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**THE
LEARNING
HUB**

2025-2026 HANDBOOK

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Program Overview

Welcome to The Kroc Center's Learning Hub. We aim to partner with you to enhance your child's non-traditional learning education. We provide engaging courses that enrich your student's development through opportunities to learn and grow in collaborative, hands-on classes. Our class sizes are capped to ensure class sizes are small, but the experience is not.

Our program aims to be an inclusive environment where students feel welcome and thrive. Teachers adapt to meeting the needs of all types of learners, and parent partnerships are valued to make sure the student's needs are met. Additionally, while the Salvation Army is a church, we utilize a secular curriculum in our classes and serve families from a variety of faith traditions and cultural backgrounds.

The Mission

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

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CALENDAR

August 14, 12-2 PM	Fall Open House
August 18	First Day of Fall Semester
September 1	Labor Day
October 13-14	Fall Break
November 11	Veterans Day
November 19	Last Day of Fall Semester

January 22, 12-2 PM	Spring Open House
January 26	First Day of Spring Semester
February 16	Student/Teacher Holiday
April 6-17	Spring Break
April 29	Last Day of Spring Semester



Holidays



Semester Start & End



Open House

Daily Schedule

Time	Mondays & Wednesdays
10:00 AM - 10:55 AM	Beginner Spanish
11:00 AM - 11:55 AM	Theatre
12:00 PM - 12:55 PM	Sports and Fitness
1:00 PM - 1:55 PM	Break
2:00 PM - 2:55 PM	Beginner Robotics

SESSIONS	
Week 1 - Aug. 18 & 20	Week 7- Oct. 6 & 8
Week 2- Aug. 25 & 27	Week 8- Oct. 20 & 22
Week 3- Sept. 8 & 10	Week 9- Oct. 27 & 29
Week 4- Sept. 15 & 17	Week 10- Nov. 3 & 5
Week 5- Sept. 22 & 24	Week 11- Nov. 10 & 12
Week 6- Sept. 29 & Oct. 1	Week 12- Nov. 17 & 19

Class Descriptions

Class	Instructor	Description
Agriculture	TBA	This hands-on agriculture and gardening class invites kids to dig in—literally! Participants will learn how to plant, grow, and harvest fruits and vegetables while discovering the joy of healthy eating. Along the way, they'll build patience, strengthen focus and memory, and expand their knowledge of nutrition and sustainability. Each session weaves in lessons on how small choices can make a big impact on our planet. From getting their hands dirty to soaking up sunshine and Vitamin D, kids will grow more than just plants—they'll grow confidence, responsibility, and a love for healthy living.
Art	Jennifer Munson	In this fun and expressive class, students will build on their foundational art skills while exploring new techniques using oil pastels, paint, paper, and more. Through hands-on projects and guided discovery, children will learn about the 7 elements of art—line, shape, color, value, texture, form, and space—while gaining confidence in their creativity. Whether they're mixing colors or sketching their imagination, every class is designed to inspire joy, self-expression, and artistic growth.
Art Exploration	Jennifer Munson	This class encourages children to see themselves as artists while discovering their unique interests through a variety of art materials. With a focus on the fundamental elements of art, students will explore both two- and three-dimensional media—including pencil, colored pencil, paint, and clay. From sketching to sculpting, this hands-on experience nurtures creativity, builds foundational skills, and helps each child express their imagination with confidence.
Aqua-Adventures	Mekayla Hinckley	Designed for homeschoolers, Aqua Adventures is a five-month aquatic program that builds water confidence and skills through a variety of engaging water sports and activities. Students will improve their swimming abilities, boost physical fitness, and develop teamwork—all while having a blast in the pool. It's the perfect mix of learning, movement, and fun that inspires a lifelong love for the water.

