



## LEARN Academics Schedule and Course Details 2025-2026

\*Material Fees are paid to the instructors directly. The fee is not applied during activity registration.  
Activity Fees and Material Fees do not include textbooks, which are paid for by the parents separately.

Click on any Activity to see course details such as description, textbooks, instructor contact and bio.

Tuesday	Activity (Click on activity for details)	Grades	Instructor	Location	Activity Fee	*Material Fee
9:30-11:00 am	<a href="#">Computer Science</a>	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Kelly Haynes	Upper Room 4	\$545	\$40
11:10am-12:40pm	<a href="#">Geography</a>	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Melinda Coutts	Upper Room 3	\$545	\$25

Wednesday	Activity (Click on activity for details)	Grades	Instructor	Location	Activity Fee	*Material Fee
9:00-10:30 am	<a href="#">Algebra 1</a>	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Beth Bass	Upper Room 2	\$545	\$15
	<a href="#">Introduction to Literature</a>	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Nissa Rudd	Upper Room 4	\$545	\$15
	<a href="#">Chemistry</a>	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Steph White	Upper Room 1	\$545	\$40
10:40am-12:10pm	<a href="#">Pre-Algebra</a>	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Melinda Coutts	Upper Room 3	\$545	\$15
	<a href="#">Biology</a>	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Steph White	Upper Room 1	\$545	\$40
	<a href="#">World Lit</a>	10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Nissa Rudd	Upper Room 4	\$545	\$15
	<a href="#">Algebra 2</a>	10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Beth Bass	Upper Room 2	\$545	\$15
12:20-1:50pm	<a href="#">Middle School Grammar</a>	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Suzi Brummett	Upper Room 4	\$545	-
	<a href="#">Earth Science</a>	7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	Abby Haselton	Upper Room 1	\$545	\$40
	<a href="#">Geometry</a>	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Beth Bass	Upper Room 2	\$545	\$15
2:00-3:30 pm	<a href="#">General Science</a>	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Donie Nichols	Upper Room 1	\$545	\$35
	<a href="#">British Lit</a>	10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Nissa Rudd	Upper Room 4	\$545	\$15

Thursday	Activity (Click on activity for details)	Grades	Instructor	Location	Activity Fee	*Material Fee
9:30-11:00 am	<a href="#">US History</a>	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Battle Watkins	Upper Room 4	\$545	-
11:10am-12:40pm	<a href="#">Spanish 1</a>	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Dawn Phillips	Upper Room 3	\$530	\$15
12:50-2:20pm	<a href="#">Spanish 2</a>	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Dawn Phillips	Upper Room 3	\$545	\$15

# LEARN Academics Course Details: 2024-2025

## Algebra 1

Contact Instructor: [Beth Bass](#)

- Pre-Requisite Course: 7<sup>th</sup> grade general math level or Pre-Algebra
- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 5 hours
- Textbooks and Materials: Purchase from [Homeschool Gathering Place](#) or online at recommended links below.
  - [Algebra 1 Legacy Edition Level-Up Base Set](#), Math-U-See: [Demme Learning](#)
- Description
  - Algebra 1 teaches basic algebra concepts using symbolic reasoning. These concepts include linear equations, inequalities, graphs, systems of equations, exponents, polynomials, and quadratic equations. Additional concepts include unit multipliers, scientific notation, significant digits, and conic graphs. Problem-solving skills are emphasized when working word problems.
- Instructor Bio
  - Beth received her BS in Applied Mathematics from NC State University and her teaching certificate from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She taught 8th grade math, Algebra 1, and Geometry in the Wake County Public School System before starting her family. She and her husband have homeschooled their three children since kindergarten with their oldest having graduated from college. Beth has taught a variety of homeschool classes over the years and looks forward to teaching students again at New Life Camp.

