2015 Retrain Your Brain! Current Program Offerings  As of 03.02.15

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This is a sneak peek at what you can expect during Brownell-Talbot’s 2015 Retrain Your Brain! Summer Camp. Programs are still forming and will be added as they are finalized. Check back often to see what's new!

402 Rock Academy – Dan White
Get ready to live the dream of playing in a band! This program is designed to take your musicianship to the next level by not only focusing on playing an instrument individually, but also on performing with a group. Throughout the week, we will work on improving individual and band performance skills in a creative and nurturing environment. This program will be led by representatives for the 402 Arts Collective who are passionate about creating and cultivating a vibrant network of artists in the Omaha community. This program is for students age 11-14.

Alliance Française d’Omaha’s French Immersion Program – Maud Ehrlander
Broaden your horizons and develop new skills in a playful and immersive environment! This program is designed to expose students to the French language through a number of hands-on activities such as arts and crafts, drama, outdoor fun, board games, and more. By the end of the week, students will be able to express themselves in basic French and will have increased exposure to French culture. Individual program offerings for students 5-7 and 8-10.

Building Connections: A Country a Day – Amber Straka
Join us for an exciting week focused on developing cultural awareness of the world beyond the United States. Each day, we will learn about a different country including: South Korea, Russia, India, Mexico, and Morocco. Participants will be fully enveloped in the culture of the day with treats, games, and crafts. Throughout this week, you will find that we really are better together as we continue to engage in learning about the world around us. This program is for students age 11-14.

Disc Golf – Brad Dunlap
Develop new skills while spending active time outdoors during this week of disc golf! We will spend the week learning the rules and etiquette of disc golf, as well as developing an understanding of how disc golf is a life skill to be enjoyed by players of all ages. By the end of the week you will know the fundamentals of throwing the disc, game strategies, and how to score a disc golf match. Courses will be set up on the B-T campus and we will take a field trip to a public course at the end of the week. This program is for students age 11-14.

Gardening for Nature and a Healthy Environment – Chris Robie
Do you love butterflies, bats, and birds? How about getting your hands dirty in the dirt? This camp is for you! Join us for a week exploring the wonders of nature. Activities will include making a bird feeder and wildflower box, working the courtyard garden, playing outdoor games, listening to fun music, and taking nature walks in nearby Memorial Park. This program is for students age 5-7.

Go Figure! – Bob Williams
Get ready to see the world through new eyes after completing this geometric program! Throughout the week, we will engage in a number of hands-on activities to recognize and understand the geometry in the world around us. We will construct 3 dimensional figures from a variety of materials, learn how to find the surface area of a number of shapes, experiment with the 3D printer, and even take a trip to the Old Market to find our geometric shapes in local Architecture. It will be a week full of fun and learning! Go figure! This program offering is for students age 8-10.

History of Omaha – Mark Smith
Delve into the rich history that Omaha has to offer. Throughout the week, we will take a number of field trips to historical sites throughout Omaha such as: Fort Omaha, the Durham Western Heritage Museum, the Old Market Courthouse, Prospect Hill Cemetery, the Mormon Trail Center, and more! Learn about “the Gateway to the West” in a fun and engaging program. This program is for students age 8-10.

La Cuisine Française – Carolyn Conrath
Spend a week learning the art of French cooking! Each day we will prepare a 3-course French meal: an appetizer, a main dish, and a dessert. All of our creations will be from traditional French recipes. Be a part of the chef process from planning the menu to dining on the cuisine. You will also make a cookbook to take home at the end of the week. Bon appetit! This program offering is for students age 8-10.

Outdoors & Off Roads – Bob Goetschkes
Back by popular demand! Spend the week exploring the great outdoors. Enjoy hiking, rowing, biking, rock climbing, fishing, and more in this action packed week full of adventure. Learn to be a true outdoorsman (or woman) while engaging in physical activity that will help you to stay healthy and appreciate your natural environment. Each day we will travel to a new location, so be sure to pack your lunch, lots of water, and sunscreen. This is a full-day program offering and is for students age 8-10.

Religious Traditions of Omaha – Mark Smith
Explore the diversity of religious tradition within the Omaha community from both the past and the present. We will learn the basics about Catholicism, Orthodoxy, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, and more! During this week, we will also tour a number of religious venues including: St. Cecilia’s Cathedral, St. John’s Greek Orthodox Church, Beth-El Synagogue, the Zen Center, the Islamic Center of Omaha, and the Hindu Temple. This program offering is for students age 11-14.

Strategize! – Bob Goetschkes
Spend the week learning the history and art of ancient games of strategy. Throughout the program, you will learn the history and strategies of Chess, Wei Qi (Go), Backgammon, and more. Help develop critical thinking skills while making predictions, calculating odds, and having fun! This program offering is for students age 8-10.

Theater Fundamentals – Aileen Zeigler
Join us for a fun and engaging week focused on the fundamentals of acting. Get ready to harness your imagination and learn the skills involved in creating a great performance. During this program, you will develop ensemble and character work through improvisational activities, all of which are great for building self-confidence, practicing listening skills, increasing self-awareness, and improving verbal ability. This program offering is for students age 11-14.