

# The Super Saturday Program

## Spring Term Class List

### 2025





Online registration is required at:  
[www.supersaturday.org/registration/](http://www.supersaturday.org/registration/)

Teen Leader Program application documents available online at:  
[www.supersaturday.org/teens/](http://www.supersaturday.org/teens/)



## The Details:

Registration:  
2/2/25 - 2/15/25

Late Registration:  
2/16/25 - 2/22/25

Session Dates:  
3/8/25 - 4/12/25  
\*No class make-up date\*

Morning Session: 9:30-11:30  
Afternoon Session: 12:30-2:30

### FAQs:

- Tuition will be \$80/class/term, paid directly to The Super Saturday Program.
- Lab fees are for class supply expenses and should be paid directly to the teacher on the first day of class.
- Students are welcome to bring their own personal water bottles to campus; no other beverages are allowed in classrooms.

See website for more questions or email:  
[messagecenter@supersaturday.org](mailto:messagecenter@supersaturday.org)

## Our Location!

All classes will be at our new location:

DePaul Cristo Rey High School  
3440 Central Parkway  
Cincinnati, OH 45225





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## Get Sparked with ART

**Ages: 4-6**

Instructor: Priscilla Oehlschlaeger

(#22501) Lab Fee: \$40

*Activity Level: 1*

*Class Type: Workshop*

*Frequency: R*

Get your creative side going! Make a Treasure Tin for art supplies. Work on color blending, paper bag puppets, a Bottle Buddy, costume design, and collages. Draw a puzzle design to fill in with markers and scraps.

## LEGO Mindstorms Robotics!

**Ages: 7-9**

Instructor: Janet Bockey

(#22502) Lab Fee: \$60

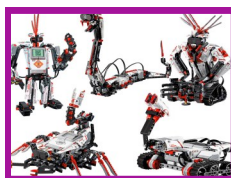
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## Scientific Mayhem

**Ages: 7-9**

Instructor: Lisa Bacu/Monica Hennessy

(#22503) Lab Fee: \$40

*Activity Level: 2*

*Class Type: Challenge*

*Frequency: R*

Let's have some fun doing some science! We will explore, build, test, and mix all kinds of things. How tall can I build this tower? What will happen if I mix these two things? What does this look like on the inside? How does this work? Join us and discover something new!



## Cool Chemistry II

**Ages: 7-10**

Instructor: Barbara James

(#22504) Lab Fee: \$40

*Activity Level: 3*

*Class Type: Stand-Alone*

*Frequency: R*

Measure, mix, swirl and pour into the world of chemistry as we explore reactions that make volcanoes, density bottles, color, slime and much more. Explore with us in this fun, hands-on class.

## Crypto: World of Codes & Ciphers

**Ages: 8-11**

Instructor: Andrew Speno

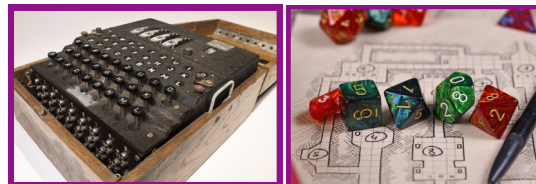
(#22505) Lab Fee: \$0

*Activity Level: 2*

*Class Type: Challenge*

*Frequency: I/C*

Cryptography, the art and science of secret writing, is as old as the pharaohs. In this class, we will learn some of the cleverest ciphers ever devised. Each week we decipher hidden messages, encipher our own, and go on a cryptographic treasure hunt.



## Heroes & Monsters: A Dungeon Master's Guide to World Building

**Ages: 8-11**

Instructor: John Hennessy/Melanie Simkins

(#22506) Lab Fee: \$30

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## Be a Podcaster

**Ages: 9-12**

Instructor: P.F. Wilson

(#22507) Lab Fee: \$0

*Activity Level: 2*

*Class Type: Workshop*

*Frequency: R*

You, our newest podcaster, will learn how to make your own internet radio show, also known as a podcast. From choosing what the show will be about to recording, editing, and posting - you will learn the medium from the ground up.