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Introduction to Spanish	Jennifer Munson	In this fun and interactive class, kids will learn basic Spanish through songs, games, and simple conversations. They'll explore everyday vocabulary like greetings, numbers, colors, and common phrases—building confidence while discovering the joy of a new language!
Sports and Fitness	Jay Williams	This two-part class blends physical activity with holistic health education. During the fitness portion, students will boost their strength and endurance through bodyweight workouts, boot camps, calisthenics, and fun fitness games. In the health segment, they'll explore the 8 dimensions of wellness—emotional, physical, occupational, intellectual, financial, social, environmental, and spiritual.* Through interactive lessons, kids will learn how to take care of their bodies, build healthy habits, and discover what gives their life meaning. *Note: The spiritual dimension is not religion-based; it focuses on personal values and having a sense of purpose.
Swim Lessons	Mekayla Hinckley	Swim lessons at the Kroc Center follow the trusted Red Cross Learn-to-Swim curriculum, designed to help kids build water confidence and safety skills step by step. Classes are offered for ages 5–12 and 13–17, progressing through Levels 1–3: from basic water comfort to stroke development and refinement. Each small-group class (6 students max) runs on a 4-week schedule, ensuring plenty of personal attention and steady progress in the pool.
Robotics	Ben Blake	If your child loves LEGO®, they'll love turning that passion into real-world skills with this hands-on robotics class! Students will explore the basics of engineering and programming by building LEGO® projects that come to life through intuitive, drag-and-drop coding. Younger learners will work with simple motors and mechanisms, while older students will dive into more advanced builds using sensors and Mindstorms technology. It's a fun and interactive way to develop problem-solving skills, spark creativity, and play with purpose!

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Team Sports	Michael Johnson	In this high-energy class, students will learn the fundamentals, rules, and strategies of a variety of team sports and playground games. From basketball and soccer to flag football, kickball, volleyball, dodgeball, horseshoes, and cornhole—participants will build teamwork, sportsmanship, and coordination while staying active and having fun.
Theater	TBD	Perfect for beginners, this lively and supportive class helps students build confidence, express creativity, and work as a team. Through fun games and exercises, kids will strengthen their imagination and communication skills—laying the foundation for future success on stage and beyond!

Policies and Procedures

Registration

Registration can be done at The Kroc Center welcome desk, or by visiting www.augustakroc.org. You will need to create an online account to register. Please carefully read the descriptions for each class you register for, course content, recommended age ranges, homework expectations, and supply requirements before choosing classes for your child. All class transfers and withdrawals will result in the loss of the deposit/administrative fee paid at registration. Please be mindful of this when registering. Transfers that take place due to a waitlist spot opening or a canceled class will not be charged an additional administrative fee.

Cancellations/Refunds

Monetary refunds will not be given unless the Homeschool Program/Class is canceled by Kroc Center Staff. If the class does not have (4) students by the registration deadline the class will be cancelled and those who registered may receive a refund or have their tuition transferred to another class.

Age Policy

Children must be five years of age by registration to enroll in the program. NO EXCEPTIONS. Students with special needs will be enrolled in age-appropriate classes.

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ADA Policy

We're committed to providing equal opportunity and access to all children.

The Salvation Army Kroc Center does not discriminate against any individual based on disability or based on any individual's association or relationship with an individual with a disability in the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations offered at any of its locations.

Everyone who attends Kroc programs has unique needs. We are better when we take time to find out what those needs are, build empathy and understanding, and respond to individuals appropriately. The Kroc offers inclusive, welcoming programs dedicated to serving those needs in the best way possible.

Because every person is unique, we address each request individually. Your child's success and safety in our programs are our top priorities; therefore, we respectfully ask parents and caregivers to inform the Kroc staff, before the start of the program, of any special needs that may require special accommodations, so we can work together to support your child in reaching their full potential.

If you have questions about ADA accommodations at The Learning Hub, please contact Heather Cupp.

