

# PAWS UNIVERSITY

## 2021 Summer Catalog June 7-July 2, 2021

The University of Nebraska at Kearney is excited to once again bring curriculum-based summer camps to our community. We invite students entering grades 1-6 to join us on UNK's campus for engaging and educational workshops.

Begin by choosing from our One-Week Themed Workshops or Four-Week Academies, then add on PAWS Plus options to complete your schedule.

Attend as many workshops and activities as you want!

### DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30-8:45am	Library Hour
8:45-9:00am	Check-in
9:00-11:30am	Morning PAWS University Workshops Reading Academy Performing Arts Academy
11:30am-12:30pm	Lunch Bunch
12:15-12:30pm	Check-in
12:30-3:00pm	Afternoon PAWS University Workshops
3:00-5:00pm	Spanish Immersion Class Art Smart Class

**CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED. REGISTER AT [UNK.EDU/PAWSUNIVERSITY](https://unk.edu/pawsuniversity)**

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# ENTERING GRADES 1 & 2 WORKSHOPS

**JUNE 7-11**

**Cost: \$60 per class; \$40 if qualify for free/reduced lunch**

**9:00-11:30AM**



## Balloons Bonanza

Teacher: Megan Steinhauer

Bing, Bang, Boom, Balloons! Did you know balloons are for more than just parties? Build balloon rockets to learn science. Create pieces of art using balloons. Build and race your own balloon car. With creative thinking and a few balloons, you will learn more than you thought possible! *Note: This class is not recommended for children with latex allergies.*



## Lego Mania

Teacher: Abby Heller

Spinners, bridges, monsters...all out of Legos. But that's not all! Create a self portrait. Compete in the one-cup Lego challenge. Use the force of wind to power a Lego wind racer. Legos and your imagination are all that's required for a week of lego building fun!

**12:30-3:00PM**



## Disney Designers

Teacher: Braelyn Verba

Can you engineer and build a boat for Moana? How about a new suit of armor for Baymax? Engage in building challenges based on popular Disney movies. Your imagination, engineering skills and a little Disney magic will help you bring your designs to life!



## Antelope Academy

Teacher: Tonya Teten

Meow! Woof! Chirp! Let's get critter crazy! Learn about animals' families. Explore the homes and habitats of your favorite little critters. Grab your binoculars and go on a nature walk to observe campus wildlife. Join us for an animal-filled week at the Antelope Academy and become an animal expert! *Note: This class is not recommended for children with animal allergies.*

**JUNE 14-18**

**9:00-11:30AM**



## Louie's Coding Lineup

Teacher: Beth Schott

Computers + Creativity + Coding = Louie's Coding Lineup! Have fun learning coding with online programs and exciting hands-on activities. Create your own treasure map using computer programming while customizing your own characters. Turn your imagination into a computer creation!

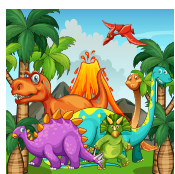


## We Like To Move It

Teacher: Mary Dworak

Did you know people all over the world have their own dance moves? Spend a week dancing, learning, laughing, and creating in UNK's Dance Studio! Learn Irish, African, and Yup'ik Eskimo folk dances. Then create your own folk dance to share with your family and friends.

**12:30-3:00PM**



## Dino Discoverers

Teacher: Braelyn Verba

Go back in time to when dinosaurs roamed Earth! Discover what life was like for these prehistoric animals by becoming a mini paleontologist. Make your own fossils. Measure the life-size shape of a dinosaur. Create your own new dinosaur. Get ready to stomp, roar, and explore!



## Sciencey Art

Teacher: Amber Neben

Discover, experiment, and create in a world where art and science collide. Design monster traps and pom-pom sling shots. Mix magic potions to blow up balloons. Create awesome art by exploding bubbles on paper. Put on your goggles, grab the art supplies, and get ready to enjoy some Sciencey Art.

## JUNE 21-25

9:00-11:30AM



### Mission: Space

Teacher: Amber Neben

To infinity and beyond! Spend a week exploring the universe beyond earth. Create your own constellation. Build and launch rockets. Taste astronaut food. Use Oreos to model the phases of the moon. And a space camp wouldn't be complete without a visit to UNK's planetarium. Get ready for a mission that is out of this world!