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## Algebra 2

Contact Instructor: [Beth Bass](#)

- Pre-Requisite Course: Algebra 1
- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 5 hours
- Textbooks and Materials: Purchase from [Homeschool Gathering Place](#) or online at recommended links below.
  - [Algebra 2 Universal Set](#), Math-U-See: [Demme Learning](#)
- Description
  - Algebra 2 builds and expands upon concepts learned in Algebra 1. These include graphing, factoring, and solving linear, quadratic, and exponential functions along with solving systems of equations and conic functions. New concepts include imaginary numbers, binomial theorem, distance/midpoint formulas, distance/age/mixture problems, vectors and solving equations with three variables. Throughout the course, graphing and real-life models are emphasized.
- Instructor Bio
  - Beth received her BS in Applied Mathematics from NC State University and her teaching certificate from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She taught 8th grade math, Algebra 1, and Geometry in the Wake County Public School System before starting her family. She and her husband have homeschooled their three children since kindergarten with their oldest having graduated from college. Beth has taught a variety of homeschool classes over the years and looks forward to teaching students again at New Life Camp.

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## Biology

Contact Instructor: [Steph White](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 1 hour per day for average reader
- Textbooks and Materials: Purchase from [Homeschool Gathering Place](#) or online at recommended links below.
  - [Discovering Design with Biology, Student Textbook](#) by Dr. Jay Wile, Berean Builders
  - [Answer Key & Tests for Discovering Design with Biology](#) by Dr. Jay Wile, Berean Builders
  - Purchase both as a bundle: [Berean Builders](#)
- Description
  - High School Biology is intended to introduce biology from a Christian perspective. This course will provide participants with an understanding of the general topics of study within biology including the scientific method, classification scheme, microscopy, biochemistry, molecular and Mendelian genetics, evolution, and ecology. Concepts covered in this course will be demonstrated with a laboratory component including dissections and the use of a microscope. This course will prepare individuals for future studies in other fields of science.
- Instructor Bio
  - Steph White has a BS in Certified Chemistry with minors in math, biology, and Spanish as well as an MS in Analytical Chemistry. She has been teaching and tutoring science for high school and college students since 2008. As a member of the National Ski Patrol, she serves as an instructor for an extensive emergency first responder course. Prior to having children, she was a research chemist at a biotechnology company. She loves instilling a passion for learning in children and hopes to show young scientists that through studying science it is abundantly clear that God created all things for His glory.

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# LEARN Academics Course Details: 2024-2025

## British Literature

Contact Instructor: Nissa Rudd [nissa.rudd@gmail.com](mailto:nissa.rudd@gmail.com)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 5 hours per week
- Textbooks and Materials: Purchase from [Homeschool Gathering Place](#) or online at recommended links below.
  - Beowulf: A New Verse Translation (Bilingual Edition) by Seamus Heaney, W. W. Norton & Company, <http://a.co/0YC1Ski>
  - Macbeth by William Shakespeare, No Fear Shakespeare Series, <http://a.co/3mKrsYW>
  - Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (A New Verse Translation), Translated by Simon Armitage, W. W. Norton & Company, <http://a.co/ixLkZaN>
  - Hamlet by William Shakespeare, No Fear Shakespeare Series, <http://a.co/6oLmX1S>
  - Utopia by Thomas More, Translated by Paul Turner, Penguin Classics, <https://a.co/d/i7l6O1c>
  - Frankenstein by Mary Shelley, Dover Thrift Edition, <https://a.co/d/dpBRYAs>
  - A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens, Dover Thrift Edition, <https://a.co/d/1QhKant>
  - Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte, Dover Thrift Edition, <https://a.co/d/9UterxA>
  - Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen, Penguin Classics, <http://a.co/g2ekUP6>
- Description
  - British Literature introduces students to a variety of major authors and poets of Great Britain. Starting with Beowulf and progressing through some of the most important and exciting British novels, students will get a solid overview of British Literature while exploring themes that are still relevant today. Students will read the selected works and answer accompanying reading guides provided by the teacher. Class time will include grammar and writing instruction, as well as interactive discussions based on the reading. Essays will consist of critical analysis essays, persuasive essays, and a creative writing short story.
- Instructor Bio
  - Nissa Rudd first started working at New Life Camp when she was twelve years old. She enjoyed her time as a summer camp counselor over the years and even met her husband at summer camp! She graduated from Meredith College in 2008 and worked as a writing tutor, magazine freelance writer, and Developmental Editor for the AICPA after graduation. She joined New Life Camp's homeschool program in 2012. Over the years, she has taught both middle school language arts and high school literature. She took a break for a few years to homeschool her own children, and she is excited to be back!

