

FSS-MS Mini Course Descriptions 2010

Please read through the descriptions carefully, and then prioritize your top **6** choices. Forms with proper signatures must be returned to Tr. Ed no later than Monday, March 15, 2010.

The Sights and Sounds of the Wissahickon Trs. Dan and Patrick

Enjoy a day of hiking and listening in the Wissahickon, recording the sounds and images of our surroundings to be used in your own composition. The second day of the course will be focused on composing with the material we've gathered- musical pieces with the sounds and cover art with the images. Students can choose to work in a pair or individually. Lunch the first day will be in the Wissahickon (bring your own), the second at Reading Terminal Market (bring some cash).

Museum Exploration: Maximizing the Experience Tr. John

This course will explore what museums do and how to get the most out of a visit to one. We will talk about what museums do when they mount an exhibit, how they organize and add interactive elements to it, and how to view a museum exhibit. We will spend time in two science museums looking about various exhibits, and we will write a guide showing people how to maximize their visit to a museum.

Philmed Philadelphia: My City, My Story Trs. Martha and Dianna

In this mini-course students will create a digital story that briefly examines how they see themselves within the City of Philadelphia. Participants will create and direct their own written and visual images for the project. There will be some poetry writing and art involved in the course. We plan to go out into Center City to capture images, and to eat. Students who select this course will be expected to meet with us during two lunch periods prior to the mini-course to do some storyboarding and other planning.

Architecture in Center City Trs. Fred and Heather

On day one, students will be given a walking tour of architecture in Center City. We will look at the history of architecture in Philadelphia by touring City Hall (John McArthur Jr.), The Masonic Temple (James Hamilton Windrim), the Free Library (Horace Trumbauer), PAFA (Frank Furness), Liberty Place (Helmut Jahn), Commerce Square (I. M. Pei), and the Comcast Center (Robert A. M. Stern). We will also visit the Friends Center to learn about their recent "green" renovation. On day two, students will create architectural models in the art studio. They will begin with three-dimensional drawings, build prototypes and construct finished models. The students will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of materials and processes.

Taking an Impressionist's View of Philadelphia

Tr. Karen

Monet, Pissaro, Degas, Renoir – works from these artists explored their surroundings in a groundbreaking way that became known as impressionism. This mini-course will take an in-depth look at their work and give you the opportunity to similarly explore your own surroundings through your own work. If you love art and creating art, this is the mini-course for you! Prepare to paint!

Drawing From the Outside In

Tr. Christa

Do you want to follow the footsteps of famous naturalists –Charles Darwin, William Bartram, and Audubon and explore the study of nature, natural history and scientific art? The Mini Course “Drawing From the Outside In” will give you the opportunity to be a nature journalist. You will explore the world around you through drawing and also writing if you wish. You will draw what you see -specimen of plants and animals, nature objects -in the class room and in their natural environment. Fieldtrips include the Reading Terminal, the Academy of Natural Sciences and weather permitting Bartram’s Gardens.

Jeweler's Workshop

Tr.

Terry

Love jewelry? Do you have your own designs in mind? Do you want to use a blowtorch? In this mini-course you will have the opportunity to bring your ideas to life! We’ll work on our own designs in sterling silver, glass, and beads. We’ll also visit a working jewelry store on Jewelers’ Row *and eat pizza!*

It's a Dog's Life

Tr. Ed

Whether you have a family dog or just want one, you will get to discover which dog is the right one for your situation and get basic training tips and ideas for your newest family member. All participants will have the chance to engage in some research as well as practice their skills with a guest dog. Guest dogs will include a Rottweiler and a mixed-breed. Do not sign up for this mini-course if you are allergic to or are trying to overcome a fear of animals!

Prioritize your **six** choices below and return to Tr. Ed on Monday, March 15, 2010

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Student Name _____ Advisor _____

Parent Signature _____