



The Frederick A.O. Schwarz Children's Center, in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, presents **Saturday Academy** for students in grades 8 – 12 at the Museum of the City of New York.

Saturday Academy at the Museum of the City of New York is a free, elective six-week program for students interested in American History or SAT preparation. Best of all, there's no homework or testing and all course materials are provided! Fall courses meet on September 20th, 27th and October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th. Students may enroll in one or two courses a semester. All courses are available at two times: Session I runs from 9:00am to 10:20am; Session II runs from 10:30am to 11:50am. After completing all course requirements, participants receive a Certificate of Achievement.

Fall 2008 Course Offerings:

The New York City Waterfront in American History

*Instructors: Madeleine Appell, M.A. in Art Education and Supervision / Administration, CUNY
Ellen Piccolo, M.F.A. Brooklyn College, Artist and Art Teacher*

Available for students in grades 8 – 10.

New York City's prime waterfront location has allowed it develop into one of the world's greatest and most diverse cities. Students will explore the historical significance of the harbor as a domestic and international gateway and discuss topics such as commerce, immigration, recreation, transportation, and aesthetics. The class will collaborate on a mural of the New York City waterfront to illustrate its role in our nation's history and students' own ideas for the future of the area. Museum exhibitions will be utilized for historical and visual reference.

Cinema and American History

Instructor: Oliver Pattenden, M.A. in Film and Television Studies, University of East Anglia
Available for students in grades 10 – 12.

Some of the most popular and successful movies have been based on historical events. Whether films dramatize specific events or use the past as a backdrop, movie plotlines have incorporated history since before they used sound. In this class, students will learn about different types of historical films and how American history has been represented in the movies. In particular, students will view movies as both a unique medium for studying the past and a source of historical myths and misrepresentations. Clips from various films will be shown and discussed in class sessions.

Kaplan SAT Skills

Instructor: Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions
Available for students in grades 10 – 12.

With planning and preparation, students can maximize their efficiency on standardized tests and their chances of college acceptance. This Kaplan SAT Skills course is designed to teach students to use key Kaplan strategies while taking the exam. Topics will include critical reading, math, and writing skills.

Fall 2008 Saturday Academy Application

You must print clearly in order for your application to be considered.

This application may also be accessed online at www.mcny.org/school_programs/

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt #: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Check one of the following choices:

One course: Session I (9:00 am – 10:20 am) _____

One course: Session II (10:30 am – 11:50 am) _____

Two courses: Both Session I and Session II (9:00 am – 11:50 am) _____

Indicate your choice of course(s) by writing “1” next to your first choice, “2” next to your second choice, and “3” next to your third choice. *All courses are available during both sessions.*

_____ The New York City Waterfront in American History (*grades 8 – 10*)

_____ Cinema and American History (*grades 10 – 12*)

_____ Kaplan SAT Skills (*grades 10 – 12*)

If you are registering for the Kaplan SAT Skills course, please answer the following questions:

When do you expect to take the SAT? (month / year)

Have you taken an SAT preparation course in the past? Check one: Yes ___ No ___

If yes, what is the name of the SAT preparation course that you participated in?

When did you participate? (month / year)

Student and Parent/Guardian Agreement:

We request that (Student’s Name) _____ be allowed to participate in Saturday Academy and all related field trips and activities. We understand that students must attend all Saturday Academy sessions to receive a Certificate of Achievement. Only one excused absence is permissible. We also give the Museum of the City of New York staff permission to photograph or film students taking part in Saturday Academy activities. These images may be published to promote the Museum of the City of New York’s educational initiatives at any time.

Student Signature and Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date:

Mail your completed application to:
Laurel Daen
Saturday Academy Coordinator
Museum of the City of New York
1220 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10029

All applications must be received by Wednesday, September 10th. Enrollment will close as soon as courses are filled. Please apply early – space is limited! Applications submitted by fax or email will not be accepted. Accepted candidates will be notified by email, mail, or telephone. If you do not receive confirmation of your acceptance by Wednesday, September 17th, please contact Laurel Daen, Saturday Academy Coordinator, at ldaen@mcny.org or (917) 492-3401.