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## Chemistry

Contact Instructor: [Steph White](#)

- Pre-Requisite Course: Algebra 1
- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 1-1.25 hours per day for average reader
- Textbooks and Materials: Purchase from [Homeschool Gathering Place](#) or online at recommended links below.
  - [Discovering Design with Chemistry, Student Text](#) by Dr. Jay Wile, Berean Builders
  - [Answer Key & Tests for Discovering Design with Chemistry](#) by Dr. Jay Wile, Berean Builders
  - Purchase both online: [Christian Book Distributors](#)
- Description
  - This course addresses the theoretical and mathematical basis of chemistry. This college-prep course covers topics including measurement and units, atoms and molecules, chemical and physical changes, stoichiometry, atomic and molecular structure, acids, and bases, balancing chemical equations, polyatomic ions and molecular geometry, chemistry of solutions, gas phase laws, thermodynamics, kinetics, chemical equilibrium, and oxidation reduction reactions. This course also has a strong laboratory component with students performing a variety of experiments including micro-scale chemistry experiments with science equipment and writing formal (college-style) lab reports.
- Instructor Bio
  - Steph White has a BS in Certified Chemistry with minors in math, biology, and Spanish as well as an MS in Analytical Chemistry. She has been teaching and tutoring science for high school and college students since 2008. As a member of the National Ski Patrol, she serves as an instructor for an extensive emergency first responder course. Prior to having children, she was a research chemist at a biotechnology company. She loves instilling a passion for learning in children and hopes to show young scientists that through studying science it is abundantly clear that God created all things for His glory.

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# LEARN Academics Course Details: 2024-2025

## Computer Science

Contact Instructor: [Kelly Haynes](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 1-1.25 hours per day for average reader
- Textbooks and Materials:
- Description
  - This course addresses
- Instructor Bio
  - Kelly Haynes is an educator and technology enthusiast with a passion for empowering the next generation to use technology responsibly. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Appalachian State University and a Master's degree in Instructional Technology from NC State University. With 10 years of experience as a second-grade teacher and instructional technology specialist, Kelly transitioned to homeschooling her two children before they entered charter and public education. She remains dedicated to harnessing the potential of technology to inspire and educate young minds.

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# LEARN Academics Course Details: 2024-2025

## Earth Science

Contact Instructor: [Abigail Haselton](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 5-6 hours
- Textbooks and Materials:
  - Discovering Design with Earth Science, Student Text by Dr. Jay Wile, Berean Builders
  - Answer Key & Tests for Discovering Design with Earth Science by Dr. Jay Wile, Berean Builders
  - Purchase both online: [Christian Book Distributors](#)
- Description
  - Earth Science teaches the general properties of the earth's geosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere from a Christian worldview. Students will learn each of the three properties in detail with topics that include minerals, rocks, the rock cycle, plate tectonics, fossils, the properties of water, the hydrologic cycle and residence time, air composition, sections of the atmosphere, temperature gradients, weather, etc. This course will include hands-on science experiments during class time. Students will also learn how to write lab reports. This course will cover an appropriate amount of material for Physical Science. This will give parents the option to choose whether to add this course as Physical Science or Earth Science to their child's transcript. This course can be considered an honors course for transcripts (parents are responsible for making their own transcripts, not the instructor).
- Instructor Bio
  - Abigail Haselton graduated from NCSU with a B.S. degree in Plant and Soil Science with a minor in Horticulture. She returned to NCSU to study Soil Science. After she achieved her M.S., she worked for Wake County in the Soil and Water Conservation Department. She is excited to use her background in science to teach at New Life Camp combining her faith and scientific background.

