

We are excited to share that our staff have been working hard to offer a variety of unique and engaging program opportunities for St. Croix Prep Students during June through August 2023!

These opportunities will be at no cost to enrolled St. Croix Prep students (incoming 1st-12th graders only) and are possible with remaining funds from our final year of a Federal COVID Relief grant.

SCPA will be offering limited programs for all ages throughout the summer focused on developing each student's academic potential, personal character, and leadership qualities.

These programs will feature a variety of experiences designed to build a stronger sense of school, self, and community. Summer Fun 2023 will consist of on and off-site programs for all ages, some led by St. Croix Prep staff and some by outside guest instructors. We will also be offering some fun day and overnight field-trips.

**Additional program opportunities were added May 26th
Check back early June when we add more July-August programs**

June 12-August 11: Summer Fun Programs Offered (*no programs offered July 3-7*)

August 23: St. Croix Prep 2023-2024 Back to School Night

SUMMER FUN 2023 - REGISTRATION FAQs

- Even though there is no cost to participate, we are still using our Schoolpay system for registration purposes. Login to your account there to enroll your student(s).
- Program registration will close two weeks prior to the first/only day of a program. If the required minimum number of registrations are not met, some programs may be canceled, Families will be notified at that time, if that were to occur. If a program is full, students can sign up to be on a waitlist and will be contacted as space becomes available.

If you have other questions, please email SummerFun@stcroixprep.org

Opportunities for incoming 5th-8th Graders

PRIVATE LESSONS [multiple grades]

Number of lessons offered will be based on instructor availability and program interest.

Violin Private Lessons

Duration options: 30, 45 or 60 minutes

Days: Wednesdays and Thursdays

Lessons availability: June 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, & July 12-13, July 19-20, & July 26-27, 2023

Instructor: Joan Molloy

Contact joanmolloy@stcroixprep.org to set up lessons.

Student will need to bring their own violin.

Viola Private Lessons

Duration options: 30, 45 or 60 minutes

Days: Tuesdays between 10:00am-1:00pm

Lessons availability: June 13, 20 or 27, July 11 or 18, and August 1, 2023

Instructor: Marissa Frye

Contact marissafrye@stcroixprep.org to set up lessons.

Cello and Bass Private Lessons

Duration options: 30, 45 or 60 minutes

Days: Mondays and Fridays between 12:00-5:00pm

Lessons availability: Mondays and Fridays between June 12-Aug 11, 2023 (except July 3-7)

Instructor: Teddy Schumacher

Contact teddyschumacher@stcroixprep.org to set up lessons.

Cello students will need to bring their own instrument but Bass students can borrow a school instrument.

Voice Private Lessons

Duration options: 30 (recommend for middle school), 45, or 60 minutes

Days: varies during business hours

Lessons availability: June 14, 20 or 28 and July 11, 19, or 25

Instructor: Madeline Huss

Contact madelinehuss@stcroixprep.org to set up lessons.

Day Trips or Programs

Carpenter Nature Center: Birds and Insects

Date: June 16, 2023

Day: Friday

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Grades: 5th - 8th (incoming)

Instructors: St Croix Prep Program Instructors & Carpenter Nature Center Naturalists

Location: St. Croix Prep for drop-off/pick-up

Maximum Spots available: 30

Join us for this fun field trip as students learn all about birds and insects by land, air and water. Students will go on a bird hike, dissect owl pellets and meet a bird up-close during the morning program. In the afternoon, students will explore different habitats (forest, prairie, wetland) looking for insects.

North Star Base Camp at Fort Snelling

Date: June 20, 2023

Day: Tuesday

Time: 9:15am-4:15pm

Grades: 5th-7th (incoming)

Instructors: Lindsey Schutte & Jeff Larson

Location: SCPA for drop-off/pick-up

Maximum spots available: 39

Join us for this fun adventure as we head to Fort Snelling North Star Base Camp for an exciting day of engineering challenges, team games, and indoor rock climbing! Closed-toed shoes required and bring a water bottle and bag lunch!

Small Group Math Tutoring

Dates: June 21, 22, 28 or 29, and July 12 or 13

Days: Wednesdays or Thursdays

Times: 1:45 - 2:30 pm

Grades: 6th - 8th (incoming)

Instructors: St. Croix Prep Program Instructors (content provided by SCPA Math Teachers)

Location: St. Croix Prep Collaboration Room

Maximum Spots Available: 6 per session

Students will meet in small groups with instructors to work on middle school math curricula provided by St. Croix Prep Math Team. Please note: Students may sign up for any number of programs.

