

Youth Programs Catalog 2025



SHOP CLASS

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LEARNING CENTERS

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Welcome



Shop Class offers innovative learning experiences and engaging youth camps. At the core of our programs is a one-of-a-kind workshop in Oak Park. Our project-based courses are crafted by a team of educators, industry professionals, and community advocates who are dedicated to reimagining neuroinclusive learning.

We truly celebrate those who learn differently.

A note on Inclusion: [**CLICK HERE**](#)

Emotion + Experience + Environment



The Shop Class experience is created by emotion. Our workshop is designed to help our learners feel safe and inspired to create. We cheer for students and coach them safely through skill-building workshops. We build confidence in young people and then provide them opportunities to succeed. Our programs encourage playtime and focus on storytelling, puzzles, and purpose to drive engagement.

Our Oak Park Workshop has all of the tools and equipment to bring young people's ideas to life:

- Podcast Studio
- Workshop and Tool Center
- Maker's Lab w/ Lasers, 3D Printers, CNC & Electronics lab
- Cafe and Snack Bar
- Outdoor Learning Area and Tiny Farm

We hope you'll love learning with us.

Shop Class Student Clubs

Jan Feb Mar April May June October Nov
be a part of
exploring tools, maker's arts, and sustainability



Builder's Club

Young builders explore wood, tools, joinery, and finishing work in this club. Learners pick from 3 creative projects that reinforce pride in craft, safety and



Climate Club

This club offers learners a four-week journey into urban agriculture, sustainable living and climate resilience. We build tiny greenhouses and learn to care for our planet. Learners will also build tiny windmills and solar projects.



Inventor's Club

The Inventor's club is an exploration of 3d printing, laser engraving, CAD, Soldering and electronics and design. The club discusses design, prototyping, and manufacturing. This club has projects designed to incorporate two or more forms of curriculum to challenge young minds.

Drama Club & After School Arts Club

After School Arts Club

New for this year is the Shop Class after-school arts and crafting club. This program is offered every Tuesday through Friday from 3-5. Days can be scheduled here and drop in's are welcome when available.

Choose 2 projects per week



Drama Club

Theater and stagecraft are important components to our learning center. Our stage will host short plays written and directed by our learners. This is a two month class for ages 11-17 and meets 2 times per week. This is a two month class for ages 11-17 and meets 2 times per week. Projects available for purchase

Weekend Camps

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Schedule and Club Costs

Shop Class provides innovative learning experiences and camps. At the heart of our programs is a one-of-a-kind classroom. Our 4000 sq ft facility has a makerspace, workshop, podcast studio, and a tiny ag farm..

Club	Age	When	Cost
Jr Builder	7-11	Tue 9a	\$180 mo
Builder	12-17	Tue 1p	\$195 mo
Jr Climate	7-11	Wed 9a	\$175 mo
Climate	12-17	Wed 1p	\$190 mo
Jr Tech Club	7-11	Thur 9a	\$170 mo
Tech Club	7-11	Thur 1p	\$185 mo

Club	Age	When	Cost
Art Club	all ages	T/W/T/F	\$140 wk
Art Club Drop In	all ages	T/W/T/F	\$44 day

Summer Inventor's Camp

This isn't summer school. —a weeklong camp where you'll learn to build, make, and create while discovering your unique strengths. Every day is packed with creative projects, teamwork, and life skills that matter. We honor neurodiverse learners, celebrate curiosity, and believe everyone deserves a chance to shine.

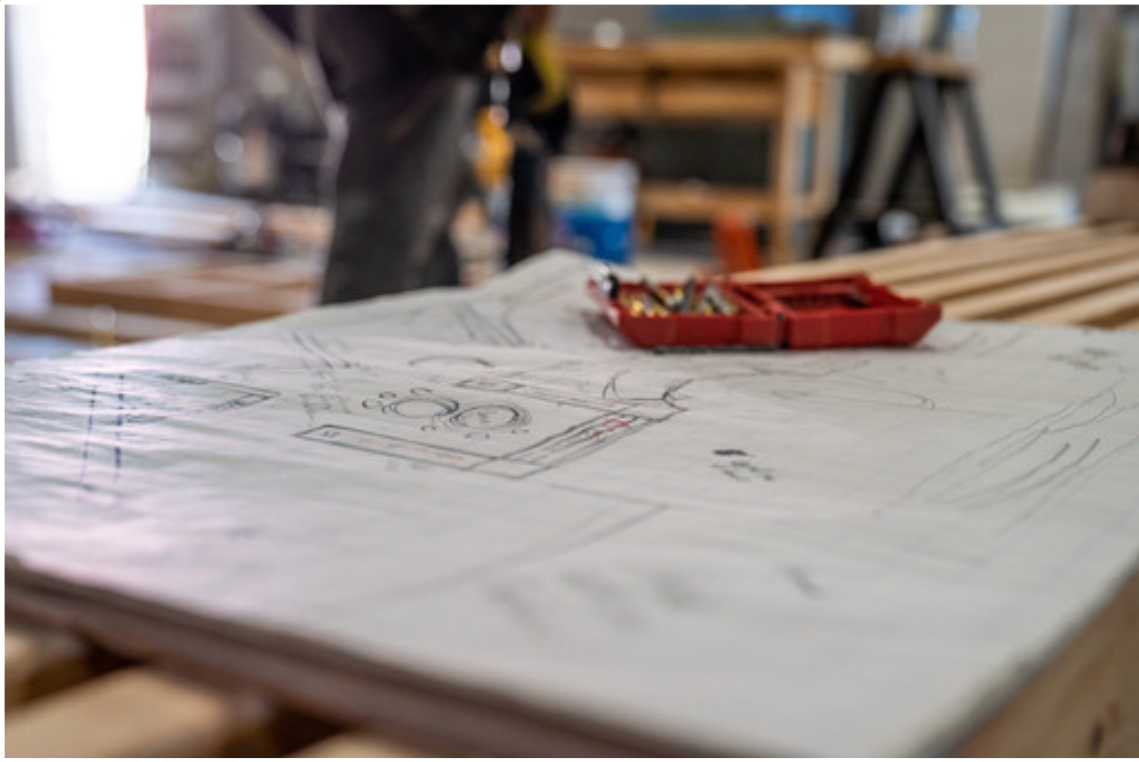
Tiny Home Academy at Shop Class

The **Tiny Home Academy** is a 6-week workforce development experience for 17 to 24-year-olds experiencing food, housing, or opportunity insecurity. Students learn the basics of carpentry while exploring technology, urban agriculture, community service, and climate resilience. The program uses an inspirational environment, emotional components, and experiential learning to drive retention and understanding. Building meaningful projects helps students find purpose while learning.

The class for 2025 offers graduates new opportunities for expanded learning, pathways to entrepreneurship, apprenticeships, employment, and educational opportunities. Through a strategic partnership with Outreach Construction, all Tiny Home Academy students will receive the first CORE module of the NCCER Basic Construction Skills training course. This allows learners to accrue academic and hands-on hours toward their union career goals.



Other Shop Class Programs



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- Tiny Home Academy
- Community Leadership Academy - Spring 2026
- The Oak Park Fix-it Cafe
- Community Bike Shop
- Garden Keepers Club
- ADHD Inventor's Club & Peer Support
- STEM Inspired classes in 3D Printing, Laser Engraving, Soldering, Electronics, & More
- Everything Art Tuesdays with Clay Class, Painting, & Crafting