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WELCOME TO COMMUNITY EDUCATION

From the Manager of Prescott Community Education and College for Kids Programs

Haley Green



Welcome to Summer 2026 - Community Education, Experiential Learning Trips & College for Kids!

Join us on the Yavapai College Prescott campus this summer. We hope everyone in your family or community will find a class, or many, to enjoy!

College for Kids (C4K) program is back with several new classes and many favorites from last year! Check out the C4K schedule in this catalog or online at www.yc.edu/c4k. Classes fill up fast so register early.

Scholarships are available! The **JW Kieckhefer Foundation** has made a generous contribution to our **scholarship fund** again this year, and we appreciate their continued support of the children in our community.

The **C4K scholarship application** is an electronic form available on our website www.yc.edu/c4k. The deadline to submit Prescott's C4K scholarship application for consideration is **May 18**.

Community Education – Prescott offers classes to learn new skills and have fun while learning. With no tests or grades, it's the perfect time to explore an interest, enhance your creative expression, increase your personal wellness, and add a new hobby to your life! Our instructors live and work in our community, and we have put together a selection of educational, personal enrichment and special interest courses we hope you will enjoy.

Be sure to enroll early to avoid cancellations. To browse and register, visit our website: www.yc.edu/commed.

Experiential Learning Trips include opportunities to explore the vast landscapes of central and northern Arizona. Travel the backroads to see local history come alive! Most trips depart from the Yavapai College – Prescott Campus but be sure to check trip details for pick-up availability at Camp Verde. Trips fill up quickly.

Space is limited to 10 passengers per van, so be sure to sign up early at: www.yc.edu/travel.

Teach non-credit! Do you want to teach a non-credit class for Community Education? Earn a little and share a lot!

To share your passion or area of expertise for non-credit adult or children's classes, please contact us at: commed@yc.edu.

We hope to see you on the Yavapai College's Prescott campus this summer semester! The Community Education office is in Building 31, Room 108. Mon-Thu, 8 am – 5 pm. Visit our website or give us a call at [928] 717-7755 for assistance and to register.

Enjoy!

Visit www.yc.edu/commed or call 928-717-7755 to register

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Visit www.yc.edu/commed and click on the link Browse and Register.

Other Ways to Register:

Register by phone: [928] 717-7755

Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 4 pm

Walk-in registration at Building 31, Room 108 on the Prescott Campus. See map on last page.

Age Requirements:

Community Education classes are open to the public, ages 14+. Students under 18 attending a class must seek prior approval and have a completed Minor Student Permission form signed by parent or legal guardian.

Experiential Learning trips are open to the public and students 18+ years.

Fees:

Tuition fees are due and payable at time of registration. Fees vary in accordance with class length and other expense factors. Classes must meet minimum enrollment. In the event of any administrative cancellation, you will receive a full refund of your tuition.

Please enroll early. Classes will be cancelled one to two weeks prior to the start date if enrollment is too low.

Refund/Cancellation Policies

Community Education

More than 14 days before course start = Full Refund

8-13 days before course start = 50% Refund

7 days or less = No Refund

No Refunds given after course start date

Experiential Learning

Day Trip Cancellation

21 days or more prior to departure = Full Refund

15-20 days = 75% Refund

14 days or less = No Refund

[Unless substitute student is identified]

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COURSES

ANIMALS



■ PET CPR & FIRST AID

PCE-SU26-101 • Thu, 7/2/2026

5 - 8 pm

Bldg 30A, Room 126 • Prescott

This course teaches students Basic Life Support CPR techniques useful in recognizing and responding to cardiac and breathing emergencies for pets. First aid for pets discusses common techniques, i.e., allergic reaction, heat stroke, and, restraint, you can provide at home for your pet. This class includes a power point presentation followed by a live dog demonstration and manikin experience.

Valerie Maldonato • \$75

ARTS & CRAFTS

■ CREATING ABSTRACT ART FROM OBJECTIVE TO NON-OBJECTIVE

PCE-SU26-105 • Thu, 6/4 to 7/30/2026

5 - 7:30 pm

Bldg 31, Room 101 • Prescott

Learn to see within the objective world that we live in. A simple way to create objective and non-objective abstract art using colors, shapes, textures, and composition. This class is open to any media, wet or dry, that is designed to be applied to a 2-D surface. The art can be created from photo reference or from an object. The student may also choose an emotion or state of mind to illustrate. Consider putting love, happiness, friendship, life, birth, etc. on canvas. Suggested supply list available and bring your own art supplies to class.

No class 6/18 or 7/2 due to observed holidays.

Ken Ottinger • \$140

■ PAINTING & DRAWING ARIZONA PLANT, WILDLIFE, LANDSCAPE AND PET PORTRAITURE

PCE-SU26-103 • Tue, 6/2 to 7/28/2026

5 - 7:30 pm

Bldg 31, Room 101 • Prescott

This is a fun art class, open to all media. Students bring their own art supplies. The instructor will bring some art supplies and a photo reference for the students to work from. As for animal and pet portraiture, the students are to bring their own photo reference. This reference should have a head no smaller than 5 inches in height. Regarding all subjects, the instructor will be teaching the trace and transfer method to help the student with accuracy. If the student prefers to draw from their reference eye to hand, or from their imagination this is equally invited. Suggested supply list available and bring your own art supplies to class.

No class 6/30 due to observed holiday.

Ken Ottinger • \$160



■ PORTRAIT DRAWING WORKSHOP

PCE-SU26-104 • Tue, 7/7 to 7/28/2026

9 am - 12 pm

Bldg 4, Room 114 • Prescott

Most artists spend years frustrated, erasing more than they draw, never quite capturing what they see. Whether you're attempting pencil or charcoal portraits, the challenges remain the same. Successful portraits are the product of a sound method. Good results come from good decisions. Good decisions come in part from knowing what to do, what to look for, and in what sequence. We will go over a step-by-step system that takes the guesswork out of every stroke to create successful portraits. We will be working in pencil and charcoal for this class. Suggested supply list available and bring your own art supplies to class.

Francis Leon Beegle • \$112



■ WATERCOLOR FOR BEGINNERS

PCE-SU26-102 • Mon, 6/1 to 7/27/2026
5 - 7:30 pm
Bldg 31, Room 101 • Prescott

This is a fun watercolor class. The subjects are Arizona Plants, Landscape and Wildlife. You may also choose to add Pet Portraiture. We will use the trace and transfer method to aid you in recreating a drawing of your chosen subject. Drawing eye to hand or from imagination is also encouraged. Watercolor paint in tubes and watercolor pencils are preferred. Photo reference will be supplied on the Arizona subjects, however, if the student prefers to bring their own that is fine. If pet portraiture is your choice, you will want to bring your own photo reference. Suggested supply list available and bring your own art supplies to class.

No class 6/29 or 7/6 due to observed holidays.

Ken Ottinger • \$140

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

■ AI FOR RETIREES AND OLDER ADULTS

PCE-SU26-106 • Mon, 6/22/2026
9 - 10 am
Zoom • Online

For retirees, the purpose of AI is a little different than someone in the workforce, running a business, or raising toddlers. Rather than using AI to compete and run the rat race, retirees use AI to improve their life, feel enriched, learn a new skill, and satisfy a curiosity. Retirees want to stay in the network of what's happening out there. This class gives AI tools for memoir making, publishing a book, health & wellness, travel planning, tracing genealogy, meal preparation ideas, learning a new language, a new hobby like growing bonsai, and scrapbooking. No technical knowledge required. Fun, easy to follow class!

Preethi Fernando • \$55

■ HOW TO USE GEMINI AI ONLINE

PCE-SU26-107 • Sat, 6/27/2026
9 - 10 am
Zoom • Online

Use Google Gemini artificial intelligence to work smarter, not harder. This class shows beginners as well as professionals what Gemini can do for you in your work life and in your personal life. Learn how to research topics, create pie charts, summarize documents, find recipes, create greeting cards, find discount groceries and other products, upload PDFs, write resumes, and more. Great class for small business owners, working professionals, older adults, retirees, and just about anyone curious about what Google Gemini can offer to improve and enrich their lives.

Watch Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sFtaSezRXrM>

Preethi Fernando • \$55

FINANCE, INVESTMENTS & RETIREMENT



■ KEEP IT SIMPLE! AN INTRODUCTION TO INVESTING

PCE-SU26-108 • Wed, 6/3 to 6/17/2026
2 - 4 pm
Bldg 3, Room 269 • Prescott

Do you understand the difference between an exchange-traded fund and a mutual fund? How about a municipal bond or how annuities work? Investing doesn't have to be complicated. With so many options, research, and analysis available to today's investors, making good decisions can seem overwhelming. Gain a working glossary to understand the world of investing. Learn a basic structure to assist in deductive decisions, and a fundamental framework to discuss the global marketplace. There will be time to learn about some of the pitfalls in financial planning and shared tips and insights on working with attorneys, accountants and advisors.

