

SAFETY & TRAINING

Traffic School

This DMV-approved course meets the requirements for those allowed by the court to attend a traffic school. Successful completion of this class could void the citation from your record and protect your insurance. A certificate of completion is awarded by the instructor at the end of class. Call (209) 384-6224 to pre-register (mandatory). Courses are from 8:00am - 4:00pm and held on the Merced College Campus.

Sept 12 & 26 / Oct 10, 24, & 31 / Nov 14 & 21,
Dec 5 & 12 / Jan 9 & 23 / Feb 6 & 20 / March 6 & 20
April 10 & 24 / May 1 & 15 / June 5 & 19
Fee \$40 and pre-registration is required.

You must arrive 15 minutes early.

Bring your ticket or docket number and driver's license.

Notary Public in One Day

Start your own business, provide customer service, earn additional income and/or get recommissioned. This one-day intensive seminar will teach you the new legislation, how to pass the "new" test, identify document signers, keep a journal, fill out certificates and avoid lawsuits. The class includes a practice Notary Public Exam as well as the official exam. You must be present for the entire course of instruction and be at least 18 years of age. Bring to class a proper ID (license or state issued ID), two #2 pencils, a passport size photo, and a check or money order payable to the Secretary of State for \$40 for new applicants and renewals.

Saturday, November 14, 2009 / 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Fee \$125, includes course fee and supplies
Location: Tri College, Building 1

SPORTS & OUTDOOR RECREATION

Golf for All Ages

Whether you are a beginner, intermediate, or advanced player, your game will improve. This four week golf lesson course will cover full swing, short game, basic rules, and general golf course etiquette. Bring your own clubs or borrow one of ours.

GOLF / WEEKDAY

Mondays and Wednesdays

Oct 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 / Nov 2, 4, 9, 11
6:00 - 7:30 PM

GOLF / WEEKEND

Saturdays

Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 / Nov 7, 14, 21
10:00 AM - 12 NOON

Instructor: Gary Olson

Fee \$50 plus range fees

Location: Rancho Del Rey Golf Course, Atwater

Oyama Karate

Learn from one of the best, get fit, and experience World Oyama Karate. World Oyama Karate is a classic, full-contact, Japanese style of Karate. An uncompromising dedication to teaching excellence and a well-founded reputation for coaching some of the best international full-contact Karate champions has made World Oyama Karate a phenomenal success in the world of Martial Arts. Sensei Takeshi Saito from San Francisco will be leading this experience for the Merced area.

Wednesdays / Sept 9, 16, 23, 30 / Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

6:00 - 7:00 PM / Instructor: Takeshi Saito / Fee \$65

Location: Merced College, Gym-4

Rock Climbing

Want to learn the sport and adventure of rock climbing? Join us for a two week seminar and then a trip to Yosemite National Park to put your skills to the test. You'll spend time on the Merced College Rock Wall learning the equipment, safety, climbing techniques, and more. We have all the equipment you'll need.

Tuesday-Thursday / Oct 13, 15, 20, 22, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Yosemite Trip, Saturday, October 24, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Instructors: Andrew Granville and Art Emus

Fee \$150 plus park fees

Location: Merced College Rock Wall



WEBSITE & REGISTRATION

To register visit:
www.mccd.edu/community

Registration can also be completed in the Community Services office or by calling 384.6224

*For info regarding cancellation & refund policies, please visit us online.

MONEY & FINANCE

Buying a Home 101

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY A HOME! This course prepares the future homebuyer for buying a home. They will learn the home buying process, including how to hold title, what reports should be requested, and what should be included in the sales contract to protect the buyer. All the mortgages that are available in today's market are explained in detail so the homebuyer can choose the right one to meet their needs. Buying at foreclosure sales, auctions and short sales is explained with the pros and cons of each.

Saturday, October 24 / 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

instructor: Carol Williamson

Fee \$25 plus \$10 materials fee

Location: TBD

ARTS & CRAFTS

Delicious Drop Necklace

A shimmering mixture of tiny beads, pearls, and crystals are peyote' stitched over a form to create the focal point of an elegant necklace. Strung with strands of coordinating and accent beads, you'll turn your drop into a one-of-a-kind yummy necklace. A supply list will be provided at registration, or a kit may be purchased in class for \$25. All students should bring a work light and sharp scissors (small embroidery scissors are preferred).

