

## 9 MONTH COURSES

**HISTORY: EARTH-STORY 1: Offered:** Mondays 10:00-3:30pm at Black Tortoise Lodge/Adjacent to TLV Campus (Includes healthy, organic lunch prepared by students )

**Fees:** \$120-150 sliding scale per month x 9 months **Materials:** \$25

This Earth-centered view of history endeavors to bring generational relevance and ecological context to the learner's idea of history. EarthStory will not be a history organized around human "progress" - politics, battles and boundaries of "sovereign" nations. Instead, we will recover the Story of Earth and its long unfolding over billions of years to gestate and birth our human presence, a story rich with science, music, art, dances, mythos, and Mystery. We will contemplate the beginnings of civilizations and their rise and fall within the context of human relationship to the Natural World. How can we better understand the gradual deterioration of that relationship, and the effects on the culture and well-being of each civilization? We will begin to see and understand the real heroes of the human journey- our amazing ancestors- who, even in the midst of civilization's loss of connection, created enduring art, poetry, literature, music and science that celebrated their Belonging to Earth. This epic exploration of of humanity's Earthen connections will invite learners to recognize their own sense of self, connection, and Belonging, as we walk into a future that cannot be seen. EarthStory will integrate lecture, reading, collaborative learning, art, music, story, composition, scientific inquiry, and experiential, 'hands-heart-head' learning to create an interdisciplinary historical survey of humanity's Earthen origins.

**THE HERO'S JOURNEY LITERATURE & COMPOSITION: Offered:** Tuesdays 10:00-12:45pm

**Fees:** \$60-80 sliding scale per month x 9 months **Materials:** \$85, includes course book, journal, (8 novels/used /library books also required)

We are all heroes, journeying together! This course looks at literature featuring ordinary people who find themselves in circumstances that require extraordinary acts (sound familiar?), and examines these acts in relation to the archetypal hero's journey. Lessons provide historical background on the setting and author while offering discussion points students can use to explore literary themes and issues with family and peers. Students develop a wide range of composition skills throughout the course, exploring techniques and formats such as comparative essays, first person writing, figurative language, summarizing, poetry, persuasive writing, inferential reading and contextual clues, and observational writing. The included course book allows learners to work independently, as well as under the guidance of a facilitator/teacher.

**SCIENCE: ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE FOR A CHANGING WORLD: Offered:** Thursdays 10-12:45pm

**Fees:** \$60- 80 sliding scale per month x 9 months **Materials:** \$80, includes course book

This course introduces fundamental ecological concepts and explores the interactions between all living things, including humans, and our environment. Students learn about the biosphere, major biomes, ecosystems, chemical cycles, and the role of living things in ecosystems. In addition to learning about environmental problems, students explore practical alternatives for protecting the environment and moving toward a sustainable future. More and more, the broad subject of environmental science needs to be considered on a global scale, and this course helps to increase students' awareness of global environmental issues, as well as their role in their environment, both local and global. Students are encouraged to think deeply about the issues discussed and their responsibilities as stewards of the Earth. The interdisciplinary nature of environmental science is reinforced throughout the course.

**INTEGRATED MATHEMATICS: ALGEBRA 1 & GEOMETRY: Offered:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 1:45-3:30pm.

**Fees:** \$60-80 sliding scale per month x 9months **Materials:** \$50 includes textbook, math drawing set

A richly integrated, interdisciplinary exploration of 9th /10th grade Algebra & Geometry, based on a Waldorf approach to high school mathematics. Students will learn practical, artistic, & scientific application of both Geometry & Algebra through an engaging curriculum that includes historical exploration of the people and events that inspired important mathematical developments. Students will draw complex geometric constructions based on their appearance in nature, botany, astronomy, engineering, and learn how Algebraic equations are a language that expresses higher mathematical concepts. Concepts introduced will include, but not be limited to: Static & dynamic loci, movement under law, conic sections and 3d projections, axiomatic methods, engineering drawing, probability and statistics, Pascal's triangle, Algebraic proofs, binomial theorem, quadratic equations, polynomials, factoring and completing the square.

**SOCIAL STUDIES: PEACE-JAM AMBASSADORS: Offered:** Wednesdays. 10:00-12:45pm. (classes typically held at TLV /Aeon campus, but will include other venues)

**Fees:** \$60-80 sliding scale per month x 9months **Materials:** \$50

PeaceJam Ambassadors is a unique program developed by the PeaceJam Foundation to create young leaders committed to positive change in themselves, their communities and the world. The course will explore issues related to peace, violence, social justice and oppression through the lens of history, political science, geography, social justice, human rights, citizenship, conflict resolution, and more. Learners study the lives and work of 13 Nobel Peace Laureates and the strategies they use to address pressing global issues, while they create and implement their own PeaceJam Global Call to Action projects. The program also includes an annual PeaceJam Youth Conference where youth spend a weekend with a Nobel Peace Laureate, giving them an unprecedented opportunity to share with, learn from, and be inspired by a world leader for peace.

**GLOBAL VILLAGE: CULTURAL IMMERSION, TRAVEL, FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Offered:** Wednesdays. 1:45-3:30pm. (Travel to France June 3 - June 18 2018.)

