

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

ADULT & SENIOR ENRICHMENT / YOUTH ENRICHMENT
ADULT EDUCATION / EARLY CHILDHOOD

GATHER. DISCOVER. GROW.



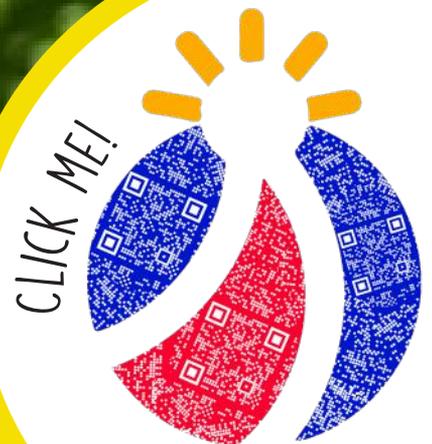
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SPRING 2026

March - May
AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org



2026 | MARCH–MAY



ALBERT LEA
SCHOOL DISTRICT 241



ALBERT LEA AREA
Community Education
Gather. Discover. Grow.



Brookside Education Center 211 W Richway Dr | Albert Lea, MN

Community Education Office..... 507-379-5318

AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org

Monday-Friday | 8:30am-2:30pm

Office hours are subject to vary.

Adult Education Center 507-379-4866

Early Childhood 507-379-4831

Tiger Cub Child Care Center 507-379-5158

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS: If the Albert Lea School District is closed due to inclement weather, all programming will be canceled for that day. If the district announces a late morning start, all morning programming will be canceled. **Our primary method of communication for notifying individuals will be through email.** Additionally, a text message may be sent to individuals who have approved to receiving SMS notifications or posted on KAAL News.

CHECK YOUR EMAIL: When signing up for a class, please monitor emails from the address listed below. Emails will include class cancellations, location or time changes, last-minute notes from instructors, class confirmations, and receipts. To ensure you receive these communications, please add the following email address to your contacts to prevent them from going into your SPAM folder.

- albertleacommunityed@alschools.org

3 WAYS TO REGISTER



ONLINE

AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org



CALL

(507) 379-5318



IN PERSON

211 W Richway Dr

CASH, CHECK OR CARD ACCEPTED

**DISTRICT 241 EMPLOYEES
RECEIVE A \$10 DISCOUNT
ON A COMMUNITY ED CLASS!**

**CALL 507-379-5318 BEFORE YOU
REGISTER TO APPLY THE DISCOUNT.**

WHY CHOOSE

COMMUNITY EDUCATION TO MANAGE YOUR CLASS



Marketing to over 12k homes in District 241



Facility scheduling, rentals & fees covered



Platform for gathering online registrations



Two team members to assist in customer management, revenue processing, and ensuring a smooth operation of your class

**SUMMER CLASS
PROPOSALS ARE DUE
IN MARCH.**

LET'S CHAT!

507-379-5318

AlbertLeaCommunityEd@alschools.org



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JOIN THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

We're looking for passionate community members to help guide the future of Community Education in Albert Lea! Your ideas and feedback help shape the classes and experiences we offer. Visit rebrand.ly/CE-AC for a Statement of Interest application.



WHY EARLY REGISTRATION MATTERS

REGISTERING EARLY ENSURES:

- You get into the classes you want
- Instructors can better prepare
- We can avoid last-minute cancellations

Each class requires a minimum number of participants. If enrollment is low, the decision to cancel is made in advance.



NEED HELP CREATING AN ACCOUNT?

If you're having trouble setting up your account or logging in to register for a class, just give us a call—we're happy to help!



STAY IN THE LOOP WITH TEXT ALERTS

Get last-minute updates about class cancellations, time changes, or location updates sent right to your phone!

TO ENABLE TEXT ALERTS:

1. Sign in at www.AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org
2. Click your name in the top right corner
3. Select **"Your Account/Relationships"**
4. Click the green **"Edit"** button next to your name
5. Scroll to section #3: **"Contact Info"**
6. Under **"Phone Numbers,"** select **"Yes"** next to **"Can Receive Text Messages"**
7. Scroll down and click **"Update Person"**



REGISTRATION CANCELLATION POLICY

To receive a full refund, you need to cancel three business days before the class begins by calling 507-379-5318. Refunds will not be issued after this period. If your class includes a supply fee, that amount will be deducted from your refund.



INTERESTED IN TEACHING A CLASS?

Do you have a hobby, skill, or area of expertise you'd love to share? You don't need a teaching license—just passion and a willingness to lead! Visit rebrand.ly/CEInstructor to complete an interest form or email us at albertleacommunityeducation@alshools.org.

CALL 507-379-5318 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR ISSUES.

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CLASS KEY



NEW CLASS OFFERING



POPULAR CLASS



ONLINE CLASS VIA ZOOM

*Have questions on how to join a Zoom class?
Call our office at 507-379-5318.*



When you register right away, you get the classes you want and the instructor can prepare for your participation. Instructors set a minimum number of participants in order to make the class run. The earlier you sign up the less chance of a last minute cancellation.

ADULT EDUCATION

Brookside Education Center | 211 W Richway Dr | Room 241



Start Your Journey IN 2026!

DAYTIME CLASSES

In-person or Distance Learning
Monday-Thursday
8:30-11:00 AM **-OR-** 11:30-1:30 PM

Limited childcare & transportation available. Please call as soon as possible to reserve a space.

**ACCEPTING ENROLLMENTS
ALL YEAR ROUND!**



Haga clic aquí para escuchar.

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FREE ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- GED
- Learn English
- Citizenship
- Community Interpreter
- Microsoft Office Specialist
- Paraprofessional
- Personal Care Attendant (PCA)
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Prepare for College Writing

CONTACT US TODAY!

507-379-4866



RESOURCES FOR

Seniors

ACCESSING SERVICES
SHOULDN'T BE HARD —
WE'RE MAKING IT EASIER.



SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

- Albert Lea Fire Department Reassurance Program 507.377.4346
- Albert Lea Senior Center: *Includes Memory Cafe* 507.373.0704
- Albert Lea Community Education (www.alschools.org) 507.379.5318
- Albert Lea Family Y 507.373.8228
- Lake Song Chorus @ St. John's Chapel (*Thursdays*) 507.396.6730
- Albert Lea Public Library 507.377.4350
- United Way Volunteer Center 507.373.8670
- Senior Companion 507.512.1036
- All Together Inclusive Playground Edgewater Park

FOOD RESOURCES

- CSFP (Commodity Supplemental Food Program) 507.424.1704
- Food Support (Human Services) 507.377.5400
- Salvation Army Food Pantry/Meal Site 507.373.8776
- United Way Welcome Pantry 507.373.8670
- Senior Dining 507.373.7759
- Meals on Wheels Albert Lea 507.373.7759
- Meals on Wheels SEMCAC - Senior Tower & Rural 507.864.8228
- The Salvation Army 507.373.8776
- Ecumenical Food Pantry 507.373.2035
- Albert Lea Convention & Visitors Bureau...<https://tinyurl.com//428cdu63>

MENTAL HEALTH

- 988 (Suicide & Crisis Lifeline) Call or Text 988
- Freeborn County Mental Health Center 507.377.5440
 - *Crisis Line (After Hours)* 877.399.3040
- Mayo Clinic Health System Albert Lea 507.377.6406
- Albert Lea VA Clinic 507.379.5532

OTHER RESOURCES

- Freeborn County Department of Human Services 507.377.5400
- Freeborn County Veterans Services Office 507.377.5184
- Social Security Administration (www.ssa.gov) 800.772.1213
- Crime Victims Crisis Center 507.379.5460

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

These resources can provide information about a variety of services:

- 2-1-1 - Call 211 or Text 898211
- Senior LinkAge Line (SEMAAA) - 800.333.2433

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

- SEMCAC 800.944.3281
 - Email: eap@semcac.org*
 - Program runs October 1-May 31*

TRANSPORTATION

- S.M.A.R.T. Bus 855.762.7821
 - *Free Medical Transportation for Seniors 55+ on ADA Certified Buses (Albert Lea/Austin)*
 - *Veterans Ride Free on Deviated Route Busses - Must show Military ID*
- Lea Taxi 507.318.6323
- Vern's Ride Service 507.320.8690

Thank you to the Statewide Health Improvement Program (S.H.I.P.) for funding this resource page for seniors.