John Farmer • \$45

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COURSES



■ THE BASICS OF ESTATE PLANNING

PCE-SU26-111 • Mon, 7/27/2026

2 - 4 pm

Bldg 3, Room 269 • Prescott

This class will unpack the three pillars of estate planning: Financial Planning, Tax Planning, and Beneficiary Planning. You will understand the basic concepts of how your estate transfers when you pass away. Attendees will examine the critical nuances of estate planning and key principals of trusts, wills, probate, power of attorney, and much more!

John Farmer • \$45

FOOD & GARDENING



■ UNDERSTANDING ANNUITIES

PCE-SU26-109 • Wed, 6/24/2026

1 - 3 pm

Bldg 3, Room 269 • Prescott

Demystify the world of annuities and discover how they could or should not fit into your financial plan. This class will provide a clear, jargon-free overview of different types of annuities, including fixed, variable, and indexed. You'll learn how these financial products can provide a steady income stream in retirement and offer tax-deferred growth. We'll explore the pros and cons, helping you understand their role in managing risk and creating a reliable income for your future. Secure your financial peace of mind by understanding how annuities work.

John Farmer • \$45

■ SECURE A LASTING LEGACY: PLANNED GIVING

PCE-SU26-110 • Thu, 7/9/2026

2 - 4 pm

Bldg 3, Room 269 • Prescott

Learn how to secure a lasting legacy for the causes you care about. This class on planned giving will demystify the process of making future gifts, such as bequests in a will, charitable trusts, and gift annuities. Discover how these powerful tools can help you achieve your financial goals while ensuring your mission continues for generations to come. We'll cover the basics of planned gifts and their potential tax benefits, and show you how to make a significant impact without affecting your current lifestyle. Create your personal legacy and secure a brighter future for our world.

John Farmer • \$45

■ THE LAZY GARDENER: GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS

PCE-SU26-112 • Mon, 6/1 to 6/22/2026

1 - 2:30 pm

Bldg 3, Room 270 • Prescott

PCE-SU26-113 • Mon, 7/13 to 8/3/2026

1 - 2:30 pm

Bldg 3, Room 270 • Prescott

If you love to garden but don't want to devote much time, energy, or just plain muscle power to a garden, native plants are for you. You can transform your garden into a haven for birds, bees, and butterflies, while conserving water, ending dependence on fertilizers, and reducing your gardening workload. There are hundreds of gorgeous native plants that also provide food, nesting material, and shelter for many species of wildlife. Students will assess and map their garden space, learn the basics of planting and maintaining a native plant garden, and learn to replicate nature's gardening strategies.

Kathleen Dickinson • \$85

HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ QIGONG M/W MORNINGS

PCE-SU26-115 • Mon/Wed, 6/8 to 7/29/2026

10:30 - 11:30 am

Bldg 3, Room 205 • Prescott

Are you ready to gently and effectively reduce stress, increase energy, breathe deeply, relax, heal, and feel better physically, mentally, and spiritually? It's time to return to a state of balance, harmony, and health. By practicing Qigong consistently you may quite effectively reduce stress, tightness, tension and pain while also strengthening your immune system, improving balance, increasing flexibility, and so much more. Class consists of gentle warmups, deep breathing exercises, slow flowing movements, meditation, brain integration and self acupressure for increased vitality and longevity. All movements are clearly cued and demonstrated. No forms or movements to memorize. Movements are done either standing or sitting in a chair. Dress in comfortable clothes. No experience necessary.

No class 7/6 due to observed holiday.

Tara "Taja" Tech • \$135



■ QIGONG T/TH MORNINGS

PCE-SU26-116 • Tue/Thu, 6/9 to 7/30/2026

10:30 - 11:30 am

Bldg 3, Room 205 • Prescott

Are you ready to gently and effectively reduce stress, increase energy, breathe deeply, relax, heal, and feel better physically, mentally, and spiritually? It's time to return to a state of balance, harmony, and health. By practicing Qigong consistently you may quite effectively reduce stress, tightness, tension and pain while also strengthening your immune system, improving balance, increasing flexibility, and so much more. Class consists of gentle warmups, deep breathing exercises, slow flowing movements, meditation, brain integration and self acupressure for increased vitality and longevity. All movements are clearly cued and demonstrated. No forms or movements to memorize. Movements are done either standing or sitting in a chair. Dress in comfortable clothes. No experience necessary.

No class 6/18 due to observed holiday.

Tara "Taja" Tech • \$135

■ QIGONG T/TH EXTENDED EVENINGS

PCE-SU26-117 • Tue/Thu, 6/9 to 7/30/2026

5 - 6:30 pm

Bldg 3, Room 205 • Prescott

Are you ready to gently and effectively reduce stress, increase energy, breathe deeply, relax, heal, and feel better physically, mentally, and spiritually? It's time to return to a state of balance, harmony, and health. By practicing Qigong consistently you may quite effectively reduce stress, tightness, tension and pain while also strengthening your immune system, improving balance, increasing flexibility, and so much more. Class consists of gentle warmups, deep breathing exercises, slow flowing movements, meditation, brain integration and self acupressure for increased vitality and longevity. All movements are clearly cued and demonstrated. No forms or movements to memorize. Movements are done either standing or sitting in a chair. Dress in comfortable clothes. No experience necessary.

No class 6/18 due to observed holiday.

Tara "Taja" Tech • \$175



■ WOMEN'S SELF PROTECTION TRAINING

PCE-SU26-118 • Sat, 6/6 to 7/25/2026

10 - 11 am

Bldg 2, Room 140 • Prescott

This course is designed to empower women to effectively recognize, respond to, and recover from physical, emotional and psychological threats. This course will teach real world self-defense skills, situational awareness, boundary setting, de-escalation techniques, emotional resilience and mindset mastery, as well as empowerment through community and knowledge.

No classes 6/20/26 or 7/4/26 due to observed holidays.

Donald Stamile • \$85

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COURSES

LANGUAGE

■ GERMAN CONVERSATION

PCE-SU26-119 • Thu, 6/4 to 7/30/2026
6 - 7:30 pm
Bldg 3, Room 206 • Prescott

Here is a chance to improve and practice your German conversational skills! This is the fun part of learning a foreign language: being able to use it to communicate. In a relaxed, supportive environment, you will consolidate vocabulary and idiomatic use of German around key topics and survival situations such as ordering in restaurants, shopping, and sightseeing. Each four-week class can be taken independently or consecutively. What a great way to build your confidence in speaking German! You will meet new people, have fun, and learn about contemporary Germany, its customs, culture, and diversity. No books needed! Materials supplied.

No classes 6/18 or 7/2 due to observed holidays.

June Mann • \$120

MUSIC, MOVEMENT & DANCE



■ BEGINNING GUITAR 1

PCE-SU26-120 • Mon, 6/1 to 6/29/2026
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Bldg 31, Room 102 • Prescott

An introduction to guitar as a musical instrument, that will include Anatomy of a Guitar, basic Music Theory for guitar, intro to rhythm and strumming patterns, how to read Tablature, intro to open string chords, how to practice, intro to finger picking, how to hold a guitar, how to hold a pick, and instruction on how to play a melody. Personal instruction and performance feedback on class assignments. This class is for the beginner and would be a good refresher for those with experience.

Suggested items to bring are guitar, tuner, two picks—one medium and one light, strap or footstool.

Andy Thacker • \$80

■ BEGINNING GUITAR 2

PCE-SU26-121 • Tue, 7/7 to 7/28/2026
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Bldg 31, Room 102 • Prescott

Guitar instruction for those who have completed the Beginning Guitar Class One, or have developed skills from prior guitar instruction. This class is for the intermediate guitar player and would be a good refresher for those with extensive experience. Instruction includes theory, song structure, how to choose song materials, and practice strategy to be able to perform the song.

Suggested items to bring are guitar, tuner, two picks—one medium and one light, strap or footstool.

Andy Thacker • \$75



■ BELLY DANCE BASICS AND BEYOND

PCE-SU26-122 • Wed, 6/3 to 7/29/2026
6 - 7:30 pm
Bldg 2, Room 140 • Prescott

Belly Dance is a dance of joy with roots in North Africa and Southwest Asia. Also known as Raqs Sharqi or Oriental Dance, this elegant style is celebrated around the world. Belly Dance Basics and Beyond is perfect for beginners or anyone looking to review and strengthen their technique. Everyone is welcome.

Wear comfortable clothing and soft dance shoes (or bare feet). Bring a hip scarf if you have one, loaners will be provided if you don't.

