



LEARN Academics Schedule and Course Details 2026-2027

*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	Pre-Algebra	7 th – 8 th	Melinda Coutts	Upper Room 3	\$545	\$15
11:10am-12:40pm	Geography	8 th -12 th	Melinda Coutts	Upper Room 3	\$545	\$25
	Speech and Debate	9 th -12 th	Ginny Kinder	Upper Room 4	\$545	\$15
12:50pm-2:20pm	World History	6 th -12 th	Ginny Kinder	Upper Room 4	\$545	\$15

Wednesday	Activity (Click on activity for details)	Grades	Instructor	Location	Activity Fee	*Material Fee
9:00-10:30 am	Algebra 1	8 th -12 th	Beth Bass	Upper Room 2	\$545	\$15
	Introduction to Literature	8 th -12 th	Nissa Rudd	Upper Room 4	\$545	\$15
	Chemistry	9 th -12 th	Steph White	Upper Room 1	\$545	\$40
	Business Foundations	9 th – 12 th	Ginny Kinder	Tabernacle 1	\$545	\$15
	P.E.	9 th – 12 th	Aron Hall	Activities Center	\$545	\$40
10:40am-12:10 pm	Middle School Art	6 th – 8 th	Liana Brown	Craft Cabin	\$545	\$50
	Earth Science	7 th -9 th	Melinda Coutts	Upper Room 3	\$545	\$40
	World Lit	10 th -12 th	Nissa Rudd	Upper Room 4	\$545	\$15
	Algebra 2	10 th -12 th	Beth Bass	Upper Room 2	\$545	\$15
	Biology	9 th – 12 th	Steph White	Upper Room 1	\$545	\$40
	Creative Writing	6 th -12 th	Ginny Kinder	Tabernacle 1	\$545	\$15
12:20-12:50 pm	Lunch/Social Time	All Grades	For students who are registered and attending a class from 10:40-12:10 or 12:50-2:20	Dining Hall	-	-
12:50-2:20 pm	Middle School Grammar	6 th -8 th	Suzi Brummett	Upper Room 4	\$545	-
	Geometry	9 th -12 th	Beth Bass	Upper Room 2	\$545	\$15
	History through Christian Missions	6 th -12 th	Ginny Kinder	Tabernacle 1	\$545	\$15
2:30-4:00 pm	British Literature	10 th -12 th	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	US History	9th-12 th	Battle Watkins	Upper Room 4	\$545	-
	Anatomy	10 th -12 th	Cas Roberts	Upper Room 3	\$545	\$40
11:10am-12:40pm	Spanish 1	8 th -12 th	Dawn Phillips	Upper Room 4	\$545	\$15
	Physics	10 th -12 th	Cas Roberts	Upper Room 3	\$545	\$40
12:50-2:20pm	Spanish 2	9 th -12 th	Dawn Phillips	Upper Room 4	\$545	\$15
2:30-4:00pm	Computer Science	8 th -12 th	Stephen Totty	Upper Room 1	\$545	-

All NLC classes are offered à la carte, allowing families the flexibility to choose only the courses that best fit their students' needs and season of life. At the same time, the sample schedules below show how NLC can partner with you to build a full, cohesive homeschool schedule—one that supports academic growth, community, and balance. Whether you're looking to supplement a single subject or create a more complete weekly rhythm, NLC is designed to come alongside your homeschool journey and support what you're already doing at home.

LEARN Academics Middle School Sample Schedules

6th Grade – Sample Schedule

Tuesday:

- 12:50-2:20 World History

Wednesday

- 10:40-12:10: Middle School Art
- 12:50-2:20: Middle School Grammar or History through Christian Missions

7th Grade – Sample Schedule

Tuesday

- 9:30-11:00: Pre-Algebra
- 12:50-2:20 World History

Wednesday

- 10:40-12:10: Earth Science
- 10:40-12:10: Creative Writing
- 12:50-2:20: Middle School Grammar

8th Grade Sample Schedule

Tuesday

- 9:30-11:00: Pre-Algebra
- 11:30-12:40 Geography
- 12:50-2:20 World History

Wednesday

- 9:00-10:30: Algebra 1 or Intro. to Literature
- 10:40-12:10: Middle School Art or Earth Science
- 12:50-2:20: History through Christian Missions