### Recycle Architects

Teacher: Stacie Williams

Reduce, reuse, recycle, and BUILD. Get ready to repurpose materials as you construct new creations! Make air cannons and wind catchers out of old plastic bottles. Build your own maze using paper towel rolls. Create musical instruments from everyday objects. Recreate something new out of something old!

12:30-3:00PM



### Olympic Adventures

Teacher: Beth Schott

Over 200 countries will be participating in Summer 2021 Olympics. What would it be like to be from a country other than America? What sport is most popular in Japan? How do people from India cheer for their teams? Why are Ireland's outfits always green? Get your passport ready and join us for some Olympic Adventures.



### Little Louie's Bake Shop

Teacher: Dana Stelling

Ever wondered how your favorite treats are made? Discover the sweet world of baking through Little Louie's Bake Shop. Learn all the skills a young baker needs while making your own tasty treats! *Note: Food allergens may be present in this class.*

## JUNE 28-JULY2

9:00-11:30AM



### PAWS U Olympics

Teacher: Stacie Williams

What does it take to be an Olympian? Learn about the different activities Olympic athletes compete in, then try them yourself. How far can you jump? What is the furthestest you can throw? What foods make you run faster? Put on your running shoes and flex your muscles because you are about to participate in the first ever PAWS University Summer Olympics!



### Art Under the Sea

Teacher: Beth Schott

Discover what lies beneath the waves and be inspired to create new works of art. Use fun and unique techniques to create artwork featuring sharks, penguin, turtles, and other things found under the sea. Get ready to dive deep, explore the ocean, and create your own underwater masterpieces!

12:30-3:00PM



### Happy Campers

Teacher: Braelyn Verba

Calling all campers! Do you have what it takes to survive in the wild? Put your camping skills to the test with hands-on building activities such as making your own fishing pole, setting up a tent, and many more. And you can't go camping without s'mores!



### Where the Wild Books Are

Teacher: Tonya Teten

Do you know WHERE the wild things are? Each day we will embark on a bookish adventure that takes you to amazing destinations in your imagination and across campus. Places like the planetarium, greenhouse, and the SKY! Come explore the wild world of words through crafts, music, art, wild things, and even hot air!

# ENTERING GRADES 3 & 4 WORKSHOPS

**JUNE 7-11**

**Cost: \$60 per class; \$40 if qualify for free/reduced lunch**

**9:00-11:30AM**



## **Moving with the Times**

Teacher: Mary Dworak

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## **Edible Experiments**

Teacher: Sara Liess

Why do the cookies and cereal in your cupboard go bad? Conduct a cooking investigation to find out! Why are there so many types of milk? Use a Butter Battle to see why! What do Salad Dressing and Sunsets have in common? More than you would think! Explore and eat your way through a week full of delicious science experiments! *Note: Food allergens may be present in this class.*

**12:30-3:00PM**



## **Slime Science**

Teacher: Alison Klein

Do you like to make slime? Do you like to learn cool science facts? Then Slime Science is the class for you! Create cloud slime to study meteorology. Determine why fish are slimy by making fish bowl slime. Galaxy slime takes you to a whole other world. Come investigate science through slime! *(Also offered June 21-25)*



## **Kool-Aid Kreations**

Teacher: Megan Steinhauer

What was invented in Nebraska, comes in over 65 flavors, and is a favorite summertime drink? Kool-Aid! Use Kool-aid to learn about science, art, and more. Make Kool-Aid rock candy. Design your own Kool-Aid tie-dyed shirt. And even make Kool-Aid slime! Learn in a tasty and refreshing way!

**JUNE 14-18**

**9:00-11:30AM**



## **Mind Tricks**

Teacher: Neil Risinger

Use the power of your amazing brain to learn how to defeat opponents in strategy games. Improve your chess skills, challenge your thinking, and participate in hands-on games like Risk, Sequence, Connect Four, checkers, and KenKen. If you like brain teasers and puzzles, this is the class for you.



## **Exceptional Engineers**

Teacher: Braelyn Verba

Calling all inventors, creators, builders and designers! Come build some awesome creations with us! Design and create your own structures using recyclable materials, all while gaining valuable engineering skills like communication, problem solving, reasoning, creativity, and teamwork.

**12:30-3:00PM**



## **Clever Coders**

Teacher: Beth Schott

Computer coding requires clever knowledge of computers and coding. Determine your name in binary computer language. Create sun catchers to better understand computer functions. Go on a coding treasure hunt. And of course, use functions and loops to play coding games. Leave this class as a clever coder!