Thank you to the community collaborators who assisted in providing input and materials for this series of resource pages including: Age Friendly Freeborn County, Freeborn County Department of Human Services, St. John's Lutheran Community, Southern Minnesota Area Rural Transit, United Way of Freeborn County, and Albert Lea Area Schools Community Education.

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION



OPEN ROCK GYM HOURS

The rock gym welcomes climbers of all ages and experience levels! Enjoy our beginner to expert graded routes, our bouldering wall, Kilterboard, rope climbing and more. Our experienced staff are available to belay and ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Come explore and make your indoor rock climbing adventure unforgettable! Register before you arrive at AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org.

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday

6:00-9:00pm

\$10 PER CLIMBER

PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

**Brookside Education Center
211 West Richway Drive, South Gym**

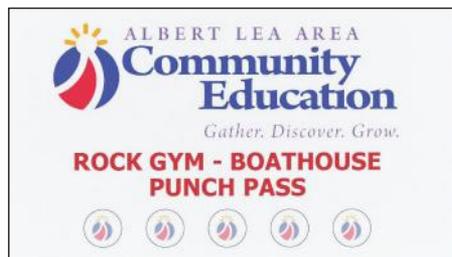
**Cash or check transactions are not accepted at the Rock Gym or Boathouse. To register, a credit card payment must be made online through our website at AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org.*

PURCHASE A PUNCH PASS AND SAVE!

Grab a Punch Pass for just \$40 and enjoy 5 visits to the rock gym or boathouse—your choice!

Passes are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

Stop by the Community Education office at Brookside Education Center or visit AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org to get yours today!



KIDS ROCK! YOUTH CLIMBING CLUB ★ Grades 3-7

Experiential Ed Staff

Embark on an exciting climbing adventure with Kids Rock! Youth Climbing Club, designed for students in grades 3–7. This program now offers two different options to meet varying interests and skill levels. One option is ideal for beginners or those looking for a relaxed, recreational experience, focusing on fun, games, guided climbs, and light instruction in a supportive environment. The other option is geared toward youth ready for a more technical challenge, diving deeper into climbing techniques, strength training, and skill-building, including proper footwork, handholds, belaying, and knot tying. Both options provide a safe and encouraging space for kids to build confidence, stay active, and discover the thrill of rock climbing under the guidance of experienced staff.

Brookside South Gym | Tuesdays, March 24- April 21 | \$35 | 5 sessions

EE14 RECREATIONAL: 3:30-5:00pm

EE14 SKILLS: 5:00-6:30pm

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT



AGES 6-12
LIMITED SPOTS
\$15 PER CHILD

MARCH 14
APRIL 11
MAY 9

FROM 5:00-8:00PM

Need a night out? Drop your kids off at the rock gym for instructor-led fun—climbing, crafts, games, Legos, and more. Activities vary each event.

Please wear tennis shoes, bring a water bottle, and a snack, and we'll take care of the rest!

PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED!



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211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea, MN



AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org



507-379-5318

BOATHOUSE OPENING JUNE 2, 2026

Watch for dates and times in our Summer catalog coming mid-May!



WOOD, WATER, WILDLIFE Grades 6 & 7

Experiential Ed Staff

Our Wood, Water, Wildlife classes get students learning hands-on outdoor skills in a safe and welcoming environment. Students will have the opportunity to explore the natural world around them.

Transportation to and from activity sites will be provided by Experiential Education. Students will be picked up at Southwest Middle School Door D14 near the Tennis Courts at the end of the school day. Parent pick-up is at 5:00pm at the same location.

These classes are offered at no cost thanks to a generous grant from the Austin, MN Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America.

REGISTER 3 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 5/MAX 14

Southwest Door D14 | Friday | 3:15-5:00pm | No-Cost

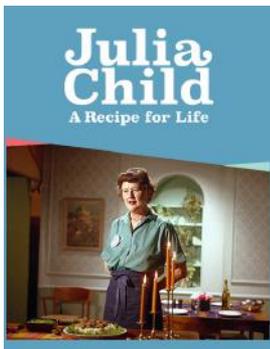
EE25 Fat Tire Biking

March 27

Bike with Experiential Ed through the winter landscape around Brookside Park and Fountain Lake. We will ride bikes equipped to handle whatever the winter throws at us, be it water, mud or snow. Snow gear including boots, snow pants, gloves or mittens, a coat and a winter hat are highly recommended, as we will be playing in the snow.

DAYTIME ADVENTURES

For securing your spot on a trip, the recommended payment methods are online registration or calling our office at 507-379-5318 to pay by credit card over the phone. Please note that trips are non-refundable.



A RECIPE FOR LIFE: JULIA CHILD & CULINARY DELIGHTS TOUR

**T02: Wednesday, April 1
8:00am-5:15pm | \$104**

Step into the world of Julia Child and bring her culinary legacy to life on this delicious day trip! Begin your adventure at the Minnesota History Center, where you'll explore

the Julia Child: A Recipe for Life exhibit, celebrating the life, achievements, and iconic recipes of America's beloved chef. After immersing yourself in culinary history, travel to Way Cool Cooking School in Eden Prairie for a hands-on French cooking class, where you'll learn classic techniques, prepare delicious dishes, and enjoy tasting your creations. This trip is a perfect blend of culture, learning, and flavorful fun—no passport required!

On the menu: Chicken Provencal and Mini Blueberry Clafoutis. Please note, we will be eating lunch after 1pm. If you need snacks, please plan to bring some or purchase on-your-own at the museum.

Your trip fee includes motorcoach transportation, lunch, and admission. **Register no later than March 16. No refunds on trips.** If you have any mobility or dietary requirements, please let us know at registration. **Depart from the parking lot behind Harbor Freight. Remember to arrive 10 minutes early for check-in.**

THE GREAT UNKNOWN: A MYSTERY DAY TRIP

**T03: Wednesday, June 3
7:30am-5:40pm | \$78**

Pack your sense of adventure and leave the planning to us! On this all-inclusive mystery day trip, the destination and experiences are a surprise—you won't know where we're headed until we arrive.

Along the way, you'll enjoy comfortable transportation, lunch, engaging stops, and memorable experiences designed to delight and inspire curiosity.

Think hidden gems, local flavors, unique attractions, and maybe even a little something of the supernatural! Perfect for those who love a good surprise, this trip guarantees a day full of discovery, laughter, and connection—without the stress of planning. All you need to do is show up, sit back, and get ready for a one-of-a-kind adventure!

On the menu: boxed lunch with your choice of chicken salad or egg salad on ciabatta bread with chips and a pickle. Please select your choice of sandwich at registration.

Your trip fee includes motorcoach transportation, lunch, and all admissions. **Register no later than May 20. No refunds on trips.** If you have any mobility or dietary requirements, please let us know at registration. **Depart from the parking lot behind Harbor Freight. Remember to arrive 10 minutes early for check-in.**



THRIFT SHOP HOP

T05: Friday, April 17 | 7:30am-6:00pm | \$55

Join us for a fun-filled Thrift Shop Hop—a motorcoach bus trip designed for bargain hunters, vintage lovers, and treasure seekers! We'll visit a curated selection of the best thrift stores, consignment shops, and hidden gem boutiques in the area. Enjoy a hassle-free shopping day with friends—no driving or parking stress!

Your trip fee includes motorcoach transportation. Lunch is on-your-own. **Register no later than April 10. No refunds on trips.** If you have any mobility requirements, please let us know at registration. **Depart from the parking lot behind Harbor Freight. Remember to arrive 10 minutes early for check-in.**



Extended Trips through
Owatonna Community Ed
call 507-444-7900
for more information!

SOUTH DAKOTA MARVELS TOUR

May 12-May 16 | **Deadline: April 1**

LAKE SUPERIOR CIRCLE TOUR

September 28-October 4 | **Deadline: August 1**



COMO CONSERVATORY & ZOO

T06: Thursday, May 21 | 8:30am-4:30pm | \$75

Travel by motorcoach to Saint Paul’s Como Park Zoo & Conservatory for a memorable day of beauty, history, and behind-the-scenes discovery.