Thursday

- 11:10-12:40: Spanish 1

LEARN Academics High School Sample Schedules

9th Grade – Sample Schedule

Tuesday

- 11:10-12:40: Geography or Speech and Debate
- 12:50-2:20 World History

Wednesday

- 9:00-10:30: P.E. or Algebra 1 or Business Foundations
- 10:40-12:10: Biology or Earth Science
- 12:50-2:20: Geometry or History through Missions

Thursday

- 9:30-11:00: US History
- 11:10-12:40: Spanish 1

10th Grade – Sample Schedule

Tuesday

- 11:10-12:40: Speech and Debate
- 12:50-2:20 World History

Wednesday

- 9:00-10:30: P.E. or Chemistry or Business Foundations
- 10:40-12:10: World Literature
- 12:50-2:20: Geometry
- 2:30-4:00: British Literature

Thursday

- 9:30-11:00: US History or Anatomy
- 11:10-12:40 Physics
- 12:50-2:20: Spanish 2
- 2:30-4:00: Computer Science

11th Grade – Sample Schedule

Tuesday

- 11:10-12:40: Speech and Debate
- 12:50-2:20 World History

Wednesday

- 9:00-10:30: P.E. or Chemistry or Business Foundations
- 10:40-12:10: Algebra 2
- 12:50-2:20: History through Missions
- 2:30-4:00: British Literature

Thursday

- 9:30-11:00: US History or Anatomy
- 11:10-12:40 Physics
- 12:50-2:20: Spanish 2
- 2:30-4:00: Computer Science

12th Grade – Sample Schedule

Tuesday

- 11:10-12:40: Speech and Debate
- 12:50-2:20 World History

Wednesday

- 9:00-10:30: P.E. or Chemistry or Business Foundations
- 10:40-12:10: World Literature
- 12:50-2:20: History through Missions
- 2:30-4:00: British Literature

Thursday

- 9:30-11:00: US History or Anatomy
- 11:10-12:40 Physics
- 12:50-2:20: Spanish 2 or Computer Science

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Algebra 1

Contact Instructor: [Beth Bass](#)

- Pre-Requisite Course: 7th 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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Business Foundations: From Ideas to Impact

Contact Instructor: [Ginny Kinder](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 4-5 hours per week
- Textbooks and Materials: TBD
- Description
 - What does it really take to turn an idea into a real product people want to buy? This hands-on course introduces students to the fundamentals of business and entrepreneurship through real-world projects and interactive experiences. Students will develop and pitch ideas in a *Shark Tank*-style challenge and create products for an entrepreneur market. They will also explore how branding, marketing, pricing, and money management work in real businesses while building career-ready skills such as resume writing, interview practice, teamwork, and professional communication.
- Instructor Bio
 - Ginny earned her BS in Middle Grades Education: English and History from North Carolina State University and is pursuing an MS in Artificial Intelligence at Western Governors University. She has taught in a variety of settings, including public and private schools, training educators through the N.C. Literacy Council, instructing at Wake Technical Community College, and teaching overseas in Asia. From business communication to Bible literacy, Ginny is passionate about giving students the lifelong gift of a love of learning. She has four young children who are diving into homeschooling and looks forward to partnering with your family to nurture a love of Jesus and a love of knowledge.

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British Literature

Contact Instructor: [Nissa Rudd](#)

- 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>](#)
 - [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 with a BA in English from Meredith College in 2008 and has worked as a tutor, magazine freelance writer, and Developmental Editor for the AICPA. She joined New Life Camp's homeschool program in 2012. Over the years, she has enjoyed teaching middle school language arts and high school literature at New Life Camp.

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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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Computer Science