**NOTE: Please bring a device with audio recording abilities.**



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## Advanced Rocketry

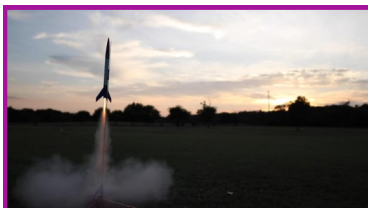
**Ages: 9-14**

Instructor: Ryan Cheng  
 (#22508) Lab Fee: \$20  
 Class Type: Challenge

Activity Level: 2  
 Frequency: S

You mastered beginner rocketry! Explore Mid-Power, Multistage, Helicopter, Cluster, Glider & Spinning Models. Soar to 1000 ft! Use B to F engines. Bring and build 3 of your favorite rockets based on your skill level (intermediate to expert). **NOTE: Prior rocketry experience required. Must purchase own kits, engines, and use hobby knives.**

**\*\*Launch date 4/13 at Joyce Park (Rain Date 4/27)**



## Stop Motion Animation Extravaganza!

Instructor: Korin Mattei  
 (#22509) Lab Fee: \$50  
 Class Type: Workshop

**Ages: 10-14**  
 Activity Level: 3  
 Frequency: R

Bring your imagination and explore some of the basics of stop motion animation while making fun videos. We will work with Lego, clay, and paper while you learn to use an animation app and bring your own stories to life! Build your sets, create your backgrounds, sculpt your models and we'll see what you can do in this highly individualized workshop.

**NOTE: Students must bring a device capable of using Bluetooth and the Stop Motion Studio app installed by the first day of class.**



## Introduction to Python

**Ages: 10-14**

Instructor: Nitin Kulkarni/Nate Anderson  
 (#22510) Lab Fee: \$0  
 Class Type: Workshop

Activity Level: 2  
 Frequency: I

Introduction to Python Programming language. The goal is to prepare the kids to take the Python certification exam conducted by Python Institute, a world recognized certification. Learn to understand fundamental terms, definitions, and understand Python's logic & structure. We will introduce literals & variables along with different numeral systems.

**NOTE: Must have computer/tablet capable of editing Python script.**



## Mission Impossible 2

**Ages: 11-14**

Instructor: Dr. Mia Burnett  
 (#22511) Lab Fee: \$40  
 Class Type: Challenge

Activity Level: 1  
 Frequency: R

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to solve problems others deem impossible. Use creative problem solving techniques and group cooperation to tackle tasks involving physics, forensics, the environment, your senses, service, nutrition and more.



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*Frequency: R*

Come measure, pour, mix and swirl into the world of chemistry as we explore reactions that make volcanoes, density bottles, color, slime, sidewalk chalk and much more. This totally hands on class is both fun and educational.



## Math Adventures & More

**Ages: 6-7**

Instructor: Gina Baldwin

(#22552) Lab Fee: \$20

*Activity Level: 3*

*Class Type: Challenge*

*Frequency: R*

Explore mathematical fiction, solve puzzles, and challenge your brain. Visit with Sir Cumference, solve math mysteries, and experiment with numbers, geometry, and art. Join us on this adventure!

## Little Scientists

**Ages: 7-9**

Instructor: Dr. Mia Burnett

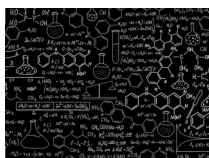
(#22553) Lab Fee: \$40

*Activity Level: 2*

*Class Type: Challenge*

*Frequency: R/C*

Budding scientists will run experiments that involve chemical reactions that result in producing diffusion, acids and bases, and fun responses. We'll also touch on forensics and focus on safety. (Challenges change each term.)



## The Sew-Sew Club

**Ages: 7-10**

Instructor: Priscilla Oehlschlaeger

(#22554) Lab Fee: \$40

*Activity Level: 1*

*Class Type: Workshop*

*Frequency: R*

Learn how to sew by hand or with a sewing machine. Learn about fabric texture, weave and weight. Design purses, capes, aprons, pillows, dolls, stuffed animals and accessories for your own style. Learn about seam allowances, how to sew on a button, and how to thread a sewing machine.



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## Tactix: Settlers of Catan

**Ages: 9-12**

Instructor: Andrew Speno

(#22558) Lab Fee: \$0

*Activity Level: 2*
*Class Type: Stand-Alone*
*Frequency: I/C*

Build a civilization using five main resources: lumber, bricks, grain, wool, and ore. Plan ahead, get the right balance, and your settlement can be the first to grow into a city. With the Seafarers expansion pack, you can be the first to cross the strait to Gold Island!

## Filmmaking Boot Camp:

### Make a Short Film!

**Ages: 9-14**

Instructor: Nathan Anderson/Evan Holzman

(#22559) Lab Fee: \$5

*Activity Level: 2*
*Class Type: Workshop*
*Frequency: N*

HEY ALL CREATIVES! From every YouTuber to the biggest Hollywood directors, filmmaking is a universal language anyone can learn to speak. If you're interested in writing, directing, photography, editing, or being creative, this class is for you! We will cover a new topic each week while making on our own short, high-quality films! The final class will be a screening & award ceremony for everyone's films!