Saturday, October 10 / 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Instructor: C.R. Radding / Fee \$50

Location: Art-4

Water Color on WHAT?

Join local award winning artist/instructor Kate Jackson as she guides you to develop your watercolor skills on a variety of new surfaces including Yupo paper, gesso'd paper, watercolor canvas and various other unique surfaces. Learn the techniques required to complete simple but effective paintings on the one you decide is your favorite. Kate gives fun exercises and exciting ideas for playing with this flowing, unpredictable medium! All skill levels are welcome and no previous art experience required! Kate works with each student to increase their abilities from any level.

Wednesdays, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 & Nov 4, 11

6:00 - 8:30PM / Instructor: Kate Jackson

Fee \$60 plus \$15 lab fee paid to instructor at first class.

Supply list will be discussed at first class,

students will provide some of their own items if possible.

Location: Art-7

HOME & GARDEN

Fall Vegetable Gardening: Yard to Table

Grow your own fall vegetables. Food Gardening can fit into any yard or landscape: carrots, broccoli, pumpkins, peas, greens, lettuce, onions, cabbage and more. Learn to choose and develop your garden site, build healthy soils, create raised beds and container gardens, water wisely and manage pests. Bring in photos and measurements and compass-orientation of your site for more customized help. Organic methods will also be discussed in this unique class as well as the option of starting a community garden.

Saturday, September 19 / 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Instructor: Cindy Lashbrook / Fee \$30

Location: Riverdance Farms, Livingston

Perennial Food Gardening

Hardy perennial food plants include common vegetables like asparagus and rhubarb, herbs like thyme and sage, and fruiting plants from groundcover strawberries to caning blackberries and shrubby currants to tree crops like apples, cherries, pears, and hazelnuts. Explore the best practices and methods from a veteran. Bring in photos and measurements and compass-orientation of your site for more customized help. Organic methods will also be discussed in this unique class as well as options of starting a community garden.

Saturday, November 21 / 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Instructor: Cindy Lashbrook / Fee \$30

Location: Riverdance Farms, Livingston

HEALTH & FITNESS

Fitness Boot Camp

Get into great shape with an efficient workout that will burn lots of calories while strengthening your muscles. Every workout is different and you will constantly challenge yourself. This course is for anyone who wants to get a grip on their fitness regime.

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Mon-Wed-Fri / Sept 2 - Dec 4 / 6:00 - 7:00 AM

Instructor: Ryan Ballinger / Fee \$55

Location: Merced College Stadium

FBC MERCED/ PM

Tues-Thurs / Sept 1 - Dec 3 / 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Instructor: Ryan Ballinger / Fee \$45

Location: Merced College Stadium

FBC / LOS BANOS

Tues/Thurs, Sept 8 - Dec 10 / 6:00 - 7:00 AM

Instructor: Aaron Gomes / Fee \$45

Location: Los Banos Campus

The Biggest Loser

Interested in a little friendly competition while shedding fat? Based on the popular television show, you will be competing to lose pounds and inches with your class peers (based on body fat percentage). Everyone will be a winner but the ultimate "biggest loser" will receive a CASH PRIZE. Each class will focus on developing healthy lifestyle changes including help setting up healthy menus, exercise plans, as well as proven weight loss techniques. You will also participate in a rigorous workout, so come dressed appropriately. Note: Only weight loss percentages will be revealed.

Saturdays, October & November, 7:00 - 9:00 AM

Instructor: TBD / Location: Merced College Gym

Fee \$50 plus \$20 lab fee due at first class

COOKING

Cake Decorating

See how easy and rewarding it is to decorate cakes and other desserts that will delight your family and friends. Learn the right way to decorate, step-by-step. As you learn new decorating skills, you will gain a sense of pride in your accomplishments and share your delicious results with friends. Bring the following items with you to the first class: apron, container for supplies (shoe box size), note pad and pencil, scissors, fine-tip permanent marker.

Saturdays - Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7 / 9:00 - 12:00 PM

Instructor: Donna Beard / Fee \$50 plus \$25 lab fee

Location: Voc-142

Cooking with Chef Rory

Learn to cook with one of Merced's best! Bring a partner or come solo, this class will teach you four different meals from start to finish. Each week will highlight a different course—we'll explore take and bakes, appetizers, and desserts. Chef Rory McCarthy has been the Merced College Chef for 3 years and has completed his advance Culinary arts at Orange Coast College.