What to Bring

Participants are welcome to bring a backpack or bag to carry all of their items. Be sure that all of the items brought with your child are labeled, including the bag. In this bag, we suggest packing:

- Water Bottle
 - Be sure to write their name on their bottle. Glass water bottles are not permitted.
- Lunch
 - Lunch is not provided. Please note that we do not allow nut products and we do not have a way to refrigerate or heat any lunch or snack items brought.
- Snacks
 - Snacks are not provided by the facility. Please do not send candy or sugary drinks. Students will not be taken by staff to visit the vending machines for snacks.
- Sunscreen
 - We recommend SPF 35 or higher for children participating in outdoor classes and activities. We highly suggest students arrive already with sunscreen applied. On account of child safety standards, staff are not allowed to apply sunscreen to children.
- A sweater/sweatshirt
 - Classrooms can get chilly

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What NOT to Bring

Some items are not welcome at homeschool programs at The Kroc Center for the safety of the children as well as to encourage interactions among students. These items are:

- Cellphones may be left in a child's bookbag, but are not allowed to be used during class
- Electronics: Tablets, iPods, electronic games, video cameras, etc., unless explicitly noted that this is a requirement of the class
- Expensive jewelry or other belongings.
- Shoes with wheels in the soles ("heelies").
- Personal toys such as cards/trading games, motorized cars, boats, dolls, stuffed animals, sports equipment, etc.
- Pillows or blankets
- Pets
- Drugs or alcohol of any type
- Weapons: guns, knives, nun chucks, or any other weapon (real or pretend)

Additionally, The Kroc Center is not responsible for student possessions that are lost or stolen. Please do not have your student bring valuables! Lost and found items are kept for two weeks after a session and then donated to the local Salvation Army Thrift Store.

Photography

To promote The Salvation Army Kroc Center and its programs, photograph or video footage may be taken from time to time per the Photo Release Waiver signed by the parent or guardian. No parent or nonrepresentative of The Salvation Army Kroc Center may take photographs or video footage of any aspects of the program.

Attire

Students should wear loose-fitting clothing to allow them to play and move comfortably. Tennis shoes must be worn in sports-related programming such as P.E., Sports STEM, and weight training. Flipflops, sandals, or exposed feet will not be accepted in P.E. or fitness programming. If your child has a class they need to change for, please be here to help them. Please note that staff will NOT be able to help students change for any reason.

Pool

For homeschool classes that involve swimming: Participants change in our single private cabanas for swimming. All students will be required to take a swim test to show their skill level before entering the pool.

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Children who cannot swim well are required to remain in the shallow recreation pool. Due to safety concerns, the only flotation devices permitted are swim floaties (worn up on the arm), a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket, and flotation swimsuits.

The following items MAY NOT be brought into the pool: swimming training devices, water guns, kickboards, neck rings, toys, and inflatable tubes/beds. To provide the best care possible, please indicate your child's swimming abilities in the provided area on the registration form.

Disciplinary Policy

All participants in the homeschool program are expected to:

1. Be respectful to all people and property at The Kroc Center
2. Not use foul language
3. Not engage in fighting**
4. Not steal**
5. Not destroy property**
6. Not display any other behavior that may jeopardize the health and safety of themselves or others**

These offenses may result directly in expulsion from the homeschool program

The following is a list of disciplinary procedures for homeschooled students. They are modified and handled on a case-by-case basis. The purpose of each action is to bring about a change of behavior and is not simply punitive in nature. These actions are devised and applied to discourage the continuation of unacceptable conduct.

7. Verbal Warning

- a. The student is issued a verbal warning, parents and/or guardians may be contacted as well.

8. Written warning

- a. The parent receives a written incident report citing the incident details and action to follow, and a copy of the incident report is kept on file. (Parents and/or guardians may be contacted at the time of the incident as well.)

9. Parent-teacher meeting

- a. Students and parents will meet with leadership staff to decide on the next appropriate course of action, including the possibility of suspension or expulsion from the program.

