Waxahachie

Lighthouse for Learning

Community Education

Spring 2018

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Have you wanted to learn to speak Spanish, learn new computer skills, need CPR skills, learn sign language, dance, learn to draw? Do you have children who would enjoy Kids classes, do you want to learn to play tennis, create a spring wreath, learn to play the guitar? Are you ready for spring gardening or do you want to learn cake decoratiing or learn tips for travel? Would you like to know more about taking your special photos, start a new career, learn a new hobby?

Waxahachie Lighthouse for Learning, a cooperative effort between Waxahachie ISD, the Texas A & M Extension Agency, Master Gardeners and other individuals, organizations and businesses gives you the opportuntiy to become life long learners with classes beginning Feb. 26, 2018 for the spring semester. You will find classes in self improvement, enrichment and academics. Classes vary in length and require registration.

Online Registration! Go to: www.wisd.org
Be part of our community-wide project to make learning a life-long adventure. ***Never Stop Learning!***

Questions about Waxahachie Community Education?

Call Melissa Cobb at 972-923-4631 extension 142
mcobb@wisd.org
Unless otherwise noted, all classes will be held on the campus of
Waxahachie High School
1000 N. Hwy 77

Class Registration Form

Complete this registration form and return by mail with check or money order made payable to Waxahachie Lighthouse for Learning
or On-line Registration at www.wisd.org
Send to the attention of:

Waxahachie Lighthouse for Learning
411 N. Gibson Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165

Name:_____

Address:_____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone:_____ Home Phone:_____

E-mail address:_____

Emergency Contact:_____ Phone: _____ I wish to enroll in the following courses:

Class	Start Date	Time	Fee	
Total				

Release:
I hereby release the Waxahachie Independent School District from all responsibility in case of an accident. I also grant consent for the making and use of sounds and images of me for possible use in audio/video productions, slide shows, or the district website.
Signature:

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Community and Continuing Education--Waxahachie Lighthouse for Learning

GED TESTING INFORMATION

The GED Testing Center is located at Navarro College in Waxahachie and Corsicana. All potential GED examinees should go to the GED webpage: ged.com. Students will find information here regarding what is involved to take the test, practice materials and tutorials. Students will need to create accounts and register for the GED test at this website. Once the registration portion is completed, students will then be directed to the webpage where a test center is selected and GED test scheduled.

Students may contact the GED Testing Center at 972-923-6429 and for GED tutoring contact 903-875-7464.

Parent Education Classes

Waxahachie ISD Parents are invited to attend parent education classes, offered Spring 2018 at varying campuses throughout the district. Some classes available will be on health, wellness, drug prevention/awareness. Please visit www.wisd.org after January 31, 2018 for full list of classes, details, registration information. The following session is currently scheduled:

Dyslexia Simulation, Tuesday March 6, 2018 6:00-7:30 p.m. Ninth Grade Campus, 275 Indian Drive

This Simulation provides a hands on experience designed to increase awareness of the difficulties and frustrations that people with dyslexia encounter daily, leading to greater understanding and insight into working more effectively with these individuals.

Contact Letty Bernal, Coordinator of Federal Programs at lbernal@wisd.org or 972-923-4728 with any questions.

Clases de Educación para Padres

Los padres de Waxahachie ISD están invitados a asistir clases de educación para padres que se ofrecerán en la primavera de 2018 en diferentes escuelas en todo el distrito. Algunas clases que buscamos ofrecer serán sobre salud y bienestar y prevención y concientización sobre drogas. Favor de visitar el sitio www.wisd.org después del 31 de enero 2018 para obtener una lista completa de las clases que se ofrecen, fechas, horarios, sitios y registro. Actualmente, tenemos la siguiente sesión programada:

Simulación de dislexia, martes, 6 de marzo 2018 6:00 -7:30 p.m. en la escuela Ninth Grade Campus, localizado en 275 Indian Drive.

Por favor, póngase en contacto con Letty Bernal, Coordinadora de Programas Federales a lbernal@wisd.org o 972-923-4728 si tiene alguna pregunta.

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How to Register:

On-line registration/payment
available at:
www.wisd.org

In Person
Come see us in the
Waxahachie ISD
Administration Building
411 N. Gibson Street.
Registrations are accepted on
regular business days from
8:00 - 4:00 Monday - Friday.
The office is closed on all
school holidays.