Wednesdays - Oct 14, 21, 28 / 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Instructor: Rory McCarthy

Fee \$50 plus \$25 lab fee paid to the instructor

Location: Merced College Dining Hall

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for complete listing of online classes, course outline, requirements, and registration

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SPECIAL INTEREST

Piano Your Teachers Never Taught You

Todd Walker has taught more than 30,000 students from beginners to those with years of lessons to play the piano in just one day. In three hours, you will learn 72 chords, 156 hand positions, and how to read music from lead sheets and fake books. If you can read notes C, D, E, F, G, A, B you know enough to enroll. If you do not, stop by our office for a free note reading pamphlet.

Saturday, Nov 14 / 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Instructor: Todd Walker / Fee \$44 plus a \$27 lab fee

Location: Music Building 1

The Making of Movies

This course is a series hands-on workshops and discussions on the process of creating a motion picture, from concept of idea, through pre and production practices, to post production and marketing of films. Students participating in these sessions will gain in broad strokes, knowledge of the entire motion picture process, including: concept creations and scripting, preproduction, shot list, budgeting, scheduling, production, directing, lighting, cinematography and camera techniques, sound recording and postproduction practices.

SECTION 1

Wednesday, Sept 30, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28,

Nov 4, 11, 18 / 6:30 - 9:30 PM

SECTION 2

Thursdays, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Nov 5, 12, 19 / 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Instructor: Jason Ryder

Fee \$129 (Register for one section only)

Location: Student Union, Room 137

Ace the Interview & Dress to Win

The class will address the needs of a broad range of job seekers from first timers, to people who are establishing new careers. Students will gain self confidence as they learn basic guidelines for interviewing effectively.

Monday, Sept 28 / 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Instructor: Karen Hudson / Fee \$35

Location: Student Union, Room 137

KIDS CORNER

Children's Choir

Expose your child to the joys of making music through the Merced Children's Choir hosted by the College's Department of Music. Children ages 7 - 12 will spend 15 weeks studying music culminating in a public performance. The Choir will study the basics of vocal production and technique, music reading, rhythm, and diction.

Wednesdays, Sept 2 - Dec 9, 2009 (except Nov 25)

4:00 - 5:30 PM

Instructor: Patrice Stribling Nelson Fee \$110

Location: Leshner 111

Youth Water Polo

This class is designed to introduce and review basic water polo skills: ball handling, shooting, offensive set-up, defensive set-up, and game strategies. Participants must be able to swim 25 yards unassisted. For more information contact Coach McCall at (209) 384-6029 or email: mccall.s@mccd.edu. Open to grades 4 - 8th.

Mon-Tues-Thurs - August 24th thru November 19th

4:30 - 6:00 PM / Instructor: Betsy Bell / Fee \$60

Location: Merced College Pool

An Introduction to Voiceovers

Have you ever wanted to be the voice everyone hears on TV and radio commercials, or documentary or audiobook narrations? This fun, informative, and empowering class will teach you the basics of the voice over industry. Your voice will be recorded as you read from real scripts so you can receive a professional voice evaluation later. Be warned, many who have taken this class have gone on to become real, bona-fide, professional Voice Actors. Come ready to laugh, learn, and be inspired... This class is taught by a professional voice actor.

Thursday, Nov 19 / 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Fee \$39 / Location: Music Building 1

ANIMAL CARE

Canine Obedience Boot Camp

Beginning dog obedience and Canine Good Citizen test. This class will teach dog owners how to train their dogs in basic obedience such as sit, down, stay and recall. The class will also be a Canine Good Citizen test. The dogs will learn not to jump, bark, or be aggressive. At the end of the six weeks, a test will be done, and if the handlers and their dogs pass, a certificate will be awarded.

Tuesdays - October 6, 13, 20, 27 and Nov. 3, 10

6:00 - 7:00 PM / Instructor: Carol Reiter / Fee \$60

Location: Merced Dog Park (Yosemite Ave.)

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TRIPS & EXCURSIONS

SF Giants Baseball

We have reserved seats for two games at AT&T Park located right on the SF Bay with spectacular views. We'll arrive a couple hours before game time to find your seat, have lunch, watch batting practice, visit the gift shop, and try for autographs from Giants players.

vs. Dodgers, Sept 12
SOLD OUT

Pacific International Quilt Festival

This annual event is the largest Quilt Festival on the West Coast. Over 700 quilts and garments will be on display – many competing for prize money. The Vendor Mall has something for everyone, including quilts, garments, supplies, equipment, and more.