Kirsten Maclellan • \$120

NATURE

■ ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS: YOUR PLACE IN THE NATURAL WORLD

PCE-SU26-123 • Wed, 6/3 to 6/24/2026

1 - 2:30 pm

Bldg 3, Room 270 • Prescott

We all have a relationship with the natural world, but we don't always understand it. Natural processes are the foundation of our existence. This class will explore how humanity has defined "nature" and how each of us can perceive it for ourselves, and how we can better connect to the "non-human" world. Activities will include: 1) recording the experience of being in a natural setting; and 2) identifying activities and making small choices in our everyday lives that enhance our connection to nature. We will learn to have a deeper relationship with "the land" and become inspired to protect it.

Please note: There is a field trip to Highlands Center for Natural History scheduled for the 2nd class meeting on Wed, 6/10/26.

Kathleen Dickinson • \$85

PHILOSOPHY, PSYCHOLOGY & SPIRITUALITY



■ CRYSTAL ALLIES

PCE-SU26-124 • Wed, 6/3 to 6/24/2026

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Bldg 3, Room 270 • Prescott

PCE-SU26-125 • Wed, 7/8 to 7/29/2026

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Bldg 3, Room 270 • Prescott

Ready to awaken your inner mystic and dive deep into the world of metaphysical energy? Join us for an electrifying journey through the sacred arts of crystals, divination, intuition, and pendulum work. This isn't just a class—it's a portal to higher consciousness.

\$15-30 supplies payable to the instructor at class: pendulums, energy grids, tumblestones and crystals.

Luisa Alvarez • \$95

■ HOW TO FIND YOUR PERSONAL PLANT SPIRIT HEALERS & ALLIES

PCE-SU26-114 • Wed, 6/3 to 6/17/2026

10 am - 11:30 am

Bldg 1, Room 226 • Prescott

Modern science has only recently discovered that plants are sentient beings who communicate with each other by creating intricate ecosystems. They have much to tell us as well! For centuries traditional medicine healers have considered the plant world to be a source of teachers, guides and allies. This mini course is designed for plant lovers and curiosity seekers who wish to deepen their connection to the green beings who make up the majority of life forms on planet earth. Content will introduce how plants offer physical, emotional and spiritual medicine that can be healing on individual and global community levels.

More information found here: <https://prescottwomanmagazine.com/the-healing-power-of-plants/>

Linda M. Crider • \$80



■ THE SACRED ART OF INSPIRATION: AN EXPERIENTIAL COURSE IN INSPIRATION, FLOW, AND INNER KNOWING

PCE-SU26-126 • Mon, 6/1 to 7/27/2026

10 am - 12 pm

Bldg 3, Room 270 • Prescott

This 7-week course is designed to reconnect participants with inspiration as a living, accessible force. Through meditation, contemplative inquiry, and embodied practices, students learn how to access creative flow, inner knowing, and a deeper sense of purpose. Rather than focusing on effort or achievement, the course emphasizes alignment, presence, and sustainable inspiration in everyday life. Participants are invited to explore how clarity, creativity, and fulfillment naturally arise when we learn to listen inward and move in harmony with our own inner guidance. No prior experience is required—only curiosity and a willingness to explore.

No classes on 6/29 or 7/6 due to observed holidays.

Dee Anderson • \$120

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COURSES

■ YOUR GUIDE TO SELF-ACTUALIZATION: HOW TO BE HAPPY, SUCCESSFUL AND FREE

PCE-SU26-127 • Wed, 6/3 to 7/29/2026

6 - 7:30 pm

Bldg 3, Room 269 • Prescott

Anyone can learn how to be happier, more successful, and freer. In this course we will study self-actualized individuals (the top one percent) learning the qualities and characteristics that make them so. All successful individuals have these characteristics in common. We will go over each one, learn how to implement them, and gain an understanding of how these characteristics can change the trajectory of your life. Get ready to be happier, more successful, and freer!

Gay Matheson • \$112

PHOTOGRAPHY



■ INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

PCE-SU26-128 • Wed, 6/10/2026

9 am - 12 pm

Bldg 3, Room 269 • Prescott

This class will be an introduction to Digital Photography. We will discuss the differences in Film and Digital processes. In addition we will talk about setting up your camera, proper use of camera strap, camera battery issues, portrait and landscape photography, and when to orientate the camera for the perfect shots. The last part of the class will be taking photos outside of the classroom in landscape orientation and portraits of each other, and, how to take better photos. Please bring a digital camera.

Jon-Nolan Paresa • \$75

WRITING & PUBLISHING

■ ACROSS THE BOARD: MODERN POETRY FROM AROUND THE WORLD

PCE-SU26-129 • Thu, 6/4 to 7/2/2026

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Bldg 3, Room 269 • Prescott

Welcome to the world of Sound, Sense, and Suggestion, the five senses, the associations which arise from them, and the literal and figurative language that poets from the world constantly play with. Each week we'll read, respond to, and fashion "free-style" prose or poetic responses to the given "citizen of the world" poet we encounter. If traveling to Asia, Africa, South America or Europe is out of the question and poetry sounds intriguing, pull up a chair and let poetry from the world work its magic on you! Please bring a notebook and pen.

No class 6/18 due to an observed holiday.

Michael McLaughlin • \$95



■ GETTING YOUR BOOK PUBLISHED ON AMAZON WITHIN 24HRS

PCE-SU26-130 • Tue, 6/2/2026

9 - 10 am

Zoom • Online

Getting your book published on Amazon is super easy if you know how and my class will teach you how. Learn how to create a KDP account, upload your book, price your book, decide between an e-book, paperback, hardcover, and more. Learn how to get your book formatted to fit Amazon's publishing requirements, different ways to design a book cover, how to upload your headshot, write your book description, and everything needed to hit the "click" button to make your book live on Amazon.

Preethi Fernando • \$55



College for Kids 2026 Class Listings

ARTS & CRAFTS

■ SIMPLE SUMMER CRAFTS • AGES 5-14

CKSU26-1 • Mon-Thu, 6/22 to 6/25/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 3, Room 203

CKSU26-2 • Mon-Thu, 7/13 to 7/16/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 3, Room 203

Come and create some simple crafts that are WEARable, HANGable, USEable, and [be careful!] BREAKable (and maybe even EDible!). Jewelry, window ornaments, watercolor and wooden boxes are among the crafts that we will lovingly create/paint/decorate to give as a gift or to enjoy yourself. You will have options as to what you will make, so not everyone will make the same thing. Some vocabulary such as “primary/secondary colors” will be covered, along with some other simple art terms. *Lastly, the importance of taking ownership of your work and giving it a name will be emphasized, as you are the creator and the masterpiece maker!*

Rachel Lord • \$165

■ DISCOVER AND CREATE NATIVE ARTS • AGES 5-13

CKSU26-3 • Mon-Thu, 7/13 to 7/16/2026
1 - 4 pm • Prescott • Bldg 31, Room 102

Discover the amazing diversity of native art from around the world! We will create Aboriginal bark paintings, Huichol yarn art, Chinook face masks, Native American pictographs and petroglyph paintings, Plains ledger art, Navajo sand paintings and much more. *A visit to the Yavapai College Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden will be included in the class, as well as an art show and reception on the final day of class.*

Sue Lord • \$210

■ KALEIDOSCOPE ART • AGES 5-13

CKSU26-4 • Mon-Thu, 7/20 to 7/23/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 31, Room 102

Welcome to the World of Kaleidoscope Art! Explore a different medium -- watercolor, tie-dye clothing, portfolio-making, mixed media, poetry and much more. Get ready to let your creative juices flow and create masterpieces to take home. *A visit to the Yavapai College Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden will be included in the class. Students will need to provide a white cotton t-shirt and socks.*

Sue Lord • \$210

COLLEGE FOR KIDS

■ PAINT LIKE THE MASTERS 101 • AGES 5-13

CKSU26-5 • Mon-Thu, 6/1 to 6/4/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 31, Room 102

Everyone is inspired by art of the masters - Da Vinci, Monet, Van Gogh, Matisse, and Mondrian. Learn ways to imitate the masters' techniques using different mediums and your individual touch. *A visit to the Yavapai College Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden will be included in the class. We will make a mat for the best pieces and invite family and friends to an art show and reception on the final day of class.*

Sue Lord • \$210



■ PAINT LIKE THE MASTERS 201 • AGES 5-13

CKSU26-6 • Mon-Thu, 7/13 to 7/16/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 31, Room 102

Explore more amazing 20th century artists - Picasso, Miro, Pollack, Chagall and O'Keefe! We will replicate their styles and techniques using different water-based mediums adding your own individual touch and vision. *A visit to the Yavapai College Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden will be included in the class. An art show and reception will be highlighted on the final day of class with family and friends.*

Sue Lord • \$210

■ WATERCOLOR AND MIXED MEDIA AGES 5-13

CKSU26-7 • Mon-Thu, 6/8 to 6/11/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 31, Room 102
CKSU26-32 • Mon-Thu, 7/27 to 7/30/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 31, Room 102

Explore watercolors and create your unique art using popular techniques, vivid imagery, and explosions of color - elements associated with this medium. We'll incorporate mixed media with some of the paintings to create a multi-dimensional effect. *A visit to the Yavapai College Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden will be included in the class. Share your artistic creations with family and friends during a casual art show and reception on the final day of class.*