By Mail
Complete the registration form
within this catalog and mail
to us at Ligthouse for Learning
411 N. Gibson Street
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

Registration Guidelines:

·Pre-registration with payment is required for all classes.
· Cancellation with full refund only when cancel a minimum of seven days prior to the start date and 80% within 48 hours of first class - minus service fee if paid by credit card. Once a class has made or is in progress, expenses for the teacher are set and no refund given.
· Unless specifically noted, the class target audience is adults (18 years or older)
· All classes have a minimum number of students. You will be notified before the class date if the class has not reached the required number of participants and a full refund will be given.
· Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis until the maximum number of participants is reached.
· Unless stated otherwise, classes meet at:
Waxahachie High School
1000 N. Hwy 77
· When you arrive for the first session of your class, please check in at the Community Education Table.
· **Community Education classes will not be held March 12-March 16 or any other WISD holiday. If school is closed due to weather, classes will be cancelled also. Instructors may dismiss a student if behavior is dangerous to himself or to others.**

Se necesita pre-registracion y pago para todas las clases.
· Se reembolsara el dinero solamente si se cancela la matricula con un mínimo de siete días antes de la fecha en que comienza la clase.
· A menos que se indique otra cosa, las clases son para adultos (18 años y mayores)
· Todas las clases necesitan un número mínimo de estudiantes. Se le notificará an tes de la fecha de clase si no se ha alcanzado el número mínimo de participantes y se dará un reembolso completo.
· Las clases se llenan en orden de inscripción hasta que se alcanze el máximo número de participantes. A menos que se indique otra cosa todas las clases son en:
Waxahachie High School,
1000 N. Hwy. 77
· Cuando llegue para la primera sesión de su clase, inscribase en la mesa de "Community Education."
· Llame a la oficina de "Educacion de la Comunidad" al (972) 923-4631 para obtener más información.

Clases de Educación para la Comunidad no se darian el 12-16 de Marzo o en cualquier otro dia festivo del WISD. Si la escuela es cancelada por motivos del clima, las clases también serán canceladas.

It is the policy of the Waxahachie ISD not to discriminate on the basis of sex, handicap, race, color, or national origin in its educational or vocational programs, activities, or employment as required by Title IX, Section 504 and Title VI.

Three Easy Ways to Register: 1. Walk it in! 411 N. Gibson-Waxahachie 2. Mail it in! 411 N. Gibson-Waxahachie 3. Online! Visit: www.wisd.org

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Community Ed

Google Docs 101
Learn the basics of Google Docs as you create and edit documents which can be stored online. You will learn to write reports, create joint proposals, keep track of meeting notes. Even better, multiple people can work at the same time, you can see others' changes as they make them and every change is automatic. You will also learn how to share documents you have created. Google Docs is a great tool you will find beneficial for the workplace and for home.
Instructor: Jennifer Hamby
Monday 6:00-8:00
March 5
Cost: $18.00

Introduction to Word
This class will provide you with the tools needed to successfully create and save documents, edit and make corrections, and use automatic text features. You will format pages, paragraphs, move, copy, find and replace text. You will also learn to use proofing tools, preview and print documents, envelopes and labels, and learn to work with templates.
Instructor: Randy Ahlfinger
Mondays 6:00-8:00
March 5, 19, April 9 three classes
Cost: $46. 00

Introduction to Excel
This class is for anyone who wants to learn the fundamentals of Microsoft Excel. You will learn how to understand spreadsheets, enter data, save workbooks, modify worksheets and workbooks. You will also be provided with the tools to create and edit charts and graphs, work with formulas and use templates, styles and auto formats.
Instructor: Randy Ahlfinger
Thursdays 6:00-8:00
March 1, 8, March 22, April 12
four classes
Cost: $50.00

Advanced Excel Tips and Tricks
In this advanced level Excel class we will work with advanced functions, data tools, pivotal tables, mail merge and charts.
Instructor: Randy Ahlfinger
Thursdays 6:00-8:00
April 19, April 26 two classes
Cost: $34.00

Introduction to QuickBooks
An introductory course of the QuickBooks accounting software, including setting up a new company and chart of accounts, recording transactions with customers, vendors, and employees. Learn to create & manage lists as well as running reports. This class is extremely hands-on, fun, and evokes a communicable environment.
Instructor: Carolyn Duvall
Thursdays 6:00-8:00
March 1 – April 5 five classes
Cost: $62.00