Summer Books & Science Adventures

Dates: July 10-13 and/or July 17-21, 2023

Days: Monday-Thursday

Time: 8:30-10:30am

Grades: 4th-5th (incoming)

Instructor: Kellie Nelson

Location: SCPA Room 121

Maximum spots available: 20

Join us as we read, discuss and experiment with science concepts centered around two different books! Scientific topics being discussed include earth science and properties of water, and physical science and the properties of energy. Please note: Students can sign up for one week or both.

Drumline Camp

Dates: July 10-14, 2023

Days: Monday-Friday

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Grades: 7th-12th (incoming)

Instructor: James DeCaro

Location: Band Room

Maximum spots available: 20

This is your chance to bang on a drum and use other percussion instruments! Students will learn basic percussion and marching technique as well as drum cadences. Rehearsals will happen outdoors, weather permitting. Sticks, drums, and other accessories will be provided.

Trollhaugen Adventure Course

Date: July 11, 2023

Day: Tuesday

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Grades: 5th-8th (incoming)

Instructors: Lisa Mast & St. Croix Prep Program Instructors

Location: SCPA Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Maximum spots available: 40

Join us for this exciting field trip as we visit Trollhaugen Outdoor Adventure Course! Bus transportation and afternoon treat will be provided.

Night of Improv

Date: July 12, 2023

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:30-9:00pm

Grades: 6th-12th (incoming)

Instructor: Stacy Mittag

Location: SCPA PAC

Maximum spots available: 25

Spend a night playing improv games and become more comfortable in front of people while you improve your quick thinking skills!

English Learners Summer Fun

Dates: July 17-20, 2023

Days: Monday-Thursday

Time: 9:30am-4:00pm

Grades: 1st-12th (incoming)

Instructors: Ksenia Carpenter & Lisa Mast

Location: SCPA Room 120 and multiple field trips

Maximum spots available: 32

Join us for this fun program featuring language activities and field trips to MN Zoo and MN Science Museum, and special guest instructors! Program will also include a walking field trip for a summer treat on the final day. Students can attend either week offered as activities will be different. Activities will be designed for each age group, improving students' vocabulary and socializing. Special registration note: This program is only for students who are in the English Language Program (also known as English as a Second Language) at SCPA who meet with Mrs. Carpenter or Mrs. Mast.

Glass Sun Catchers

Dates: July 19-20, 2023

Days: Wednesday-Thursday

Time: July 19th (11:00am-2:00pm) and July 20th (11:00am-12:00pm)

Grade(s): 7th-12th

Instructor(s): Artist Juliette Myers

Location: SCPA Room TBD

Maximum spots available: 12

Students will learn techniques and skills for cutting and assembling glass into up to two mosaic 4.5 inch-diameter circular sun catchers. Students will be given templates to follow, or they can create their own original designs. All tools and materials will be provided. Second day will consist of grouting suncatchers.

Carpenter Nature Center: Wilderness Survival

Date: July 25, 2023

Day: Tuesday

Time: 10:15am - 2:30pm

Grades: 5th - 8th incoming

Instructors: St Croix Prep Program Instructors & Carpenter Nature Center Naturalists

Location: St. Croix Prep for drop-off/pick-up

Maximum Spots available: 30

Join us for this fun field trip to Carpenter Nature Center in Hastings where students will bring a bag lunch to enjoy outside and then learn basic human survival needs and work in small teams to construct a shelter. Bus transportation will be provided to Carpenter Nature Center.

Trip to the Guthrie!

Date: July 25, 2023

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00-11:30pm

Grades: 7th-12th (incoming)

Instructor: Stacy Mittag

Location: SCPA Drop-Off/Pick-Up

Maximum spots available: 23

Join us for a night at the theater! Students will enjoy Stephen Sondheim's (one of America's greatest musical composers) Into the Woods and the Guthrie's unique stage setup.

This program is geared towards helping girls strengthen their self-confidence, work on building healthy friendships and learn tools to see their struggles and mistakes as opportunities for growth.