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# LEARN Academics Course Details: 2024-2025

## General Science

Contact Instructor: [Donie Nichols](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 4 hours
- Textbooks and Materials:
  - [Apologia General Science, Student Text, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition](#) by Dr. Jay Wile, Apologia
  - [Apologia General Science, Solution and Test Manual, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition](#) by Dr. Jay Wile, Apologia
  - Used copies available below:
    - [Facebook Marketplace](#)
    - [Homeschool Classifieds](#)
    - [Amazon](#)
    - [Buy or Rent used copies from the instructor](#): Buy (\$20 textbook, \$15 solution/test manual) or rent (\$15 textbook, \$10 solution/test manual + \$25 deposit refundable on safe return)
  - The material fee for this course includes a consumable student notebook provided by the instructor on the first day of class.
- Description
  - This course covers a wide range of the branches of science while making the connections between each. Students will learn what science is and, in a detailed and engaging way, how to utilize the proper scientific method. This course includes many hands-on science experiments in class and a focus on writing lab reports.
- Instructor Bio
  - Donie Nichols has taught Apologia General Science in a homeschool class setting for 14 years and thoroughly enjoys the material and working with students to gain a love of science. She homeschooled her six daughters for over 20 years. Donie graduated from Auburn University with a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering.

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## Geography

Contact Instructor: [Melinda Coutts](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 5 hours
- Textbooks and Materials: Purchase from [Homeschool Gathering Place](#) or online at recommended links below.
  - [Exploring the World through Cartography](#), Classical Conversations: [Classical Conversations](#)
- Description
  - This class involves memorizing all of the countries of the world, researching and presenting on the countries/topics studied each week, and completing four class projects. The four class projects include designing an island, developing a travel brochure, creating a topographical map, and devising a geography review game. At home the students will work on their weekly presentations and drawing/labeling maps. Each week the students will rotate bringing in food from the various continents that the class is studying. Depending on class size, each student will bring in food every 2-3 months. The weekly food is usually a highlight of the class - for the student bringing in the food to share as well as the class enjoying trying the food. Food can be prepared at home or store bought. This is a very interactive class.
- Instructor Bio
  - Melinda Coutts graduated from NCSU with a degree in Business Management and a concentration in marketing. After graduating, she worked as a market research analyst/consultant in the pharmaceutical industry for over 10 years. Once Melinda and her husband, David, started their family, she decided to stay home with their four children. After their kids reached school age, they joined a homeschool group called Classical Conversations. God gave Melinda a sincere passion for children, and she ended up teaching Foundations, Essentials, and Challenge A for over 12 years. She has taught at New Life Camp for three years and she tutors middle school and high school math.

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# LEARN Academics Course Details: 2024-2025

## Geometry

Contact Instructor: [Beth Bass](#)

- Pre-Requisite Course: Algebra 1
- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 4-6 hours
- Textbooks and Materials: Purchase from [Homeschool Gathering Place](#) or online at recommended links below.
  - [Geometry Universal Set](#), Math-U-See: [Demme Learning](#)
- Description
  - Geometry emphasizes logic and paying attention to detail. Concepts include understanding basic components (points, lines, angles, etc.), regular polygons, circles, volume and surface area of solids, the Pythagorean theorem to identify triangle attributes, transformations, and two-column proofs. The course emphasizes following directions through constructions and geometry-related projects. Algebra skills are reinforced throughout the curriculum and basic trigonometric functions are introduced.
- Instructor Bio
  - Beth received her BS in Applied Mathematics from NC State University and her teaching certificate from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She taught 8th grade math, Algebra 1, and Geometry in the Wake County Public School System before starting her family. She and her husband have homeschooled their three children since kindergarten with their oldest having graduated from college. Beth has taught a variety of homeschool classes over the years and looks forward to teaching students again at New Life Camp.