Contact Instructor: [Stephen Totty](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 1-1.25 hours per day for average reader
- Textbooks and Materials: Laptop to bring to class, assignments will be digital.
- Description
- This course introduces students to the fundamentals of computer science and digital technology. Students will build basic computer knowledge while learning how computers work, how programs are created, and how technology impacts everyday life. Through hands-on projects, students will explore coding and problem-solving using programming languages such as Scratch, Python, and other introductory languages. The class emphasizes logical thinking, creativity, and practical skills, while also helping students explore a variety of pathways within computer-related fields. No prior experience is required—just curiosity and a willingness to learn.
- Instructor Bio
 - Stephen Totty is a software engineer currently working for Hewlett Packard Enterprise, with 28 years of experience in the field. He is fluent in multiple software languages and holds a degree in Computer Science from the University of Virginia. Stephen has worked with a variety of companies throughout Northern Virginia and the Research Triangle Park area. He also holds a patent for an algorithm used in electric meter reading validation and estimation, reflecting his depth of expertise and innovation in the field. In addition to his professional career, Stephen has been deeply involved in homeschooling his two sons since kindergarten, primarily serving as their math teacher during their high school years. He is a devoted dad to two amazing kids and, when he's not working or teaching computer science, he enjoys spending time with his family and the many pets that keep their household lively.

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Creative Writing

Contact Instructor: [Ginny Kinder](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 1-1.5 hours a day
- Textbooks and Materials: TBD

- Description:
 - This course invites students on a creative journey through the craft of writing, exploring poetry, short fiction, and imaginative prose. Students will study essential elements such as voice, character, setting, plot, imagery, structure, and style while reading and discussing engaging mentor texts that inspire creativity and experimentation. Through writing exercises, discussion, collaborative workshops, and revision, students will experiment with language and ideas, take creative risks, and develop their own unique writing practices. Emphasizing curiosity, creativity, and thoughtful feedback, this course fosters a supportive workshop environment where students can grow in confidence and joy as writers.

- Instructor Bio:
 - Ginny earned her BS in Middle Grades Education: English and History from North Carolina State University and is pursuing an MS in Artificial Intelligence at Western Governors University. She has taught in a variety of settings, including public and private schools, training educators through the N.C. Literacy Council, instructing at Wake Technical Community College, and teaching overseas in Asia. From business communication to Bible literacy, Ginny is passionate about giving students the lifelong gift of a love of learning. She has four young children who are diving into homeschooling and looks forward to partnering with your family to nurture a love of Jesus and a love of knowledge.

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Earth Science

Contact Instructor: [Melinda Coutts](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 5-6 hours
- Textbooks and Materials:
 - Earth Science by BJU Press
 - <https://www.christianbook.com/bju-press-earth-science-student-text/9781628562835/pd/508655?event=Homeschool|1004517>
 - Families will need to purchase the Kids Book and lab Manual - 5th Edition. The Edition is important!!
- 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
 - 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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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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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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Anatomy

Contact Instructor: [Cass Roberts](#)

- Pre-Requisite Course: Biology
- Textbooks and Materials: Purchase from [Homeschool Gathering Place](#) or online
 - *Apologia: Advanced Biology: The Human Body*, 2nd Edition
- Description:
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology is an in-depth look at the amazing design of the human body and how it works. Students will learn the names and locations of body structures and systems, as well as how they function together to keep us alive and moving. This course is a great choice as a third or fourth science and is especially valuable for students interested in medical or health-related fields. An Honors option is available for students seeking an additional challenge.
- Instructor Bio
 - Cas Roberts is a new transplant to the Raleigh area after living both on the West Coast and then the Midwest. She has her Associates and then continued her education in Mathematics with Emphasis in Secondary Education at Missouri University of Science and Technology. She has worked in educational ministry for over 13 years with a passion to meet each individual student where they are and help them become the best version of themselves- academically, personally, and spiritually. She also enjoys playing board games with her husband and four boys.

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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 Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde, Dover Thrift Edition, <https://a.co/d/flkDUGm>
 - The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and Other Stories by Washington Irving, Penguin Classics, [Amazon](#)
 - *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Orczy, Signet Classics, <https://a.co/d/0dLuny5l>
 - A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, Dover Thrift Edition, <https://a.co/d/2C5353P>
 - *The World's Greatest Short Stories*, Dover Thrift Edition, <https://a.co/d/04Ouhwqy>
 - The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien, William Morrow Paperbacks, <https://a.co/d/0h9eIFp5>
- 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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Middle School Art

Contact Instructor: [Liana Brown](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 3-4 hours per week
- Textbooks and Materials: TBD
- Description

This class invites students on a creative adventure as they learn to see the world like artists. Together, we will slow down to notice God's beauty, order, and design all around us, and then respond by creating art that reflects His creativity. Students will explore a variety of artists and artistic styles while building foundational skills across multiple media types. Through hands-on projects and guided exploration, students will develop techniques specific to each medium, experiment with new ideas, and grow in artistic confidence. Emphasis will be placed on observation, imagination, and joyful expression in a supportive environment where creativity can flourish. Above all, this class is designed to help students have fun, try new things, and discover the joy of creating.