Saturday, October 17 / 7:30 AM – 7:30 PM
\$60, includes transportation, admission and refreshments

Christmas Festival in San Francisco

Join us on our traditional holiday trip to Union Square! Enjoy the festive displays decorations, shop 'til you drop, and explore the city. As usual, we'll provide the hospitality suite at the St. Francis. Buses will ONLY leave from Merced this year, so please plan accordingly. This trip sells out early!

Friday, December 4 / 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM
\$65, includes transportation and refreshments

Wicked Broadway in San Francisco

WICKED, the untold story of the witches of Oz, features music and lyrics by Academy Award-winner, Stephen Schwartz. The musical portrays the story of how two unlikely friends end up as the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good Witch—known as the most spellbinding new musical in years. These seats are located in the balcony, but assured to be good ones. *This will sell out quickly.*

Sunday, Sept 27 / 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM
\$105, includes transportation, admission and refreshments

Oakland Raiders vs. Philadelphia Eagles

Come join us for a day of Sunday football. The home of the Oakland Raiders, McAfee Coliseum, provides Raiders fans a memorable setting to watch their favorite team play. The Coliseum's exceptional sight lines and convenient location has played stage to some of the greatest games in Raiders history.

Sunday, October 18 / 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
\$80, includes transportation and ticket

Pebble Beach

A 72-hole PGA Tour championship golf tournament played on Poppy Hills, Spyglass Hill and Pebble Beach Golf Links. Professionals compete for a \$4 million purse and are paired with amateurs in two-man teams. Shuttles transport you to various courses for a full day at the tournament. There will be a stop at Cannery Row in Monterey after the tournament, where you will have the opportunity to enjoy a no-host dinner.

Thursday, February 11, 2010 / 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM
\$90, includes transportation, admission and refreshments

San Francisco 49ers vs. Atlanta Falcons

By popular demand from the community, we are hosting a trip for local 49ers fans. The home of the 49ers, Candlestick Park, is the perfect stadium to root for your home team. And this year, new Head Coach Mike Singletary is poised to bring the 49ers back to stardom. Get your tickets today!

Sunday, October 11 / 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM
\$90, includes transportation and ticket

King Tut @ the de Young Museum

For the first time in 30 years, the artifacts from the tomb of Tutankhumaun return to the de Young Museum. The exhibit will present more than 130 artifacts, including 50 from the tomb of King Tut. Many of these artifacts have never been seen in the U.S. before this tour, and the S.F. presentation will also include four beautiful new objects from Tut's tomb not see on the current U.S. tour.

Saturday, November 7 / 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
\$80, includes transportation, admission, and refreshments (headset rentals can be purchased for \$7 at the museum)

TOURS

Southern Charm

Featuring Charleston, Savannah, & Jekyll Island.
March 21 – 27, 2010

Experience the finest Southern hospitality in Georgia and South Carolina as you turn back the pages of time. Explore meaningful history and scenic charm of America's South. Your tour begins in Charleston, where magnificent formal gardens grace much of the historic district, adding to the beauty of the Colonial, Antebellum and Victorian architecture.

Highlights...

Historic Charleston • Boone Hall Plantation • Beaufort
• Savannah • Factors Walk • Jekyll Island
• St. Simons Island

Join us for an information session on
Tuesday, September 8th at 4:30 PM

Location: Student Union Building, Community Services Office

Per Person Rates:

Double \$2,199; Single \$2,849; Triple \$2,169

*Included in Price:

Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$50 (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers, Round Trip Air from Sacramento Airport

*Not included in price:

Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$140 per person

DAY	1, 2	Renaissance Hotel, Charleston or Hampton Inn Historic District, Charleston
DAY	3	Hilton Garden Inn, Savannah, GA
DAY	4, 5	Jekyll Island Club, Jekyll Island, GA
DAY	6	Hyatt Hotel & Resort Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Questions? Contact Community Services at 384-6224.

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LOCATION

Our office is located in the Student Union Building on the Merced College campus.