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# LEARN Academics Course Details: 2024-2025

## Introduction to Literature

Contact Instructor: [Nissa Rudd](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 4-5 hours
- Textbooks and Materials: Purchase from [Homeschool Gathering Place](#) or online at recommended links below.
  - The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Dover Thrift Edition, The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Dover Thrift Edition, <https://a.co/d/baLfPuZ>
  - The Important of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde, Dover Thrift Edition, <https://a.co/d/flkDUGm>
  - Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card, Tor Publishing Group, <https://a.co/d/4JIXKRP>
  - A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, Dover Thrift Edition, <https://a.co/d/2C5353P>
  - A selection of short stories to be provided by the instructor
- Description
  - This introductory course will teach students all of the essential elements of literature. We'll explore how authors create characters, craft settings, and weave plots to create engaging stories. We'll learn how to effectively communicate what we think about a work and why. We'll study a variety of genres, from the classics to more modern works, analyzing themes that are still relevant today.
  - At home, students will complete the assigned reading and the accompanying reading guides provided by the teacher. Writing assignments will include literary analysis essays, persuasive essays, and a creative writing short story.
  - Class time will include grammar instruction and practice, writing practice, and class discussion of the books we are reading.

### Instructor Bio

Nissa Rudd first started working at New Life Camp when she was twelve years old. She enjoyed her time as a summer camp counselor over the years and even met her husband at summer camp! She graduated from Meredith College in 2008 and worked as a writing tutor, magazine freelance writer, and Developmental Editor for the AICPA after graduation. She joined New Life Camp's homeschool program in 2012. Over the years, she has taught both middle school language arts and high school literature. She took a break for a few years to homeschool her own children, and she is excited to be back!

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# LEARN Academics Course Details: 2024-2025

## Middle School Grammar

Contact Instructor: [Suzi Brummett](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 3-4 hours per week
- Textbooks and Materials: Purchase from [Homeschool Gathering Place](#) or online at recommended links below.
  - [Saxon Grammar and Writing 7 Teacher's Guide, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition](#): [Rainbow Resource Center](#)
  - [Saxon Grammar and Writing 7 Student Textbook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition](#): [Rainbow Resource Center](#)
  - Materials needed: composition notebook or a 1 subject notebook for dictations and vocabulary
- Description
  - This class is a grammar intensive class focusing on things like parts of speech, punctuation, capitalization, diagramming, sentence types and structure, vocabulary, and word usage. We will also have weekly spelling and vocabulary tests to improve language skills as well as a few paragraph writing assignments.
- Instructor Bio
  - Suzi graduated from Bob Jones University with a B.S. degree in English Education and a minor in music. She has a great passion for teaching grammar and enjoys seeing students learn how all the aspects of grammar work together. She previously taught in the public school system and tutored privately. She also home-schooled her four daughters. In her free time, Suzi enjoys reading, cooking, being outside, playing games, and hanging out with her family.

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# LEARN Academics Course Details: 2024-2025

## Pre-Algebra

Contact Instructor: [Melinda Coutts](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 5 hours, 1 per day
- Textbooks and Materials: Purchase from [Homeschool Gathering Place](#) or online at recommended links below.
  - [Saxon Algebra ½ Student Textbook, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition](#), Saxon Publishing
  - [Saxon Algebra ½ Homeschool Packet, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition](#), Saxon Publishing
  - [Saxon Algebra ½ Test Forms, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition](#), Saxon Publishing
  - [Saxon Algebra ½ Solutions Manual, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition](#), Saxon Publishing
  - Purchase all 4 together as a kit: [Christian Book](#)
- Description
  - This course is the culmination of pre-algebra mathematics, a full pre-algebra course and an introduction to geometry and discrete mathematics. Topics covered include prime and composite numbers; fractions & decimals; order of operations, coordinates, exponents, square roots, ratios, algebraic phrases, probability, the Pythagorean Theorem and more. Utilizing an incremental approach to math, your students will learn in small doses, increasing retention of knowledge and satisfaction!
- Instructor Bio
  - Melinda Coutts graduated from NCSU with a business degree and a concentration in marketing. After graduating, she worked as a market research analyst / consultant in the pharmaceutical industry for over ten years. Once Melinda and her husband, David, started their family, Melinda decided to stay home with their four kids. After their kids reached school age, they joined a homeschool group called Classical Conversations. God gave Melinda a sincere passion for children, and she ended up tutoring Foundations, Essentials, and Challenge A for Classical Conversations for about 12 years. She has taught at New Life Camp one year and she tutors math on the side. Melinda considers her strengths to be in teaching math and science, but she is also certified in IEW and Lost Tools of Writing.