Heartsaver CPR /AED
Heartsaver CPR/AED is a classroom, video-based, instructor-led course that teaches adult CPR and AED use, as well as how to relieve choking of an adult, child, and infant. Upon successful completion, the participant would be issued an American Heart Association, Heartsaver CPR/AED card.
Instructor: Kris Rencher
Monday 6:00-8:00
Feb. 26
Cost: $45.00

Conversational Spanish I
Would you like to learn the basics of Spanish to communicate in the workplace? Do you have a trip planned? Are your children learning Spanish in school? This course is for adults who have no previous conversational knowledge of Spanish or who have not had Spanish language training in many years. Join this class and you will learn to engage in conversational Spanish as you build your language skills.
Instructor: Rosa Robles
Mondays 6:30 – 8:00
March 5 – April 30 eight classes
Cost: $72.00 + recommended workbook purchased by first class

Intro. to American Sign Language
An introduction to the basics in American Sign Language (ASL). Includes the manual alphabet and numbers. You will develop basic conversational abilities and will be exposed to ASL grammar.
Instructor: Lindsey Thompson
Mondays 6:00-7:00
Feb. 26 - April 2 five classes
Cost: $30.00

American Sign Language Skills
This class students will develop receptive and expressive abilities and allows recognition and demonstration of grammatical features of American Sign Language (ASL). You will learn to increase fluency and accuracy in finger spelling, numbers and basic conversational skills.
Instructor: Lindsey Thompson
Mondays 6:00-7:00
April 9 - May 7 five classes
Cost: $30.00

Basics of Photography
Join this practical photography course for the beginner. Learn the most essential functions of the camera, gain confidence in putting new functions into action and get the swing of basic photographic terminology. Learn the basic fundamentals of photography with the first two nights in a classroom setting. The last class you will meet downtown Waxahachie and enjoy hands- on learning as the instructor guides you!
Instructor: Shawna Mathis,
Shawna Mathis Photography
Mondays 6:30-7:30
March 26, April 2 in classroom,
April 9 in the field three classes
Cost: $28.00

Please visit with one of the Lighthouse for Learning Advisory Board members if you have any questions about classes or registration.

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Sandra Strong
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Oh The Places You Can Go!
Join this experienced traveler as you make plans for your next trip! There are so many places to go and so little time and money. We will discuss how to decide where you want to go, when to go, and how to get there. Learn tricks and apps to plan transportation, things to do, places to stay, and where to eat.
Instructor: Candace Ahlfinger
Thursday, March 1 6:00 - 8:00
Cost: $16.00

Ellis County Children's Theatre Improv - For the Serious Young Actor (Beginner)
Students in grades 2-4 are invited to learn about theatre through the study of improvisation. Students will learn the fundamental rules of improv, and then apply those rules to the study of timing, story structure, and building characters within scenes. This class will be a fun, supportive, group work based environment that will encourage young actors to make bold choices and take more risks on stage. This class is taught at WHS.
Limit 8 students.
Instructor: Chasity Willis
Mondays & Thursdays 5:30 – 6:30
Feb. 26 – April 12 (no class spring break)
12 classes
Cost: $125.00

Ellis County Children's Theatre Improv – For the Serious Young Actor (Intermediate)
Students in grades 5-8 are invited to learn about theatre through the study of improvisation. Students will learn the fundamental rules of improv, and then apply those rules to the study of timing, story structure, and building characters within scenes. This class will be a fun, supportive, group work based environment that will encourage young actors to make bold choices and take more risks on stage. This class is taught at WHS.
Limit 8 students.
Instructor: Chasity Willis
Mondays & Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00
Feb. 26 – April 12 (no class spring break)
12 classes
Cost: $150.00

Dancing Through Time
Have you always wanted to learn how to dance but never found a way to get started? We have the class for you! Whether you have never danced before or you have been dancing for years, you will learn line dances throughout history of hip hop with such dances as the Macarena, YMCA, Cha Cha Slide. It is sure to be a great class and will be packed with fun. Grab your friends and sign up today as you get ready for your next wedding or special event. Slick soled shoes are recommended. See you on the dance floor! Minimum 10 students.
Instructor: Jon Bell, MADNESS Entertainment
Monday, Feb. 26 6:30-8:00
Cost: $29.00