## Master Rocketry

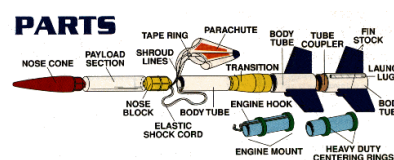
Instructor: Ryan Cheng

**Ages: 10-14**

(#22560) Lab Fee: \$20

*Activity Level: 2*
*Class Type: Workshop*
*Frequency: N/S*

Explore Level 4 or 5, Mid-Power, Pro-Series, 3-Stage & Turbo-Spin Models. Prep for Rocketry Competition and Jr High Power Certification (age 14). Soar to 2500 ft! Use C - I class motors. Build two rockets based on your skill level (Advanced to Master). **NOTE: Requires prior advanced rocketry experience. Must purchase own kits & engines. Dayton/Cedarville High Power launch site on 4/12 & 4/26.**



## Writing for Laughs Workshop

**Ages: 10-14**

Instructor: P.F. Wilson

(#22561) Lab Fee: \$0

*Activity Level: 3*
*Class Type: Workshop*
*Frequency: R*

Great comedy doesn't just happen, it has to be crafted, and that starts with writing. Learn the basic principles of comedy, including satire and parody. Create skits, parody songs, fake newscasts as well as your own stand-up comedy routine.



## Super Theater Troupe:

### Modern Shakespeare

**Ages: 11-14**

Instructor: Joanna Harm

(#22562) Lab Fee: \$5

*Activity Level: 2*
*Class Type: Workshop*
*Frequency: N*

Join our cast to help select a play by Shakespeare. Explore the timeless psychology of key scenes and the history of theater, Shakespeare and Elizabethan times. We'll then collaborate on a modern adaptation to perform for our families on the last week of class.



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# Afternoon Classes:

# 12:30-2:30

## Float & Fly with Physics

Instructor: Dr. Ken Brown

(#22563) Lab Fee: \$50

Class Type: *Stand-Alone*

**Ages: 12-14**

Activity Level: 2

Frequency: *N*

Join fun experiments while exploring physics. We will make giant bubbles, micro kites, model airplanes, electric circuits with LEDs, and launch balloons and rockets. Join us as we study the physics of flight.



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## Parent Volunteering

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### 1) On Saturday, On-Site

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### 2) In the Program's Operations

As children grow up and families move on to new challenges in supporting them, the program will always have a need for new committed volunteers. As the program grows to better serve more children, our volunteering time and knowledge needs grow as well. Skills and experience you could contribute: event planning, hospitality, photography, human resources, public speaking, scheduling, web development, leadership, and more.

### 3) In Your Community

There are far more families who could benefit from The Super Saturday Program than ever hear about it. You can help others find us and give our service a try by telling your child's teacher, gifted specialist, or physician of the value you are seeing or by sharing your experience with other families.

If you're able to help more, you can take on one of the bigger roles that need to be filled. You can find more information on volunteering and a link to fill out a volunteer survey on our website at [www.supersaturday.org/volunteer/](http://www.supersaturday.org/volunteer/).

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- ◆ Do NOT include lab fee with registration. Pay lab fees to teacher on first day of class.
  - ◆ Registration opens online February 2, 2025.
  - ◆ Only register your child for one AM class and/or one PM class per session. Jackrabbit does not prevent you from registering for multiple classes and will automatically charge you for each class registered, so please be cognizant of this.
  - ◆ If paying by check or are applying for financial assistance, register online then mail payment information within 2 days. **If we do not receive payment within 7 days, your student will be moved to a waiting list.**
  - ◆ If paying by check, registrations mailed after February 15 should include non-refundable \$25 late fee (maximum \$50 late fee per family). Returned checks will result in \$20 fee. Checks payable to:  
***The Super Saturday Program***
- Mail to: **The Super Saturday Program**  
**PO Box 43385**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio 45243**
- ◆ Parents must drop off and pick up their children for each morning and each afternoon class. Students may not be dropped off earlier than 10 minutes prior to class. Parents arriving late to pick up should go to the Gifted Community Enrichment (GCE) Room. There is no supervision available during lunchtime.
  - ◆ Parents who assist in their children's classrooms report much greater appreciation for this program and its classes.
  - ◆ Parents who are not assisting in classrooms are encouraged to join in the **Gifted Community Enrichment (GCE) Room** for conversation and field experts, as a parent or guardian should remain on campus.
  - ◆ **Educational events for parents** are presented free of charge on Saturdays and are typically held in the **GCE Room**. Past presentations have covered such topics as Parent Effectiveness Training, Literature for Gifted Children, Advocacy, Post-Secondary Education, Home-Schooling and Open Forum Discussions. Confirmation letters and posted signs detail the specific speakers and dates for each session.