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# LEARN Academics Course Details: 2024-2025

## Spanish 1

Contact Instructor: [Dawn Phillips](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 4 hours per week
- Textbooks and Materials: Purchase from [Homeschool Gathering Place](#) or online at recommended links below.
  - [BJU Press, Spanish 1 Student Text, 3rd ed. by BJU Press](#)
  - [Spanish Dictionary: Merriam-Webster; Multilingual edition \(November 1, 2021\)](#)
  - [BJU Spanish 1 Assessments, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. <https://www.bjupress.com/spanish-1-assessments%2C-3rd-ed./5637429024.p>](#)
- Description
  - This is a beginning course in Spanish intended for students with no/little previous knowledge of the Spanish language. This course is structured from the BJU Spanish 1 (3rd edition) curriculum and introduces students to beginning Spanish. Students will learn how to ask and answer questions in Spanish, give and follow directions, purchase items, and make small talk. There will also be periodic, in-depth cultural studies on specific Spanish-speaking countries.
- Instructor Bio
  - Dawn is a homeschooling mom of 4, two of which are currently attending college, and 2 high schoolers still at home. She has been teaching Spanish for well over a decade. She started teaching in her church's preschool and began the adventure of teaching high schoolers 7 years ago and fell in love with the experience and she has enjoyed it ever since! Her greatest joys in teaching are the "light bulb" moments when a student makes a connection with the material. Dawn's hope is that they leave the class with a greater appreciation of the beauty God gave us with the creation of such a culturally diverse world and the confidence to use what they've learned in class. Dawn studied Spanish for 8 years in school (HS and college), earning a minor in Spanish while studying abroad in Mexico for a summer. Spanish, like the English language, continuously changes; therefore, Dawn tries to continuously study. She enjoys listening to Spanish Podcasts, taking continuing Ed Spanish classes at WTCC, and going on multiple mission trips to Spanish speaking areas. Dawn has also in the last year signed up to "exchange language" with other women living in Spanish speaking countries who desire to learn English while I practice Spanish.

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## Spanish 2

Contact Instructor: [Dawn Phillips](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 4 hours per week
- Textbooks and Materials: Purchase from [Homeschool Gathering Place](#) or online at recommended links below.
  - [BJU Press, Spanish 2 Student Text, 3rd ed. by BJU Press](#)
  - [BJU Press, Spanish 2 Assessments, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. by BJU Press](#)
  - [Spanish Dictionary: Merriam-Webster; Multilingual edition \(November 1, 2021\)](#)
- Description
  - This is a second-year course in Spanish intended for students with a year of Spanish language study completed. This course is structured from the BJU Spanish 2 (3rd Edition) curriculum and includes working towards an intermediate level of proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening through building vocabulary and language structures to support communication. It also strives to foster and understanding and appreciation of Hispanic culture.
- Instructor Bio
  - Dawn is a homeschooling mom of 4, two of which are currently attending college, and 2 high schoolers still at home. She has been teaching Spanish for well over a decade. She started teaching in her church preschool and began the adventure of teaching high schoolers 8 years ago and fell in love with the experience and she has enjoyed it ever since! Her greatest joys in teaching are the "light bulb" moments when a student makes a connection with the material. Dawn's hope is that they leave the class with a greater appreciation of the beauty God gave us with the creation of such a culturally diverse world and the confidence to use what they've learned in class. Dawn studied Spanish for 8 years in school (HS and college), earning a minor in Spanish while studying abroad in Mexico for a summer. Spanish, like the English language, continuously changes; therefore, Dawn tries to continuously study. She enjoys listening to Spanish Podcasts, taking continuing Ed Spanish classes at WTCC, and going on multiple mission trips to Spanish speaking areas. Dawn has also in the last year signed up to "exchange language" with other women living in Spanish speaking countries who desire to learn English while I practice Spanish.