Participants will enjoy a private guided tour of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, known as the Jewel of Como, learning how garden staff keep the conservatory lush and green year-round and produce the spectacular and beloved Sunken Garden flower shows. This exclusive experience offers a rare opportunity to “peek behind the curtain” and get your daily dose of green.

Following the tour, enjoy time exploring Como Park Zoo and surrounding grounds at your own pace. Perfect for nature lovers, gardeners, and anyone looking for an inspiring and educational day trip.

Trip Highlights:

- Private, behind-the-scenes conservatory tour
- Time to explore Como Park Zoo
- Moderate walking required

Your trip fee includes motorcoach transportation. Lunch on your own at Como Park. **Register no later than May 1. No refunds on trips.** If you have any mobility requirements, please let us know at registration. **Depart from the parking lot behind Harbor Freight. Remember to arrive 10 minutes early for check-in.**



WICKED AT THE ORPHEUM!

T04: Thursday, July 9 | 8:45am-6:40pm | \$148

WICKED, the Broadway sensation, looks at what happened in the Land of Oz... but from a different angle. Long before Dorothy arrives, there is another young woman, born with emerald-green skin—smart, fiery, misunderstood, and possessing an extraordinary talent. When she meets a bubbly blonde who is exceptionally popular, their initial rivalry turns into the unlikeliest of friendships...until the world decides to call one “good,” and the other one “wicked.”

Your trip fee includes motorcoach transportation and admission. Lunch is on-your-own at Burnsville Center. **Register no later than April 9. No refunds on trips.** If you have any mobility requirements, please let us know at registration. **Depart from the parking lot behind Harbor Freight. Remember to arrive 10 minutes early for check-in.**

SAVE THE DATE!

"ANNIE!" at Chanhassen Dinner Theatre
October 14, 2026

"ARSENIC & OLD LACE" at Sidekick Theatre
October 28, 2026



A SECOND HELPING: THE CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES SEQUEL!

T04: Wednesday, July 15 | 9:00am-5:15pm | \$120

It’s 1969. The world is changing and the ladies of the church prepare for changes of their own below the House of God. As always, you’ll laugh until your side-dish hurts with their hilarious antics and down-to-earth charm from within the church basement!

On the menu: a buffet of Buttered Penne Pasta, Meatball Marinara Sauce, Chicken Alfredo, Caesar Salad, Vegetable-Buttered Green Beans, Breadsticks, Brownie Bites, Coffee & Bottled Water.

Your trip fee includes motorcoach transportation, buffet lunch, and show admission. **Register no later than June 10. No refunds on trips.** If you have any mobility or dietary requirements, please let us know at registration. **Depart from the parking lot behind Harbor Freight. Remember to arrive 10 minutes early for check-in.**

ADULT FITNESS

Register early to reserve your spot and help instructors plan.
Early sign-ups help prevent last-minute cancellations.



GENTLE GRACE: CHAIR-BASED MOVEMENT NEW

Jasmine Murphy

Take time to slow down, breathe, and move with intention. Gentle Grace is a relaxing chair-based movement class designed to improve flexibility, balance, and peace of mind. Each session blends simple seated and standing stretches with calming music, guided breathing, and moments of gratitude and reflection. You'll leave feeling refreshed, renewed, and gracefully restored. Perfect for older adults or anyone looking for a gentle way to stay active and feel good from the inside out. *Please dress in layers for this class.*

REGISTER 1 WEEK BEFORE | MIN 5/MAX 15

Brookside Rm. 265 | 4:30-5:15pm *No class Feb. 16 & 23*

FIT30: Mondays, March 23- May 11 **\$24 | 8 sessions**

RADIANT RENEWAL ★

Jasmine Murphy

Step into the new season feeling refreshed, restored, and ready to shine from within. Radiant Renewal is a gentle movement and stretching class designed to release tension, improve flexibility, and reset your mind and body for the year ahead. Through mindful movement, calming breathwork, and moments of reflection, you'll discover a peaceful rhythm that helps you feel balanced, energized, and renewed. Perfect for all fitness levels — especially those seeking a soothing, restorative way to move into the new year with grace and confidence. *Please bring a yoga mat or towel and dress in layers.*

REGISTER 1 WEEK BEFORE | MIN 5/MAX 15

Brookside Rm. 265 | 5:30-6:30pm *No class Feb. 16 & 23*

FIT24: Mondays, March 23- May 11 **\$24 | 8 sessions**

ADULT OPEN PLAY BASKETBALL

Derek Wels

Get ready to hit the court and shoot some hoops! Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking to have some fun, come join us for an exciting pickup game. This is your chance to brush up on your skills, make new friends, and enjoy the thrill of friendly competition. All adults aged 18 and over are welcome to join the fun!

Albert Lea High School Gym | 8:00-9:00pm

\$33 | 10 sessions

FIT31: Wednesdays, March 25- May 27



KNOCK OUT DANCE FITNESS NEW

Kristy Olson

Knock Out Dance Fitness is a high-energy fusion of dance cardio and kickboxing-inspired movement, all set to music that gets your heart pumping and your confidence soaring. No dance experience is needed, just bring your energy and a smile. This fun, empowering workout offers a full-body cardio burn with easy-to-follow choreography, powerful moves that make you feel strong, and a welcoming, judgment-free space. Let's dance, sweat, and knock it out together! *Formerly Zumba® Jams with Kristy, this class is taking the same fun, feel-good energy in an exciting new direction.*

Sibley Gym | 5:30-6:30pm *No class Feb 16, 23 & April 16*

FIT07: Mondays, March 30- May 11 **\$56 | 7 sessions**

FIT08: Thursdays, April 2- May 14, April 15 **\$56 | 7 sessions**

ZUMBA® WITH JASMINE ★

Jasmine Murphy

Get ready to make an awesome commitment this season with Zumba® Fitness! This isn't just a workout—it's a Latin-inspired dance party that will have you moving to exhilarating Latin and international beats. Whether you're looking to burn calories, tone your body, or simply have a blast, Zumba® offers an incredible way to achieve your fitness goals. Our classes blend dynamic choreography with high-energy music to keep you motivated and engaged. You'll leave each session feeling energized, empowered, and ready to take on anything. Come join us and experience the joy of dancing your way to a healthier, happier you!

REGISTER 1 WEEK BEFORE | MIN 5/MAX 15

Brookside North Gym | 5:30-6:20pm

FIT22: Tuesdays, April 7- May 12 **\$30 | 6 sessions**

AQUA ZUMBA® ★

Jasmine Murphy

Make a splash with Aqua Zumba®—a fun, low-impact workout that blends the energy of Zumba® with the refreshing power of water. Set to upbeat Latin and international rhythms, this class combines cardio, muscle conditioning, and dance-inspired movements in the pool. The water's natural resistance adds an extra challenge while reducing stress on your joints, making it perfect for all fitness levels. Whether you're looking to burn calories, build strength, or just have fun, Aqua Zumba offers a great way to stay active and energized!

REGISTER 1 WEEK BEFORE | MIN 5/MAX 15

Albert Lea High School Pool | 6:00-7:00pm

FIT28: Wednesdays, April 8- May 13 **\$48 | 6 sessions**





MEDICARE 101 NEW

Diane Gonzalez, Integrated Insurance Inc

Introduction to Medicare Part A and B, Part C and D, Medicare supplements, when to enroll, and special enrollments periods.

Brookside Rm. 233 | 6:00-7:30pm | \$10

BSFN46: Monday, March 9

WORK IN BUSINESS OR FINANCE?

Albert Lea Community Education is looking for local professionals interested in teaching classes or workshops. Reach out today to learn more.

**Contact us at 507-379-5318 or
albertleacommunityed@alschools.org.**

FROM START TO FINISH: STEP-BY-STEP HOME BUYER'S GUIDE

Pam Schmidt & Tami LaCanne

Thinking about buying a home but not sure where to begin? This class will walk you through the entire home-buying process, step by step, helping you navigate one of the biggest purchases of your life with confidence. You'll receive a comprehensive Buyer's Guide manual to follow along, ask questions, and stay on track. From understanding credit repair and finding the right lender to inspections, appraisals, and title services, you'll gain valuable insights into every aspect of the journey. Learn how to distinguish between wants and needs, make an offer, understand key terminology, and prepare for the final walk-through and your big move. Don't miss this unique opportunity to get expert advice and feel prepared for your home-buying adventure!

