fun to visit with the family, but also offers a variety of fun and enriching programs on gardening, arts and crafts, healthy living and sustainability.

Pricing: \$17.95 for adults, \$16.95 for seniors and students, and \$11.95 for children (ages 2 - 18). Members and kids under 2 enter free. Classes range in price depending on the age group and length of sessions.

Type of Programming: Classes, In person, Virtual

## National Aviary

Description: Explore tropical, tranquil habitats close to home by visiting the only independent indoor nonprofit aviary in the United States. Animal encounters are available, as well as live shows and programming for groups. They also have a virtual tour that children can watch at home.

Pricing: \$17 for adults, \$16 for children ages 2 to 12, \$16 for seniors, and free for children under the age of 2.

Type of Programming: In person, Virtual

## The Citizen Science Lab

Description: Pittsburgh's first community life sciences laboratory. The Citizen Science Lab is a nonprofit hands-on laboratory where inquisitive minds and science-enthusiasts can explore the life sciences. They are open to everyone to observe and analyze through discovery based learning and STEM enrichment.

Pricing: will be posted when in person labs reopen.

Type of Programming: Virtual, Activities, In person

# Language and Literature

## Education.com Online Reading Games

Description: Education.com offers interactive virtual games on many topics, including reading comprehension, early literacy, and grammar, for grades Prek-6.

Pricing: Free

Type of Programming: Virtual, Games

## Storybird

Description: Users are invited to read and create online comics, picture books, and longform stories, and also offers a selection of courses taught by professional writers and educators.

Pricing: Subscriptions start at \$4.99/month

Type of Programming: Virtual, On Demand Classes, Activities

## Story Time from Space

Description: Astronauts at the International Space Station record themselves reading beloved children's books. The website also has a curriculum section to suggest educational activities on different topics.

Pricing: Free

Type of Programming: Virtual, Videos

## Storyline Online

Description: Actors from the SAG-AFTRA Foundation record videos of themselves reading children's books. There is a wide variety of books to choose from, and you can search by author, reader, book title, or run time.

Pricing: Free

Type of Programming: Virtual, Videos

## Circulo Juvenil de Cultural

Description: This is a Spanish Heritage Outreach Program to support cultural literacy and Spanish language learning for children of Latino families in Pittsburgh.

Pricing: N/A

Type of Programming: Virtual, Resources, Year-Round, CMU affiliated

## Book Club for Kids

Description: A podcast where middle grade readers interview authors and talk about their favorite books.

Pricing: Free

Type of Programming: Virtual, Podcast

## Duolingo

Description: A free website and app to help adults and children in elementary through high school learn new languages. There is a large selection to choose from and it is self-paced learning.

Price: Free

Type of Programming: Virtual

## Room Recess Sight Word Smash

Description: This engaging, online game first "says" a sight word, then students have to "smash" the corresponding text block on the screen.

Pricing: Free

Type of Programming: Virtual, Game

## Time for Kids

Description: Time for Kids offer articles on current events and topics at a variety of reading levels

Pricing: \$19.99/year for a digital subscription

Type of Programming: Virtual, Activities

## Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Description: The library system provides residents with free access to books, movies music and more. Most branches also have a dedicated children's library with programming specifically geared towards children. Find your local branch, or visit the main branch in Oakland to enjoy these benefits.

Price: Free

Type of Programming: Virtual, In person



# All and Other

## **Beanstalk**

Description: Beanstalk offers live and recorded shows, geared for children in grades PreK-1, that encourage interaction and engagement. The episodes are on a variety of topics, including drawing, weather, animals, art, and music.

Pricing: \$19/month or \$199/year

Type of Programming: Virtual, Live Classes, On Demand Classes

## **Tinkergarten Circle Time**

Description: A selection of online classes for children, including a live circle time and a virtual camp. Camp classes are divided into the 2-5 age group and 5-8

Pricing: Pricing varies; Circle Times are \$72 per family, and the recent "Friends and Feelings" camp was \$147 for a season. You can become a member to receive discounts on classes.

Type of Programming: Virtual, Live Classes, Summer Camps

## **Outschool**

Description: Sign up for classes and special interest clubs on a variety of topics

Pricing: Prices start at \$10/class

Type of Programming: Virtual, Live Classes

## **Oxford Owl**

Description: This website offers free ebooks and learning resources for reading, writing, and math, geared for children ages 3-11.