Sue Lord • \$210

SEWING & DESIGN

■ LEARN TO SEW: FULL SIZE APRON & POTHOLDERS • AGES 13-17

CKSU26-10 • Mon-Thu, 7/13 to 7/16/2026
1 - 4 pm • Prescott • Bldg 30A, Room 126

Learning to sew as a teen should be about making fun and useful items you can show off to your friends! This hands-on class teaches how to safely operate a sewing machine, understand common sewing vocabulary and the basics of using a pattern. We will be making a full length apron & matching potholders. *Students will need to bring with them: 2 yards of main fabric AND 2 yards of accent fabric, along with one spool of matching, all-purpose 100% cotton thread. All fabric should be 100% cotton, non-stretch [ex: quilting cottons]. Sewing machines & other supplies will be provided.*

Zoe Ocean • \$170



■ MY FIRST SEWING PROJECTS: CUDDLE MONSTER & TIC TAC TOE BOARD AGES 8-12

CKSU26-8 • Mon-Thu, 7/13 to 7/16/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 30A, Room 126

This class makes learning to sew fun & engaging with a hands-on approach to the basics! Here, students learn how to safely operate a sewing machine, sew their own projects, and understand common sewing vocabulary. We will be making a portable Tic Tac Toe game mat and a stuffed Cuddle Monster. *Students will need to bring with them: 1 yard of main fabric AND 1 yard of accent fabric AND 1 yard of decorative fabric, along with one spool of matching, all-purpose thread. All fabric should be 100% cotton, non-stretch [ex: quilting cottons]. Sewing machines & other supplies will be provided.*

Zoe Ocean • \$170

■ MY FIRST SEWING PROJECTS: MESSENGER BAG & PENCIL CASE • AGES 8-12

CKSU26-9 • Mon-Thu, 6/8 to 6/11/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 30A, Room 126

Learning to sew as a kid can spark creativity & the joy of crafting at an early age! In this class, students learn how to safely operate a sewing machine, sew their first projects, and understand common sewing vocabulary. We will be making a messenger bag & matching pencil case. *Students will need to bring with them: 1 yard of main fabric AND 1 yard of accent fabric, along with one spool of matching, all-purpose thread. All fabric should be 100% cotton, non-stretch [ex: quilting cottons]. Sewing machines & other supplies will be provided. Sewing machines & other supplies will be provided.*

Zoe Ocean • \$170



■ ARTS AND CRAFTS PROJECTS YOU CAN EAT! 1-DAY WORKSHOP • AGES 5-12

CKSU26-14 • Wed, 6/10/2026
1 - 4 pm • Prescott • Bldg 4, Room 116

CKSU26-15 • Wed, 7/22/2026
1 - 4 pm • Prescott • Bldg 4, Room 116

Create delicious arts and crafts projects, using sweet and savory ingredients. Discover how to use edible “paint,” “glue,” “modeling clay,” and a variety of edible loose parts as we engage in the creative process together. Sample categories and activities include: “Edible Works of Art” [mosaic art, abstract art, sculptures]; “Out of This World!” [aliens, spaceships, and fun challenges]; and “Just for Fun!” [creating edible puzzles; and fooling your friends with “fake-out” foods, like “burgers and fries”]. *All projects are no-bake, easy to prepare, and can be used as fun afterschool [or anytime] treats. Related books and resources will be shared.*

Judy and Sam Ross • \$75

FOOD & COOKING



■ ANYONE CAN COOK! • AGES 10-14

CKSU26-11 • Mon-Thu, 7/20 to 7/23/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 4, Room 201

This fun, hands-on Ratatouille-themed class is a must for young culinary enthusiasts! Students will learn kitchen safety, sanitation, basic knife skills and food preparation techniques. They will put their new skills to use preparing delicious dishes such as Linguini’s Alfredo Pasta, French Baguettes, Remy’s Potato Soup, Colette’s Apple Tart, Ratatouille and more! Students will enjoy their creations with a family style meal each day. *Best of all, they will bring each day’s recipes home to share. All skill levels are welcome as, Anyone Can Cook!*

Deb Snyder • \$175

■ BAKE IT TIL YOU MAKE IT: TEEN SUMMER PASTRY CLASS • AGES 12-17

CKSU26-12 • Mon-Thu, 7/27 to 7/30/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 4, Room 201

If you love to bake or want to learn how to make some new and interesting items, this is the class for you! Students will be making a wide variety of baked goods including: quickbreads, yeast breads, ice cream, cream puffs, and decorated cupcakes. No experience necessary. Students will learn techniques for using weights and measures as well as food safety and sanitation practices. *In addition to sampling finished products in class, students will have the opportunity to bring baked goods home with them.*

Deb Snyder • \$175

COLLEGE FOR KIDS

■ NATURAL COOKING FOR THE SOUL: LIVE AND RAW FOODS • AGES 5-13

CKSU26-13 • Mon-Thu, 6/22 to 6/25/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 31, Room 102

Think and eat green and create tasty comfort foods at the same time! You will create an array of main dishes, plus appetizers and desserts - all featuring raw foods. Prepare, cook, learn kitchen safety, clean-up, and most importantly, eat each day! *Includes keepsake recipe book.*

Sue Lord • \$215

HEALTH & WELLNESS



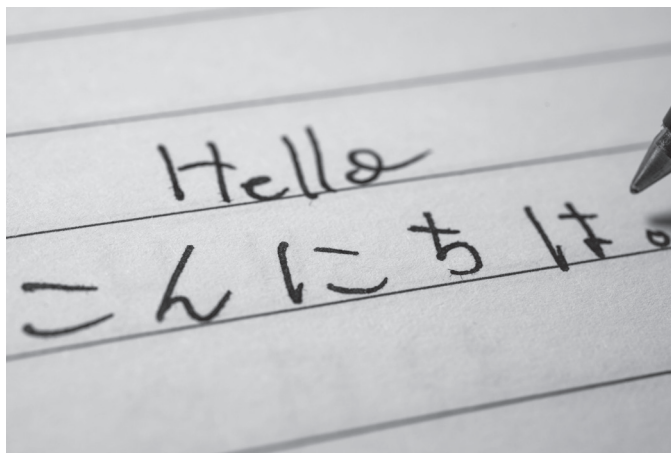
■ SPAAAHHH TIME FOR KIDS • AGES 5-14

CKSU26-16 • Mon & Tues, 6/15 & 6/16/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 31, Room 102

Let's take time together for some pampering and indulgence in all things soft, scrubby, soothing and sweet! We'll decorate headbands and make some sweet-smelling body products like lip scrubs and bath bombs. We'll talk about how to develop and preserve TRUE beauty, and how each one of us is unique, beautiful and worthy of love and care. Come in comfy clothes (or even your pajamas) for all the pampering and primping! *We will also make and munch on some sweet treats, but please bring your own snack for our daily break/snack time, and please bring a water bottle labeled with your name to keep hydrated!*

Rachel Lord • \$165

LANGUAGE



■ BEGINNING JAPANESE LANGUAGE & CULTURE • AGES 8-17

CKSU26-17 • Mon-Thu, 6/8 to 6/11/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 3, Room 206

Konichiwa! Hello! Have you ever wanted to learn about another culture and a new language? Come join us to learn how to read, write and pronounce some basic Japanese words and phrases, including writing our names in Katakana. In addition, we will learn some interesting facts about Japan and create some unique crafts. *This will be a fun and interactive class. Irasshaimase! Welcome!*

Michelle Schreur • \$175

■ ADVANCED JAPANESE LANGUAGE & CULTURE • AGES 8-17

CKSU26-20 • Mon-Thu, 6/22 to 6/25/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 3, Room 206

Okaeri! Welcome back! Have you already taken the beginning Japanese language class? Are you ready for a new challenge? In this class, we will deepen our language skills while actively using Japanese in fun, meaningful ways. Through engaging skits, peer dialogues, and songs, we will practice speaking and listening in real-life contexts. *Collaboration and creativity are key as we build our speaking confidence and enjoy the process of communicating in Japanese while exploring traditions, stories, and everyday interactions.*

Michelle Schreur • \$175

■ BEGINNING SPANISH FOR KIDS

• AGES 6-12

**CKSU26-18 • Mon-Thu, 6/1 to 6/4/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 3, Room 203**

**CKSU26-19 • Mon-Thu, 7/20 to 7/23/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 3, Room 203**

Did you know that Spanish is the 4th most spoken language in the WORLD? And if you speak English and Spanish, you can communicate with most of the people on 2 entire CONTINENTS? So let's start you on your journey to becoming bilingual! In this class we will use games, songs, and crafts to learn some basic Spanish vocabulary, such as colors, numbers, food and animals. We'll take a break each day about half-way through class, and have theme-related snacks based on the new vocabulary learned that day. **You are also welcome to bring your own snack, and please bring a water bottle labeled with your name to keep hydrated!**

