

Orland Park's Technology Club Explores, Discovers and Solves *Program Tailored for Home Schooled Children*

ORLAND PARK, IL – The Village of Orland Park Recreation Department has tailored its Computer Explorers Technology Club for home schooled children, age seven to twelve.

The club will meet twice a month to explore robotics, simple machines, engineering, video game design and other programs on a rotational basis. Computer Explorers will lead the program for the department.

“Our Technology Club is a great option for parents who home school their children, being purposely held during the school day to fit their schedules,” said Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Stephanie Simpson.

Participants will use Lego educational kits and other software including Mindstorms, WeDO and Simple Machines as they are challenged to work cooperatively in teams, problem solve, discover and stretch their imaginations.

Two sessions are offered with both groups meeting on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Orland Park Cultural Center, 14760 Park Lane. The first session meets September 14 and 28, October 12 and 26. The second session meets November 9 and 23, December 7 and 21. The cost for residents is \$81 with non-residents paying \$122.

“We’ve had a number of home schooling families ask us to offer programs during the school day and this is a great start,” Simpson said. “We’re looking forward to adding to their home school curricula with these fascinating computer programs,” she added.

Registration and further information are available at the village’s Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street or at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue. Questions may be directed to 708/403-7275.