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Home School Procedures:

1. All parents must fill out the pickup form listing two additional active emergency contact phone numbers. Children must be picked up on time, from their classes, or a \$10 fee will be charged for every (10) minutes the ch.
2. Parents must come inside The Kroc Center to sign their children into and out of the program.
3. Classes will end five minutes early so children can travel to their next class.
4. Parents are encouraged to walk their children from their classes. Unless your child is 16 years or older, your child should not be unaccompanied in the building at any time.

Custody

Please alert The Kroc program office of child custody arrangements. Official, current court documents must be maintained in your child's file if custody or visitation is a concern. Without court orders, we cannot withhold a child from his/her parent. Based on the information that you share with us, we will tell you if additional documentation is required. If additional information is required, you may send it to heather.cupp@uss.salvationarmy.org.

The parent(s) who registers the child for the program is responsible for payments. We cannot sub-divide fees.

If parents are separated or divorced with joint custody, both parents must provide written consent for all names on the Emergency Contacts & Authorized Pick-ups list.

Arrival and Dismissal

Drop-off/Departure and Late fees

Students must be dropped off by a parent/guardian in the building, no out-front drop-offs or pickups are permissible. Parents/Guardians must sign in/out at the designated area and have completed the registration forms while their student is in the program. Students may not be in the building outside of class hours unattended. Parents or authorized pickup persons must be present to pick up their students by the end of their last class time.

Health and Safety

Safety at the Homeschool Hub

Please make sure your emergency contacts are up to date. Please also confirm that we have the most up-to-date phone numbers for you and your family.

All Kroc staff must complete a variety of trainings that include child abuse prevention, and a variety of other topics on how to keep children safe in a variety of situations.

Illness/Injuries at Homeschool Classes

Homeschool programs are not designed to handle ill children. If your student becomes ill while participating, our staff will contact you to pick him/her up. Staff are trained in CPR and First Aid, and will treat minor injuries requiring the application of a bandage or ice. If further medical attention is required or if we are unsure of the severity of the injury, parents will be notified immediately by the staff. The Emergency Medical System (911) will be activated at the discretion of the Program Manager. If we are unable to reach the parents and a child needs immediate medical attention, he/she will be transported to the hospital by an ambulance, and we will continue attempts to reach adults listed on the waiver form. All expenses for any emergency medical care are the responsibility of the parents/guardian.

Illness Policy

Your child must be kept home if he/she exhibits any symptom of a communicable disease, such as:

- Fever within the preceding 24 hours
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the preceding 24 hours
- Unexplained rash or skin eruptions
- Sore throat or earache
- Swollen glands
- Sneezing, running nose (yellow or green discharge, which indicates a possible infection), watery eyes (including pink eye), or persistent cough. Sinus issues and coughing must be under control so as not to interfere with activities or affect your child's physical well-being.
- Flushed face, listlessness, headache, lack of appetite
- Any behavior signs that are out of the ordinary for your child
- Lice or nits
- Symptoms of infectious childhood illnesses (including but not limited to strep throat, chicken pox, flu, etc.)

Health and Safety con't

Children sent home with a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea will not be allowed to return to homeschool classes the next day. Children must be fever-free and symptom-free for 24 hours, without medication, before returning. If you send your child to homeschool classes the day after they were sent home for any of the above-listed symptoms, you will be called to return and take your child home. Children with communicable diseases should stay home until they are no longer contagious. Recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are followed and will be communicated to parents as needed. A doctor's note may be required. Parents are informed with an information letter any time their child is exposed to potentially communicable illnesses (chicken pox, strep throat, etc.) This helps parents to be on the lookout for symptoms and get their child prompt medical attention.

Medication

We do not dispense medication to Homeschool Program participants. If your child requires medication during the hours of the homeschool program, we ask that you please be available to administer it to them.

Permission to Carry

Parents may authorize students to carry and administer his/her medications needed for life-threatening conditions such as epi-pens for anaphylactic reactions and Asthma inhalers. Prior approval is needed for medications to be carried by students. Parents must complete and sign a Medical Information Form to authorize that the student has been instructed in the proper administration and all other pertinent information regarding this medication and has authorized him/her to self-administer as directed.