***RISE & SHINE 5/6**

Dates: June 26-June 29
Days: Monday through Thursday
Time: 9:30am-10:30am
Grades: 5th-6th (incoming)
Instructor: Medora Benson
Location: SCPA Classroom
Maximum spots available: 12

***RISE & SHINE 7/8**

Dates: June 26-June 29
Days: Monday through Thursday
Time: 10:45am-12:00pm
Grades: 7th & 8th (incoming)
Instructor: Medora Benson
Location: SCPA Classroom
Maximum spots available: 12

***RISE & SHINE 5/6**

Dates: July 17-20
Days: Monday through Thursday
Time: 9:30-10:30am
Grades: 5th & 6th (incoming)
Instructor: Medora Benson
Location: SCPA Classroom
Maximum spots available: 12

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Dates: July 17-20
Days: Monday through Thursday
Time: 10:45am-12:00pm
Grades: 7th & 8th (incoming)
Instructor: Medora Benson
Location: SCPA Classroom
Maximum spots available: 12

***RISE & SHINE 5/6**

Dates: August 7-10
Days: Monday through Thursday
Time: 9:30-10:30 am
Grades: 5th & 6th (incoming)
Instructor: Medora Benson
Location: SCPA Classroom
Maximum spots available: 12

***RISE & SHINE 7/8**

Dates: August 7-10
Days: Monday through Thursday
Time: 10:45am-12:00pm
Grades: 7th & 8th (incoming)
Instructor: Medora Benson
Location: SCPA Classroom
Maximum spots available: 12

This is the same program repeated in different sessions. Students will not learn new content by participating in more than one session.

Stage Combat Workshop

Date: July 27, 2023

Day: Thursday

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Grades: 7th-12th (incoming)

Instructors: Stacy Mittag & Art In Arms Guest Instructor

Location: SCPA PAC

Maximum spots available: 15

Program: Learn basic hand to hand stage combat techniques and how to perform them safely. Great for both theater and cosplay situations!

St. Croix River Trip

Date: July 31, 2023

Day: Monday

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Grades: 3rd-8th (incoming)

Instructors: St Croix Prep Program Instructors

Location: SCPA Pick-Up/Drop-Off

Maximum spots available: 100

Join us for a special day visiting the St. Croix River with Wild Rivers Conservancy! Students will visit the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Visitor Center in the morning learning from Park Rangers, have lunch, and then enjoy a private excursion aboard a paddle boat on the St. Croix River - sort of a mini Wild River Journey just for students from St. Croix Prep!

Wilderness Inquiry: Outdoor Adventures

Date: August 1, 2023

Day: Tuesday

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Grades: 5th-6th (incoming)

Instructors: Wilderness Inquiry & St Croix Prep Program Instructors

Location: SCPA Rooms & Outdoor Spaces TBD

Maximum Spots Available: 45

Join us for a special day at St. Croix Prep when Wilderness Inquiry instructors visit our school to help us connect with the local environment, see the community from a new perspective, and have fun bonding as a team.

Blood & Gore Makeup

Date: August 2, 2023

Day: Wednesday

Time: 12:00-4:00pm

Grades: 6th-8th (incoming)

Instructor: Stacy Mittag

Location: SCPA Art Room (TBD)

Maximum spots available: 15

Program: Get ready for Halloween by learning about specialty makeup techniques like creating wounds, bruises, etc! Students will have a chance to explore more complex makeup techniques and learn to use makeup to create special visual effects.

English Learners Summer Fun 2

Dates: August 7-10, 2023

Days: Monday-Thursday

Time: 9:30am-4:00pm

Grades: 1st-12th (incoming)

Instructors: Ksenia Carpenter & Lisa Mast

Location: SCPA Room 120 and multiple field trips

Maximum spots available: 32

Join us for this fun program featuring language activities, field trips to MN Zoo and MN Children's museum, and special guest instructors! Program will also include a walking field trip for a summer treat on the final day. Students can attend either week offered as activities will be different. Activities will be designed for each age group, improving students' vocabulary and socializing. Special registration note: This program is only for students who are in the English Language Program (also known as English as a Second Language) at SCPA who meet with Mrs. Carpenter or Mrs. Mast.

Beginning Band Camp

Dates: August 7-11, 2023

Days: Monday-Friday

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Grade: 5th (incoming)

Instructor: James DeCaro

Location: Band Room

Maximum spots available: unlimited

Students learn the basics of playing an instrument, including care and maintenance, and review the fundamentals of music reading. The week concludes with a demonstration on Friday at 11:30am. Families are responsible for providing an instrument and necessary accessories.

2nd-Year Band Camp

Dates: August 7-10, 2023

Days: Monday-Thursday

Time: 1:00-3:00pm

Grade: 6th (incoming)

Instructor: James DeCaro

Location: Band Room

Maximum spots available: unlimited

Students participate in a mix of musical and band bonding (team building exercises) to get ready for the new school year. The week concludes with a demonstration on Thursday at 2:30pm. This camp is strongly recommended for all incoming 6th grade band students.

