

Thunder Academy Club Catalog



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Important Information

- Students who stay after school MUST be in a club such that they can have adult supervision from either a Teaching Fellow or a teacher. Students are NOT permitted to simply hang out around campus.
- Snack will be provided in the cafeteria at 3:30. This meal will include a hot entree a fruit and a beverage of either milk, chocolate milk, or water.
- We have a cellphone that is reserved specifically for students to contact their parent or guardian, as well as for parents to contact their students who are in the program, or for parents to contact the Teaching Fellows for more information about the program (see “Contact Us” below).

Clubs and Activities

Tutorial

Tutorial takes place Monday through Friday in the Library. There are multiple tutors present at all times, offering assistance in all class subjects. It is also a great space for students to study or to work with classmates on class projects.

Game Room

Our game room is located in the Cafeteria, where we provide multiple PS4 and Wii systems for students to play. We have a variety of games for each of these systems, as well as a large selection of board and card games. Being located in the cafeteria, the game room is also a great place for students to come and socialize with fellow students.

Fitness Club

This club is intended to provide students with a enjoyable methods of exercise. Teens are at a stage where they are developing eating and exercising habits that may retain for the rest of their lives. Having this club will help these students understand the importance of eating healthy and exercising daily. In addition, this club will help them understand that exercising can be enjoyable. Participants in the Fitness Club will receive lessons in nutrition, and perform a variety of ab, leg, and arm workouts.

Music Camp

Music Camp is an opportunity for musically-inclined students to hone their skills in singing or in playing the instrument of choice. Participants will work together to develop original music to be recorded and ultimately performed for the school's talent show.

Anime

Anime Club will feature screenings of television shows and films of the anime genre. Anime Club is led by a tutor with a keen interest in this genre of animation, who therefore can provide intriguing insight into the genre for the club participants. This club also allows students to meet classmates that share their interest in this genre of animation and discuss the screened television episodes and films with each other.

Cosmetology

Cosmetology Club will focus on instructing how to properly apply makeup and how to create makeup 'looks.' This club will begin by teaching the importance of face sanitation and how to properly care for the face. We will then cover all angles of makeup, starting from basic looks to dramatic looks, along with learning how to properly apply face and eye makeup. After each weekly standard is met, the students will be challenged to create their own looks by using a model. The goal for this club is to build self-confidence in each student, and to encourage students to implement the techniques learned in Cosmetology Club into their daily lives.

MRWERC

This program gives students opportunities to earn community service hours by performing a number of duties for the betterment of the school, such as recycling trash around the campus.

Debate Club

The Debate Club will allow students to participate in debates against each other regarding various topics. Students will learn to argue both sides of an issue, regardless of their individual stances on the issue, and in doing so, they will improve their critical thinking skills.

Guitar Lessons

This club will initially teach students the basics of playing the guitar, and it will go on to teach them more complicated aspects of playing the instrument.

Poster Production

This club will provide students with an opportunity to express their creativity in the form of creating promotional posters for the clubs of Thunder Academy. Students participating in this program can receive community service hours for their work as well.

Soccer

This program will allow students the opportunity to practice soccer techniques and play scrimmage matches.

Cinema Club

This club will screen critically-acclaimed films, accompanied by popcorn and refreshments to complete the movie-going experience. Participating students will have some influence over the choice of film for each day, however the films will always be school-appropriate.

Teaching Fellows



Mr. Meza

Hello. I am the coordinator of the Thunder Academy after school program here at Buhach Colony High School. My name is Mr. Gomez, or Mr. X if you prefer. I am a recent graduate of UC Merced, where I majored in Political Science and minored in Writing. For two years at UC Merced, I served as a writing tutor in the Library's Writing Center and as an Instructional Assistant in introductory writing courses. This experience helped me to learn the common mistakes that struggling writers tend to make, and provided me with the practice necessary to figure out the best ways to help students correct these mistakes. As a Teaching Fellow, I will lead the Creative Writing Club, where I hope to instill in each student the difference between creative and professional writing, while cultivating the creativity that the students bring to the club. I intend to help students to

understand the importance of honing their writing skills, and in turn, their communication skills, in preparation for the world that awaits them after college.



Hello, I am Miss Sanchez. I am the Lead Tutor for Thunder Academy. I am attending UC Merced majoring in psychology and minoring in Spanish. I am interested in reading books, sports, analyzing films, arts and crafts. My future career is to work as a school counselor for one of our local schools. I have also worked at Le Grand High School as an AVID tutor and I really enjoy working with students. I am grateful to have been part of Thunder Academy last year and excited to be back to start a great year. Last year I was able to introduce the Spanish club in which students were able to expand their vocabulary during our fun activities. This year I plan on continuing to bring all the possible resources to our students to succeed.



Hello my name is Ms. Granados, I obtained an AA degree in Spanish and in International Studies. I'm currently a student at Stanislaus in hopes of obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies to become a Spanish teacher. While working as a teaching fellow I will be working with the Glee Club, where I will offer students the opportunity to sing and develop their performance skills. The Glee club will help the students gain leadership skills, develop their voices, and overcome stage anxiety. My goal is to have the students organized and ready to perform in the school's talent show.



My name is Angel Sanchez and I am currently a student at Merced College planning to transfer to CSU Stanislaus for a BA in Music. Before Merced College I attended Merced High School. As of now, I am a Teaching Fellow working at Buhach High School in the after school program. I am happy that I got this job because I like working with kids and teaching. In the future I am considering in becoming a music teacher so this experience is really great for me to prepare myself. I am currently in charge of Fitness Club. Throughout my life span, I always played soccer so I have always been really passionate about working out, staying fit and healthy; therefore, being able to be the instructor and getting them to do the same is great. Seeing my students motivated to workout and stay healthy puts a smile on my face.



Hello! Okay I will start with my full name: **Diana Amatista**

Gonzalez Fernandez. I am 22 years old. I graduated from UC Merced with Political Science as my degree with an emphasis on American Politics. I love American Politics, American History and History in general. I've been in choir all my life pretty much. I can also help students with French homework. I love Roman and Greek Mythology! Also I'm really into Anime. I was I was a big nerd with Anime but I'm slowly building up there. As for sports, I used to play field hockey, soccer and badminton. I also used to be in musicals and plays but it's not something I am super dedicated about. I definitely want to work with the recycling club and teach students on the impact we have on our oceans. Lastly, I love playing video games, again I'm still getting into all of that. I'm a very passionate person who wants to help this planet if it's the last thing I do. I want to (for now) be a teacher of History, U.S. History or US Government. That's all I can think about for myself.



My name is Jorel Atilano. I just graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Management at UC Merced (Woo Go Bobcats!!) I am a huge advocate for youth development and community involvement. I am passionate about developing future leaders (including myself) to create social change and awareness. I enjoy being in the outdoors and adventuring into new places, whether it is hiking, surfing, and even skydiving. I have a traveler's heart, and desire to see the world and all its cultures.

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