Brookside Rm. 265 | 6:00-8:00pm

\$25 per person/\$35 per couple

BSFN48: Thursday, April 2

BSFN49: Thursday, May 7

START YOUR OWN ONLINE BUSINESS: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE

LeeAnne Krusemark

Looking for ways to make money online? Turn your ideas or homemade products into income by starting an online business. You will learn how to: find a gap in a niche market and fill it; build your own website, and market your business effectively (including SEO) so potential customers will find you; take care of business forms and taxes; create multiple sources of income (including Affiliate commissions). You'll also get info about the 25 most popular online businesses to start. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee.

Online Class | \$35

BSFN27: Thursday, March 19 | 6:00-8:00pm

HOW TO START ANY HOME BUSINESS + 250 HOME BUSINESS IDEAS!

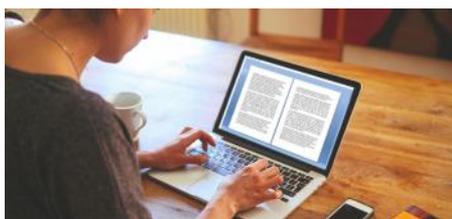
LeeAnne Krusemark

Tired of working for someone else or looking to increase your income? Turn your talents and hobbies into profits by starting your own home business. This in-depth workshop, taught by Chamber of Commerce Past President and award-winning business owner LeeAnne Krusemark, is one of the most comprehensive business start-up classes available. You'll explore over 250 legitimate home business ideas, learn about mandatory legal documentation, discover effective marketing strategies, and understand how to take advantage of tax deductions—including for this workshop. Informative handouts for future use are included in the class fee.

Online Class | \$35

BSFN18: Saturday, March 14 | 2:00-4:00pm





WRITING FOR ONLINE BLOGS, MAGAZINES & WEBSITES

LeeAnne Krusemark

You don't need a journalism degree or previously published articles to write for anyone's online blog, magazine, or website. Some opportunities offer exposure, while many pay well — \$1 a word and more. In this fast-paced session, you will learn how to: find ideas, sources, and more than 1,000 opportunities that pay, conduct interviews and create interesting content, protect your copyright, write query letters, and then use this credibility to sell other articles or even your self published novel. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The instructor LeeAnne Krusemark is a former journalist, current author and editor, and a nationwide Professor of Publishing at higher learning institutions, including Harvard Adult Education. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

AE14: Online Course | \$35

Thursday, March 12 | 4:00-6:00pm

INTRODUCTION TO JOURNALING: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE

LeeAnne Krusemark

Journaling is simply recording your thoughts, feelings, and insights in a written, drawn, or typed format. It can be done on paper or on a computer, and it's a low-cost way to improve your mental health. Journaling can help you reduce stress, improve your self-awareness, as well as prioritize problems, fears, and concerns, and provide an opportunity for positive self-talk. You'll learn how to start journaling (even when you don't know what to write), the 10 most popular types of journaling, how to kick-start self-reflection and self-discovery, and track your progress and personal growth. The instructor LeeAnne Krusemark is a former journalist, current author and editor, and a nationwide Professor of Publishing at higher learning institutions, including Harvard Adult Education. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

AE13: Online Course | Sunday, March 15 | 11:00-1:00pm | \$35

PRACTICAL CHATGPT TRAINING FOR EVERYONE

Nickie Welsh

Have you been curious about what ChatGPT is exactly and how it can be used? Join our fun and engaging class to learn everything you need to know about ChatGPT powered by Artificial Intelligence. Understand how it works and why it's taking the world by storm. You'll explore practical everyday uses for ChatGPT in both the workforce and at home, ensuring you stay in the loop when ChatGPT is mentioned in conversations and on the news. Don't get left behind in today's tech-savvy world—attend this essential training today!

Online Course | 12:00-1:00pm | \$28

AE15: Tuesday, March 17

AE16: Tuesday, May 12

CANVA FOR AWESOME BEGINNERS

Nickie Welsh

Unlock a world of creative possibilities with Canva, the ideal digital tool for beginners and novices! This class will teach you how to harness the power of Canva, the easiest design website available, all for free. You'll learn to create stunning designs from scratch or use templates with step-by-step guidance for any digital image you need. Whether it's online documents, business cards, email signatures, or more, you'll leave this class with the confidence and skills to use Canva effectively and creatively.

Online Course | 12:00-1:00pm | \$28

AE53: Tuesday, March 24

CANVA POWER HOUR: ADVANCED TRICKS THAT SAVE YOU TIME!

Nickie Welsh

Take your Canva skills to the next level with advanced techniques and hidden features that will streamline your design workflow. This one-hour workshop is perfect for users already familiar with Canva basics who want to discover time-saving shortcuts, professional design hacks, and tools that make creating stunning graphics effortless. Leave with insider tips that will transform how you approach design projects and cut your creation time in half.

Online Course | 12:00-1:00pm | \$28

AE56: Thursday, May 7

SAVE MONEY WITH EXTREME COUPONING!

LeeAnne Krusemark

Learn how to save money every day with extreme couponing—because coupons aren't just for groceries! With the right strategies, your savings can add up to hundreds or even thousands of dollars each year. In this comprehensive workshop, you'll discover where to find all types of coupons, including those for high-ticket items, and learn how to use top coupon apps and websites. You'll also gain insider tips on how to match coupons with sales for maximum savings. Taught by an experienced couponer who has saved thousands using these techniques, this class includes informative handouts for future use. Webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

AE17: Online Course | Tuesday, March 17 | 4:00-5:00pm | \$23



PEACE OF MIND: PLANNING AHEAD WITH CARE NEW

Beth Tuberty,
Bayview Freeborn Funeral & Cremation Services

Planning ahead is one of the greatest gifts you can give your loved ones. In this caring and informative session, you'll learn about the benefits of pre-need funeral planning and how it can bring peace of mind for you and your family. Discover the different service options available, explore financial and legal considerations, and gain helpful tools for documenting your personal wishes. This relaxed, supportive class is open to anyone who wants to make sure their final arrangements reflect their values and ease the burden on those they love.

Bayview Freeborn Funeral Home

AE01: Tuesday, March 24
5:30-6:30pm | No-Cost



BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO USING FREE CHATGPT (AI) FOR WRITERS NEW



LeeAnne Krusemark

Explore how ChatGPT (AI) can support your writing and content creation in this beginner-friendly course. Learn how to set up a free account, craft effective prompts, generate ideas and creative content, and understand the tool's capabilities, limits, and basic ethical considerations. This class is perfect for anyone looking to stay current with evolving technology and use AI as a creative partner. Taught by LeeAnne Krusemark, author/editor and nationwide Professor of Publishing. Informative handouts are included. Webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

AE29: Online Course | Thursday, March 26 | 6:00-8:00pm | \$35

ADULT ARCHERY ★

Full Draw Archery Club Member

Join us for a fun and welcoming archery experience designed for beginners and anyone curious about trying something new! In Introduction to Archery Basics, you'll learn how to grip the bow, aim, and let your arrows fly—no equipment needed. If you'd like to explore Traditional Archery, you'll also have the chance to learn the art of shooting a traditional longbow, including how to fit, draw, aim, and release with confidence.

REGISTER 2 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 3/MAX 7

Full Draw Archery Club | Saturday | \$10

AE28 BEGINNER: March 28 | 9:00-11:00am

AE30 TRADITIONAL: April 25 | 10:30-12:00pm

With limited spots available, be sure to register early!

