

## Meadow Hill Homeschool Organization Fall 2024 Classes

*The mind is not a vessel that needs filling, but wood that needs igniting ~Plutarch*

### **Registration is open**

We are a group of independent educators supporting homeschool families by offering hands-on and online curricular classes to students grades PreK-12+, just west of Carlisle PA on Walnut Bottom RD. Unless otherwise noted, our classes take place at Dickinson Presbyterian Church, 12 church rd, Carlisle, pa 17015. Our classes vary quite a bit, and are best understood by carefully reading the class descriptions and speaking to the teachers of the classes you are considering. We are here to help families in their homeschooling journey. We are not a school. We offer classes ala carte on a fee-for-service basis directly to homeschool families. **PLEASE EMAIL EACH TEACHER INDIVIDUALLY TO REGISTER FOR A CLASS. If you do not receive a reply from the teacher please contact Deb at [houseonahilled@gmail.com](mailto:houseonahilled@gmail.com)**

We believe...

that parents have the God-given responsibility to educate their children as they see fit.  
all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God, and are offered Redemption through His Sacrifice.

that Natural Creation is a master-teacher, a gift of the Creator and a reflection of His Love.

All are welcome at Meadow Hill, regardless of personal faith and beliefs. Worldviews of our teachers vary, and we encourage you to ask a lot of questions of the teachers and study curriculums being used to discern appropriateness for your family. If you have particular needs or requirements for your child, it's critical you discuss them with the teacher before signing up for a class. We want you to be comfortable talking with us. While our leaders share Christian faith, we welcome **all** families, regardless of their faith, to attend and enjoy the opportunities we have to offer. We only ask that our Christian worldview not be undermined while participating in our programs.

Health precautions taken... our events are private, not public, events. People who feel ill, have a fever, or who have been in contact with someone who tested positive for any serious,

contagious illness in the last 5 days should not attend physically, but participate virtually. If a teacher develops symptoms, or has come into known contact with a diagnosed person, the teacher will contact parents and will decide what will best work for the class, i.e. virtual classes, postponement, etc. We ask that all participating families have access to a computer in the event a class must temporarily be taught online.

There are cats present in our home.

Arrangements may possibly be made for your child to stay for lunch or a study hall period between his/her classes...please ask if this is a need.

In general, seats in class are not held without payment. Please discuss this with your child's educator if you need to make special arrangements. You will find us very understanding. When a class fills, registration for that class will close. When considering cost, please be aware of how many weeks and how many hours are included in that cost. **Unless otherwise indicated, the listed classes are still open, and will close once they fill.**

A note on high school credit classes: there are several ways to assess if a class has fulfilled the criteria for high school credit. Our educators have discretion as to which criteria they would like to use. More info can be found here: [3 Ways to Determine My Teen's High School Course Credit \(hslida.org\)](https://hslida.org)

Meadow Hill's Fall class schedule: classes begin September 6, 2024. Thanksgiving Break: Nov 27-Dec 2. Last day of the semester, Dec 13. Individual class schedules vary; please contact the class-teacher for specific scheduling. All students should have access to Zoom and the internet in general. If a student cannot attend class physically, Zoom may be used to participate in class. Zoom may also be used by some teachers for virtual 'office hours' to help students.

If you have questions, please ask. Feel free to forward this information to anyone you believe may be interested in our service.

Blessings,

Deb Imholte

Meadow Hill Homeschool Org

Carlisle PA

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### **Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

**Didi's Nature Adventure, PreK-6yrs old, 9-11:30am**

More info here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Tnu4KEYgKb4PyOs-3kAOt1ecNDC0Fn17h1ZRCDmadz8/edit?usp=sharing>

### **Varied days**

**Venture Learning Hybrid, Grades 1-5, 9am-3pm**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qEJ5N2mhG7rTEQNY-UlqzMpv2VyZWPEcXIT2r mM10bY/edit?usp=sharing>

**Venture Jr High! Hybrid, Grades 6-8, 9am-3pm**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EMGGQcE6rR0ocj61d0ee95HhcY-gJQCwpm1DS7WXR24/edit?usp=sharing>