- Instructor Bio
- Liana is a familiar and much-loved face in our community. She has served as an assistant teacher in our LEARN clubs art program, where she learned the heart and craft of teaching under the guidance of Sarah Tucker and Anna Heimbach. A lifelong artist, Liana brings both creativity and experience to the classroom. She has taught art at AR Workshop in Raleigh and has also shared her passion for art right here in the clubs program. Liana loves encouraging students to explore, create, and grow in confidence as artists, and she is excited to continue fostering a joyful and inspiring learning environment.

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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, 2nd Edition](#): [Rainbow Resource Center](#)
 - [Saxon Grammar and Writing 7 Student Textbook, 2nd 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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Missionary Studies: History through Christian Missions

Contact Instructor: [Ginny Kinder](#)

- Textbooks and Materials: TBD
- Description:
 - Why did men and women devote their lives to sharing the Gospel across distant lands? This course explores the history of Christian missionaries from the early church to modern times, examining their faith-driven journeys, the challenges they faced, and the lives they touched. Students will study primary sources, read missionary accounts, and participate in hands-on projects and discussions that explore how the Gospel was spread, how cultures were engaged, and how faith shaped global history. The course emphasizes critical thinking, collaboration, and a deeper understanding of God's work through His messengers.
- Instructor Bio
 - Ginny earned her BS in Middle Grades Education: English and History from North Carolina State University and is pursuing an MS in Artificial Intelligence at Western Governors University. She has taught in a variety of settings, including public and private schools, training educators through the N.C. Literacy Council, instructing at Wake Technical Community College, and teaching overseas in Asia. From business communication to Bible literacy, Ginny is passionate about giving students the lifelong gift of a love of learning. She has four young children who are diving into homeschooling and looks forward to partnering with your family to nurture a love of Jesus and a love of knowledge.

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PE Stewardship and Strength

Contact Instructor: [Aron Hall](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 3-4 hours per week
- Textbooks and Materials: TBD
- Description
 - This high-school level course is designed to help students develop physical strength, athletic competence, and sustainable habits for caring for their bodies as a gift from God. Students will participate in structured fitness training, sports skill development, and competitive team activities that build discipline, confidence, and resilience. In addition to physical training, students will learn practical, age-appropriate principles of nutrition, recovery, and daily wellness—focusing on how movement, fuel, rest, and habits affect energy, performance, and long-term stewardship. All instruction is grounded in a Biblical worldview that emphasizes honoring God by stewarding the body as His temple (1 Corinthians 6:19–20). The emphasis is on personal responsibility, character development, teamwork, and preparing students to make wise physical and lifestyle choices beyond high school.
- Instructor Bio
 - Aron Hall brings nearly 20 years of experience coaching, mentoring, and training students in athletics, leadership, and personal development. He has coached cross country and physical education at North Raleigh Christian Academy and currently coaches with New Life Storm, where he has helped develop student-athletes and contributed to championship-level teams. As a homeschool parent, Aron is passionate about helping students build strength, confidence, and discipline through fitness, sports, and practical wellness habits, all grounded in Biblical stewardship and character development. Aron and his wife Becky homeschool their four children, who have been actively involved in multiple New Life programs.
 - The Hall family is deeply invested in supporting homeschool families and creating encouraging, Christ-centered environments where students are challenged to grow physically, mentally, and spiritually.