INTRO TO MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY NEW

LeeAnne Krusemark

Medical terminology is the first step to any career in the medical field or simply to understand your family's medical visits. No prior experience is necessary. This highly specialized language involves word building with root words, prefixes, suffixes, and abbreviations. You will leave with a solid foundation of medical language, as well as basic medical billing and coding terminology. After submitting and passing the open-book exam included in the workbook you receive in class, you will earn a Certificate of Completion. This comprehensive course is taught by longtime educator LeeAnne Krusemark, and Credentialed Medical Professional Vanessa Grinnell, RRT. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Online Course | \$45

AE31: Sunday, March 29 | 2:00-5:00pm

SPEAK UP, STAND OUT: PUBLIC SPEAKING FOR BEGINNERS NEW

Terrified of public speaking? You're not alone—this beginner-friendly class will help you ditch the nerves and find your voice. Whether you're presenting at work or speaking at a special event, you'll learn how to organize your thoughts, speak clearly, manage anxiety, and connect with your audience. With low-pressure activities and practical tips, you'll leave feeling more confident and ready to speak up. Taught by LeeAnne Krusemark, a former journalist, current author, Chamber of Commerce past president, and nationwide speaker. Webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

AE30: Online Course | Sunday, March 29 | 11:00-1:00pm | \$35

LeeAnne Krusemark



ADULT COOKING

ALL COMMUNITY ED CLASSES
REQUIRE PREREGISTRATION



CLASSIC HOMEMADE PIEROGI & SWEET BERRY PIEROGI! 🍳

Tess Georgakopoulos

Make both savory classic pierogi and sweet berry pierogi using two types of homemade dough and fillings. Learn cooking and freezing techniques—no special equipment required. A great class for families looking to create nostalgic, comfort-food favorites together.

AE36: Online Class | Saturday, March 14 | 4:00-6:00pm | \$43 per household



DIM SUM DUMPLING DYNASTY: POT STICKERS WITH HOMEMADE WRAPPERS, FILLING, & DIPPING SAUCE 🍳 ⭐

Tess Georgakopoulos

Master restaurant-quality pot stickers with homemade wrappers and a flavorful filling (pork or chicken). Learn shaping, cooking for crispy bottoms and tender centers, plus tips for freezing and a bright dipping sauce. Enjoy an authentic Dim Sum experience without leaving home.

AE37: Online Class | Saturday, April 18 | 4:00-6:30pm | \$43 per household



MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN GYRO MEAL 🍳 ⭐

Tess Georgakopoulos

Cook a full Greek-inspired meal at home including tender chicken gyro, homemade pita, tzatziki, Greek lemon potatoes, and flavorful dressings. Guided by a lifelong Mediterranean cook, this class brings fresh, vibrant flavors to your table. This is a great option for families wanting healthier, fresh meals with bold flavor.

AE38: Online Class | Saturday, May 9 | 4:00-6:30pm | \$43 per household

ADULT HEALTH AND WELLNESS

*These classes are for educational knowledge and skill development purposes only.
Cultural and religious beliefs will not be taught, practiced, nor encouraged in these courses.*

LIVING WITH PURPOSE: DESIGNING A LIFE THAT MATTERS

Tricia Dahl

Drawing from High Performance Coaching and Blue Zones principles, you'll uncover your passions, values, and ways to contribute, identify barriers to purpose, and craft a personal vision. Through reflection and interactive exercises, you'll leave with actionable steps to align daily choices with your purpose and positively impact your community. Take the first step toward intentional living, joy, and a more fulfilled, purpose-filled life. *Please bring a pen or pencil to write notes with.*

REGISTER 5 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 8/MAX 20

Brookside Rm. 125 | \$40

HW03: Tuesday, April 14 | 9:30-11:00am

MEET TRICIA DAHL

Tricia Dahl brings over 36 years of leadership and operational experience from Mayo Clinic Health System, with expertise in organizational strategy, professional development, and team performance. As a Certified High Performance Coach, she helps individuals gain clarity, define purpose, and take meaningful action toward their goals. Her work with the Blue Zones Leadership Team and National Vitality Center Board further shapes her purpose-driven approach. Tricia has taught leadership, communication, and technology courses, and coaches both individuals and groups in personal and professional growth.

DRIVERS EDUCATION



55+ DRIVER DISCOUNT PROGRAM ★

Deanne VonWald

Complete this course approved by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety to get a 10% discount on your auto insurance! Taught by a certified instructor, you'll discuss challenges we face as drivers, new road designs, vehicle technology, and updates on current laws. MN Statute requires insurance agencies to offer a 10% automotive insurance discount upon completion of an approved 4-hour class. Tests are not given, however each person must register, pay, and participate for the duration of the class to receive a certificate. Upon completion, submit your certificate to your insurance company. To maintain your discount, this course needs to be completed every 3 years.

REGISTER 5 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 15/MAX 40

Brookside Rm. 125 | Mondays | \$24

DD08: April 20 | 12:30-4:30pm

DD09: June 1 | 9:00-1:00pm

We can now text you for last minute class updates such as cancellations or location changes!



1. Sign in with your account information at AlbertLeaCommunityEd.org.
2. Click your name in the upper right corner followed by "Your Account/Relationships".
3. Select the green "Edit" button near your name.
4. Scroll down to #3: "Contact Info."
5. Under "Phone Numbers," check "Yes" under "Can Receive Test Messages".
6. Scroll down and click the blue "Update Person" button.

DRIVING CONES AVAILABLE

Getting ready for your road test and need a little extra practice with parking? We can help! Community Education has portable parking practice kits available for checkout. They're easy to set up and perfect for building confidence before test day.

A \$20 deposit (cash or check) is required and will be fully refunded when the kit is returned.

CALL 507-379-5318 TO RESERVE!

Once a student driver has a valid Minnesota permit and is ready to start their six-hours of Behind the Wheel Training with an instructor, please call 507-379-5318 with their permit number to get on the waitlist.



ONLINE DRIVERS EDUCATION

14 1/2 - 18 years old (18 year olds must still be enrolled in school)

Albert Lea Community Education, in partnership with A+ Driving School, offers online Drivers Education courses through the CruiseControl Education platform. Designed specifically for Minnesota students, this fully online program utilizes proven teaching methods to keep learners engaged throughout the process. With the flexibility to start classes anytime and progress at your own pace, students can enjoy an entertaining, "live" classroom setting

Early bird registration fee of \$385 ends *2 weeks prior* to the registration deadline. Then the price increases to \$405. Please note that classes must be completed by the listed end date; otherwise, re-registration and repayment will be required.

DEONLINE WINTER/SPRING 2026

December 8- April 30

Registration Deadline March 9

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YOUTH ENRICHMENT

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YOUTH COOKING SERIES WITH MS. BONNIE

Grades 3-9

Bonnie Townsend

Join us for a series of hands-on cooking classes where kids can get creative in the kitchen, learn new skills, and enjoy some tasty treats along the way! Each class features a different experience, and participants can sign up for one or join them all.

REGISTER 2 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 3/MAX 20

Albert Lea High School D202 | Wednesday | 5:00-6:30pm | \$25

YOU42 Snack Attack! After School Edition March 11

Hungry after school? Learn how to whip up quick, easy snacks that hit the spot! Kids will create simple, tasty treats while practicing safe food prep skills and having fun in the kitchen.

CAREGIVER & ME CLASSES

Join your student for these special sessions designed for shared fun in the kitchen! Register the student, and during registration, you'll be asked to include the attending caregiver's information.

YOU43 Breakfast Buddies April 15

Start your morning with a fun, hands-on cooking adventure! Parents and kids will team up to make an easy breakfast dish together while learning simple cooking tips and tricks. A great way to spend quality time — and enjoy a delicious meal you helped make!

YOU44 Cupcake Creations May 13

It's time to decorate! Parents and kids will work together to create colorful, fun cupcakes using frosting, sprinkles, and creativity. No fancy baking experience needed — just bring your imagination (and your sweet tooth)!

STEM AFTERSCHOOL

Grades 2-5

Lexi Ignaszewski

Jump into the fun with 4-H Afterschool! We will be diving into and exploring Pool Noodle Science, Egg Science, Electricity and trying out Newton's laws. There will be snacks, games, activities and fun!

