Summer Term 2017: June 1-30

Get ready for more than 40 unique classes, shows, and field trips this summer! Full class details and the complete Summer 2017 Class Schedule will be available mid-April.

3rd Summer Play Festival, June 22-25
For the past two years, OLLI players have performed to sold-out crowds at Chico’s Blue Room Theater. The plays are written by OLLI members and most of the actors (also OLLI members) are first-time thespians. Festival creator Pam Loyd brings the event back for a third straight year, with its "Midnight Mischief" theme set to deliver lots of laughs. Note these key dates: Short comedic play submissions are due April 17. Auditions are May 16-17. Rehearsals start May 22 and run daily until production begins. Step outside your comfort zone and discover your inner star!

Watercolors for Beginners
Have you always wanted to paint with watercolors but never had the chance? This class is designed for those new to painting and watercolors, though all levels are welcome! We will explore the world of watercolors in the creation of four paintings as skills are developed and enhanced.

Medieval Mayhem, English Style
English medieval history abounds with tales of murder, political and religious intrigue, strategic marriages and wars — with castles and cathedrals thrown in for good measure. The Plantagenet monarchs are no more complicated than a long-running TV series — rather like “Downton Abbey,” in fact. This course is designed to pique your interest in reading and studying history, with no dates to memorize, just interesting events to uncover along with their juicy backstories.

Wisdom through Dreams
"Imagination is more important than knowledge," Albert Einstein once said. And most of us don't dream enough. In this class, you'll be encouraged to imagine bigger and explore the meaning behind your dreams. Using the practice of meditation, the class will explore access to deeper thoughts and meaning on the path to discovering more about the world around you.

plus some old and soon-to-be OLLI favorites!

OLLI Theater Club
Chico has an active local theater scene. Here's your chance to see it for yourself! Four shows, four weeks — three plays and a movie! Join us for a pre-show dinner followed by a show. Whenever possible, someone from the production will join us at dinner to give us insight into the play. The final evening will be OLLI's own Summer Play Festival. Come enjoy local talent and socialize with fellow theater lovers.

Become a Summer Member Today!
Summer membership is $60 unless you purchased an Annual Membership last fall (which covers summer). Visit our website to join and register. Class registration opens May 18.

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Sierra Trees

Do you want to learn more about the historic places and wonderful trees in our area? This is a one-day field trip class with renown local tree expert, Wes Dempsey, where you will get the chance to explore native plants along Highway 32. Stops are made at Jonesville Inn and Pacific Lumber tree farms just to name a few. For a chance to get out and explore this summer, take a trip to the hills with Wes.

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Secret Life of Grandchildren

Wired for sound and viewed through hidden cameras, a group of four-year-olds are observed at a nursery school in Britain. Experience the interplay between children without the presence of adults. How does the spoiled only-child react when she's just one among equals? What happens when one child tries to dominate the others? Is there a code of conduct enforced by peer pressure? And what happens when a group of 4-year-olds is left alone with a cake and told not to touch it? How long does it take for the first bit of frosting to mysteriously disappear? Join us to explore the workings of the young mind!

Social Security: Overview and Changes

Social Security can be very confusing and worrisome, but this class is here to ease your angst. A guest speaker from the Chico Social Security Administration will be at the class to provide an overview of Social Security. Topics that will be covered include: how to apply for benefits and how they are determined, how your age affects your benefit amount, spouse and child benefits, supplemental security income, recent changes and more!

Brain States: Your Brain and How it Works

Your brain is an amazing, three pound adventure in your body. It keeps you breathing, your heart beating, and your blood pressure in check. Normally! But what happens when you become angry or depressed? What if something exciting happens? How does your brain work then? Get out of the heat in this 5-session series and explore how your brain works and how you can positively affect the way it operates.

Registration for this special August series is separate from the OLLI term and can be done in the OLLI office at your convenience (530) 898-6679.

Save the Date!

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