### **Monday & Wednesday**

**Marine Biology, Grades 6-8, Monday & Wednesday, 1-2pm, Sept 9- Oct 23**

Let's Dive Deep into Marine Biology for an aquatic adventure of the world's oceans. Coral reefs, sea creatures, ocean levels and so much more will be explored. Students will use experiments, hands-on activities, reading, dissections, and investigation to discover facts about the ocean world. This will not be just a class but an experience. Please dress students appropriately for the weather and make sure they have a change of clothes, as this class will be outside occasionally. The class will meet twice a week, and when taken along with Astronomy (to be offered Spring of 2025) is meant to fulfill science at a curricular level for the school year. Students will complete a project of their own choosing. Families will need to supply each student with a kit of simple supplies, averaging \$15-\$20, the contents of which will be provided shortly before the beginning of the class. This class will lead into Venture's 'Age of Exploration.' Cost is \$150. There will be an optional family Presentation Night on Oct 24 at 7pm. Please contact

Rebecca Noss to answer questions or register at [Becn4kids@gmail.com](mailto:Becn4kids@gmail.com) This class will meet at 2259 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle PA 17015

### **Age of Exploration, Grades 6-8, Monday & Wednesday, 1-2pm, Nov 4 -Dec 11**

The Age of Exploration is one of the most exciting, world-changing times in history. Join our adventures as we discover famous and not so famous explorers; some who accomplished their intended journey and some who got lost. Students will be introduced to the peoples that the explorers came in contact with. Geography will be a huge part of this class as well as learning to read the stars and compass work. This class will use hands-on activities, reading, experiments, and so much more to discover this amazing part of world history. Students will learn what it was like to live on a ship and watch how the world changed right in front of their eyes, even when they didn't realize it. This class will meet twice a week, and when taken along with 'The 13 Colonies' (to be offered Spring of 2025) is designed to fulfill History & Geography at a curricular level for the school year. Students will complete a project of their own choosing. Families will need to supply each student with a kit of simple supplies, averaging \$15-\$20, the contents of which will be provided shortly before the beginning of the class. This class will lead into Venture's Astronomy class to be offered in January. Cost is \$150. There will be a Thanksgiving Break Nov 27-Dec 1 and an optional Family Presentation Night on Dec13 at 7pm. Please contact Rebecca Noss to answer questions or register at [Becn4kids@gmail.com](mailto:Becn4kids@gmail.com) This class will meet at 2259 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle PA 17015

## **Monday**

### **US History & Literature -Mondays 1-2:30pm, HS credit level, full year course**

In this first semester of a full year course, we will cover the explorers of the Americas, first contact with native cultures, the establishment and growth of the colonies, the clash of the Revolution, the writing and ratification of the Constitution, the growing scourge of slavery and on through the conclusion of the Civil War.

The most valuable way a student can learn history is through primary documents, first hand accounts of history. Through this method a student needn't memorize someone else's ideas, but can form their own conclusions about what the author really thought about what he/she witnessed. Don't worry if your student has never done this before, we're going to start with really small bits and pieces of writing so they can get used to it. In addition to primary documents we will make extensive use of mapwork and read retellings of the period as close to first-person as possible, studying all sides of our beginnings, what has made us what we have become. We will use many resources

available to us regionally to truly attempt to understand why history unfolded the way it did.

This class will count as your student's US History AND Literature credits for this school year; in other words it's 2 high school credits worth of material, so please be prepared for 2 credits worth of homework. There will be reading and writing assignments each week, totalling approx 8-9 hours of focused work each week we meet. It is critical that students do their homework as this will be a class heavily reliant upon discussion. Often students will study their choice of historical figures and recount summaries to the rest of the class. Students will also have opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge through media other than writing: art, music, architecture, etc will all be occasional options.

Families of students attending this class will also have the opportunity to travel with the Venture families to Plymouth and Boston in the Spring.

The only text necessary is the 'Sourcebook' from History of US by Joy Hakim. I will supply the rest of the materials and novels on loan. The cost is \$225 per semester. If you'd like more information or to sign up for this class, contact Deb Imholte at [houseonahillhed@gmail.com](mailto:houseonahillhed@gmail.com)

### **Pennsylvania Art - Mondays 3:15-4:30, HS credit level, full year course**

(This class is open to high school and motivated junior high students)  
Learn Pennsylvania History in a unique way.

Please join us as we adventure around Pennsylvania discovering art styles, artists, and different mediums connected to our great commonwealth. Native American art will start the adventure and lead the class to styles unique only to Pa. The class will discover artists that are connected to Pennsylvania that have changed and challenged the art world. Students will discover the beautiful and enriching history of Pennsylvania through its art. Cost \$225 per semester, including class materials.

The teacher will also be supplying most materials for the class.