Pricing: Free

Type of Programming: Virtual, Activities

## **The Queen's Gambit Chess Institute**

Description: This organization teaches innovation and creativity through the game of chess. Classes available for beginner and experienced players.

Pricing: Varies based on class

Type of Programming: Virtual, Live Classes

## **Kitchen Classroom**

Description: This highlights a selection of kid friendly recipes and tips for parents on how to use cooking to teach skills related to science, technology, art, and math.

Pricing: Recipes are free, but they also offer a "Young Chef's Club" with themed boxes, starting at \$19.99/month.

Type of Programming: Activities

## **PROGRESS**

Description: The Program for Research and Outreach on gender Equity in Society (PROGRESS) aims to teach women and girls the art of negotiation. They partner with schools and community groups to offer workshops targeted towards girls ages 8 -13.

Pricing: N/A

Type of Programming: Workshops, Year-Round, CMU affiliated

## **Recessway**

Description: Do your children miss recess and getting the opportunity to socialize with others? Recessway provides a virtual, live group play experience for young children.

Pricing: \$49/month for unlimited recess or \$20 for a single session pass

Type of Programming: Virtual, Live Classes

## **Strong Women, Strong Girls**

Description: Carnegie Mellon is a partner with Strong Women, Strong Girls, in which women from CMU serves as mentors for girls in grades 3-5.

Pricing: N/A

Type of Programming: Mentorship, CMU affiliated

## **Khan Academy**

Description: This nonprofit offers free courses in a variety of subjects and grade levels

Ages range: Grades K-College

Pricing: Free

# All and Other

## **Girl Scouts of Western PA**

Description: Join a neighborhood troop or virtual troop to participate in activities to build character, leadership and workforce skills.

Pricing: yearly membership fee and cost for some camps and activities

Type of Programming: Virtual, Live Classes, Summer Camps

## **Boy Scouts of America**

Description: Scouting is a year-round program uniquely designed to meet the needs of both boys and girls and their families. The program offers fun and challenging activities that promote character development and physical fitness.

Pricing: yearly membership fee and cost for some camps and activities

Type of Programming: Virtual, Live Classes, Summer Camps

## **Carnegie Mellon Children's School YouTube Channel**

Description: The Carnegie Mellon Children's School is a preschool and kindergarten on CMU's campus that provides content in various subject areas for children on this YouTube Channel. There are playlists for different topics and some interactive activities that families can do at home.

Price: Free

Type of Programming: Virtual

## **Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy**

Description: The parks around Pittsburgh host special events, including the popular Allegheny County Summer Concert Series, Family Fun Night at the Movies, car cruises, Hay Day fall festivals, holiday events, and more. They also have athletics programs for children in the summer.

Pricing: Free

Type of Programming: In Person, Activities, Summer Camps

## **PBS Learning Media**

Description: WQED and PBS have curated FREE, standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more. Browse their collection by topic or grade level, with resources available for PreK to grade 12.

Price: Free

Type of Programming: Virtual

## **The Children's Museum of Pittsburgh**

Description: The Children's Museum of Pittsburgh is a hands-on interactive children's museum in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It is in the Allegheny Center neighborhood in Pittsburgh's Northside.

Price: Adult \$16, Senior \$14, Child (2-18) \$14; Child under 2 FREE. Memberships range from \$135 to \$215 annually.

Type of Programming: Virtual, In person

## **ABC Mouse**

Description: a subscription-based digital education program for children ages 2-8, created by Age of Learning, Inc. the platform features hundreds of fun and interactive games, each designed to teach a specific educational concept.

Pricing: \$59.95 a year for a subscription, add-ons available

Type of Programming: Virtual

## **The Frick Art & Historical Center**

Description: Offers programs throughout the year that give families the opportunity to engage together in hands-on learning through museum visits, art making, and outdoor activities on their grounds. Our learning activities are for children of all ages.

Pricing: \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and students, and \$8 for children (6-16). Members and kids under 5 enter free. Family memberships start at \$75.

Type of Programming: In Person, Activities, Summer Camps