**Fees:** \$60-\$80 sliding scale, per month, 9 monthly payments (plus travel fees, TBD) **Materials:** \$25 includes course book

2017/18 Venue: Southern France: This year's class will be an immersive experience of the unique culture of Southern France- a place where diverse world cultures have intersected for thousands of years! With guidance from our Learning Stewards, students will begin a fundraising campaign for their trip using online platforms, events, student-run business, service work, and more. During the months preceding travel, learners will also familiarize themselves with the language, culture, ecology, food, and economy of the travel venue. Through this process, they will learn more about themselves as creators of their own class/community culture, and dive deeply into cultural identity as an element of their own humanness. Experienced guides will facilitate and lead these trips, with the idea that parents are welcome to join the fun and adventure. Lavender fields, prehistoric cave art, pottery, paint and pigment making, delicious food, history, art-making, swimming, and nature-based immersion will create adventure stories and memories that will last a lifetime. (We are currently establishing additional venues in Ireland, Costa Rica, and Bali which will include even more art, food, culture and adventure experiences).

## TRIMESTER ELECTIVES, INTERNSHIPS, SERVICE LEARNING

Classes and sessions held during 1-2 weekday afternoons or Fridays. Trimesters include 12 sessions/classes. Depending on the nature of the work/subject, class sizes are limited to 2-6 learners. Some electives will be held at the TLV/Aeon campus, others out in the community at artist or professional venues.

### STUDIO ARTS: WITH ELIZABETH PORRIT-CARRINGTON

**Offered:** Fridays 1:30-3:00pm Held at Elizabeth's studio, Phil Mechanic Building in the River Arts District.

**Fees:** \$80-120 sliding scale per month x 4 months **Materials** \$35

An engaging survey of artistic techniques, art history, experimentation, and skill building with fine arts. A panacea of techniques and media will be introduced, including watercolor, acrylic, oil, pencil, charcoal and other media. Elizabeth will also share a brief history of artists, culture and innovation from various periods of history. Like many folks from her native Ireland, Elizabeth is a gifted storyteller and engages students with her tangible sense of wonder and appreciation for the subject matter.

### EQUINE/ANIMAL ARTS INTERNSHIP LEVEL 1: WITH JOY KENNEDY

**Offered:** Fridays 1:30-5:30pm At TLV Animal Arts Campus/Rumi's Field

**Fees:** \$360-480 sliding scale per month x 4 months **Materials** \$20 (plus a pair of sturdy, waterproof boots)

A deep exploration of the animal-human connection with gifted animal arts mentor Joy Kennedy. Interns will work with horses, sheep, rabbits, chickens, and some wildlife. They will learn the body language and intuitive communication skills of animals, basic anatomy, habitat, nutrition, veterinary care and more. Interns will care for, feed, and connect to the animals through play and contemplative practices. They will also learn riding skills with our horses, and do trail work in the forest to complete a horse trail from our campus into Pisgah National Forest. This progressive, 3 part internship will build foundational skills necessary to complete an exciting 2 day/overnight trail riding adventure with Joy in the Level 2 Internship!

### EQUINE ARTS CLASSES: WITH JOY KENNEDY

**Offered:** Thursdays 3:30-5:00pm At TLV Animal Arts Campus/Rumi's Field

**Fees:** \$180-260 sliding scale per month x 4 months **Materials** \$20 (plus a pair of sturdy, waterproof boots)

Students will learn horsemanship, care, riding, and horse communication through hands-on experience and mentorship. Skills taught will include, but not be limited to secure seat techniques, ground-work, horseback yoga, natural and holistic equine care, grooming, horse-play and more.

### ANIMAL RESCUE INTERNSHIP: WITH BROTHER WOLF ANIMAL RESCUE

**Offered:** Friday, 3:30-5:30pm

**Fees:** ride sharing or gas sharing suggested **Materials** NA

### BOARD GAME CAFE/STUDY HALL: WELL PLAYED CAFE, ASHEVILLE

**Offered:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd Trimester, day and time TBD by Aeon Students

**Fees:** Unlimited monthly membership at Well Played \$25, or per visit \$5

### GREEN BUILDING WITH BLUE RIDGE ENERGY SYSTEMS

**Offered:** 2nd Trimester, details TBD

### CIRCUS ARTS/FUNCTIONAL ANATOMY/ACRO-YOGA: WITH THEA WILKINS

Offered 2nd Trimester, details TBD

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10:00-12:00 EarthStory	10-10:40 Circle	10-10:40 Circle	10-10:40 Circle	Open Internships, Personal Interest Projects, Electives
	10:45-12:45 Language Arts/The Hero's Journey	10:45-12:45 Social Studies/PeaceJam Service Curriculum	10:45-12:45 Environmental Science for a Changing World	
12:00 -1:30 Lunch (prepared by students)	12:45-1:40 Lunch	12:45-1:40 Lunch	12:45-1:40 Lunch	Open Internships, Personal Interest Projects, Electives
1:35-3:30 EarthStory	1:45-3:30 Math: Integrated Algebra 1 & Geometry	1:45-3:30 Global Village/Cultural Immersion/Travel/ Foreign language	1:45-3:30 Math: Integrated Algebra 1 & Geometry	Open Internships, Personal Interest Projects, Electives