This class is taught by Rebecca Noss, who has been teaching throughout the Capitol area for over 25 years. Please feel free to contact Rebecca to answer questions or register at [Becn4kids@gmail.com](mailto:Becn4kids@gmail.com)

1. Homework will include research and project work at home, expectations will be based on the child's ability and desire.
2. Each family will need to supply their own art kit to be brought to class each week. I'll be sending out the list of what this kit should

contain shortly before the beginning of class. The materials in this kit should amount to \$25-35.

3. I'll also be providing supplies for the class.

4. Each month students will choose their own project to work on at home, these supplies will be provided by the families. I will help guide the students through these projects. These projects can range from paintings, sculptures to photography...Whatever the student and family chooses.

5. This class is designed for every level of art experience. I am excited to help foster the artist in every student.

This class is not just an art class, it is an art experience.

Grades will be provided if the parents make a request before the beginning of the semester.

This class will take place at 2259 Walnut Bottom Rd., Carlisle PA 17015

**Pre-Vet/ Horse Anatomy class** on Mondays, 3:30-4:30. Classes will be held at King's View Acres 288 Stuart Rd, Carlisle, PA 17015.

## **Tuesdays**

### **Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW) Structure and Style – U.S. History-Based Writing Lessons – Full Year Course, Online**

Best suited for students in 6th through 8th grade

Offered by Bridget Henne, M.Ed., certified teacher, registered IEW instructor

Class Dates/Times: 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays online from September 10, 2024 until May 6, 2025.

NO CLASS on Thanksgiving Week (11/26) or Winter Break (12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 1/7)

Course description: Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW) Structure and Style is a method of giving students a solid foundation in various types of writing. Students learn to think by asking questions of themselves and of the text they are using. IEW lessons help students develop competence, independence, and creativity in both fiction and nonfiction writing. Structure includes putting a paragraph/essay together coherently, while style includes elements that “dress up” or make the writing more interesting to the reader.

This course uses texts about American history from Christopher Columbus through the Constitution and into the 1800s . While it does not replace a history course, it can easily be used as a springboard for further study in historical topics. We will move through the

Structure and Style units in order and will master one before moving onto the next. We may or may not finish all nine units, depending on the students' pacing needs.

1. Note Making and Key Word Outlines (KWO)
2. Writing from Notes/KWO (Making/Using KWO continues through Units 3-9)
3. Retelling Narrative Stories (Character/Setting/Plot Elements)
4. Summarizing a Reference (Nonfiction)
5. Writing from Pictures
6. Summarizing Multiple References (Nonfiction)
7. Inventive Writing (also called Narrative Writing)
8. Formal Essay Model (Brings together facts & opinion)
9. Formal Critique (Literature & Opinion)

Homework: Each week, there will be work that needs to be done in preparation for our next class. Assignments are to be completed and emailed to me at [Bridget@BridgeToSuccessEducation.com](mailto:Bridget@BridgeToSuccessEducation.com) by the following Sunday evening, so that I will have time to give feedback and plan the next class to provide review on common errors, if any. Work can be handwritten and sent as a picture or typed and sent as a Word document. Each week, the student will have a checklist or other written instructions of what is required.

Communication: I will give feedback on any work assigned. Because this is a mastery-based program, I will not assign grades to writing pieces, only feedback and opportunity for continued practice. However, the checklists at the end of each assignment can easily be used by parents to assign grades, if desired. I am available by phone, text or email, should you/your student have questions in between classes.

Technology: Reliable internet and laptop/desktop computer. Chromebooks are not ideal, as they do not allow students to use Zoom tools, but if that's what your child has, we can work with it.

Materials needed: Folder, pen, highlighter(s) U.S. History-Based Lessons Student Book, approximately \$35.

Cost: \$450 per student (payable by semester: September/January - \$225 each), \$50 deposit & registration form is due 8/30/2024, which can be paid by check sent to Bridget Henne, 1057 Hudson Avenue, Lexington, KY 40511, or by PayPal and sent to [Bridget@BridgetoSuccessEducation.com](mailto:Bridget@BridgetoSuccessEducation.com). Balance for semester 1 is due by 9/10/24 (the first day of class). Balance for semester 2 is due 1/14/25 (the first day back after Winter Break). Class will proceed with at least 4 students, and registration is limited to 6 students. Call/Text (717) 275-3677 or email me at [Bridget@BridgeToSuccessEducation.com](mailto:Bridget@BridgeToSuccessEducation.com) to sign up or ask questions.