Qi Gong
This class is beneficial for all fitness levels. Tai Chi is one of the oldest forms of group exercise. A link of unchanging movements passed through centuries of tradition. Qi Gong, a variation of Tai Chi focuses on stability and balance. Both increases flexibility, improves strength, cardio-vascular fitness in a gentle way. Students who attended this class previously can perfect what they have already learned. Please wear comfortable clothes to move in and athletic shoes.
Instructor: Utahana Green
Thursdays 7:00 – 8:00
March 22- April 12 four classes
Cost: $30.00

Beginning Tennis- Adults
This class is designed for newcomers to tennis or for people that have not played in a long time and need a refresher in skills. The class will focus on the fundamentals of tennis, the forehand, backhand, serve, volley, and point simulation. This will be a fun and engaging class that gives you the skills to be able to play "the greatest game in the world!" Classes taught WHS Tennis Courts on Indian Drive.
Max 10 students
Instructor: Nicholas Tanner, Head Tennis Coach
Mondays 6:30 – 7:30
March 26 - April 30 six classes
Cost: $50.00

Who Took That Picture?
Join this class and David will view and discuss vintage photographs and paintings from the cattle drive era and answer the question, *Who Took That Picture*?
Instructor: David Smith
Monday 6:00-7:30
Feb. 26
Cost: $15.00

Basic Dog Obedience
Dog owners will learn basic commands which will enhance the pet-owner bond, using positive reinforcement. This course will also cover behavioral problems. Owners will need to bring their pet with a standard buckle collar and 4'-6' leash. Please bring vaccination certificates for pets as well as training treats. Bring your pet for the first class so the training can begin! Limit 10 students.
Instructor: Shanda Vance, M.S., CDT Dog Obedience Trainer/ Animal Behavior Specialist
Thursdays 6:00-7:00
March 22 - April 26 six classes
Cost: $44.00

Bricks4Kidz, Ages 6-12
Wheels in Motion
Children will use LEGO® bricks, axles, pulleys, gears, and motors to build a variety of models on wheels, such as a fire engine, delivery truck, and some cool robots (e.g. Rescue Robot, K-9 Bot, and Speed Bot). They will have fun racing against each other's models, using remote controls, and learn more about speed and force! After building the model, creativity is encouraged by modifying it. At the end of class (time-permitting), they can build their own creations at our creative-build station!
Instructor: Dian Cooper
Mondays 6:00 – 7:00
Feb. 26 – April 9 (no class 3/12)
nsix classes
Cost: $60.00

Beginning Crochet
Join this beginning class as you learn to crochet! You will learn how to make a "Hodge Podge Blanket" by making one big Granny Square. Learn the basic chain stitch, double crochet, and cluster stitch – lots of fun to make. Please bring size G hook and 4 skeins of 4-ply yarn in different colors.
Instructor: Virginia Ramos
Mondays 6:00 - 8:00
Feb. 26 - April 2 five classes
Cost: $50.00

Crochet Club
If you know the basics, this class is for you. Learn advanced techniques that will help you gain the confidence to tackle those projects you have been putting off. Share patterns and ideas with others who love the art of crochet. Participants bring your own project to class with appropriate yarn and hook for your project.
Instructor: Virginia Ramos
Mondays 6:00-8:00
April 9 – May 7 five classes
Cost: $50.00

Beginner's Guitar
Learn the fundamentals of the guitar including playing cords and reading music. Please bring a quality guitar (acoustic preferred, but not required), guitar picks, spiral notebook, and a pencil as you learn. Come join us for this fun beginner's class as you also learn tuning, strumming and some basic study techniques to continue with once the course is over. You can develop a skill that can be enjoyed for a lifetime. Ages 10 and above.
Instructor: David Young, guitarist & songwriter for 30 years
Thursdays 6:30 – 7:30
March 1 - April 5 five classes
Cost: $35.00

Basics of Songwriting – Learn the Basics, Idea to Finished Song!
This class will equip you with the knowledge and understanding of the art of songwriting. If you have entertained the idea of writing a song, join this talented and experienced song writer with 30 plus years of experience. Students need not have any prior experience in songwriting and don't even have to play an instrument (although is helpful). You will learn various information about songwriting and some about the music industry in general. Please bring note taking materials and a guitar, if you play. Ages 14 and up.
Instructor: David Young, Austin Songwriters Group, Kerrville Folk Festival Songwriting – 30 plus years experience
Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00
April 12 - May 10 five classes
Cost: $35.00

