

### Writing a Position Paper

**HS: Mon. & Wed. 9-10**

Posing an arguable opinion in written form is known as a position paper, a task frequently asked of high school students in various classes, on standardized testing and in college admission essays. The goal of the paper is to persuade the reader that you present a valid opinion based on knowledge substantiated by research. Students enrolled in this course will choose a topic, develop an argument, research their stand, and address the opposing view as an indication of having made an informed decision. Organization, clarity and precision in vocabulary and sentence construction, and editing and revision techniques will be a focus as students learn the elements involved in writing a thorough position paper.

Cost: \$125

### Adventures in Painting

**MS & HS: Tues. & Thurs. 9-12 (First three weeks only)**

Art-making outdoors is both a creative and practical adventure. Simplicity is the key. This beginner level class will focus on putting together an art kit which is easy to use and transport, using a view finder to simplify the subject matter, as well as a value scale. Given the limited time, instruction will support the impressionist and expressionist styles. The class will meet at the school and travel to local areas of inspirational landscape.

Cost: \$250

### Animal Farm: Human and Animal Interactions

**MS: Tues. & Thurs. 10-3, HS: Mon. & Wed. 10-3**

This course explores species unique to the Northeast, as well as the earth's magnificent menagerie. Young zoologists select six animals to research, which the class will visit in a variety of settings. Findings will be presented via Power Point®. Research and instruction will be presented on campus; students will travel to various wildlife exhibits, parks and zoos throughout New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts. These destinations offer opportunities to view specific animals and the habitats we share with them. Students develop personal expertise and firsthand knowledge for the animals they choose. Instructors for this program have experience in education, psychology and wildlife management. A listing of applicable NH and MA curriculum frameworks is available.

Cost: \$600



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## The Summer Academy

Tutorials

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Adventures in Learning

Learning Skills Academy offers community-based summer programs, designed for active and curious learners, combining academics, social interactions and experience.

Learning Skills Academy is a private day school approved by the New Hampshire and Massachusetts departments of education for the provision of special education and related services for students in grades four through twelve.

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## TUTORIALS

Monday through Thursday

*One hour sessions scheduled from 8:00 am–1:00 pm*

Specific programs such as the Orton-Gillingham Approach, Lindamood Phoneme Sequencing Program® (LIPS), and the Wilson Reading System® are offered in tutorial sessions. In addition, students can work individually on reading or spelling fluency, or reading comprehension.

Those students who wish to improve their written expression work directly with an instructor on aspects of the writing process, from topic selection to editing and revising. Students can work individually to develop their understanding of vocabulary and its application.

Math instruction, from basic numeracy to high school content area mathematics, is offered in tutorials upon request.

Our speech pathologists are available for therapy sessions in articulation, oral expression, receptive language, and visual and auditory memory strengthening.

Cost for individual session: \$60/hr.

## CLASSES

Monday through Thursday

*One hour sessions scheduled from 8:00 am–1:00 pm*

Small group instruction is available in the following areas: reading comprehension with Visualizing and Verbalizing®, written expression, vocabulary development, mathematics and visual and auditory memory strengthening.

Groups are limited to eight students. Direct instruction utilizes language-based methodologies to ensure that all students easily access the material, and numerous opportunities for application of the skills with guided practice. Students work with instructors to determine specific goals that can be accomplished during the Summer Academy, and then to develop mini-goals to support and direct the process. By clearly delineating each task, achievement is noted and celebrated; success is both observable and measurable. A summer's month devoted to academics becomes an advantage rather than a drudge.

Cost for group session: \$45/hr.