## **Secret Lives of Pets**

Teacher: Tonya Teten

Investigate the secret life of pets and learn how to care for your special critter. Discover cool facts about some of your favorite animals by looking at biomes, habitats, and homes. Become an animal scientist through art, observation, and special guests of the furry kind! *Note: This class is not recommended for children with animal allergies.*

## JUNE 21-25

9:00-11:30AM



### Olympic Passport

Teacher: Cassie Kenedy

Every four years the Olympics brings countries from across the world together. Take a week long adventure to some of the countries competing in this summer's Olympics. Experience the countries of Ireland, France, Egypt, and Japan through food, music, art, language, and more! Plus learn about the sports that are unique to each country and complete in our very own PAWS U Olympics.



### Lego Imagineers

Teacher: Abby Heller

A week of creativity, engineering, and Legos. How much better can life get? Create secret codes. Build a boat that actually floats. Design a waterproof creation. Your imagination is the limit during this action packed camp! *(Also offered June 28-July 2.)*

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### Storytellers Unleashed

Teacher: Tonya Teten & Pam Hanson

Explore your imagination and turn your stories into your very own book! Learn how to create a colorful comic book. Write a poem about the beauty of nature. Visit different parts of campus to gain creative inspiration. Your readers will scream for what you will write next. This class will be one for the books!

## JUNE 28-JULY 2

9:00-11:30AM



### PAWS U Baking Challenge

Teacher: Dana Stelling

Discover the sweet world of baking! Measure, mix, roll, and decorate your way to several tasty treats while competing against fellow bakers. Learn the skills every young baker needs to know to make delicious creations. *Note: Food allergens may be present in this class.*



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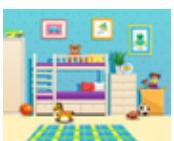
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### Bend the Elements

Teacher: Mary Dworak

Embrace your inner Avatar by learning how to bend the elements! Investigate the power and properties of Fire, Earth, Wind, and Air and their connections to nature. Learn how these four elements are critical to life. Then use your body to create your own bending movements as you train to come the next Avatar!



### Daring Designers

Teacher: Rebecca Hermance

If you could design your very own space, what would it look like? How would you arrange the furniture? What colors would make the room look bigger? Explore some of your favorite places through hands-on sketching, model building, and spatial designs. Learn from design professionals about how to create your dream room!



# ENTERING GRADES 5 & 6 WORKSHOPS

**JUNE 7-11**

**9:00-11:30AM**

**Cost: \$60 per class; \$40 if qualify for free/reduced lunch**



## The Art of Code Breaking

Teacher: Cassie Kenedy

Have you ever wanted to secretly communicate with your friends? Spies and undercover agents have been using secret codes for eons. Use cryptography and stenography to hide your secrets in plain sight. Create art with a cryptic message. Decipher messages with technology. Learn how to make (and break) the hidden codes around you.



## Super Slime Science

Teacher: Alison Klein

Join us as we journey through science with slime. From crunchy slime, to corn starch and galaxy slime you'll learn what makes slime slimy! Make a new type of slime each day as you explore the world around you. Become a specialized slime scientist!

**12:30-3:00PM**



## Brave the Wild

Teacher: Cassie Kenedy

Put your survival skills to the test and join us for an adventure in the wilderness! Explore the outdoors by creating mini greenhouses, designing compasses, and even making s'mores through solar energy! Develop your own survival skills to brave the wild!



## Lego Master

Teacher: Sara Liess

Compete in Lego challenges to see if you are the next Lego Master! Can you make a marble maze using code? Are you able to harness the wind using only Legos? Which team can build the most creative (and working) pinball machine? Do you have what it takes to be the next Lego Master?

**JUNE 14-18**

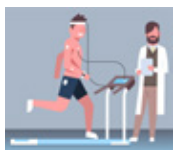
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## Ukulele 101

Teacher: Paloma Mena-Werth

Surf's up this summer! Dive into a week of Hawaiian culture with a big focus on the ukulele! Pick up Hawaiian phrases, perform hula, make music, and learn the history of Hawaii's most popular instrument. Master basic ukulele chords and strum patterns throughout the week. Start thinking of songs you'd like to learn because suggestions are welcome! *Note: Students can bring their own ukuleles or borrow one of ours during class.*



## Sports Science

Teacher: Geoff Carnahan

Ever wonder what makes Simone Biles the world's greatest gymnast? Or how LeBron James is able to dunk a basketball? Learn from a former UNK athlete what it takes to be at the top of your sport. Visit UNK Athletics facilities like the exercise performance lab and Cushing Coliseum. Experience important drills that enhance athletic performance. Discover and play unique sports. Design shoes that would improve your game. Spend a week exploring how science can strengthen your sports.

