



Southwestern College

Y.E.S. Academy

For Students Entering Grades 4-10

Location: All classes are held at Southwestern College – Chula Vista Campus, 900 Otay Lakes Rd. A welcome letter, with classroom numbers, will be provided 1-2 weeks prior to the beginning of each course.

Summer 2026 **Youth Excellence & Success Academy** +

Monday–Thursday

Session I:

June 15 - June 26

(No class: 6/18, 6/19, 6/26)

Session II:

June 29–July 10

(No class: 7/3, 7/4, 7/10)

April 27, Registration opens!

Learn More & Register at

[**www.swccd.edu/yes**](http://www.swccd.edu/yes)

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Y.E.S. Academy

This year, the Youth Excellence & Success (Y.E.S.) Academy celebrates 48 years!

Inspiring Young Minds Through Career Exploration & Interest

The Y.E.S. Academy provides a well-rounded approach that helps students develop a sense of identity and purpose while also preparing them for future educational and career success. This mission, we hope, will create new discoveries and decisions leading to each student's own unique pathway for success.

Why Join Y.E.S. Academy?

This summer, students entering grades 4–10 can explore exciting careers, discover new hobbies, and build real-world skills in a fun and supportive environment! Our structure two-track program allows students to:

Explore Career Paths – Hands on experiences in creative & technical fields

Pursue Personal Interests – Fun courses that spark creativity and self-discovery

Grade Levels

Our sessions this year are designed for students entering grades 4–10, with special volunteer opportunities available for those in grades 11 and 12. We welcome all students to get involved and find a way to participate!

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Class Times

Morning: 9 AM – 11:30 AM

Afternoon: 12 PM – 2:30 PM

Fees

Course Fee: \$185 per class

Writers Café Fee: \$40 per (students enrolled in a.m. & p.m. sessions, can register for the Writer's Café (see section))



Registration Opens Thursday, April 27, 2026!

Register online by scanning the QR code or visit:

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Writer's Café

Students enrolled in both the morning and afternoon sessions of Y.E.S. Academy, students are invited to join our **Writer's Café** during lunch.

This provides a designated space on campus where students can enjoy their meal in a supervised setting.

We recommend that students attending both sessions **bring a packed lunch or snacks**, as meal breaks will be part of their schedule.

Refund & Cancellation Policy

We do our best to avoid canceling classes, but sometimes it's necessary due to low enrollment. A full refund will be made if SWC Y.E.S. Academy cancels a class, we will notify you at least (5) business days in advance, and offer either a full refund or an option to transfer to another course (pending availability). If you have registered for a class, and you cancel at least three (3) business days prior to the start of the class, you will receive a full refund of the class fee. You are not eligible for any refunds beyond the three-day period. No-shows are not eligible for a refund

Looking for Leaders! 11th & 12th Graders



Looking to fulfill your high school community service hours, while building leadership, teamwork, and communication skills? Want to enhance your college applications and explore potential career paths?

Become a Y.E.S. Academy

- Gain real-world experience
- Be a role model for youth
- Develop problem-solving leadership skills
- Connect with your community in a meaningful way

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Time

8:30 AM – 3 PM

Ready to join, submit your application by scanning the QR code or visit:

bit.ly/yesacad_volunteer



Please email the Y.E.S. Academy Coordinator at swcyesacademy@swccd.edu for further details.

Course Offerings

What's Included?

- All course materials & supplies
- Expert instruction & hands-on projects
- A fun, engaging summer learning experience!

Choose from Career Exploration & Personal Interest Classes!

Course Title	Category	Session	AM/PM	Instructor	Description
The Art of Cartoon Caricature Sketch (4th–9th)	Personal Interest	I & II	AM	E.Roeder	Create fun, exaggerated caricatures while improving drawing skills! Students learn how to draw traditional and non-traditional cartoon characters by applying foundational art techniques, while drawing caricatures from historical cartoon characters.
Modern Band (Beginner & Intermediate) (4th–8th)	Career Exploration: Arts, Entertainment, and Design	I & II	AM/PM	B. Collins	Play in a band, learn instruments, and jam with friends! Beginner-Intermediate - Learn basic skills on guitar, ukulele, bass, piano keyboard, percussion, and vocals!
The Filmmaker's Playground: Crafting the Commercial (4th–9th)	Career Exploration: Arts, Entertainment and Design	I & II	AM/PM	A. Duran	Unleash your creativity in this hands-on filmmaking class! Bring your ideas to life in a fun, collaborative environment—no experience necessary.
Musical Theater Dance (4th–9th)	Career Exploration: Arts, Entertainment, and Design	I	AM/PM	K. Jennings	Express yourself through Broadway-style dance routines!
Broadway Musical Spectacular (4th–9th)	Career Exploration: Arts, Entertainment, and Design	II	AM/PM	K. Jennings	Get ready to shine on stage! In this high-energy class, young performers will dive into the world of Broadway with singing, dancing, and acting.
The Art of It (4th–9th)	Career Exploration: Arts, Entertainment and Design	I & II	AM/PM	D. Patterson Ramirez	Explore a variety of visual art techniques and creative expression.
Melody Makers – Learn to Read & Play Piano! (4th–8th)	Career Exploration: Arts, Entertainment, and Design	I & II	AM/PM	N. Rodriguez	Continue your musical journey by expanding your piano skills and deepening your music expression in Part II.
Pottery: Creating with Clay (4th–9th)	Personal Interest	I & II	AM/PM	A. Sanchez	Pinch, pull, coil and slab, and have messy fun transforming a raw lump of clay into your most imaginative creations.
Wood is Good – Intro to Beginner Woodworking Skills (7th–9th)	Career Exploration: Construction	I & II	AM	W.Ferguson	Build and code interactive Lego creations!



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Designing Your Destiny with Passion (5th-9th)	Personal Interest	I & II	AM	D. Keglar	Create a vision board using SMART Goals and explore personal goals and future aspirations.
FUNDamental Skills: Improv for Leadership (7th-9th)	Personal Interest	I & II	AM	J. Greenfield	Build communication, Leadership development collaboration, and confidence through improv activities.
City Pop (6th-9th)	Career Exploration: STEM	I & II	PM	L. Schultz	Design imaginative neighborhoods using models, maps, and storytelling.
Mapping Your World with Drones (6th-9th)	Career Exploration: STEM	II	AM	M. Truitt	Explore mapping, spatial thinking, and drone technology through hands-on activities.
Beginning Touch Typing: The Fun Way! (5th-8th)	Personal Interest	I	PM	A. Rodriguez	Are you tired of typing with two fingers? Then this class is for you!





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