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Mosaic Flower Pot
Mosaics are a stylish addition in any garden. We will turn an ordinary terra-cotta flower pot into a colorful & fun mosaic masterpiece! Choose from a variety of tumbled stained glass, pottery, glass gems, ceramic tiles, rocks & more. (feel free to bring your own items to incorporate into the mosaic). A grout kit will be sent home to complete the mosaic after the adhesive has dried 24 hours. Classes will be held at Mosaic Madness, 211 South College Street, Downtown Waxahachie.
Instructor: Claire Beckner
Thursday, March 8 5:00 – 8:00
Cost: $55.00 includes all materials

Advanced Knitting
If you have knitting skills and would like to learn new patterns, join this class! You will learn patterns, lacy eyelet, delicate rosettes,simple ladders. Bring size 9 needles, 4 skeins solid color worsted weight yarn, scissors, darning needle. If you are working on a project and need help please join this class!
Instructor: Karen Kelly
Thursdays 6:00 – 8:00
March 1 – March 29 four classes
Cost: $40.00

Beginner Hand Embroidery
Join this class and learn to hand embroider a kitchen towel. Learn four basic stitches, as well as embroidering with beads. Keep for yourself or for gift giving! Fabric, embroidery thread, needle, beads, will be included with the supply fee. Please bring small scissors.
Instructor: Virginia Ramos
Thursdays 6:00 – 8:00
April 5 -19 three classes
Cost: $30.00 + $8.00 supply fee pay to instructor

Learn How to Draw- Ages 13 and up
Drawing is a fun skill to have & it challenges new parts of the brain. This class will help you learn new and fun techniques to improve your drawing. We will practice the use of various types of line shading to create volume, composition, negative space, and color. Both realistic and abstract styles will be explored. Supplies: white drawing pad 12"x18" or larger, 2B, 4B, 6B and ebony pencils, white eraser, sharpener, blending stump, and (optional) chalk pastels.
Instructor: Kathryn Bradley
Mondays 6:00 – 8:00
Feb. 26 - March 26, last class Thurs. 3/29 (no class 3/12) five classes
Cost: $40.00

Re-Love the Past –
Build a Treasured Birdhouse!
Join this class and take a tour of the historic building that is home to Waxahachie Architectural Salvage where their motto is "Re-loving the Past". You will see a wide variety of salvaged architectural lumber from old homes, doors, windows, bathtubs, and so on. Your instructor will talk about a few ways to recycle what some would call trash. You will build a rustic birdhouse, to take home, made from old fence panels and other materials there in the store. You will also be shown ways to add more charm to your work of art out of items you may find when you get home. Join us as you create your own treasure! This class will be held at 408 S. Rogers Street, in Downtown Waxahachie.
Instructor: Amy Munn, Waxahachie Architectural Salvage
Monday, March 26 6:00-8:00
Cost: $55.00 all supplies included

Kids in the Kitchen Classes

Ages 5-12

Kids in the Kitchen Dough It Right!
Roll it, stretch it, bake it, fry it……dough can become delicious goodness! We will be making a sweet and a savory dish from two different kinds of dough. The class will be taught in the WHS Culinary Arts Room.
Instructor: Kathy Parker
Thursday, March 1 6:00-7:00
Cost: $30.00

Kids in the Kitchen Stick It To Me
Finger foods are at their best when eaten from a stick! A new type of sandwich and a delectable dessert all on a stick! What fun! This class taught in the WHS Culinary Arts Room.
Instructor: Kathy Parker
Thursday, March 29 6:00-7:00
Cost: $30.00

Kids in the Kitchen Springtime Cupcakes
Think edible butterflies, ladybugs and other things spring has to offer when we decorate our adorable cupcakes! They'll be too cute to eat! This class will be taught in the WHS Culinary Arts Room.
Instructor: Kathy Parker.
Thursday, 6:00-7:00
April 19
Cost: $30.00

Kids in the Kitchen Too Cool Drinks
Summer is just around the corner and we need to create something to keep us cool! We'll be preparing some really "cool" and yummy recipes for your tummy as we get ready for summer! This class will be taught in the WHS Culinary Arts Room.
Instructor: Kathy Parker
Thursday 6:00-7:00
May 3
Cost: $30.00

Master Gardeners Series

Join the Ellis County Master Gardeners and Ellis County Extension Agency in a variety of classes to prepare your garden and yards for spring.