## FINANCIAL AID/GRANTS

A limited number of tuition and lab fee grants are available each term. Please send documentation annually to [registration@supersaturday.org](mailto:registration@supersaturday.org) or via hard copy mail to the address above. Documentation can be anything that shows your child qualifies or government assistance (i.e. Medicaid, W.I.C., or free/reduced price lunch). Requests to use financial assistance need to be made each term; documentation to qualify is required once per year. Other grant opportunities may be available. Please check our website ([www.supersaturday.org](http://www.supersaturday.org)), or email [messagecenter@supersaturday.org](mailto:messagecenter@supersaturday.org) to find out more about those opportunities.

## HOW TO CHOOSE A CLASS

1. Students should always be involved in class selection. This helps ensure a higher quality class experience for your child, for other children and for the teacher.
2. Age ranges for individual classes are designed to take into account both the intellectual and emotional development of our students as well as to create a manageable classroom for our teachers. We cannot allow exceptions to these ranges. If you are interested in a class being offered for a different age range, please let us know and we can try to meet requests in future terms.
3. If you have questions about the appropriateness of a class for your child, contact us at [messagecenter@supersaturday.org](mailto:messagecenter@supersaturday.org). We can get you more information to make the best choices for your situation. We can arrange class visits during active sessions.
4. Class changes after your registration has been submitted must be discussed with the Registrar or the President. Teachers are not involved in the registration process and cannot approve changes in enrollment.

## ACTIVITY LEVEL KEY

1. *Very active. Students will be moving around for almost the whole class.*
2. *Mostly active. Students will be moving around, or participating in hands-on activities for 60% or more of the class.*
3. *In between. Students will be doing some hands-on activities but will also spend a significant amount of time in sedentary scholarly pursuits.*
4. *Traditional classroom. A "traditional classroom" class where students will engage in sedentary scholarly pursuits.*

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## PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATION

This section is to be completed by a psychologist, psychiatrist, psychometrist, pediatrician or a school professional (teacher, principal or gifted coordinator). A professional recommendation is needed only by students enrolling for the first time or by those who haven't participated in The Super Saturday Program within the last two years.

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ meets one of the following criteria:  
(Name of Student)

Check One:

- Mental ability (I.Q.) of a standard score on a cognitive ability measure equivalent to the 95th (or above) percentile.
- Achievement test scores in "Total Reading" or "Total Math" at (or above) the 95th percentile.
- Although test scores are not available or appropriate, this student has shown evidence of outstanding intellectual achievement or potential. (Narrative description must be included below.)

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# Instructor Biographies:

**Nathan Anderson** is a UC student pursuing his Masters of Health Informatics, a Bachelors of Information Technology (Data Technologies), and a Minor in Spanish. Nate is the current Vice President of UC's Video Production Club, a club of ~55 members, who serve as a centralized resource club for those interested in filmmaking achieve their goals. We provide members with weekly guest speakers and masterclasses from industry professionals for all roles, \*as well as facilitating the creation of professional quality creative/narrative short films!\* In his free time, he loves playing videogames, rollerblading, data analytics, and other creative endeavors from poetry & photography to music production & social work / activism.

**Lisa Bacu** was born and raised in Ohio and earned her BS in Biology from Muskingum University in New Concord, OH. She worked full-time at Battelle Memorial Institute for 10 years as an analytical chemist, earning her MS in Environmental Science from The Ohio State University. After completing her graduate work, she moved to CT as an Environmental Scientist with Pfizer, Inc. Lisa returned to Ohio with her family and has been working with students and teaching science classes for 6+ years. She is the owner of Scientific Mayhem, LLC.

**Gina Baldwin** has a BS in Mechanical Engineering, worked for 15 years at Procter & Gamble before deciding to stay home with her three boys. Her gifted boys keep her on her toes and reaching for new ideas. She has had love for math since seeing pre-algebra in junior high. Math can be a lot of fun and she wants to see all kids learn to enjoy it, even if it is not their strength area.

**Janet Bockey** was originally drawn in to robotics by her oldest son, Janet has been teaching LEGO MINDSTORMS classes for 12 years, doing everything from 10 years of Super Saturdays, after-school programs, Scouts groups, summer camps, and parties. She also coached a FIRST LEGO LEAGUE team. Janet is a UC grad, and live in a house full of LEGOs in Liberty Township with her husband and sons. Their family 'pet' is a NXT robotic-alligator named Fred, who sometimes visits her classes!

