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# STAR Nova



Smarter Enrichment, Smarter Kids! Proven!

Selected as a "Model Program" by the White House and the US Department of Education

## Leland Nova 1



Lego Robotics Competitions and  
Geo-Dome Building is just the Beginning!



Selected Best Program!



Design, Build and Launch Rockets in Rocket Science!



Sept. 3- Sept. 26 2014

Register Online: August 20th at 11am

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# STAR Education



## STAR was Selected to Host Google Camps



### Maker Camp

July 7th – Aug. 15th, 2014  
1:00pm – 3:00pm

Selected as a partner for the annual Maker Camp sponsored by Google and Make, we had a great six weeks introducing students to the mentality of Making. On select campuses and our new Robertson building, we learned about the mechanics of movement, the merging of form and function, cutting edge science and technology, as well as taking Virtual Field Trips! Parents and students worked together on projects created by Google and Make, with an emphasis on turning your imagination into reality! Each week, we explored different subjects, completing projects from DIY (Do It Yourself) music through electronics to learning the fundamentals of physics by making our own kites!

As an added bonus, at the end of the week, participants received a Digital Badge to jump start their E-Portfolios or Digital Back Packs! These badges are issued in conjunction with the Summer of Learning initiative from the Mayor's Office of Los Angeles.

To check out other free and exciting programs, please go to [summeroflearning.la!](http://summeroflearning.la/)

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### Maker Camp

Make: Google



## 3D Printing: Coming Soon to a Classroom Near You!



*Design*

If you've been to a STAR S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, arts & math) event in the past year, you might know by now: 3D printers are real, and they've been playing an increasingly large role in our classrooms. As a leader in S.T.E.A.M. education in Los Angeles, it's only natural for STAR to be exploring one of the most talked about new technologies!

Although STAR only initiated our 3D printing curriculum in the last year, we've already had over 100 students experience the program. Ranging from elementary school children to highschoolers, students in STAR classes have used the technology to design and produce different objects, from simple shapes to real model cars. Because 3D printing is relatively new, software is not entirely kid-friendly. That means



*Print*



*Finished Product*

Our STAR students design, then print and voila, finished product!

our students get the opportunity to work with professional grade software for the full, real-world experience! Although there are a few challenges, our younger learners have continually persevered and expressed feelings of immense accomplishment throughout the entire design and production process. The sense of pride shown in their projects by our 3D printing students is magical!

Want to learn more about our use of 3D printers in the classroom? Visit [solidoodle.starinc.org](http://solidoodle.starinc.org) to read an interview conducted by one of our partners in 3D printing, Solidoodle, with the head of STAR's Technology and Games department.

**If you are interested in 3D Printing Programs contact Dillon at 424-242-2364**

## **Leland STAR NOVA 1**

### **STAR Nova Dates: 9/3-9/26**

Welcome to the STAR Nova Program! STAR invites ALL students to enroll in STAR classes that are taught by experienced instructors who are specialists in their field.

#### **HOW TO REGISTER**

You can REGISTER ONLINE!

<http://leland.starinc.org>

If you are unable to register online, please contact your site director to obtain a registration form. Please note, NO PHONE CALLS will be made to let you know you are enrolled, unless classes are canceled or full.

#### **NOVA MEETING PLACE: LUNCH BENCHES**

#### **GETTING TO YOUR STAR NOVA CLASS**

##### **Kindergarten**

Students will be picked up from their classrooms.

##### **1st - 6th Grade**

Students will meet at the lunch benches.

#### **AFTER YOUR STAR NOVA CLASS**

##### **Kindergarten - 6th Grade**

Students will need to be picked up at the lunch benches.

Please be on time to pick up your child because STAR is not responsible for your child before and after class.

#### **REGISTRATION FEE**

A \$10 fee is required for each student PER SESSION to cover insurance and registration costs. This fee is non-refundable and is not applicable toward the cost of the classes.

#### **ABSENCES**

Please contact your STAR Director if your child will be absent.

#### **REFUND POLICY**

1. No refunds of any kind will be given after the first week of attendance.
2. We reserve the right to cancel any class due to insufficient enrollment. Should such an event occur your money will be credited.
3. Tuition will not be refunded if your child misses a class, quits, or is asked to leave due to disruptive behavior.