Plant Propagation
Want to learn how to propagate plants from some of your favorites or some of your friends? This class will give you information on growing from seeds as well as different methods of propagation such as layering, cuttings and plant division. You will have both classroom and hands- on activities.
Instructor: Gay Doyle & Walt Friis
Monday, Feb. 26 6:00-7:30
Cost: $14.00

Butterfly Gardens with Native Plants
This class will give instruction on taking out the grass and replacing with pollinator plants or adding the right type of plants to existing gardens. Plants that will draw in our native Butterflies and Hummingbirds. The garden will be vibrant and full of life for your enjoyment. Some of these plants only need trimming once or twice a year- much less work than mowing every week. Perennials and annual plants can be used with great success.
Instructor: Carolyn Ross
Thursday, March 1 6:00-7:30
Cost: $14.00

Turf Grass Introduction
This class will teach how to get a perfect yard. You will learn about the varieties of grasses that are good for this area of Texas. How to select the correct grass, where to purchase and when is the best time to plant, and finally, how to prepare the soil before planting.
Instructor: Scherle Barth
Monday, March 5 6:00-7:30
Cost: $14.00

Native Plant Landscapes
Most gardeners recognize Bluebonnets and Indian paintbrush as native plants but are not aware of the shrubs, vines, trees and other plants that are native to our area and can be added to our landscapes. This class will introduce you to some of these plants and the reasons for including them on your property. (continued)

Native Plant Landscapes con't
Instructor: Maureen Nitkowski
Thursday, March 8 6:00-7:30
Cost: $14.00

Herbs for All Gardeners
An introduction to growing and using herbs in our daily lives. This class will cover how to plan and start an Herb Garden for your specific needs in the garden or container. You will learn how to preserve your herbs and enjoy their flavor all summer long. The instructor will bring plants for you to see, enjoy flavors and aromas!
Instructor: Bea Rocha
Thursday, March 22 6:00-7:30
Cost: $14.00

Ollas, A New Way of Conserving Water in the Garden
This class will go over the benefits of using ollas, and how to make your own olla for use in your garden. The process of making a olla will be demonstrated and directions for making one will be handed out to participants of the class. Ollas may be the most efficient method of local plant irrigation in dry lands known, due to the micro porous (unglazed) walls that do not allow water to flow freely from the pot, but guides water seepage to the plants.
Instructor: Jane Slone
Monday, March 26 6:00-7:30
Cost: $14.00

Irrigation Systems Design and Efficiency
This class will provide the basics of designing an efficient irrigation system and provide you the knowledge to install a system yourself or the tools to ask the smart questions of a contractor. Information will be provided to help you maintain an existing system; simple test procedures to determine if any adjustments or replacements are required to keep you from pouring your money down the drain.
Instructor: Allan Paxton
Monday, April 2 6:00-7:30
Cost: $14.00

Rainwater Harvesting
Harvesting rainwater is one of the many possible steps a homeowner can take to help stem water shortages and be economical. This class will provide you with information on active and passive systems. Learn how to get started with a simple rain barrel for your landscape or install a complete potable water system in your home.
Instructor: Jim Derstler
Thursday 6:00-7:30
April 5
Cost: $14.00

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Turf Grass/ Lawn Maintenance
Is your lawn overgrown with weeds, brown spots that should be green, or do you just want to know how to better take care of it, this class is for you. This class will provide information on grass diseases, weed control, and how to maintain your lawn for the growing season.
Instructor: Mike Peters
Monday, April 9 6:00-7:30
Cost: $14.00

Landscape Design in Ellis County
Learn the secrets to successful landscaping in Ellis County. Subjects covered will be soil, climate/temperature, rainfall, native and adapted plants, trees, shrubs, perennials, & more. Class includes a PowerPoint presentation with photos and examples of designs and landscapes in Waxahachie and Midlothian. Class is taught by the "Landscape Director" for the state of Texas on the board of TNLA (Texas Nursery and Landscape Association) and Ellis County Master Gardener
Instructor: Scotty Rigsby
Thursday, May 3 6:00-7:30
Cost: $14.00

Beginning Farmer/Rancher
If you are a land owner or have recently acquired a farm or ranchland and are seeking information for the best way to utilize your property, join this experienced instructor for advice. You will cover topics: soils and soil fertility, soil testing, pasture management, basic livestock productions and pond management. Class will be held at the Ellis Co.Texas A&M Agri Life Extension Office at 701 S. I-35E, Suite 3 in Waxahachie.
Instructor: Mark Arnold, County Extension Agent, Agriculture & Natural Resources
Tuesdays 6:00 – 8:00
April 24 - May 15 four classes
Cost: $22.00

