

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LACROSSE

2024

KIDS' College

An *Adventure* in
LEARNING for
5th & 6th graders!

APRIL 12, 2024
8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

UW
GRADUATE &
EXTENDED LEARNING

Kids' College offers students hands-on learning and activities in an environment that is supportive, enriching and entertaining! Youth work alongside UW-La Crosse faculty and experts in various fields who invite experimentation, investigation and involvement.

Co-sponsored by
Mississippi Valley Gifted & Talented Network

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Accessing College:

Disability and Higher Education

In this session, you will explore the unique transitions students with disabilities encounter when going to college. Almost 10% of students at UWL are registered to receive disability-related accommodations and support. Disabilities can include physical conditions, psychological conditions (even anxiety and depression), and learning conditions (dyslexia and dyscalculia). Students with disabilities are dynamic leaders on our campus and we celebrate their important contributions to making college an accessible experience!

- Andrew Ives, Ed.D., Access Center, UW-La Crosse
- Jennifer Bell, M.S.Ed., Access Center, UW-La Crosse
- Jenna Umberger, M.S.Ed., Access Center, UW-La Crosse

A Day in the Life: The UWL Student Experience

In this session, you'll tour the UWL campus and experience what life at college might be like! Everything from where you'd sleep, eat, study, take a class, watch athletic games and much more!

- UWL Vanguards

Bang on the Drums All Day

The Drumline is the heartbeat of every marching band! Learn the basics of how to hold drumsticks and play rhythmic patterns on marching band drums.

- Tammy Fisher, Ph.D. Music, UW-La Crosse

Experience the EZONE!

WAIVER REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION

Into gaming? If so, this session is for you! Come experience the EZONE Esports & Gaming space within the Recreational Eagle Center. Within the space, you have the opportunity to use one of our 24 high-performance gaming PCs, play your favorite console game, or try out the Virtual Reality (VR) devices.

- UWL EZONE Staff

Experience the World!

Join UWL world travelers for an interactive session to learn more about the world and its cultures and languages here and beyond the United States borders (with International Education & Engagement and Global Cultures & Languages).

- Miranda Panzer, M.S.Ed., International Education & Engagement, UW-La Crosse

Exploring Robotics & Adaptive Technology

Assistive technology is used to adapt everyday activities and make them accessible for the disabled community. Explore the technology available today such as a robotic feeding arm (OBI), Eye Gaze, Head Arrays, and Power Wheelchairs. Use your new knowledge to give input about the future of adaptive devices and systems.

- Craig Lasley, Numotion

Fearless! Women in Popular Music from Billie Holiday to Taylor Swift

Explore the diverse female artists and the historical contexts that either influenced or paved the way for Taylor Swift's rise to worldwide fame.

- Kenneth Shonk, Ph.D., History, UW-La Crosse

History Beneath Your Feet

Discover how archaeologists piece together what life was like in the Coulee Region in the distant past. Join us as we "dig in" to examine artifacts recovered from local excavations to determine how pre-European people used the area's natural resources for thousands of years before cars, grocery stores, or computers were invented!

- Jean Dowiasch, B.S., Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center, UW-La Crosse

It's All Fun & Games

As a Recreation Professional (yes...it's a thing!), play is not only fun, but an important tool in developing our sense of self and building social, emotional, and collaborative skills. In this session, you'll get a taste of what kinds of games and activities are best for encouraging particular outcomes. You'll also learn how recreation connects to well-being and why, though we spend a predominant portion of our lives working, the reason we do so is very much guided by our recreation goals and preferences. And, the best part is, you'll learn this all by doing the activities...not just talking about them!

- Laurie Harmon, Ph.D., Recreation Management & Recreational Therapy, UW-La Crosse

Japanese Joje-Inspired Two-Way Picture Button Designs

In this session, participants will explore Joje-e two-way pictures and design a two-way picture for a wearable button. Two-way pictures called Joge-e are playful images that were developed as novelty art in the Meiji era in Japan. They are designed so the picture has a different image when viewed upside down.

- Lisa Lenarz, M.F.A., Art, UW-La Crosse

Managing the Land Around Us

How did the Mississippi River form the valley we live in and how do we protect our cities from flooding? Join us as we dig in and manipulate sand and water moving through stream models to explore how rivers transform the land! Develop creative solutions for managing this critical natural resource.

- Colin Belby, Ph.D., Geography & Earth Science, UW-La Crosse
- Jeffrey Kueny, M.S., Geography & Earth Science, UW-La Crosse

Pet First Aid

Learn what you can do when your dog or cat is experiencing a medical emergency. Topics will include blood loss, fractures, burns, poison ingestion, and CPR.

- Cord Brundage, D.V.M., Ph.D., Biology, UW-La Crosse

Stage Combat

Learn how to hit, hair-pull, and kick your friends without anyone getting hurt! We will learn some basic stage combat moves that actors use to create fight scenes safely (while learning how to work together to WOW others).

- Pete Rydberg, Ph.D., Visual & Performing Arts, UW-La Crosse

The Movement of the Future

Explore the advanced technology and equipment that allows for cutting-edge research in areas such as motion analysis, biomechanics, and rehabilitation.

- Thomas Kernozek, Ph.D., Physical Therapy, UW-La Crosse

The Stars Above You

A long time ago, adventurers would use the stars to navigate around the globe. When you look up into the night sky, do you know the names of what you see? Do you think you could use the stars, planets, and moon to find your way around? Come learn more about the starry sky around you in the UWL Planetarium!

- Bob Allen, M.A., Planetarium, UW-La Crosse

UWL Climbing Wall

WAIVER REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION

Learn rope belaying and climbing procedures, methods, equipment, and proper climbing etiquette. Dress for physical activity.

- UW-La Crosse Adventure Program Staff

What is Surrealist Art?

Melting clocks, automation, and dreamlike landscapes are all part of the Surrealist movement. Discover how artists at the beginning of the 20th Century invented new ways to redefine reality. Play surrealist games as you explore how artists like Salvador Dali and Joan Miró used the subconscious to have fun making art!

- Deborah-Eve Lombard, M.A., B.F.A., Art, UW-La Crosse

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8:30–9 a.m.

REGISTRATION & WELCOME

9:20–10:25 a.m.

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10:45–11:50 a.m.

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Registration:
\$20/student

Noon–12:30 p.m.

LUNCH

Bring your own sack lunch. Water will be provided

12:30–1:45 p.m.

SESSION 3

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2 p.m.

DISMISSAL

*Students participating in **UWL Climbing Wall** must complete the [Climbing Wall Waiver](#).

Participants in **Experience the EZONE! session must complete the [EZONE Participant Agreement](#).

Forms and additional information are available at uwlax.edu/gel/ypc/kids-college.

To serve the most participants, students may participate in **either** the **UWL Climbing Wall** **or** **Experience the EZONE!**

Privacy Policy: Registration implies permission for photos and publicity unless Graduate & Extended Learning is notified in writing prior to the program. Attendees must receive approval from their school's gifted and talented coordinator prior to registering. Registration is taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cancellation Policy: Substitutions are welcome. No refunds for cancellation. Substitutions must be submitted in writing to ex@uwlax.edu prior to the event.