Rachel Lord • \$165

LIFE SKILLS



■ RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS! • AGES 5-13

**CKSU26-21 • Tue-Thu, 7/7 to 7/9/2026
1 - 4 pm • Prescott • Bldg 31, Room 102**

It's time to rediscover the importance of "personal touch!" This course lays the foundation for young people to "pay it forward" to their community and shower "random acts of kindness." Activities, skits, designing and writing personal cards to others, and character development will be incorporated in the class. We will create personal cards to be delivered to the Veterans at the VA Hospital, as well as delivering random acts of kindness around the Prescott campus. **We will host a local senior center to share snacks, conversation and handmade cards.**

Sue Lord • \$125

NATURE



■ PRESCOTT JUNIOR AUDUBON NATURE CLUB • AGES 5-13

**CKSU26-23 • Mon-Thu, 6/1 to 6/4/2026
1 - 4 pm • Prescott • Bldg 31, Room 102**

Discover our natural world, Prescott-style! Hike the Yavapai College campus and surrounding areas and identify local flora and fauna. Learn to use binoculars and field guides supplied by the Prescott Audubon Society to become familiar with simple bird-watching techniques. Make pine cone bird feeders, have an owl pellet party, and learn why it's so important to protect our natural world. Guest presenters from the Prescott Audubon Society, the Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary and other natural historians are featured. **Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes with socks, a hat, and sunscreen. Bring a minimum of 1 quart of water, healthy snacks and a small backpack.**

Sue Lord • \$165

■ PRESCOTT JUNIOR AUDUBON NATURE CLUB PRESENTS "THE GRAND CANYON CLUB" • AGES 5-13

**CKSU26-24 • Tue-Thu, 7/7 to 7/9/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 31, Room 102**

Learn about one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World - the Grand Canyon! We will focus on the life zones of the Grand Canyon and the geology, wildlife, vegetation, and prehistoric cultures. Hands-on activities will be featured, with special guest presentations. We will use the Yavapai College trail system as our living lab while learning about the grandest canyon in the world! **Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes with socks, a hat, and sunscreen. Bring a minimum of 1 quart of water, healthy snacks and a small backpack.**

Sue Lord • \$125

COLLEGE FOR KIDS

■ SUMMERTIME IS BUG TIME! • AGES 5-14

CKSU26-22 • Mon-Thu, 7/27 to 7/30/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 3, Room 203

In this class you will learn about different bugs of your choice, catch (and of course release!) some bugs outside, then draw and create models of the bug(s) you chose. We will play some buggy games, imitate insects' behaviors (without BUGGING each other too much) and EAT bugs! What??? Yes! We will munch on bug-themed snacks like "ants on a log" and "peanut butter bees" during our break time, about half-way through class. *Please bring your own water bottle to keep hydrated! All other supplies will be provided.*

Rachel Lord • \$165

PERFORMING ARTS

■ DRAMA CAMP: COMIC RELIEF • AGES 5-13

CKSU26-25 • Mon-Thu, 6/22 to 6/25/2026
1 - 4 pm • Prescott • Bldg 31, Room 102

Dive into the hysterical world of comedy and create your own routines for everyone to enjoy! Explore the beginnings of the "funny bone in the spotlight" using literature and films. Create your own "bit" and present it on the last day of class when we host a stand-up comedy show with original and age-appropriate material for family and friends. *A tour of the Yavapai College Performance Hall is also included in the class. Space is limited.*

Sue Lord • \$165

■ DRAMA CAMP: THE FUNNY BONE SHOW • AGES 5-13

CKSU26-26 • Mon-Thu, 7/20 to 7/23/2026
1 - 4 pm • Prescott • Bldg 31, Room 102

Is life pulling you down or perhaps up? Prepare and perform a comedic show (a la Laugh-In, Saturday Night Live or Second City) that displays your "funny bone" and ignites the audience of peers, family and friends with laughter and contagious pleasure. *Looking for extremely intense comedians for this seriously "grave" position – to share a "funny bone!"*

Sue Lord • \$165

■ DRAMA CAMP: ZANY IMPROV • AGES 5-13

CKSU26-27 • Mon-Thu, 6/8 to 6/11/2026
1 - 4 pm • Prescott • Bldg 31, Room 102
CKSU26-33 • Mon-Thu, 7/27 to 7/30/2026
1 - 4 pm • Prescott • Bldg 31, Room 102

Welcome to the world of zany improvisation! Our troupe of thespians will perform monologues, skits, improv, pantomime, charades, laughable body language, games, plus much more. *A tour of the Yavapai College Performance Hall will also be included in the class. No experience needed to be a drama queen or king – just enthusiasm! Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes to move in.*

Sue Lord • \$165

STEAM EXPLORATIONS



■ JOURNEY "INTO, THROUGH, AND BEYOND" A STORY - WITH STEAM EXPLORATIONS! • AGES 5-10

CKSU26-28 • Mon-Thu, 6/1 to 6/4/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 4, Room 116
CKSU26-29 • Mon-Thu, 7/13 to 7/16/2026
9 am – 12 pm • Prescott • Bldg 4, Room 116

Explore new stories and activities, and some old favorites with a fun new spin! We'll start with a fairy tale, fable, or other fun story; explore "What if...?" and "I wonder...?" questions, based on the text; and dive into related STEAM activities. *Create a "beanstalk" that supports a castle, and features a zipline escape route (Jack and the Beanstalk); design a Plinko game (The Rock That Rolled; The Boys and the Frogs); invent a "Rube Goldberg Contraption" (Just Like Rube Goldberg); predict and discover how adding a variable changes ice cream (Little Red Riding Hood; Hansel and Gretel); and more!*

Judy and Sam Ross • \$285

WRITING

■ POETRY PIZZAZZ • AGES 8-14

CKSU26-30 • Mon-Thu, 6/8 to 6/11/2026
1 - 4 pm • Prescott • Bldg 3, Room 206
CKSU26-31 • Mon-Thu, 6/22 to 6/25/2026
1 - 4 pm • Prescott • Bldg 3, Room 206

Poetry is a form of expression that helps us communicate our feelings and thoughts. In this class we will explore many poetic forms. You will be invited to write your own poetry and create a poetry book to document your writing. *By the end of the week you'll be able to make a rhyme anytime!*

Michelle Schreur • \$175

EARN A LITTLE AND SHARE A LOT!

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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING - TRAVEL

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In Experiential Learning, our tour leaders are eager to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for the colorful local history, fascinating cultures, and inspiring natural features when you travel with us! See trip notes for trip pick up availability in: Chino Valley, Dewey-Humboldt, Camp Verde, and Verde Valley Campus.



EXPLORING YAVAPAI COUNTY



Our home county, one of the original counties of Arizona Territory, has both an incredibly interesting natural landscape, ranging from desert to pine-covered highlands, and a long and fascinating human history that dates back thousands of years. These programs will take you to many varied and remote places down the backroads of Yavapai County. Some include several miles of hiking; others just short, easy walks. Several of these trips are half-day journeys, returning to campus by lunchtime.

■ EXPLORING YAVAPAI COUNTY: APPLE CREEK HOMESTEADS AND MINE

Monday, June 1 • EL060126

Reserve By 5/18

Monday, Sept 21 • EL092126

Reserve By 9/7

Apple Creek (an informal name) is a tributary to the Hassayampa River east of Spruce Mountain and crossed by Senator Highway. Homesteaders and miners have both left their mark on this little drainage. During this half-day trip, we'll hike up the creek (about a mile round trip - fairly easy informal trail) while we visit the old abandoned mine and both homesteads. There's a standing cabin at one, and many blackberries and several apple trees. This time of year, we may find the apples in bloom, although ripe blackberries will have to wait for fall. **Activity Rating: Level 2.**

Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann

• **\$115 per person** - Tuition includes transportation and field instruction. Departs 8AM from Prescott campus.

■ EXPLORING YAVAPAI COUNTY: THE NORTHERN BRADSHAW

Friday, July 31 • EL073126

Reserve By 7/16

Friday, Sept 11 • EL091126

Reserve By 8/28

The Northern Bradshaw Mountains overlooking Prescott are the highest range in Yavapai County, peaking out near 8,000 feet. We'll explore south through this region on the old Senator Highway as far as the site of the town of Goodwin, then head east to Mayer and return via Highway 69. Along the way we'll visit old mining and homestead sites on Apple Creek, explore the ruins of the Senator Mine, enjoy distant views from the Mt. Union Divide, see historic Palace Station, and other historic and natural features. We'll also pass through the burn area of the Goodwin fire of 2017 and talk about fire management and the role of fire in the natural ecosystem. The trip will include about two miles of moderate hiking. **Activity Rating: Level 2.**

Instructor: Will Ascarza

• **\$185 per person** - Tuition includes transportation, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 8 AM from Prescott Campus.