What Are Essential Oils?
This class focuses on answering that question. Join this class and learn about Essential Oil (EOs) and the countless ways to use them. Applications include: health and wellness, emotional support, cooking and baking, and toxin-free cleaning and gardening among others. You will learn these options and how you can integrate EOs into your current routine. (continued)

Essential Oils con't
For this introductory class, the focus will be on some of the most common issues that we are approached with: chronic discomfort, seasonal threats, sleep disturbances, and feelings of stress. There will be oils on hand to pass around during class. Please come with your questions and you will leave with answers.
Instructor: Nathan & Angela Diaz
Thursday, 6:00-7:30
March 8
Cost: $15.00

Spring Wreath Making
Design and create your own Spring Wreath. The instructor will walk you through the step-by-step creation of a beautiful deco mesh wreath for Easter and spring décor. Your instructor will provide a supply list upon registration. In addition, you are also welcome to bring any extra materials you would like to use for personalization.
Registration deadline Feb. 22nd.
Instructor: Angela Ritsema
Thursday 6:00-8:00
March 1
Cost: $16.00 + supplies, list provided at registration

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Cake Decorating – Spring Special Occasions
Surprise family and friends with a personally decorated cake for special occasions. Learn basic cake baking and decorating skills, use of decorating equipment as well as making borders and flowers. You will also learn special techniques for Easter, spring flowers, graduation and more! Students will be asked to bring baked items each week, please bring 8" round or 9'x 13" cake first class.
Instructor: Susan Howard
Mondays 6:30-8:00
March 26 – April 16 four classes
Cost: $32.00 + $10.00 supply fee pay to instructor

Mommy & Me Cake Decorating
It's the perfect time for Mom & Daughter or Mom & Son bonding! Learn some basic cake decorating skills and easy ways to make cute cupcakes for the next birthday. Bring 1 dozen cupcakes to each class.
Instructor: Susan Howard
Mondays 6:30 – 8:00
April 23 & April 30 two classes
Cost: $ 16.00 + $10.00 supply fee pay to instructor

Would you like to make a difference in the life of a child?
Contact Melissa Cobb in the Partners in Education Office
972-923-4631 or mcobb@wisd.org
for your place to volunteer!

Cooking Under Pressure
How to Get a Great Start with Your Instant Pot Pressure Cooker
Let's get that electric pressure cooker out of the box and start cooking with amazing results. This is not your grandmother's pressure cooker. Electric Pressure Cookers are safe and easy to use. Come find out how to operate your Instant Pot or see how they work to decide if you want one. We will be covering all the basics of cooking with a pressure cooker, discuss what the different functions are, learn pressure cooker terminology that you see in recipes, perform the water test to ensure the pressure cooker is functioning properly, and whip up a couple of recipes in class. Hard-boiled eggs that peel easily (even if they are farm fresh), Spanish rice, Mac N Cheese, Baked potatoes, Sweet potatoes, no-soak pinto beans, and how to cook frozen chicken breasts will all be covered. Find out why this is one kitchen tool you may want to use multiple times a week. Hands-on activities, a tried and true recipes resource list, and a handbook are included. Bring your apron and let's get cooking!
Instructor: RaShell Southerland, Mommy's Apron
Monday 6:00-8:00
March 5
Cost: $30.00 (supply fee included)

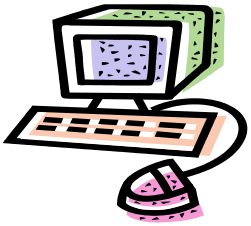
Homemade Mixes
Save Time, Money, and Your Health by Making it Yourself
Have you ever looked at the ingredient list on some of the staples you buy for your pantry? It can be a little scary! In this class, we will use real ingredients and no preservatives. Come learn how to make healthy and tasty versions of ranch dressing, cream of "whatever" soup, MSG-free chicken bouillon, chocolate syrup, taco seasoning, vegetable seasoning mix, and so much more! You will learn how to make all these staple pantry items with ingredients you can trust (and pronounce!). Included are hands-on activities and a handbook chock full of recipes so you can stock your pantry with healthy and easy to use mixes. Bring your apron and let's get cooking!
Instructor: RaShell Southerland, Mommy's Apron
Monday 6:00-8:00
March 19
Cost: $30.00 (supply fee included)