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Physics

Pre-requisite: Algebra 1

Contact Instructor: [Cass Roberts](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 3-4 hours per week
 - Textbooks and Materials:
 - Discovering Design with Physics by Dr. Jay L Wile
 - Master's Class High School Physics Set. <https://www.masterbooks.com/masters-class-high-school-physics-set?srsId=AfmBOopEksa-1tQo09WqDnf2Ag2P9LkT16LdOteJmu-zeFPAnCjrMggZ>
 - **Not required textbooks**, but Ms. Roberts will source from the following textbooks as well: BJU Physics Student Edition, 4th ed. <https://www.bjupress.com/physics-student-edition%2C-4th-ed./5637423992.p>
 - **Not Required for class**, but Ms. Roberts will source from and students and parents may choose to print at home: <https://openstax.org/books/physics/pages/1-2-the-scientific-methods>
- Description
 - Physics is the study of how and why the principles of the universe work—and how they play out in our everyday lives. In this course, students explore topics such as energy, vectors, Newton’s Laws of Motion, thermodynamics, sound, and electricity, as well as other concepts, to better understand the world around them. This class prepares students for an entry-level college physics course by building a strong foundation in scientific vocabulary, problem-solving strategies, and formula manipulation. Students will also learn how to properly prepare and conduct laboratory experiments and how to communicate their findings through clear, well-structured lab reports. Physics is an excellent choice for aspiring engineers and students interested in science-related fields, as well as for those who are naturally curious or looking to fulfill a science requirement. An option for additional coursework is available for students who wish to earn Honors credit.
- Instructor Bio
 - Cas Roberts is a new transplant to the Raleigh area after living both on the West Coast and then the Midwest. She has her Associates and then continued her education in Mathematics with Emphasis in Secondary Education at Missouri University of Science and Technology. She has worked in educational ministry for over 13 years with a passion to meet each individual student where they are and help them become the best version of themselves- academically, personally, and spiritually. She also enjoys playing board games with her husband and four boys.

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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, 3rd Edition](#), Saxon Publishing
 - [Saxon Algebra ½ Homeschool Packet, 3rd Edition](#), Saxon Publishing
 - [Saxon Algebra ½ Test Forms, 3rd Edition](#), Saxon Publishing
 - [Saxon Algebra ½ Solutions Manual, 3rd 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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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, 3rd 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, 3rd 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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Speech and Debate

Contact Instructor: [Ginny Kinder](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 4-5 hours per week
- Textbooks and Materials: TBD
- Have you ever wanted to speak clearly, think fast, and persuade others with your ideas? This course introduces middle school students to the basics of debate and public speaking, including research, argument building, and delivering speeches with confidence. Through fun, hands-on activities, practice debates, and short speech exercises, students will learn to organize their thoughts, listen to different perspectives, and communicate effectively. The class focuses on building confidence, teamwork, and critical thinking in a supportive and engaging environment.
- Instructor Bio
 - Ginny earned her BS in Middle Grades Education: English and History from North Carolina State University and is pursuing an MS in Artificial Intelligence at Western Governors University. She has taught in a variety of settings, including public and private schools, training educators through the N.C. Literacy Council, instructing at Wake Technical Community College, and teaching overseas in Asia. From business communication to Bible literacy, Ginny is passionate about giving students the lifelong gift of a love of learning. She has four young children who are diving into homeschooling and looks forward to partnering with your family to nurture a love of Jesus and a love of knowledge.

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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.

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World History

Contact Instructor: [Ginny Kinder](#)

- Weekly School Work Hours at Home: 1-1.5 hours a day
- Textbooks and Materials: TBD
- Description:
 - Explore the development of civilizations from ancient societies and classical empires to revolutions and world wars. This course examines the political, economic, and cultural forces that shaped global history. Through hands-on simulations, analysis of primary sources, artifact studies, and creative projects, students actively engage with historical evidence while building strong critical thinking and analytical skills.
- Instructor Bio:
 - Ginny earned her BS in Middle Grades Education: English and History from North Carolina State University and is pursuing an MS in Artificial Intelligence at Western Governors University. She has taught in a variety of settings, including public and private schools, training educators through the N.C. Literacy Council, instructing at Wake Technical Community College, and teaching overseas in Asia. From business communication to Bible literacy, Ginny is passionate about giving students the lifelong gift of a love of learning. She has four young children who are diving into homeschooling and looks forward to partnering with your family to nurture a love of Jesus and a love of knowledge.

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World Literature

Contact Instructor: [Nissa Rudd](#)

- 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* to: *The Three Theban Plays* by Sophocles, Translated by Robert Fagle, Penguin Classics, <https://a.co/d/04ST3OYu>
 - 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/5rxaXwP>
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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 with a BA in English from Meredith College in 2008 and has worked as a tutor, magazine freelance writer, and Developmental Editor for the AICPA. She joined New Life Camp's homeschool program in 2012. Over the years, she has enjoyed teaching middle school language arts and high school literature at New Life Camp.

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