St. Croix River Day Canoe Trip

Date: August 8, 2023

Day: Tuesday

Time: 8:00am-2:00pm (estimated times)

Grades: 5th-6th (incoming)

Instructors: Wilderness Inquiry & St Croix Prep Program Instructors

Location: SCPA Pick-Up/Drop-Off

Maximum Spots Available: 45

Join us for a special day on the St. Croix River with Wilderness Inquiry as we explore the river in 10-person North Canoes, eat a picnic lunch along the shore, connect with the local environment, and have fun bonding as a team. Bus transportation and all equipment will be provided.

Writing for Middle School

Dates: August 8-10, 2023

Days: Tuesday-Thursday

Time: 9:30am-12:00pm

Grades: 7th-8th (incoming)

Instructor: Angela Galati

Location: SCPA Room 288

Maximum spots available: 15

Students will develop and practice effective writing skills for responding to text based questions. Students will also practice finding text-based evidence to support their ideas and practice writing short answer responses and TEE paragraphs.

Night of Improv

Date: August 9, 2023

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:30-9:00pm

Grades: 6th-12th (incoming)

Instructor: Stacy Mittag

Location: SCPA PAC

Maximum spots available: 25

Spend a night playing improv games and become more comfortable in front of people while you improve your quick thinking skills!

Multi-Week Programs

Clay Camp

Dates: Session: June 12-14, June 20-22, June 29, 2023

Days: Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Time: 9:30-11:30am

Grades: 5th-6th (incoming)

Instructor: Anna Maakestad

Location: SCPA Art Room

Maximum spots available: 14

Students will create succulent pots and decorative animal pots. Special Note: June 29 is Glaze day.

Spanish Club

Dates: June 12-15 and June 19-22, 2023

Days: Monday-Thursday

Time: 11:15am - 12:15pm

Grades: 4th - 5th (incoming)

Instructors: Amanda Preisler & Lisa Mast

Location: SCPA Room 126

Maximum spots available: 30

Program: Introduction to Spanish language and culture. Students will learn basic vocab numbers, colors, common phrases, months and days. Students will also explore music, geography, and cultural crafts. Special Note: Students will enjoy a fiesta on the last day (June 22).

Creative Writing: Picture Book Writing

Dates: June 12 & 14, June 19 & 21, June 26 & 28, 2023

Days: Monday & Wednesday

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Grades: 4th-6th (incoming)

Instructors: Amanda Preisler

Location: SCPA Room 126

Maximum spots available: 15

Students will learn how to write and illustrate a picture book, learning all aspects of a story as well as the brainstorming, drafting, and revising stages. Students will learn about illustration and how it is equally part of the text in picture books.

Creative Writing Course 3.0

Dates: June 13 & 15, June 20 & 22, June 27 & 29, 2023

Days: Tuesday & Thursday

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Grades: 6th-9th (incoming)

Instructors: Amanda Preisler

Location: SCPA Room 126

Maximum spots available: 15

This course will focus on creative writing and improving writing skills. Students will work on creative writing pieces through brainstorming, drafting, and revising. Students will also learn to give and receive constructive feedback. Special Note: This program is for students who have already had a writing class with Amanda Preisler or who have teacher approval.

Adaptive Yoga

Dates: June 13, 20, 27 and July 11, 18 and 25, 2023

Days: Tuesdays

Time: 12:15-1:15pm

Grades: 5th-8th (incoming)

Instructors: Ashley Koehnen & Patrick Richardson

Location: SCPA Room TBD

Maximum spots available: 6

These programs are offered as stand-alone days or as a series. Students will need to feel comfortable in workout clothes, and bring a water bottle, small snack, and a yoga mat or towel.

Special note: This program is specifically designed and taught for students with disabilities.

Violin Ensemble-Beginner

Dates: June 15, 22, 29 and July 13, 20, 27, 2023

Days: Thursdays

Time: 10:00-11:00am

Grades: 3rd-6th (incoming)

Instructor: Joan Molloy

Location: Orchestra Room

Maximum spots available: 20

Join us as we improve our ensemble skills and prepare for the upcoming school year!

Special note: This program is a series of dates and designed for students who have one to two years of playing and reading experience. Student will need to bring their own violin.

Questions? Email Joan at joanmolloy@stcroixprep.org.

Violin Ensemble-Advanced

Dates: June 15, 22, 29 and July 13, 20, 27, 2023

Days: Thursdays

Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

Grades: 7th-12th (incoming)

Instructor: Joan Molloy

Location: Orchestra Room

Maximum spots available: 20

Join us as we improve our ensemble skills and prepare for the upcoming school year!