## **How to Cook...really!** -credit level **High School/Middle School, grades 7-12, 1-3pm**

This hands-on cooking class, taught by award-winning home cook, Deb Imholte, introduces students not only to some great recipes, methods and principles of cooking, but most importantly how and why cooking

happens. Can you become a great cook without taking a class like this? Of course, but it will take months if not years of trial and error. Consider this class a shortcut. A cook can learn recipes for a lifetime, but until one understands 'why,' he/she can't really learn 'how'. Students will learn such basics as: Searing, Grilling, Roasting, Frying, Boiling, Braising, Brining, Sauces, Eggs, etc. Successful students will come away understanding the elemental basics of cooking, and the ability to experiment in the kitchen.

This is a full year, credit level class. The class is open to middle and high schoolers, as well as interested adults. Any student currently taking Physical Science or Chemistry will find a lot of practical application here, although this isn't at all a requirement. Grading is optional. Tuesdays, weekly 9:30am -11:30 -Occasionally class will go to noon, but you'll be notified ahead of time. Cost is \$225 per semester.

Text is optional, for the student's own reference:

[https://www.amazon.com/Im-Just-Here-Food-Version/dp/158479559X/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=38DQCISV2C0H&dchild=1&keywords=im+just+here+for+the+good+alton+brown&qid=1596476375&sprefix=im+just+here+for+the+food%2Caps%2C1375&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Im-Just-Here-Food-Version/dp/158479559X/ref=sr_1_1?crid=38DQCISV2C0H&dchild=1&keywords=im+just+here+for+the+good+alton+brown&qid=1596476375&sprefix=im+just+here+for+the+food%2Caps%2C1375&sr=8-1)

There will be a few hours of homework between classes, mostly to prepare and assess an assigned recipe. Students should bring a dedicated 3-ring binder and an apron to each class. Class size is limited, pre-registration required. Please email Deb at [houseonahilled@gmail.com](mailto:houseonahilled@gmail.com) to sign up for this class. This class will take place at 2259 Walnut Bottom Rd., Carlisle PA 17015

## **Wednesdays**

### **Nature Adventures Class, 12 Wednesdays starting in September**

**Ages 5-9, 10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

A child-led exploration of life in wild places. This is the first half of a full year class (12 weeks each.) Instructors: Peter and Allison Ohl

The goal of this class is to foster a connection with, understanding of, and love of the natural world for each student. This is done through sensory awareness games, child-led exploration, and guided activities that expand their knowledge and understanding. We strive to meet each student where they are at and help them grow from there. These classes build upon each other, so if you've taken them before, there are more areas to grow in!

Our time together will be spent outdoors at local state parks, forests, and areas with water like Michaux State Forest, Kings Gap Environmental Education Center, or Pine Grove Furnace State Park. In these spaces, we will explore hands-on what the children find interesting, with guidance for their questions and curiosities. We will also cover topics that include but are not limited to survival skills, foraging, bird song, mapping and directions, microclimates and edges, tracking, stream ecology, changing of the seasons, animal behavior, etc. Taking time to reflect on what we've learned is important, and we will spend time creatively journaling and sharing with each other what we've learned and observed.

Students should be prepared for any weather, barring dangerous storms, and be ready to get dirty and wet. Waterproof boots, gloves, and layers of clothing like long sleeves, jackets, and



coats are highly recommended to adapt to the changing weather on any given day. Parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up their kids at each week's location or arranging for transportation.

Cost for the fall semester is \$135 per child. The price includes a waterproof nature journal. Classes will run with 6-8 students each, so invite your friends! If cost is a hindrance, please talk to us.

For more information, please contact Peter and Allison here: [allison.ohl@gmail.com](mailto:allison.ohl@gmail.com)

To register, visit this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gLnMMwFKeO8BXyR5q2X7RpCbvVKIe\\_VgD9NijC3UZgg/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gLnMMwFKeO8BXyR5q2X7RpCbvVKIe_VgD9NijC3UZgg/edit)

## **Wilderness Skills & Ecology Class 12 Wednesdays starting in September** **5th-12th grades, 9 am - 10:30 am**

This is the first half of a full year class (12 weeks each.) Instructors: Peter and Allison Ohl

We'd love to help your kid learn how to survive in the woods, make delicious food out of edible plants, read the health of an ecosystem by observing the landscape, and develop their ecological and naturalist skills!

The foundational skills we will teach fall under three major pillars: survival skills, ethnobotany, and naturalist skills.

- Survival skills: covers basic skills such as shelter building, friction fire, knife skills, water purification, cordage, cooking over a fire, etc.
- Ethnobotany skills: covers foraging, medicinal plants, and how to use plants and trees for tools, cordage, fiber, etc.
- Naturalist Skills: covers track and sign, animal behavior, reading the landscape, mapping, bird song, ecology, etc.