■ EXPLORING YAVAPAI COUNTY: THE SIERRA PRIETA

Wednesday, Sept 9 • EL090926

Reserve By 8/26

Long-time Prescott resident, Gail Gardner (1892-1988) wrote a poem called "The Sierry Petes: Tying knots in the Devil's Tail" that's performed regularly by many cowboy poets and musicians. We'll spend a half-day exploring the Sierra Prieta Mountains south of Prescott, the setting for this poem. Our time will include a short hike on West Spruce Mountain Trail, a visit to the spectacular Sierra Prieta overlook, with great views of Copper Basin far below, and a visit to one of the few Aspen groves in the area, as we talk about the geology, ecology, and history of the range. Includes about a mile of moderate trail hiking at near 7,000 feet elevation. **Activity Rating: Level 2.**

Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann

• **\$115 per person** - Tuition includes transportation and field instruction. Departs 8AM from Prescott campus.



■ EXPLORING YAVAPAI COUNTY: WILLIAMSON VALLEY AND BEYOND

Monday, Sept 14 • EL091426

Reserve By 8/31

This road trip will take us out Williamson Valley Road, all the way to Seligman. We will return via Ash Fork and Highway 89. We'll be visiting the areas of many early historic sites, including the town site of Simmons, old Camp Hualapai and, of all the strange things, an iron mine. On our way back down from Ash Fork we'll be stopping at the old Little Hell Canyon stage stop and a mysterious and unique signpost from the earliest days of air travel in the county (this will be an unusual surprise). Along the way we'll discuss the geology and natural history and touch on many aspects of the human history of the area. There will be a few short walks of up to a quarter mile, but no serious hiking. **Activity Rating: Level 2.**

Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann

• **\$190 per person** - Tuition includes ground transportation, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 8AM from Prescott Campus.



EXPLORING COCONINO COUNTY



Coconino County, our immediate neighbor to the northeast, split away from the original Yavapai County in 1891 and is the largest county in Arizona. It includes the eastern end of Grand Canyon, much of the red rock country of Sedona, miles of lush Ponderosa Pine forest, parts of Navajo Land (Dinétaah) and San Francisco Peaks, the highest mountain in Arizona. These programs explore the remote back road regions of the nearer part of the county. Some include several miles of hiking; others just short easy walks.

■ EXPLORING COCONINO COUNTY: THE LAND BETWEEN THE CANYONS

Wednesday, June 3 • EL060326

Reserve By 5/20

Wednesday, Aug 26 • EL082626

Reserve By 8/12

North of Verde Valley is a little-visited plateau, surrounded on three sides by rugged wilderness areas. On the east is West Fork Wilderness and Oak Creek Canyon; on the west is Sycamore Canyon Wilderness; and on the south is Redrock/Secret Canyon Wilderness. We will explore this beautiful, forested landscape, culminating with utterly amazing views of the redrock country of Sedona, seen from above. Along the way we'll talk about geology, including visiting a baby sinkhole, forest ecology and the logging railroads of the early 20th century. We'll also talk about the handful of people who have lived out there, including Bear Howard, who literally made his living hunting bear, and the wild Casner Clan, who have multiple local landmarks named after them. Lots of short walks, but no serious hiking. **Activity Rating: Level 2.**

Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann

• **\$200 per person** - Tuition includes ground transportation, box lunch, and field instruction. Departs 7AM from Prescott campus. *Chino Valley pickup available.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING - TRAVEL



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■ EXPLORING COCONINO COUNTY: CRATER LAKE AND LAVA TUBES

Monday, June 15 • EL060526

Reserve By 5/29

Wednesday, Sept 2 • EL090226

Reserve By 8/19

Northwest of Flagstaff is a little-known crater lake, surrounded by meadows and aspen groves, hidden inside a small volcanic cinder cone just east of the Kendrick's Mountain Wilderness Area. Our day afield will focus heavily on the volcanic history of the San Francisco Volcano Field surrounding Flagstaff and Williams. We'll drive up the access road to the ski area on San Francisco Peaks, hike into Crater Lake for lunch, then in the afternoon visit a lava tube [with optional exploration of the tube] south of Kendrick's Peak. We'll also traverse some of old Route 66 on the way home. Total hiking distance for the day about two miles at elevations near 8,000 feet. **Activity Rating: Level 3.**

Instructor: Will Ascarza

• **\$215 per person** - Tuition includes transportation, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 7AM from Prescott Campus. *Chino Valley pickup available.

■ EXPLORING COCONINO COUNTY: MORMON LAKE COUNTRY

Wednesday, June 10 • EL061026

Reserve By 5/27

Friday, Aug 21 • EL082126

Reserve By 8/6

The high country east of Verde Valley contains an Arizona rarity, a number of natural lakes, although they do on occasion go dry. We will visit several of these lakes, Stoneman Lake, Ashurst Lake, and the largest of all, Mormon Lake, while exploring the geology and natural history of the area. We will also journey to the the historic decommissioned fire tower on Hutch Mountain, at just over 8,500 feet elevation commanding incredible views of the area. This trip includes about a mile of hiking [on an old road] at over 8,000 feet and some other short walks. There's a good chance of seeing elk and other wildlife.

Activity Rating: Level 2.

Instructors: Kyle Short (6/10) & Will Ascarza (8/21)

• **\$215 per person** - Tuition includes transportation, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 8AM from Prescott Campus. *Camp Verde pickup available.

■ EXPLORING COCONINO COUNTY: BILL WILLIAMS MOUNTAIN

Friday, June 12 • EL061226

Reserve By 5/29

Saturday, Aug 15 • EL081526

Reserve By 7/30

Bill Williams Mountain, visible to the north from most of the Prescott area, is the westernmost 9,000-foot peak in Arizona. The mountain is named for a preacher/guide/mountain man from North Carolina whose story will weave through the day. We will circle the mountain on the Bill Williams Loop Road starting at Devil Dog Lake just off I-40, passing by Coleman Lake [usually dry] then drive to the summit firetower, enjoying distant views across much of northern Arizona. We'll do some short walks, but no significant hiking, as we talk about the geology and ecology of the mountain. There's a good chance of seeing elk and other wildlife along the way. **Activity Rating: Level 2.**

Instructors: Will Ascarza (6/12) & Kyle Short (8/15)

• **\$185 per person** - Tuition includes transportation, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 8AM from Prescott Campus. *Chino Valley pickup available.



■ EXPLORING COCONINO COUNTY: SYCAMORE CANYON HEADWATERS

Saturday, Aug 29 • EL082926

Reserve By 8/13

Sycamore Canyon enters the Verde River near Clarkdale, but begins in the vast Ponderosa Pine forest southeast of Williams. We will travel across to the canyon's headwaters area from Drake, just north of Chino Valley, visiting JD Dam, Sycamore Point (with incredible views down the canyon), White Horse Lake, and Sycamore Falls, where the creek drops over a hundred feet into the beginnings of the canyon. Our journey will reach I-40 just east of Williams and we'll return home. Along the way we'll talk about the geology of the canyon and the varied ecosystems along the way. The trip will include about a mile of easy hiking. **Activity Rating: Level 2.**

Instructor: Kyle Short

• **\$200 per person** - Tuition includes ground transportation, box lunch, and field instruction. Departs 8AM from Prescott campus. *Chino Valley pickup available.

■ EXPLORING COCONINO COUNTY: RED MOUNTAIN AND KEY HOLE SINK

Wednesday, Sept 23 • EL092326

Reserve By 9/9

Near the northern edge of the great field of volcanos that surrounds Williams and Flagstaff is an otherwise average cinder cone, about 1,000 feet tall, called Red Mountain. What makes this little mountain unique is how erosion has carved a spectacular amphitheater out of the heart of this extinct volcano, creating a magical landscape of cliffs, spires, and little slot canyons. While talking about the history and dynamics of the San Francisco Volcano Field, and the local ecosystems, we will hike into the heart of Red Mountain, enjoying our lunch inside the volcano. After our main hike, we'll travel back roads south to Parks, then west on Historic Route 66 to Keyhole Sink, hiking into this unusual feature with petroglyphs and a seasonal waterfall. Hiking distance is about 4.5 miles, mostly on well-maintained trail; inside Red Mountain there's some optional off-trail exploring. **Activity Rating: Level 3.**

Instructor: Will Ascarza

• **\$200 per person** - Tuition includes ground transportation, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 8AM from Prescott campus. *Chino Valley pickup available.