Learning Online

Too busy to go to class? Prefer to study in the wee hours of the night? No babysitter? These are just a few of the many reasons to take on-line courses! ***Learn in the privacy of your own home, available Anytime, Anywhere...Just a click away!*** Hundreds of classes in a variety of topics. Please note: Each class will be available at 11:00 a.m. on the start date of your class; this does not mean that you have to start on that date or that time--only that the class will be available from that time on until you complete it. Every week, for six weeks, there will be a new lesson on Wednesday and on Friday.
You may use cash, check, Visa, or Mastercard for On-line Classes.
Classes run Feb. 14 - March 23, March 14 - April 20, April 11 - May 18, May 16- June 22, June 13 - July 20, July 18 - August 24, August 15 -Sept. 21

How to get started:

1.) Visit the OnLine Instruction Center at http://www.ed2go.com/lighthouse
2.) Click the Orientation link and follow the instructions to enroll and pay for your course. During orientation, you will learn important information about your course. You will also be provided an opportunity to choose the name and password you will use to access your course.
3.) When your course starts, return to the Online Instruction Center and click the Classroom link.



The Top 25
All Classes $90.00

Creating Web Pages
Learn the basics of HTML so you can design, create, and post your very own site on the Web.

Accounting Fundamentals II
Give yourself skills that are high in demand by exploring corporate accounting.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016
Discover how to create worksheets, workbooks, charts, graphs quickly and efficiently.

Medical Terminology a Word Association Approach
Prepare for a career in the health services industry by learning medical terminology in a memorable and enjoyable fashion.

Discover Sign Language
Discover the fun of learning sign language and using your hands to communicate.

SAT/ACT Prep Course- Part I
Master the reading, writing, English and science questios on the ACT/SAT.

A To Z Grantwriting
Learn how to research and develop relationships with potential funding sources, organize grantwriting campaigns, and prepare proposals.

Project Management Fundamentals
Gain the skills you'll need to succeed in the fast-growing field of project management.

Creating Word Press Websites
Learn how to use WordPress, a free and popular Web design tool, to quickly and easily create attractive blogs & websites.

Beginning Writer's Workshop
Get a taste of the writer's life and improve your writing skills in this introduction to writing creatively.

Introduction to SQL
Gain a solid working knowledge of the most powerful and widely used database programming language.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2013
Become proficient in Excel, discover countless shortcuts, tricks and features for creating, formatting worksheets.

GED Preparation
This course will help you develop the additional reading and thinking skills you'll need to succeed in all five GED® test areas: Writing Skills, Social Studies, Science, Literature, and Math.

Computer Skills for the Workplace
Gain a working knowledge of the computer skills you'll need to succeed in today's job market.

Intermediate Microsoft Excel 2016
Take your excel skills to next level as you master charts, pivot tables, spark lines, auto filter, macrosand other advanced features.

Speed Spanish
Learn six easy recipes to glue Spanish words together into sentences, and you'll be engaging in conversational Spanish in no time.

Introduction to Java Programming
An experienced Java programmer introduces important Java topics with clear, step-by-step instructions.

Using Social Media in Business
Learn how to use the five most popular social media platforms-Facebook, Twitter, Linkedin, Pinterest and Google.

Writing Essentials
Master the essentials of writing so you can excel in communications, express yourself clearly online, take creative literary talents to new level.

Mastering Your Digital SLR Camera
Take your photography to the next level with your digital SLR camera. Master lenses, apertures, shutter speed, exposure settings.

Explore a Career in Medical Coding
Learn how to use the CPT manual and the ICD-9-CM to find medical codes for any disease, condition, treatment or surgical procedure.

Effective Business Writing
Improve your career prospects by learning how to develop powerful written documents that draw readers in, keep them motivated to continue to end.

GRE Preparation - Part 1
Discover powerful strategies for success in the verbal and analytical sections of the GRE.

Grammar Refresher
Gain confidence in your ability to produce clean, grammatically correct documents and speeches.

Fundamentals of Supervision & Management
If you want to learn how to become a more effective manager, this course will help you master the basics of business by learning the language of management.

Other Top Classes
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http://www.ed2go.com/lighthouse

Achieving Top Search Engine Positions

12 Steps to a Successful Job Search

Start Your Own Small Business

Everyday Math

Introduction to PC Troubleshooting