**Dr. Mia Burnett** has a Bachelors degree in Forensic Chemistry from Ohio University, a Masters degree in Forensic Toxicology from the University of Florida, a Masters degree in Chemistry and a PhD in Environmental Sciences from Wright State University. Dr. Burnett worked at the Hamilton County

Coroner's Office for 12 years, and is currently working as an independent contractor and a government researcher. Dr. Burnett has been teaching for over 21 years and enjoys presenting community outreach programs.

**Dr. Kenneth Brown** is a retired Research Chemist from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health with 50 years of professional work using science, technology, engineering, and math industries. He is interested in mentoring young scientists toward their careers in science through the Super Saturday Program.

**Ryan L Cheng** graduated from Sinclair College with an Associate Degree in Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology (ABET accredited). Currently an undergrad from Miami University majoring in Information Tech and Cybersecurity. He has SolidWorks CSWA, National Association of Rocketry Level 2 High Power and Teacher Certification, and enjoys mentoring student teams for FIRST, VEX, TARC, Ohio 4-H, and Rocketry & Science Projects. Ryan believes getting students excited about STEM at an early age is the key to giving them the skills to be critical thinkers.

**Joanna Harm** has been curious since she was a child. Although disappointed she did not want to play tennis like the rest of the family, her humanities-teacher-mother drove her downtown to take classes at the Dayton Ballet from the age of five to just before starting pointe and to do community theater with the Dayton Theatre Guild and Dayton Playhouse. In her own four daughters, she instilled a love of arts and culture, curiosity and reason, including taking them to TSSP.

**John Hennessy** is a student at Lakota West High School in the class of 2026. He has been a student at Super Saturday since 2014 and has been a Teen Leader since 2022, working with Lisa Bacu, Kelly Reilman, and Melanie Simkins. He works for Scientific Mayhem and is involved in the Lakota West Band Program.

**Monica Hennessy** has a BS and MSED in mathematics. She has a gifted son of her own that has kept her challenged. She is currently a math professor for the University of Cincinnati at their Blue Ash Campus.

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**Evan Holzman** is visual artist / teacher / actor / producer. His greatest joys have been in the joy of creating new works with students. The video classes he offers are never the same - built for the needs of the group of students. The process includes mutually creating a project then writing, planning, performing, lighting, shooting & editing the project. It is the process of creation that is primary!

**Barbara James**, a teacher with Super Saturday since 1999, is a National Award Winning Teacher and a Cincinnati Public School's Educator of the Year. 'I look forward to Super Saturday mornings with joy because I love teaching and the children come excited about learning'.

**Nitin Kulkarni** is an experienced IT professional with over 20 years of experience and has worked across the globe for Fortune 500 companies. "I'm very passionate about technology." He has taught kids as young as 3rd grade in technologies such as HTML, CSS, Javascript, and Python. He has also helped students successfully take the Python certification exam.

**Korin Mattei** is a 3rd generation artist and general creative. Raised by an artist and an inventor, her driving passion is to support outside of the box thinking and help foster creativity. She has taught multiple classes with Super Saturday over the years, also serving as a board member, Operations Manager and parent. Her son is a stop motion animator, and they have worked together over the years perfecting his craft.

**Priscilla Oehlschlaeger** is the author of *Make Costumes: For Creative Play* (North Light Books 1992.) She has taught for Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Carnegie Visual & Performing Arts Center, Cincinnati Public Libraries, UC summer camp, Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park, The Super Saturday Program, Cincinnati Art Museum, Children's Museum of Cincinnati and at several local schools, nursing homes and special events.

**Melanie Simkins** is a sci-fi, fantasy, cosplaying geek whose daily reality is to masquerade as an Ecological Project Manager. She wears multiple hats at work: biologist, cartographer, hydrology modeler, regulatory consultant, and habitat engineer. Viewing the world from different perspectives with a little imagination helps inspire a life-long pursuit of scholarship. "It's been a delight to teach at Super Saturday for 10 years. Let's be creative and explore science together!"

**Andrew Speno** was an elementary school teacher for 20 years and has taught classes at Super Saturday since 2009. During the week, he substitutes for five local districts. He is the author of two nonfiction books for middle-grade readers. He is an avid go player, an ancient strategy game from China and Japan.

**P.F. Wilson** is a freelance writer whose work appears in papers around the country. He was also a contributing comedy writer for The Gary Burbank Show. He also contributed to The American Comedy Network and Morning Sidekick radio services. He currently hosts his own podcast, P.F.'s Tape Recorder and produces The Cincy Shirts Podcast.



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