REGISTER 1 WEEK BEFORE | MIN 5/MAX 20

Wednesdays | 2:45-4:15pm | \$3.50 per session

Sibley Cafeteria

YOU58: March 11

YOU62: April 22

Halverson Cafeteria

YOU59: March 25

YOU63: April 29

Hawthorne Cafeteria

YOU60: April 1

YOU64: May 6

Lakeview Cafeteria

YOU57: March 4

YOU61: April 8

YOU65: May 13



FREEBORN EAGLES MIDDLE SCHOOL RUGBY

Grades 5-8 | Ron & Brittany Ericksmoen

Join us for an exciting season of Middle School Rugby, a co-ed developmental league for students in grades 5-8 that introduces the fundamentals of rugby while building skills, confidence, teamwork, and a strong foundation for future high school play. **The first two practices, on March 23 and March 30, will be held indoors at Brookside Education Center in the North and South Gyms.** This inclusive and supportive program is open to all students and focuses on development and fundamentals through fun, structured instruction. Matches will be played in a jamboree-style format on Saturdays, with a total of five jamborees scheduled throughout the season.

Frank Hall Park Field | 5:30-7:00pm | \$63

YOU30: Mondays, March 23- June 8 | No practice May 25





BATTLE BLASTERS: YOUTH OPEN PLAY ^{NEW}

Ages 6-14 | Dusty & Kim Blankenship, Backyard Bunkers

Get ready to dodge, duck, and dive behind inflatable bunkers in this high-energy indoor battle experience! Participants will jump into exciting gameplay battles such as Capture the Flag, Free For All, and Player Elimination — all led by a game facilitator focused on safety, fun, and fair play.

All equipment is provided, including blasters, safety face wear, and inflatable bunkers. Players ages 6–8 will use dart blasters, and players ages 9–14 will use foam ball blasters.

Whether your child is trying this for the first time or already loves battle-style games, this is a great way to build teamwork, strategy, confidence, and fast-paced fun. *Dress for action! Comfortable clothes (preferably loose long sleeves and pants), closed-toe shoes, and a water bottle are recommended.*

REGISTER 4 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 6/MAX 10

Brookside North Gym | Saturdays | 11:00-12:00pm | \$10

Ages 6-8

YOU54: March 21 **YOU56:** April 18 **YOU58:** May 2

Brookside North Gym | 12:15-1:45pm | \$12

Ages 9-14

YOU55: March 21 **YOU57:** April 18 **YOU59:** May 2

BATTLE BLASTERS: FEATURE NIGHT EXPERIENCE ^{NEW}

Dusty & Kim Blankenship, Backyard Bunkers

REGISTER 4 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 6/MAX 10

Brookside North Gym | Saturdays | 4:45-5:45pm | \$10

YOU72: Family Night (All Ages)

March 21

Families play together in friendly battles that mix teamwork, movement, and light competition. Great for siblings, cousins, parents, and caregivers.

YOU73: Girl Power Night (Grades 3–7)

April 18

A confidence-building session for girls in grades 3–7. Players team up for friendly battles that encourage strategy, teamwork, and active play.

YOU74: Dude Night (Grades 3–7)

May 2

A high-energy hour for boys in grades 3–7 who want to run, duck, dive, and compete in upbeat, action-filled battles.

BOOK A BATTLE BLASTER BIRTHDAY PARTY BASH OR PRIVATE EVENT!

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MIDDLE SCHOOL OUTDOOR SPRING TENNIS & PICKLEBALL CLUB ^{NEW}

Grades 5-7 | Grace Green

Let's head outside and enjoy the fresh air while playing tennis and pickleball! This fun, active club is all about getting outdoors, learning the basics, and developing your skills through friendly games and practice. The focus is on movement, teamwork, and having fun while improving coordination and confidence.

No experience is necessary—participants will be guided through the fundamentals and encouraged to learn at their own pace. *Please bring a paddle or racket if you have one.*

MIN 10/MAX 20

Southwest Courts | \$50 | 18 Sessions

YOU22: Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 24- May 21 | 3:45pm-5:15pm



{YEL!} GRANDMASTERS OF CHESS ^{NEW}

Grades K-5 | Jeff Lackey

Learn, Practice and Play chess each class. The {YEL!} Teach It! Practice It! Play It!® method keeps students on track with new chess lessons and puzzles each week as well as guided games and in-class tournaments. Class fee includes ChessKid.com membership for the session!

REGISTER 2 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 6/MAX 16

Brookside Rm. 125 | 5:00-6:00pm | \$109 | 6 Sessions

YOU81: Wednesdays, April 1- May 6

{YEL!} ROBOTICS CLASSES FOR KIDS ^{NEW}

Grades 1-5 | Jeff Lackey

In Muscle 'Bots, students will build powerful robots designed for tug-of-war competitions, truck pulls, and hauling heavy loads while learning basic computer coding and engineering principles. In Rescue 'Bots, participants take on challenges like rescuing a panda trapped in a ravine by building a robot helicopter, then explore how to create a floodgate, earthquake machine, or other helpful robots that improve society. Both classes blend hands-on building with coding skills to spark creativity, problem-solving, and a love for robotics.



REGISTER 2 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 6/MAX 16

Brookside Rm. 125 | 6:00-7:00pm | \$104 | 6 Sessions

YOU91 Rescue 'Bots: Wednesdays, April 1- May 6

{YEL!} BRICK BUILDERS ENGINEERING CLASSES FOR KIDS ^{NEW}

Grades 1-5 | Jeff Lackey

In Explore engineering with Bricktopia in two exciting experiences: Catapults, where students build a catapult, dragster, and scale using LEGO bricks while problem-solving and innovating, and Heroic Engineers, where young builders take on rescue challenges and design machines such as a rescue winch, hill-busting buggy, or their own ingenious creation to help save the day. Both classes introduce engineering basics in a fun, hands-on way and invite students to think creatively, build confidently, and become heroes through design.

REGISTER 2 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 6/MAX 16

Brookside Rm. 125 | 5:00-6:00pm | \$96 | 6 Sessions

YOU61 Heroic Engineers: Thursdays, April 2- May 7



YOUTH TRADITIONAL ARCHERY

Grades 6-12

Attendees will learn the art of shooting Traditional Archery. You will learn to properly fit, draw, aim and shoot a traditional long bow.

Full Draw Archery Club | Saturday, April 25 | 9:00-10:30am | \$10 | MIN 3/MAX 7

{YEL!} CODING CLASSES FOR KIDS ^{NEW}

Jeff Lackey

Grades 2-5

Two engaging Scratch®-based STEM experiences for students: Coding Animation with Scratch®, where they learn story-telling and coding techniques to create animated storylines using movement blocks, dialogue, timing, and more, and Video Games with Scratch®, where students learn video game design concepts such as movement and control blocks, animation, scoring, and gameplay structure to build games like Maze Runner and Asteroid Smash. *Scratch® is not affiliated with {YEL!}, nor does it endorse this program.*

REGISTER 2 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 6/MAX 16

Brookside Rm. 125 | 6:00-7:00pm | \$100 | 6 Sessions

YOU71 Video Games: Thursdays, April 2- May 7

INTRO TO TAEKWONDO

Ages 4-12

Logan Meyer

This course provides a concise and engaging introduction to Taekwondo, ideal for beginners. Participants will learn foundational techniques, including basic stances, strikes, and kicks. In addition to physical skills, the course emphasizes proper class etiquette—such as showing respect to instructors and peers, standing in line correctly, and understanding the culture of a traditional Taekwondo class. Students will also explore the basic history of Taekwondo and gain important insights on how and when to use these skills safely and responsibly. *Please wear comfortable clothing that is easy to move in and bring a water bottle.*



REGISTER FRIDAY BEFORE | MIN 6/MAX 12

Maricle Martial Arts | 4:15-4:45pm | \$60 | 6 Sessions

Ages 4-5

YOU38: Mondays, April 6- May 11

Ages 6-12

YOU39: Tuesdays, April 7- May 12





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PEACE OF MIND

Albert Lea Fire Rescue Reassurance Program

This call-in program is designed to provide reassurance that homebound residents, those living alone, or others needing a daily contact are doing well.

The resident calls Fire Rescue every day between 8 and 11 a.m. to let the department know that all is well. If Fire Rescue does not receive a call by 11 a.m., then a firefighter will call to check on the participant.

If there is no answer, a firefighter will go to the home to conduct a wellness check. This is a free service for any resident of the City of Albert Lea.

Please call the department's business line at 507-377-4341 or email jlaskowske@ci.albertlea.mn.us if interested in signing up for this program.

cityofalbertlea.org/programs/#Reassurance



Community Education
Summer
Registration Opens
Monday, May 4

It's Time to Get Ready for Preschool & Kindergarten!