■ EXPLORING COCONINO COUNTY: THE SAN FRANCISCO VOLCANO FIELD

Friday, June 26 • EL062626

Reserve By 6/11

Explore the awe-inspiring San Francisco Volcanic Field with a focus on its iconic landmarks. Begin at Cinder Hills, where vibrant volcanic cinders create a striking landscape. Journey to Sunset Crater, a stunning cinder cone that erupted around 1085AD, offering dramatic views and a glimpse into the region's volcanic past. Continue to Wupatki, where ancient pueblo ruins provide insight into the lives of the early inhabitants. Conclude at S.P. Crater, an impressive cinder cone with a symmetrical shape and a vast, surrounding lava field, showcasing the raw power of volcanic activity. This tour promises a captivating blend of natural and historical wonders. **Activity Rating: Level 1-2.**

Instructor: Will Ascarza

• **\$215 per person** - Tuition includes transportation, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 7AM from Prescott Campus. *Camp Verde pickup available.

■ EXPLORING COCONINO COUNTY: THE BEALE WAGON ROAD

Friday, Aug 7 • EL080726

Reserve By 7/23

Journey through history on the Beale Wagon Road, a significant route developed between 1857 and 1859 by Navy Lieutenant Edward Fitzgerald Beale. Commissioned by the U.S. government to support westward expansion, this 1,240-mile trail stretches from Fort Smith, Arkansas, to the Colorado River, offering a glimpse into the past through the landscapes of New Mexico and Arizona. The Beale Road, popular from 1858 until AT&SF Railroad's arrival in 1882, paved the way for Arizona and California settlers and military use. Today, Historic Route 66 and Interstate 40 follow its path, yet the original road is still traceable and partially used for local travel. **Activity Rating: Level 1-2.**

Instructor: Will Ascarza

• **\$200 per person** - Tuition includes transportation, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 7 AM from Prescott Campus. *Chino Valley pickup available.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING - TRAVEL



EXPLORING GRAND CANYON



The Grand Canyon is well-known, but few are aware that much of the canyon is not included in the national park but is the land of several Native American tribes. The Hualapai Nation owns about 40% of the South Rim, and also a unique feature of the canyon: Diamond Creek Road, the only road in Grand Canyon all the way down to the Colorado River. This little-known road follows Peach Springs Canyon to Diamond Creek in the depths of Grand Canyon and allows access to spectacular landscapes in the canyon without the long steep hikes necessary to reach such places in the national park. Choose any of several possibilities, from one requiring little walking or hiking, to several different spectacular hikes, not accessible to the general public, into truly wilderness canyon landscapes.

■ DRIVE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE GRAND CANYON

Saturday, Sept 19 • EL091926

Reserve By 9/4

Saturday, Sept 26 • EL092626

Reserve By 9/11

If you've ever wanted to visit the bottom of Grand Canyon, but long hikes on steep trails, or riding mules all day isn't your idea of a good time, take a look at this trip. We utilize the little-known Diamond Creek Road to drive right to the Colorado River in the depths of Grand Canyon, enjoying our lunch on a canyon-bottom beach. You can even wet your feet in the river if you choose. We stop at a number of places along the way to talk about Geology, the history of the Hualapai People who own this part of the Grand Canyon, and the formation of the canyon itself. The trip requires minimal walking, but you can take an optional easy hike of a mile or so. **Activity Rating: Level 1-2.**

Instructors: Kyle Short (9/19) & Will Ascarza (9/26)

• **\$230 per person** -Tuition includes transportation, Hualapai permits, box lunch and field instruction. Departs at 7:30AM from Prescott Campus. *Chino Valley pickup available.



EXPLORING FARTHER AFIELD



Why limit our educational explorations to our immediate area. Arizona and Four Corners country has numerous other fascinating features to experience, both in the natural world and in our long human history. These trips travel out and away to more distant attractions, some of them as overnight journeys. They range from including short walks to hiking several miles.

■ EXPLORING MOGOLLON RIM COUNTRY

Saturday, July 25 • EL072526

Reserve By 7/9

Forest Lakes, Arizona, is a captivating destination known for its stunning view and natural beauty, particularly along the Mogollon Rim. The Rim is a dramatic escarpment that stretches across Arizona, offering panoramic views of the surrounding forests and valleys. The Manganese Denison Mine is a historical site that speaks to the region's mining past. This mine was active in the 20th century, contributing to the local economy by extracting manganese, a critical industrial mineral. Woods Canyon Lake is one of the prominent lakes in the area and is ideal for fishing, kayaking, and picnicking, making it a popular destination for families and adventurers alike. **Activity Rating: Level 1-2.**

Instructor: Will Ascarza

• **\$200 per person** - Tuition includes transportation, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 7AM from Prescott Campus. *Camp Verde pickup available.

■ EXPLORING TONTO NATURAL BRIDGE COUNTRY

Thursday, Sept 17 • EL091726

Reserve By 9/3

Tonto Natural Bridge, under the Mogollon Rim north of Payson, is one of the more unusual features of Arizona. The bridge, somewhat more a huge natural tunnel, is 150 feet wide, nearly 200 feet tall, and 400 feet long. Several trails thread their way through and around the bridge. We'll hike these trails, somewhat flexible on distance, exploring the bridge and its environs and have our lunch at the picnic area there. We'll also see the historic Goodfellow Lodge adjacent to the bridge, dating from the 1920s. Our journey there and back will feature spectacular views from the Mogollon Rim, an historic stone mileage marker from the original General Crook Trail, and a visit to the historic Strawberry one-room schoolhouse.

Activity Rating: Level 2.

Instructor: Will Ascarza

• **\$210 per person** - Tuition includes ground transportation, box lunch and field instruction. Departs 7:30AM from Prescott Campus. *Camp Verde pickup available.



■ CANYON DE CHELLY OVERNIGHT TRIP

Wed - Thurs, Sept 30 - Oct 1 • EL093026

Reserve By 9/16

Canyon de Chelly, an amazing other-worldly landscape of 800-foot tall red cliffs, includes spectacular cliff dwellings and mystical rock art from centuries in the past. The canyon was once home to the ancestral Hopi and today sustains a living community of Navajo (the Dine') living in spiritual connection with this beautiful landscape. We'll tour the canyon's south rim, viewing its beauty from above, and also take a 4x4 tour into the canyon with Navajo guides who will share their stories with us. During our journey there and back, we'll visit Petrified Forest, the Painted Desert, and historic Hubbell Trading Post as well as traveling paved back roads across Navajo land (Dinétaah). A fair amount of walking is included, some optional, but all on easy terrain. **Activity Rating: Level 1-2.**

Instructor: TBD

• **\$780 per person double occupancy / \$150 single occupancy supplement** - Tuition includes transportation, lodging, meals, 4x4 tour, permits, admission fees, gratuities, and field instruction. Departs 7AM from Prescott Campus. *Camp Verde pickup available.

■ COURSE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEVEL RATING CHART*

Activity Rating Level 1

Participants must be able to carry luggage, packs, and/or equipment, climb stairs, sit, or stand for up to 1 hour, get in and out of vehicles easily, and walk a few blocks indoors or out.

Activity Rating Level 2

Participants must be able to carry luggage, packs, and/or equipment, participate in physical activity for 1-2 hours, climb stairs, sit, or stand for over 1 hour, and walk on uneven and/or varied terrain from three blocks up to one mile at a 2.0-mph pace over the course of the day [may include slight elevation changes.]

Activity Rating Level 3

Participants must be able to carry luggage, packs, and/or equipment, sit, or stand for over 2 hours, be in good health, mobile, able to participate in 3-5 hours of physical activity per day, and walk on uneven and/or varied terrain up to five miles at a 2.5-mph pace over the course of the day and/or for multiple consecutive days [may include moderate elevation changes.]

Activity Rating Level 4

Participants must be able to carry luggage, packs, and/or equipment; sit or stand for over 2 hours; be in excellent health, extremely mobile, and used to an active lifestyle. Program activities may require up to 6 hours of strenuous, moderate- to fast-paced activity per day, equivalent to hiking 6 to 10 miles at a 3-mph pace over uneven and/or varied terrain [may include moderate to intense elevation changes]. A conditioning regimen is recommended, beginning at least 2-3 months prior to departure that includes hiking [preferably], walking or some other form of cardiovascular exercise [swimming, cycling] in order to prepare for the activity in this adventure.

Activity Rating Level 5

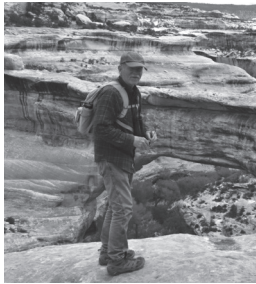
Participants must be able to carry luggage, packs, and/or equipment; sit or stand for over 3 hours; have a high level of physical fitness and appropriate expertise in the program activities [e.g. hiking, climbing, rafting, etc.]; and should expect full days of fast-paced, strenuous physical challenges [may include moderate to intense elevation changes]. A conditioning regimen is recommended, beginning at least 2-3 months prior to departure that includes hiking [preferably], walking or some other form of cardiovascular exercise [swimming, cycling] in order to prepare for the activity in this adventure.