## TEST PREP

By appointment in August

*Individual sessions or group classes by arrangement  
Class size is limited to 8 students*

Our Test Prep course and one-on-one tutoring helps students develop specific skills to improve their performance on the SAT, ACT, PSAT, MCAS and SSAT. Participants explore and discuss the test format and learn study tips and test-taking strategies. Diagnostic and practice tests are administered for math, grammar, critical reading and writing. The corrected answers and their explanations provide feedback, increasing the opportunity for improvement. Students learn how to approach the writing section and receive vocabulary and word-part study lists. We maintain a low student-teacher ratio in our classes. Students in an individualized program can focus on just those areas where they need improvement.

## SOCIAL PRAGMATICS

**Kid Friendly**

**Upper Elementary/Middle School: Mon. & Wed. 10-12  
Lower Elementary: Tues. & Thurs. 10-12**

Both programs will focus on developmentally appropriate strategies for supporting expressive and receptive language acquisition, while structuring social situations to enhance the development of social skills. This activity-based program, with instruction provided by a licensed speech and language pathologist and an early childhood educator, will offer youngsters a fun, lively and interactive way to make friends.

Cost: \$250

**Social Works**

**MS & HS: Tues. & Thurs. 10-3**

Summer is about being with friends and having fun, but that's not always as easy as it sounds.

An instructional hour for middle-schoolers will focus on the following topics selected from Group Exercises for Enhancing Social Skills and Self-Esteem, *What is a Friend?; How to Make New Friends; Pals, Friends and Supportive Friends; Dealing with Peer Pressure; Recognizing Jealousy; and Safely Using the Internet and Chat Sites.*

The instructional hour for high school students will focus on social skills within the context of *Employment Preparation and Experience*. This course offers potential employees the means to develop four key areas: evaluating and delineating their skill-set, clearly describing those skills in a resume, exploring their strengths and obstacles when completing a job application and developing interview skills. Linked to these instructional sessions, participants will exercise their skills in collaborative design and planning, cooperative task initiation and execution and team evaluation as junior instructors in the **Social Works** program.

The remaining portion of the program, which will alternate between swimming at the outdoor pool and water slide at *The Works* and rock climbing at *Vertical Ascent*, both located in Dover, NH, will provide opportunities for friendship building. After a day filled with shared experiences, the students will return to LSA and process how they've put into action what they learned in class. Photos will be taken throughout the camp experience, with the idea of creating a keepsake journal with contact information

Cost: \$600

## STUDY SKILLS, ORGANIZATION & HABITS

**Becoming a Highly Effective Teen**

**Grades 7-12: Mon. & Wed. 8:30-10**

*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, the national best-seller by Sean Covey, is a guide for teens interested in acquiring tools with which to approach the daily challenges and roadblocks they face. As the basis of this class, *The 7 Habits* will springboard discussions involving teen-issues, such as friendships, external and internal pressures, making choices, goal-setting and communication. As a teenager, this is prime time for delving into some self-exploration. In the sharing of thoughts, experiences and concerns, participants are exposed to paradigm shifts, new insights, and the effects of attitude and motivation on everything we do. The idea that "We first make our habits, then our habits make us," lays the control of life's decisions precisely where it should be, with the students.

Cost: \$ 225

**Where Learning Takes Place- Outside the Lines**

**Grades 7-12: Tues. & Thurs. 9-10**

*Learning Outside the Lines* is a text written by two college graduates with intimate knowledge of life in educational systems when one has learning difficulties, such as dyslexia, disorganization, and attentional and executive function issues. They have compiled strategies and techniques to help students prepare for, participate in, and make presentations for all their academic endeavors. The authors describe their study skills as "simply good learning." The techniques offered "embrace all kinds of minds and access all types of learning styles." With the use of the various tools described in *Learning Outside the*

*Lines*, and presented in this class, students "will learn better, get better grades, and revolutionize (their) education." Participants will develop their own systems for organization, note-taking, reading tactics, structuring a writing piece, participating in group discussions, and studying for exams.