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## U. S. History

Contact Instructor: [Battle Watkins](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: TBD
- Textbooks and Materials: Online at recommended links below: TBD
- Description

US History will be a survey course of the American experience from the time before Native collision with European arrival to today's global interaction and technological advancements. We will be analyzing the narratives of what America has been and strives to be. How has the dream developed of a nation where everyone can be free and experience happiness, prosperity, and justice? Where are God's values and the teachings of Christ in the American story? Can we learn from the past? Has brutality, exploitation, and conflict of our nation led us to actively pursue a society that resembles the kingdom described in the Sermon on the Mount or is that even possible? The hope is to engage students by making history personal, connecting lessons to their lives, and creating an interest in civic responsibility, all through the lens of a biblical worldview. The course will be taught in approximately 10-12 Units chronologically. There will be a variety of teaching methods used such as Primary source documents and sources, Note-taking, Writing samples, Research projects, Seminar discussions, Quizzes, and Tests. Class time will be interactive with conversations around the material previously assigned the week before in readings and outside materials.

- Instructor Bio:

o Battle received his BA in Secondary Education from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1993, feeling called by God to work with young people to share God's love through the classroom and athletics. He has a concentration in US History and is also Nationally Board Certified in Secondary Social Studies. He taught multiple social studies courses and coached multiple sports in Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools (3 years) and Wake County Public Schools (27 years). Battle was able to promote and write new curriculum about the Vietnam War and the Holocaust. Working with young people to think critically about our world and discover the role God has for them in it has been a passion for over 30 years. He is on staff at New Life Camp as the Athletic Director leading the Storm sports program and New Life Basketball league. His wife Shannon is a NLC camper alumni and his 4 children – Graham, Noah, Lottie, and Corrie have either worked at and/or attended summer camp. Outside of NLC, he enjoys Tar Heel sports, travel, golf, and bluegrass music.

# LEARN Academics Course Details: 2024-2025

## World Literature

Contact Instructor: Nissa Rudd ([nissa.rudd@gmail.com](mailto:nissa.rudd@gmail.com))

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 5 hours per week
- Textbooks and Materials: Purchase from [Homeschool Gathering Place](#) or online at recommended links below.
  - **Book of Job, recommended Bible translation NIV or ESV**
  - Bulfinch's Mythology - The Age of Fable by Thomas Bulfinch, Dover Thrift Edition, <https://a.co/d/91RFb99>
  - The Theban Plays by Sophocles, Dover Thrift Edition, <https://a.co/d/9QowsGc>
  - Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare, No Fear Shakespeare, <https://a.co/d/i9sGLV2>
  - Les Misérables by Victor Hugo, Abridged, Translated by Charles E. Wilbour, Fawcett Publishing, <http://a.co/8QWX0CC>
  - One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Berkley, <http://a.co/ifErC3E>
  - Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton, Scribner, <http://a.co/5rxXwP>
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- Description
  - World Literature introduces students to a variety of major authors and poets from different parts of the world. This class promotes an understanding of the works in their cultural and historical contexts. Students will complete the weekly reading assignments with accompanying reading guides provided by the teacher. Class time will include grammar instruction and practice, writing practice, and interactive discussion of the books we are reading. Writing assignments will include literary analysis essays, persuasive essays, and a creative writing short story.
- Instructor Bio
  - Nissa Rudd first started working at New Life Camp when she was twelve years old. She enjoyed her time as a summer camp counselor over the years and even met her husband at summer camp! She graduated from Meredith College in 2008 and worked as a writing tutor, magazine freelance writer, and Developmental Editor for the AICPA after graduation. She joined New Life Camp's homeschool program in 2012. Over the years, she has taught both middle school language arts and high school literature. She took a break for a few years to homeschool her own children, and she is excited to be back!

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