#### **BEHAVIOR POLICY**

STAR Education reserves the right to dismiss students whose behavior proves disruptive to other participants. In such cases a consultation will be held with all relevant parties before any action is taken. No refund will be offered in such cases.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships are available on a sliding scale basis. Scholarship paperwork MUST be submitted by **8/25/14** along with a check for 50% of the total fee INCLUDING REGISTRATION FEE. Please see your STAR director to inquire for more information.

**If you have any questions, or for information about school closures and minimum days contact your Nova Director, Monique Houston-Outland at 424-477-4192 or [leland@starinc.org](mailto:leland@starinc.org)**

## **STAR WEDNESDAYS 4 WEEKS**

#### **DANCE: YOGA AND CHOCOLATE**

Awaken your senses with the stress-reducing power of yoga...and chocolate! Relax both body and mind as you explore fun animal poses like lotus, cobra, crane and downward dog. Classroom tension melts away--along with the chocolate-tasting surprise at the end of each class--when our master Yoga Instructors play yoga-themed games designed with everyone in mind to develop agility, balance, self control, and confidence.

##### **Day: Wednesday**

**Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ( K-2 )**

**4:00 PM - 5:00 PM ( 3-6 )**

**Fee: \$72**

**Date: 9/3/2014 - 9/24/2014**

## **STAR THURSDAYS 4 WEEKS**

#### **SPORTS: TENNIS FUNDAMENTALS**

Grab a racquet and get ready to hit the court! Smash hundreds of balls as you discover the secret to knocking them over the net and get a total fitness workout along the way! Strengthen your hand-eye coordination and integrate tennis techniques into your muscle memory. Master basic tennis terminology (forehand, backhand, volley, etc.) as well as scoring. At the end of the session, compete in a mini tennis match!

##### **Day: Thursday**

**Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ( K-2 )**

**4:00 PM - 5:00 PM ( 3-6 )**

**Fee: \$56**

**Date: 9/4/2014 - 9/25/2014**

## **STAR FRIDAYS 4 WEEKS**

#### **ART: CLAY STUDIO**

Step into a world of clay and use your hands to sculpt and mold in one of our most popular art classes. Experienced clay artists and first timers alike will enjoy this session's brand new lessons--if you love to use your hands, you'll love this class! We'll learn and practice the basic methods of coiling, molding, and carving to transform a simple block of clay into a fantastic work of art.

##### **Day: Friday**

**Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ( K-2 )**

**4:00 PM - 5:00 PM ( 3-6 )**

**Fee: \$68**

**Date: 9/5/2014 - 9/26/2014**



# STAR Eco Station

An Environmental Science Museum and Exotic Wildlife Rescue Center

## Quick Tips for a Trash-Free Lunch!



Looking for a simple way to go green this back to school? Look no further than your midday meal! On average, a student throws away over 67 pounds of trash each school year, some of it recyclable or even completely avoidable. Here are a few tips for packing a waste-free lunch:

- Invest in a quality lunch tote. A fun pattern can brighten anyone's day!
- Buy (palm-oil free) snack items in bulk and package them in reusable containers or baggies (we love using Re-Pac Bags as they are so easy to wipe clean!)
- Pack a set of washable kid sized silverware.
- Ask your student to bring home any left-

overs, and adjust portion sizes so we can eliminate food waste!

With these simple tips we can make a great impact on protecting the planet! And to start the school year off right, all STAR families can receive a special discount on Re-Pac bags orders August 1-October 15, 2014. To receive 30% off your entire order, visit <http://www.re-pacbags.com/> and enter EcoStation30 at checkout (shipping/handling and taxes excluded).



## Thank you Willows Community School!

Wow! This year, STAR Eco Station received over \$9,000 in donations and animal care supplies from the wonderful 4th grade classes of the Willows Community School! This Culver City school has participated in two annual jog-a-thons to raise funds for all of our rescued exotic wildlife, and sponsored additional animal care projects. Last summer, their 4th grade classes' donations covered the costs of reconstructing our two largest outdoor aviaries. This project meant more sunshine and outside playtime for our three dozen rescued parrots!

This year's jog-a-thon proceeds will go towards one of our biggest goals- renovat-

ing our Bird Paradise! We anticipate this donation will cover up to half of the project, so we will continue to fundraise for the remaining costs. The STAR Eco Station truly appreciates all the support from these generous and enthusiastic students and all of the community. We are in awe of how much children can do when they find something they believe in. Thank you, Willows Community School, and all of our wonderful STAR friends and families that have continued such remarkable support!

Contact us at 310-842-8060 for more information on how to help STAR Eco Station.



**CREepy CRAWLY CREATURE FEATURE  
SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2014!**