Cost: \$200

## ADVENTURES IN LEARNING

**Signing Sense**

**MS & HS: Mon. & Wed. 12-3**

Learn basic sign language from a fluent sign language para-professional, while exploring the Seacoast using all of your senses! What would the world be like without your sense of hearing, sight, taste, smell, or touch? How do we integrate all of these senses in a way that helps us make sense of the world? Hike along the beautiful trails and beaches of Odiorne Point, New Castle, and the Urban Forestry Center while learning how to sign the names of plants, animals and fellow campers. Experience what it would be like to have a hearing loss, as the campers participate in daily group games where all the campers wear earplugs and try to complete an activity. Following each activity, the campers will be asked to complete a journal entry about their experience, and what they learned from it. Focus will be placed on learning how to integrate all of your senses, so that the world feels "just right."

Cost: \$400

**Biking with Buddies**

**MS: Mon. & Wed. 12-3, HS: Tues. & Thurs. 12-3**

Can you meet the mountain head on? Mountain biking around the Seacoast has never been better! The Seacoast and surrounding areas offer a variety of biking terrain from novice to expert. This summer course is designed to teach basic mountain bike upkeep, bike trail maintenance, and biker safety. By course conclusion, bikers will be able to fix flats and chains, monitor their hydration needs, read trail maps, recommend suitable biking trails in the area and learn the skills to maintain them. Groupings will be based on participants' age and level of expertise. Mountain biking is a great way to stay healthy, relieve stress, enjoy nature, and be with friends. Bring your mountain bike, helmet, water bottle, snack and perseverance- see you on the trail!

Cost: \$400

**Let's Eat!**

**MS: Mon. & Wed. 12-3, HS: Tues. & Thurs. 11-3**

The social experience of sitting down to eat a meal can only be enhanced when it is the cooks, themselves, enjoying the fruits of their labor. *Let's Eat!* will take prospective chefs on a gastronomic journey through cultures and lands, spending one week each in Asia, France, Italy and Mexico, with food preparation, presentation and dining. Our guest chef, on loan from the prestigious *Carriage House* of Rye, NH, will instruct students on the creation of such delicacies as sushi, pasta, hors d'oeuvres and quesadillas. The social graces of hosting and dining will be explored through the use of pragmatic skills.

Cost: \$400

**Alternative Apparel**

**HS: Mon. & Wed. 12-2**

Teens enjoy creating and sporting distinctive and unique apparel, and who better to instruct in these fine arts than two not-so-former teens. *Alternative Apparel*, from hemp necklaces and belt-making to basic art imaging and clothing refashioning, will engage the creative and fashion-conscious aspiring designers among us. Instruction will be presented by two art students, of strong social and environmental conscience, who have studied and traveled in the US and Europe. This course may elect to take on the challenge of designing a Summer Academy t-shirt, available for purchase, with proceeds going to an end of session fashion show.

Cost: \$250

**Surf's Up! Seacoast Art Camp**

**MS: Tues. & Thurs. 12-3**

We will explore the ocean and its surround through various art forms. Bring in a clothing article of your choice, and transform it into a whole new look with fish printing! Design and create sea glass necklaces and earrings! Make a picture frame out of seashells to capture your favorite memory at the beach! Learn how to make candles using seaweed! Enjoy time at the beach together and construct a giant sand sculpture! Come and create fun and meaningful connections with new people and our seacoast!

Cost: \$400

**Writing a Snapshot**

**MS: Mon. & Wed. 8-9**

**Writing a Memoir**

**HS: Tues. & Thurs. 8-10**

A memoir is a collection of stories from a person's childhood, similar to an autobiography, but with less emphasis on dates and chronology of events and more on the memories and people surrounding them. In this class, students will explore the components of a memoir, read excerpts from published memoirs and call upon their experiences to create their own. The younger writers will begin by learning how to compose a "snapshot," a description of a certain point in time. From this, they will build a scene describing their memory. As the memoir unfolds, students will assemble a visual presentation, photo album or slides how, of pictures from the time-period about which they have written.

Cost: Middle School: \$125; High School: \$225