2026–2027 Albert Lea Area School Year

Get Ready, Little Tigers – Big Adventures Await!

GOING INTO **PRESCHOOL**

Ages 3 & 4 on or before
Sept. 1, 2026



GOING INTO **KINDERGARTEN**

Age 5 on or before
Sept. 1, 2026

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER: ONLINE OR PAPER FORMS

Join us on the two registration dates for staff-supported form completion and questions. If you can't attend, register online using the QR code or pick up and drop off paper packets at Brookside Monday–Friday, 7:00am–3:30pm.

PRESCHOOL CONTACT

Megan Lebrun
507-379-4831 • megan.lebrun@alschools.org

KINDERGARTEN CONTACT

Dani Bryant
507-379-4806 • dani.bryant@alschools.org





EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS

Early Childhood Screening is a **free** and simple check of how your child is growing, developing and learning.

What to expect at a screening appointment:

A trained professional will check:

- Vision and hearing
- Height and weight
- Immunizations records
- Large and small muscles
- Thinking, language and communication skills
- Social and emotional development

This screening may help link you to other free learning opportunities, such as prekindergarten programming, Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Minnesota early learning scholarships for high quality care and education, Head Start, Home Visiting, and Early Childhood Special Education.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, April 2 | 3:00pm-6:00pm

Thursday, May 7 | 3:00pm-6:00pm
Friday, May 8 | 8:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, June 4 | 3:00pm-7:00pm
Friday, June 5 | 9:00am-1:00pm

To schedule your child's appointment call 507-379-4838 or [CLICK HERE](#)

Your child may also be screened at their Head Start, Child and Teen Check-ups or a clinic that offers developmental screening. Parents may conscientiously object to screening. Minnesota Statutes 121A.17.



EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

WHAT IS ECFE?

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a program by Albert Lea Area Schools offering parenting information and support for parents with children from birth to age 5.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL ECFE CLASS INCLUDE?

- **Parent-Child Activity Time:** Families explore a classroom with play materials and learning activities led by a licensed early childhood teacher.
- **Parent Education Time:** Parents meet with a licensed parent educator to share support, experiences, and parenting techniques.
- **Children's Activity Time:** Children engage with the early childhood teacher and practice social skills with their peers.

WE ARE HERE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS!

If you are interested in a parent-child class or a virtual parenting class but do not see a course that fits your schedule, please reach out to our staff. We are happy to discuss additional options that work for you!

Contact:

- albertleacommunityed@alschools.org

SUPPORT FOR CHALLENGING EARLY CHILDHOOD BEHAVIORS

We understand that your child's behavior can be challenging. Our Early Childhood Parent Educators are here to provide free information and support for parents and caregivers dealing with these issues.

To set up an appointment, which can be in person or via Zoom, please email:

- albertleacommunityed@alschools.org

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ASSISTING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!



EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

CLASS KEY:

BLUE: BABY SERIES

ORANGE: TODDLER SERIES

GREEN: PARENTING



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BABY BUDS

Birth-12 months & caregiver

Welcome to our cozy Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) class designed for parents and their precious 0–12-month-olds! Dive into a world of gentle songs, sensory play, and supportive discussions tailored to the needs of early parenthood. From tummy-time tips to soothing techniques, discover invaluable insights while bonding with your baby and connecting with other families. Join us in a nurturing space where laughter, learning, and love abound. Together, we'll celebrate the joys of infancy and lay the foundation for a lifetime of exploration and growth.

REGISTER 4 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 3/MAX 10



Brookside Rm. 203 | See Fee Chart | 8 Sessions

ECBB-S2-PM: Tues., March 24- May 12 | 6:30-7:30pm

ECBB-S2-AM: Thurs., March 26- May 14 | 10:00-11:00am



LITTLE EXPLORERS

6-24 months & caregiver

Welcome to our exciting Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) class, where parents and their curious 6–24-month-olds delve into the world of sensory exploration! Together, we'll engage in playful activities that stimulate your baby's senses—touch, sight, sound, smell, and taste. From sensory bins to textured play mats, every session is designed to spark wonder and promote developmental growth. Join us for a delightful blend of bonding moments, giggles, and discoveries as we nurture your little one's early curiosity in a warm and supportive environment.

REGISTER 4 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 3/MAX 10

Brookside Rm. 203 | 8:30-9:30am | See Fee Chart | 8 Sessions



ECLE-S2: Thursdays, March 26- May 14

GROW HAPPY, TOGETHER



PEA PODS

1-2 years & caregiver

Welcome to a nurturing and enriching experience designed specifically for parents and their 1–2-year-olds! Our Early Childhood Family Education class offers a supportive environment where families can learn, play, and grow together during this critical stage of early development. Enjoy the journey of parenthood surrounded by a welcoming community of families just like yours.



REGISTER 4 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 3/MAX 10

Brookside Rm. 205 | 8:30-9:30am
See Fee Chart | 8 Sessions

ECCP-S2: Tuesdays, March 24- May 12



GROWING TOGETHER

1-3 years & caregiver

Step into our vibrant Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) class, where parents and their adventurous 12–36-month-olds embark on a journey of discovery and joy! Through engaging activities like sensory play, creative arts, and interactive stories, we celebrate each milestone and foster curiosity in our little explorers. Connect with fellow parents, share experiences, and gain practical tips from our supportive community of caregivers and educators. Join us for a fun-filled time of learning and laughter, where every moment is a new adventure in toddlerhood!

REGISTER 4 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 3/MAX 10

Brookside Rm. 205 | 5:15-6:15pm | See Fee Chart | 8 Sessions

ECGT-S2: Tuesdays, March 24- May 12



REGISTER EARLY — IT HELPS US PLAN!

BUZZY BEES

1-2 years & caregiver

Join us in our lively Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) class tailored for parents and their energetic 2–3-year-olds! Enjoy a delightful blend of play, learning, and connection in a supportive environment designed to celebrate this dynamic stage of early childhood. Through interactive activities, music, stories, and guided playtime, we'll explore the wonders of toddlerhood together. Build friendships with other families, gain valuable parenting tips, and watch your child thrive as they engage in age-appropriate activities that spark curiosity and creativity. This class is where learning meets laughter!

REGISTER 4 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 3/MAX 10

Brookside Rm. 205 | 10:00-11:15am | See Fee Chart | 8 Sessions

ECBZ-S2: Tuesdays, March 24- May 12



GRAND CONNECTIONS

2-5 years & grandparent

Join us for a fun ECFE class where caregivers, or a special person in your child's life, and their energetic 3–5-year-olds team up for a lively mix of activities! Get ready for hands-on crafts, engaging games, and storytelling sessions that spark curiosity and creativity. This is a chance to explore, play, and learn together while discovering new ways to connect across generations. Whether you're crafting, singing silly songs, or enjoying some active play, there's something for everyone. Come join the fun and make some great memories (and maybe a little mischief) along the way!

REGISTER 4 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 3/MAX 10

Brookside Rm. 205 | 6:30-7:30pm | See Fee Chart | 8 Sessions

ECGC-S2: Tuesdays, March 24- May 12



LUNCH CLUB

For caregivers with children ages Birth-5 years



Join us for Lunch Club, a relaxed monthly parenting group where we share a healthy meal and conversation. Each session includes a nutritious Blue Zones lunch followed by a guided discussion on relevant parenting topics such as routines, child development, self-care, and managing everyday stress. It's a chance to nourish both your body and your mind while connecting with other caregivers. Whether you're looking for new ideas or just a break in your day, Lunch Club is a space to recharge and grow together.

REGISTER 4 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 3/MAX 10

History Center of Freeborn County | \$10 per person
Thursdays | 12:00-1:30pm

ECLC-0402: April 2 | **ECLC-0507:** May 7



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Albert Lea.



PARENT EDUCATION CLASSES ARE DESIGNED FOR CAREGIVERS WITH CHILDREN AGES BIRTH-5.

Need help registering?
Call us at 507-379-5318!