HOURS

Monday through Friday,
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

WEBSITE & REGISTRATION

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TOURS

Reflections of Italy

November 1 – 10, 2010

Discover the best of Italy, a land in rich history, culture, art and romance. Your journey will begin with an overnight flight to Rome, "The Eternal City" and will continue to some of the most prominent Italian cities and cites.

Highlights... Rome • Colosseum • Assisi • Perugia • Siena • Florence • Chianti Winery Venice • Murano Island • Lugano, Switzerland • Como

Join us for an information session on Tuesday, February 23rd at 4:30 PM.
Location: Student Union Building, Community Services Office

Per Person Rates: Double \$3,079; Single \$3,579; Triple \$3,049

*Included in Price: Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$140 (subject to increase until paid in full)
Hotel Transfers, Round Trip Air from San Francisco Intl Airport

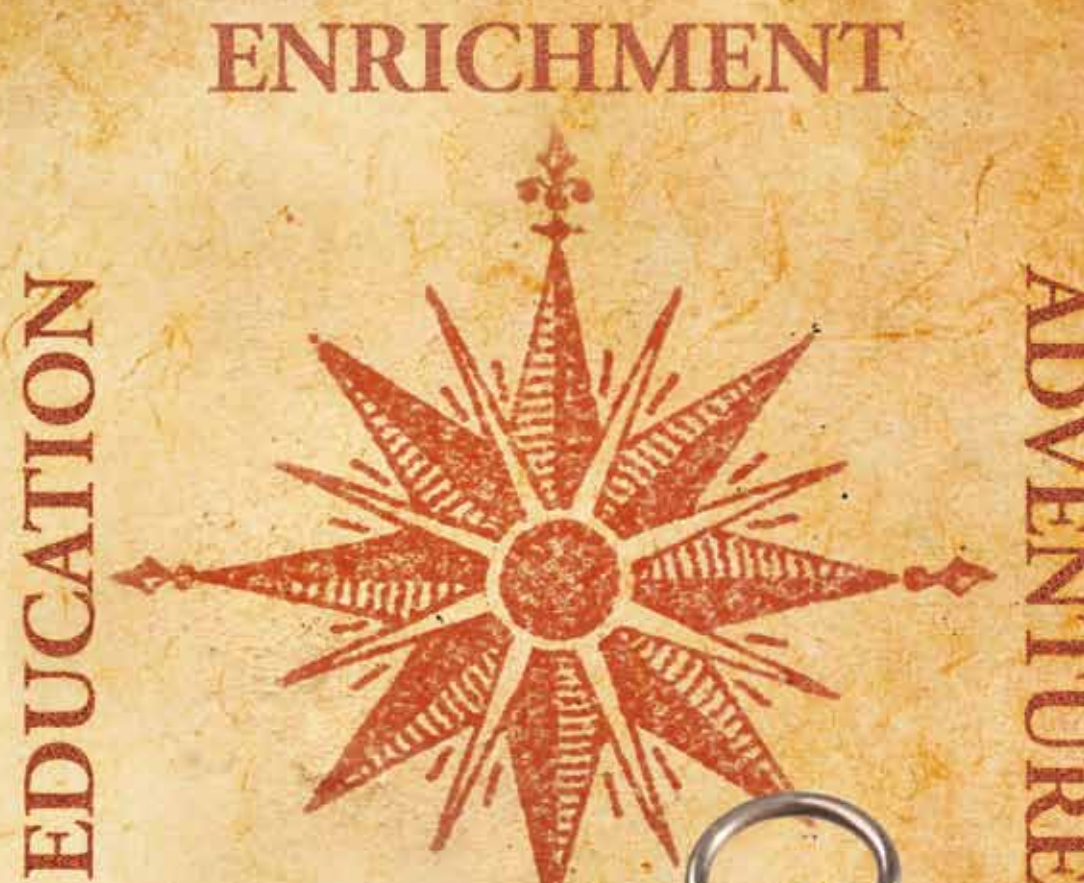
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DAY	1	Overnight Flight
DAY	2, 3	UNA Hotel Roma, Rome or Hotel Diana, Rome
DAY	4	Hotel Sangallo Palace, Perugia or Dal Moro Gallery Hotel, Assisi
DAY	5, 6	Grand Hotel Mediterraneo, Florence
DAY	7, 8	Hotel Ai Mori D'Oriente, Venice or Hotel Principe, Venice
DAY	9	Crowne Plaza Malpensa, Malpensa or Hilton Garden Inn Milan Malpensa,

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