**12:30-3:00PM**



## Defy Gravity

Teacher: Eric Mandernach

Do you have what it takes to Defy Gravity? Learn how to combat this force through the construction of egg survival contraptions, sturdy bridges, flying rockets, and moving roller coasters.



## Brain Games

Teacher: Neil Risinger

Learn how to defeat opponents using the power of your amazing brain! Use your logic and reasoning skills to improve your chess game--no matter your level. Play other mind-stretching games such as Connect4, Checkers, Sequence, KenKen and more that will focus on strategy and thinking ahead!

## JUNE 21-25

9:00-11:30AM



### Science You Can Eat

Teacher: Alison Klein

Don't play with your food! Wait a minute, I mean yes, play with your food! Mix, bake and freeze your way through a week of science and food. What do soggy cookies, sunsets, popcorn and butter have to do with science? Join us for a week of investigations and find out. Oh...and don't forget the ice cream. *Note: Food allergens may be present in this class.*



### Rockin' Sports

Teacher: Mary Dworak

Did you know rock climbing, a sport that can help cure acrophobia, is the newest event being added to the 2021 Olympics? Learn the history and world records behind this extreme sport. "Visit" a few of the most popular climbing locations. Study different grips and styles of rock climbing. Practice ways of mentally and physically preparing before a climb. Then put all your knowledge to the test as you scale the UNK rock climbing wall!

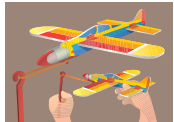
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### Lending a PAW

Teacher: Cassie Kenedy

Ever wonder how a seeing eye dog is trained? Where comfort dogs do their best work? What K-9 officers do on their days off? Meet a variety of support animals and learn how they help people in our community. Experience the training these animals go through. Observe animals hard at work. Explore different animal-related careers. Learn just how truly amazing and helpful animals can be! *Note: This class is not recommended for children with animal allergies.*



### Stretch Your Brain

Teacher: Eric Mandernach

Stretch your brain by using rubber bands to make objects move. Power vehicles. Propel helicopters. Catapult items. Build boats. Bring engineering concepts to life with simple, stretchy bands.

## JUNE 28-JULY 2

9:00-11:30AM



### Author Extraordinaire

Teacher: Braelyn Verba

Design the book you have always wanted to read! Learn about the book writing process from real published authors and craft your very own tale. Graphic novels. Fantasy fiction. Classic adventure. Children's literature. The world (and word) is at your fingertips!



### Trick Shots

Teacher: Geoff Carnahan

How do you make jaw-dropping trick shots? All it takes is physics and a little bit of luck! Become a master trick shot artist by learning about the math and science behind each seemingly effortless shot. Hit the upright on a field goal. Make a basket from the bleachers. Sink that shot...blindfolded. Spend a week creating your own trick shot to competing against others. This class is going to be one-in-a-million!

12:30-3:00PM



### Master Chef - PAWS U Edition

Teacher: Dana Stelling

Are you ready to be the best chef at PAWS University? Learn how to cook while participating in a challenge to see who is the best baker. Do you have what it takes to overcome the mystery challenge and become a master chef? See what you can stir up in this exciting class. *Note: Food allergens may be present in this class.*



### Advanced Coding

Teacher: Beth Schott

Whether you are a beginner or have had some experience with coding, you will leave this class with a greater understanding of functions, loops, and all things computer coding. Debug a code and maneuver your way through a human code grid. Build towers using algorithms. Decipher secret codes using binary computer language. Explore careers in computer science. Even create your own computer game to share with your friends!

# PAWS PLUS

PAWS University has extended the day to include these additional opportunities.  
PAWS Plus programs are available to all students entering grades 1-6.

## LIBRARY HOUR



**7:30-8:45AM**

Great opportunity for families who need an earlier drop-off. Students will be able to read, play games, color, and play on a computer in a non-structured, supervised environment.