EMOTION COACHING PARENTING CLASS

This class introduces parents and caregivers to the principles of Emotion Coaching, a research-based approach that helps children understand and manage their feelings in healthy ways. You'll learn the importance of emotional awareness in child development, how to recognize and respond to your child's emotion with empathy, steps of effective emotion coaching and ways to stay calm and connected during emotional outbursts. You'll leave with a deeper understanding of your child's emotional world and practical tools to support their emotional growth.

REGISTER 4 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 3/MAX 10
Brookside Rm. 203 | 6:30-7:30pm | See Fee Chart
ECECP-0310: Thursday, March 12



NO DRAMA DISCIPLINE

In this three-session class, we will read and discuss the book, "No-Drama Discipline" by Daniel J. Siegel, M.D. and Tina Payne Bryson, Ph.D. We will also follow the workbook guide related to this book by developing a set of principles and strategies based on your own family dynamics. Some of the skills you'll learn is to develop clear and consistent strategies for responding to misbehavior; move from tantrum to tranquility by connecting and calming; apply the three "Brain C's" and understand how neuroscience impacts your disciplinary decisions; and remain firm and consistent in your discipline, while communicating with warmth, love, respect and compassion.

REGISTER 4 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 3/MAX 10
Brookside Rm. 203 | 5:15-6:45pm | See Fee Chart
ECCNDD-0326: Thursdays, March 26, April 9 & 23



PARENT SPA NIGHT

When we become parents, we often put our own self-care on the back burner. Let's take some time to relax, rejuvenate, and have a parenting discussion. There will be spa-themed make-and-takes, as well as a visit from certified esthetician Wendy Ambriz.

REGISTER 4 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 3/MAX 10
Brookside Rm. 203 | 5:30-7:00pm | See Fee Chart
ECSPN-0519: Tuesday, May 19



BYE-BYE DIAPERS: A PARENT'S GUIDE TO SUCCESS

This interactive class will help parents and caregivers guide their child through the potty-training process. Whether you're just getting started or need support overcoming challenges, this class provides practical tools, proven strategies, and reassurance every step of the way. You'll learn about your child's readiness signals for potty training, potty training methods, positive reinforcement techniques and support to help your child conquer potty training.

If your child is currently enrolled in one of our PreK-3 or PreK-4 classes, you can join this class for free! To receive the no-cost option, just give us a call at 507-379-5318—we're happy to help get you signed up!

REGISTER 4 DAYS BEFORE | MIN 3/MAX 10
Brookside Rm. 203 | 5:00-6:00pm | See Fee Chart
ECBBD-0310: Thursday, March 12



EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION (ECFE) CLASS SLIDING FEE CHART

FAMILY SIZE	CATEGORY A		CATEGORY B		CATEGORY C	
	ANNUAL INCOME		ANNUAL INCOME		ANNUAL INCOME	
	2	Below \$35,000		\$35,000-\$45,000		\$45,000+
3	Below \$45,000		\$45,000-\$55,000		\$55,000+	
4	Below \$55,000		\$55,000-\$65,000		\$65,000+	
5	Below \$65,000		\$65,000-\$75,000		\$75,000+	
6+	Below \$75,000		\$75,000-\$85,000		\$85,000+	
CLASSES	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 1	SESSION 2
Baby Buds	\$20	\$20	\$34	\$34	\$48	\$48
Buzzy Bees	\$25	\$25	\$42	\$42	\$60	\$60
Bye-Bye Diapers	\$3	\$3	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$6	\$6
Emotion Coaching	\$3	-	\$4.50	-	\$6	-
Finding Work-Life Balance	\$3	-	\$4.50	-	\$6	-
Grand Connections	\$20	\$20	\$34	\$34	\$48	\$48
Growing Together	\$20	\$20	\$34	\$34	\$48	\$48
Little Explorers	\$20	\$20	\$34	\$34	\$48	\$48
No Drama Discipline	-	\$11	-	\$19	-	\$27
Pea Pods	\$20	\$20	\$34	\$34	\$48	\$48
Spa Night	-	\$5	-	\$7.50	-	\$10

The class fee is based on your household's total yearly income, before taxes and your family size. This information is confidential. class fees are necessary to supplement state and local tax dollars dedicated to supporting Early Childhood programs for School District 241.

1. Locate your family size
2. Locate your family income
3. Move down column to class fee

Sibling Care is available for an additional \$3 per child. Look for the blue icon next to class listings to see if Sibling Care is offered.

TIGER CUB CHILD CARE CENTER CALL FOR AVAILABILITY

Our experienced staff and engaging curriculum, provided by Teaching Strategies GOLD – Creative Curriculum, offer children the opportunity to play, learn, and grow in a safe, nurturing environment.

PROGRAM FEATURES:

- ✓ 4-Star Parent Aware rated; Parent Aware scholarships available
- ✓ Licensed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services
- ✓ Child Care Assistance accepted
- ✓ Drop-ins welcome for infants and toddlers with pre-registration; availability based on current openings



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Albert Lea, MN 56007

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BECOME AN INSTRUCTOR

Do you have something you enjoy
and would like to share with others?

Bringing people together to learn and connect in person can be a meaningful experience. We're always open to new class ideas and fresh perspectives. Sewing, cooking, crafts, painting, writing, finance, dance, fitness, hiking, fishing, music. If you have an idea, we'd love to hear about it. *The possibilities are endless!*

WE TAKE CARE OF

- ✓ Marketing
- ✓ Registrations
- ✓ Facility Scheduling
- ✓ Processing Revenue
- ✓ AND MORE!

 ALBERT LEA AREA
**Community
Education**
Gather. Discover. Grow.



**FILL OUT
AN INTEREST FORM!**

Community Education's philosophy is to help provide opportunities for all community members to *Gather. Discover. Grow.*

OUR MISSION

ALBERT LEA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #241 COMMUNITY EDUCATION GUIDELINES

ADMINISTRATION & COLLABORATION:

Community Education is administered by Albert Lea Area School District #241 in collaboration with the city and various community organizations to meet the needs and wants of the community.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:

Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Early registration ensures you get the classes you want and helps instructors prepare. Preregistration is required. Community Education does not mail class confirmations. If you have an e-mail address at the time of registration, a confirmation will be e-mailed to you. We will contact you by phone or e-mail if there is a change for the class.

PARTICIPATION WAIVER:

Participation in Community Education programs, classes, or activities is voluntary. By enrolling, you confirm that you have no physical conditions, health history, or illnesses that would make your participation hazardous to yourself or others. Participants and their parents or guardians hold District #241 free from liability in case of accidents or illnesses of any nature.

PROGRAM/CLASS CANCELLATION POLICY:

Community Education will issue a full refund if a class is canceled due to low enrollment. No refunds are available for day trips unless Community Education cancels the trip.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION:

To receive a full refund, please notify our office at 507-379-5318 at least three business days before the start of the class. After this period, no refunds will be issued. Any supply fees will be deducted from your refund.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

If the Albert Lea School District is closed due to inclement weather, all Community Education programming will be canceled for that day. If the district announces a late morning start, all morning programming will be canceled. Please monitor the district website and/or listen to KATE Radio for weather updates.

PRIVACY POLICY:

The information requested during registration is used to verify eligibility and determine staff, facility, and equipment needs. Registration information may be shared with school district staff, volunteers, and instructors. Email information is for internal use only and will not be sold or solicited. Occasionally, representatives of District #241 and/or the media may photograph or record students/adults during classes or events for district publications or web pages (including social media) and our Community Education brochure. Parents/guardians who object to having their child/self identified, photographed, or recorded must notify the Community Education office in writing.

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the unforeseen circumstances after the time of print, information in this brochure is subject to change.

PROGRAM SATISFACTION:

Albert Lea Community Education strives to provide the best experiences possible. If you are unsatisfied with your experience, please contact us at 507-379-5316.



INTERESTED IN TEACHING A CLASS?

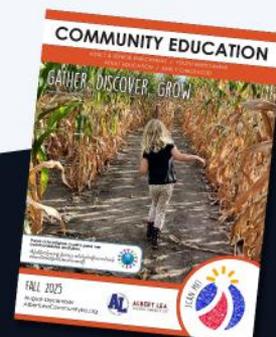
Contact us at 507-379-5318 or albertleacommunityed@alschools.org.

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Summer Deadline:
Monday, March 30

**Reach out for pricing and
reserve your spot today!**

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