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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING - TRAVEL

MEET THE TRIP LEADERS

■ CHRIS WUEHRMANN



Chris is our senior instructor/trip leader and has been leading trips for Yavapai College since 1981. Chris came to Prescott in 1967 from Illinois and was in the second class at Prescott College

back when it first began. He studied Social Anthropology, Archaeology, and Geology, is something of a self-taught historian and is also a musician (keyboards) who plays regularly around Prescott. Chris has hiked and backpacked all over the Southwest, including hundreds of days spent in Grand Canyon, and has also worked on a number of archaeological projects. He is responsible for developing most of the trips currently in our offerings and is heavily involved with bringing our two new trip leaders online. He's been married to Rita (retired administrator of the college's OLLI Program) for 45 years, and they have three children.

■ KYLE SHORT



Kyle is a new instructor/trip leader for the college this year. He came to the Prescott area in 2012 from Baja, Mexico, having lived there for three years, but is originally from Delaware

where he graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in Spanish. Kyle brings a wealth of prior experience developing and leading adventure trips around the Southwest, including San Juan River trips, other southwestern destinations, and also trips to our southern neighbors, Mexico and El Salvador. After teaching 12 years at Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy in Prescott, he's now teaching at Skyview School. He's married to Jessica (who teaches Spanish in Chino Valley), and they have two children.

■ WILL ASCARZA



Will is a new instructor/trip leader for the college this year and brings extensive prior experience to our program. He came to Arizona from the Southeast in 1999, first living

in southern Arizona and more recently in Flagstaff. Educated in North Carolina and at the University of Arizona, Will has led adventure trips for Pima College, been involved with the Sonoran Desert Museum, and as an author has published seven books, including *Zenith on the Horizon*. He's also the writer of a column for over ten years, "Mine Tales", in the *Arizona Daily Star* in Tucson and has worked with a number of tourism boards, museums, and libraries. Will has a special interest in Arizona history, and especially mining history. He's married to Lorie, an environmental educator, and they have one child.



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Alexander Duff came to Arizona Territory in 1879, as a trapper, prospector, and market hunter, married to a Shoshone Indian woman. He left the territory in 1906 as a respected hotel and mercantile owner. Duff homesteaded at a beautiful spot on the Verde River, overlooked by a centuries-old cliff dwelling, where a crystal-clear spring bears his name. Join this exploration of Duff's story and of some of the history and natural features.

■ JOHNSON CANYON

Video ID #ONL2 • \$20

When the Santa Fe Railroad was constructing their line across northern Arizona in the early 1880s, they overcame many physical obstacles in the rugged landscapes they traversed. One of the more difficult was the steep drop westwards off the Coconino Plateau, between Williams and Ash Fork. Our explorations will include some strange and interesting natural features, and the story of rancher and homesteader George Johnson, after whom the canyon is named.

■ NORTHERN BRADSHAW

Video ID #ONL3 • \$20

In 1863, during the height of the Civil War, several parties of intrepid prospectors discovered gold in the flanks of what became known as the Bradshaw Mountains. While the Walker party was most notable, the range was named for William Bradshaw, who died under mysterious circumstances in December 1864. We will explore the northern part of the range, which overlooks Prescott, visiting old mine sites, ghost communities, homesteads, and the historic Palace Station, established by the Spence family in 1875.

■ THE MOQUI STAGE ROAD TO GRAND CANYON

Video ID #ONL4 • \$25

In 1903, two young girls traveled to the Grand Canyon with their families. They rode from Flagstaff to the Canyon by stagecoach, stayed in the historic, long extinct Grand View Hotel and took a 3-day trip by burro into the Canyon with Captain John Hance, the Canyon's first tour operator and renowned storyteller. Chris Wuehrmann re-creates their journey to the Canyon via the route of the Moqui Stage. We will hear about their histories as miners and tour operators in the Grandview Point area, and little-known histories of other Northern Arizona pioneers and places.

■ PROSPECTORS, MINERS, AND THE IMPOSSIBLE RAILROAD IN THE SOUTHERN BRADSHAW MOUNTAINS

Video ID #ONL5 • \$25

In 1863, during the height of the Civil War, several parties of prospectors discovered gold in what became known as the Bradshaw Mountains. We'll explore the southern part of the range, visiting desert communities like Cleator, Bumblebee, and the mountain town of Crown King. We will talk about the original Yavapai Indian inhabitants, the challenges of passage via rail, and some history of mining in the rugged and forbidding landscape of the Southern Bradshaws.

■ EXPLORING DATE CREEK: NATIVE PEOPLES AND TERRITORIAL FORTS TO MODERN RANCHERS

Video ID #ONL6 • \$25

Date Creek flows from the crest of the Weaver Mountains above Yarnell west into a vast desert plain, studded with rugged mountain ridges, finally joining the Santa Maria River above Alamo Lake. Originally home to the Yavapai People, Date Creek's first Anglo visitors were led by Charles Genung in 1863, who upon seeing one of the creek's green valleys declared it to be the Garden of Eden. Near this spot the military post of Camp Date Creek operated from 1867-1874. We will explore this little-known landscape, seeing ancient rock art, viewing the ruins of Camp Date Creek, and visiting with modern ranchers.

■ THE LAND BETWEEN THE CANYONS

Video ID #ONL7 • \$25

Leading southwards into Verde Valley are two spectacular red rock canyons. To the east, well-known Oak Creek Canyon is followed by highway, although the west flanks are wilderness area. To the west, lightly visited Sycamore Canyon is entirely a wilderness area. Between the lower ends of these canyons is more wilderness area offering utterly amazing views, exotic volcanic features, and steep and wild canyons. Enjoy exploring this wild country and rugged back roads. We'll talk about geology, natural history, forest management and logging railroads. We'll also talk about the handful of early pioneers who braved this remote wilderness; and the historic logging railroads that once traversed the area.



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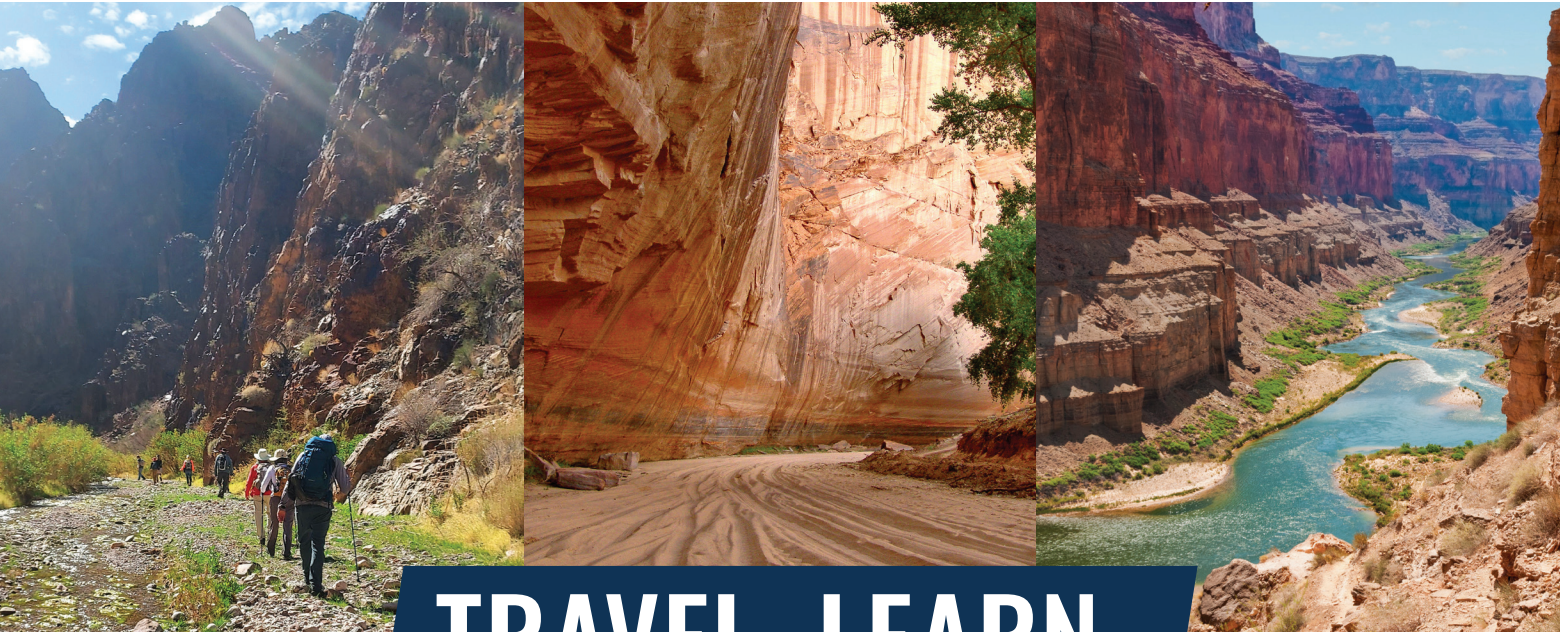
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