Students should be prepared for any weather, barring dangerous storms, and be ready to get dirty and wet. Waterproof boots, gloves, and layers of clothing like long sleeves, jackets, and coats are highly recommended to adapt to the changing weather on any given day. Parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up their kids at each week's location or arranging for transportation.

We are insured through Meadow Hill Homeschool Org and meet in multiple outdoor locations, primarily at Pine Grove Furnace State Park, Kings Gap Environmental Education Center, & other local parks and preserves.

Cost for one semester is \$135 per child for 12 sessions. The price includes a waterproof nature journal.

It does NOT include the cost of a knife; this tool will be vital for many outdoor survival skills. If you don't have a knife or are unsure what to buy we recommend a Swedish Mora knife like this one: <https://amzn.to/3Os4xJO>

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**Drama/Shakespeare! -credit level 13-19yrs old, 1-3pm** Deb Imholte will again be offering drama. Wednesdays 1-3 (1-4 last 4 weeks of class) for ages 13-19. (Gap year kids and Super Seniors are encouraged to attend!) There is no better way to learn Shakespeare than to produce one of his plays. This is a drama class, teaching acting skills such as improvisation, physicality, voice control and character development. It is also a study of one of Shakespeare's comedies. We will finish class with a full production. All students will audition; all students will be awarded a part. **Homework is required -the amount of time will depend upon how quickly students memorize their lines.** Students are increasingly involved in the actual production of our performances; I'm becoming more of a director of collaborators when it comes to final production. Students will have a voice in the setting, costuming, direction, music, etc. This year's play will be chosen by returning students in the beginning of September. Parents will need to purchase a script (under \$10), supply simple costumes and help out with production (a list of options will be available in November) -families who cannot help with production will pay an additional \$50 per student. Families may also be asked to sell ad space in our playbill. Grading is optional, at the request of the parents. There may be an additional cost (\$20 or less) to rent the performance venue.

Note: physicality is an inherent part of theater, therefore students should be prepared to physically and verbally interact with other students. This class can easily qualify for 1/2 high school credit in Public Speaking, English, or a full credit in Theater. The cost is \$250 per student for the full year, \$150 per additional family member. Drama takes personal risk on the part of the student, when cast members leave after relationships begin to form it hurts the whole cast. To sign up, please email Deb at [houseonahilled@gmail.com](mailto:houseonahilled@gmail.com)

### **Elementary Art & History - Wednesdays 3:15-4:15**

Discovering history and art starting with the first discovery of creativity. There is so much art in the world to enjoy, to attempt and to experience. This class will embark on a journey through different historical eras of the world and discover the art that was influenced by history or participated in influencing history and include some geography. The class will be learning and creating projects related to the art of the time through different mediums and art techniques. Drawing instruction will

be included in the class. Cost \$200 for the fall semester. This class is taught by Rebecca Noss, who has been teaching throughout the Capitol area for over 25 years. Please feel free to contact Rebecca to answer questions or register at [Becn4kids@gmail.com](mailto:Becn4kids@gmail.com) This class will take place at 2259 Walnut Bottom Rd., Carlisle PA 17015.

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### **Thursday**

### **Fridays**

### **Date and Time to be determined by registered families**

#### **Latin 1, 6-12th grade *Online***

This year-long course introduces the student to Latin grammar through an easy to use, step-by-step process that brings out the logical and systematic nature of this language, the mother tongue of Western civilization. Your student will begin to gain an academic vocabulary, a mastery of Latin grammar, and will develop the critical thinking skills that come from the study of a complex, inflected grammar.

Students will be expected to complete weekly homework assignments, participate verbally in class and take tests.

Text: ***First Form Latin*** by Memoria Press, Student text and workbook

Prerequisites: ability to read and write confidently, and be able to accept correction in class.

Joseph is a college student, has completed seven years of Latin study while in high school and continuing in college. Weekly 'office hours' will be available via Zoom.

Cost: \$150 per semester. At the high school credit level: \$200 per semester (additional work will be assigned).

If you are interested in this class, would like to sign up or have any questions, please contact Joseph Imholte at [Joeycoolkid20413@gmail.com](mailto:Joeycoolkid20413@gmail.com)

**Classes still coming. They will be added to this page when details become available:**

High school Math (Algebra 2 or Geometry)

PreVet Science

Woodworking with hand tools