Cost: \$10 per week; \$6 if qualify for free/reduced lunch

## LUNCH BUNCH



**11:30AM-12:30PM**

Students can stay for lunch to eat and hang out with camp friends. Nutritionally balanced lunches are provided (\$20 per week) or you can bring your own sack lunch (\$10 per week). *Note: For safety and security reasons, all children on campus from 11:30-12:30 must participate in Lunch Bunch.*

Cost: \$20 or \$10 per week; FREE if qualify for free/reduced lunch

## SPANISH IMMERSION



**3:00-5:00PM**

Teacher: Ceci Perales

Students participate in arts and crafts, music, storytelling, games, and virtual field trips to various Latin American countries. Classes are solely conducted in Spanish, allowing your child to learn useful and meaningful conversational language. Each week will focus on a particular country and theme.

*Note: Students are encouraged, but not required, to register for all four weeks.*

June 7-11: Spain (Introducing yourself, classrooms, common phrases)

June 14-18: Argentina (numbers, time)

June 21-25: Mexico (calendar, weather)

June 28-July 2: Colombia (food, cooking)

Cost: \$55 per week; \$35 if qualify for free/reduced lunch

## ART SMART



**3:00-5:00PM**

Teacher: Dana Dletz

Art is about more than creativity and projects. Art can help students improve their memory, develop critical thinking skills, enhance communication, and strengthen mental health. Each week will have an emphasis in certain mediums/ materials, as well as exploration of art elements, themes, cultures, academic integration, etc. *Note: Students are encouraged, but not required, to register for all four weeks.*

June 7-11: 2-D Drawing

June 14-18: 3-D Upcycling

June 21-25: 3-D Sculpture

June 28-July 2: Paint and Printmaking

Cost: \$55 per week; \$35 if qualify for free/reduced lunch



# **PAWS** **UNIVERSITY** **SPEECH-LANGUAGE CAMP** with UNK's Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic

Does your child have difficulties with speech? Do others find it hard to understand your child? Maybe they have an IEP or you simply have concerns with their speech-language development. If so, we encourage you to attend our one-week Speech-Language Camp.

**JUNE 14-18, 2021**

**9:00-11:30AM**

Open to students entering grades 1-6

UNK Campus

\$60 per student

(\$40 per student if qualify for free/reduced lunch)

Help advance your student's speech-language skills in a focused and engaging small-group setting. Your student will engage in fun articulation (speech-language) activities like board games, science experiments, and more. UNK's Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic will help identify each student's speech sound errors and then tailor instruction to each individual.

**CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED. REGISTER AT [UNK.EDU/PAWSUNIVERSITY](https://unk.edu/pawsuniversity)**

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## PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

with Crane River Theater

PRESENTS

# WILLY WONKA KIDS!

Words and Music by **Leslie Bricusse** and **Anthony Newly**

Adapted for the Stage by **Leslie Bricusse** and **Timothy A. McDonald**

Based on the book ***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*** by **Roald Dahl**

## JUNE 7-JULY 2, 2021

### MONDAY-FRIDAY | 9:00-11:30AM

Open to students entering grades 4-6 | UNK Campus

\$240 per student (\$180 per student if qualify for free/reduced lunch)

Active participation in the arts provides an opportunity to explore, create, learn, and have fun. Performing Arts Academy is a unique opportunity to study the many aspects of music, theater, and dance with University professors and experts working in the field. We will learn choreography, make our own props, memorize dialogue, practice good singing techniques, and learn how to work as a team! Students will showcase everything they have learned by taking on their own role in a production of Roald Dahl's "WILLY WONKA Kids!"

Public performance will take place

Friday, July 2 at 10:30am in UNK's Miriam Drake Theatre.

Free admission to the public for the performance.

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ROALD DAHL'S WILLY WONKA KIDS is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

[www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)

# **PAWS** **UNIVERSITY** **READING ACADEMY**




Help your student to be successful in their educational future, avoid “summer learning loss,” and develop a love of reading! Give them the opportunity to improve (or maintain) their reading skills through focused reading instruction and on-campus field trips.

**JUNE 7-JULY 2, 2021**  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY | 9:00-11:30AM**

Open to students entering grades 1-3  
Calvin T. Ryan Library (located on UNK Campus)

**\$240 per student**  
(\$160 per student if qualify for free/reduced lunch)

**PAWS University Reading Academy provides:**

-  Individualized interaction
-  Instruction by certified educators
-  Fun & educational experiences

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