Special note: This program is a series of dates. Student will need to bring their own violin and should already have played violin. Questions? Email Joan at joanmolloy@stcroixprep.org.

Clay & Cooking Camp

Dates: Session: July 11-13, July 18-20, July 27, 2023

Days: Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

Grades: 7th-8th (incoming)

Instructor: Anna Maakestad

Location: SCPA art room

Maximum spots available: 14

Students will create their own bowls and platters while also learning how to make salsa, gazpacho, healthy appetizers and summer salads. Camp will have a lunch break each day.

Special Note: July 27 is Glaze Day

Altius Speed

Dates: June 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, & 28

Days: Mondays & Wednesday

Time: 2:00-3:00pm

Grades: 5th-7th (incoming)

Instructor: Altius Staff

Location: Altius Sports Performance, 14382 60th St N, Stillwater, MN 55082

Maximum spots available: 20

Exercise focused to teach and empower athletes to move effectively and efficiently in order to maximize speed, quickness, power and injury resiliency through evidence and encouragement-based instruction. Students will need to be dropped off and picked up at Altius Sports Performance. A waiver will be provided by Altius that must be completed prior to the first sessions.

Altius Speed 2

Dates: July 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 & 26

Days: Mondays & Wednesday

Time: 2:00-3:00pm

Grades: 5th-7th (incoming)

Instructor: Altius Staff

Location: Altius Sports Performance, 14382 60th St N, Stillwater, MN 55082

Maximum spots available: 20

Exercise focused to teach and empower athletes to move effectively and efficiently in order to maximize speed, quickness, power and injury resiliency through evidence and encouragement-based instruction. Students will need to be dropped off and picked up at Altius Sports Performance. A waiver will be provided by Altius that must be completed prior to the first sessions.

Interactive Storytelling in Spanish

Dates: July 10-14, 17-21, and 24-28, 2023

Days: Monday - Friday

Time: 9:45 - 10:45 am

Grades: 4th - 6th (incoming)

Instructor: University of Wisconsin-River Falls Professor, Carlos Rojas

Location: St. Croix Prep Classroom TBD

Maximum Spots Available: 20

Students will explore simple Spanish stories through music, art, games, and collaborative storytelling. Please note: Some knowledge of Spanish is helpful but not required and this program is a series of three weeks.

Soccer & Spanglish

Dates: July 10-14, 17-21, and 24-28, 2023

Days: Monday - Friday

Time: 11:00 am -12:00 pm

Grades: 6th - 8th (incoming)

Instructor: University of Wisconsin-River Falls Professor, Carlos Rojas

Location: St. Croix Prep Classroom TBD and Fields

Maximum Spots Available: 20

Students will engage with Spanish vocabulary related to body parts, sports, equipment, and movement. This knowledge will be applied in a dynamic environment of soccer skills building and play, incorporating music and other didactic games. Please note: No prior knowledge of Spanish required and this program is a series of three weeks.

Soccer Camp - Middle School

Dates: July 31 - August 4 and August 7 - 11, 2023

Days: Monday - Friday

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 am

Grades: 5th - 8th (incoming)

Instructor: University of Wisconsin-River Falls Professor, Carlos Rojas

Location: St. Croix Prep fields and gym

Maximum Spots Available: 20

Soccer training designed to start developing or enhance individual skills and grow team values. Please note: This is a two-week program.

Learn to Knit

Dates: August 1 and August 8, 2023

Days: Tuesdays

Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm

Grades: 6th-8th (incoming)

Instructors: Darn Knit Anyway Staff

Location: Darn Knit Anyway-Makers' Lounge (423 S Main St, Suite 423b, Stillwater, MN 55082)

Maximum spots available: 6

Minimum spots to have the program run: 3

This program will introduce students to the art of knitting through small-group instruction. Students will receive instruction, pair of needles, skein of yarn and patterns.

Overnight trip

Wild River Camping Trip

Dates: July 29-30, 2023

Days: Saturday-Sunday

Times: TBD

Grades: 6th-7th (incoming)

Instructors: Medora Benson & St. Croix Prep Program Instructors

Location: St. Croix Prep Drop-Off/Pick-Up

Maximum spots available: 27

Join Wilderness Inquiry and St. Croix Prep staff on a fun one-night outdoor camping adventure at Wild River State Park. Program will include all meals, bus transportation, and camping equipment (if needed). Program will include short hikes and group activities.