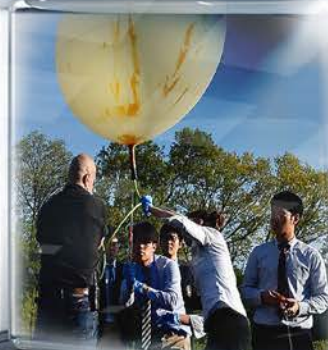


Beyond the Classroom





At Avon Old Farms School, we are experts in educating boys, and innovators who use our surroundings to optimize our academic impact on today's Avonians. We dedicate time each day for students to meet with teachers outside of class, and embrace every opportunity to bring our boys into the community to engage in meaningful work with local professionals, artisans, and thought-leaders.

On campus and off, within the scope of a class and also through clubs, Intersession, and weekend offerings, we inspire Avonians to discover their passions by digging in, getting their hands dirty, and taking their learning beyond the classroom.







Our 860-Acre Classroom



Our founder, Theodate Pope Riddle, envisioned an indestructible school where boys would live in a small village setting and would be surrounded by nature to interact with and learn from. Today, with 860 acres of woods, trails, ponds, and streams, many of our classes head outside to test their textbook theories in the great outdoors.

Thompson Brook, a small stream sourced from Beaver Pond on campus, is a popular spot for outdoor explorations by our biology, geology and environmental science students in the fall and spring.

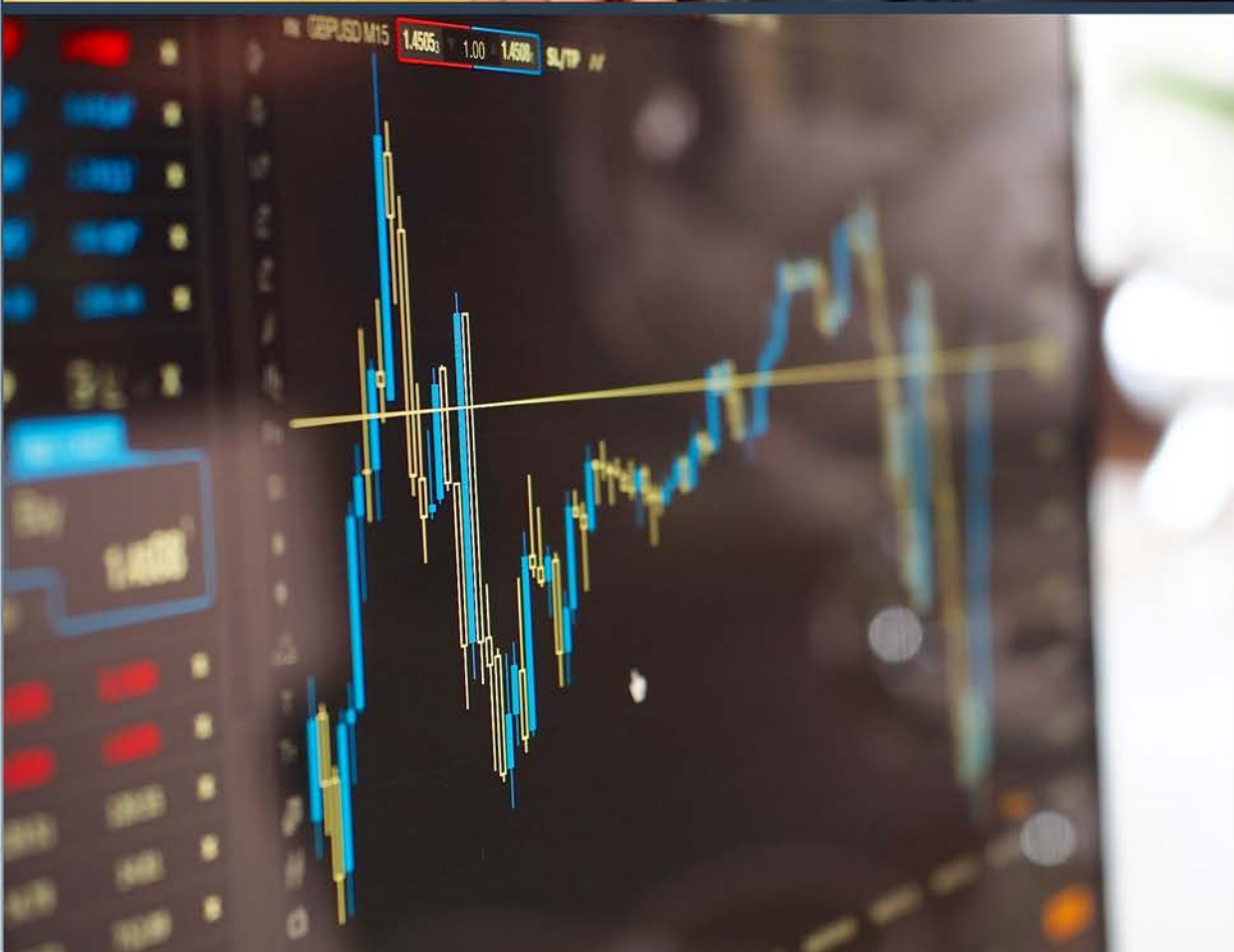




Investing Time In Understanding Personal Finance

The world of finance and investing can be intimidating for anyone, and a vast majority of high school students enter college without understanding the most basic of financial concepts. But we believe that the stock market and the greater financial world aren't so complicated once you learn some of the lingo and major concepts... Luckily, we have alumni and board members who work on Wall Street and are willing to offer their insights to fellow Avonians.

Additionally, our Junior Achievement Club annually tries its hand at forming a company, creating a product, selling it to the community, and in the end turning a profit!



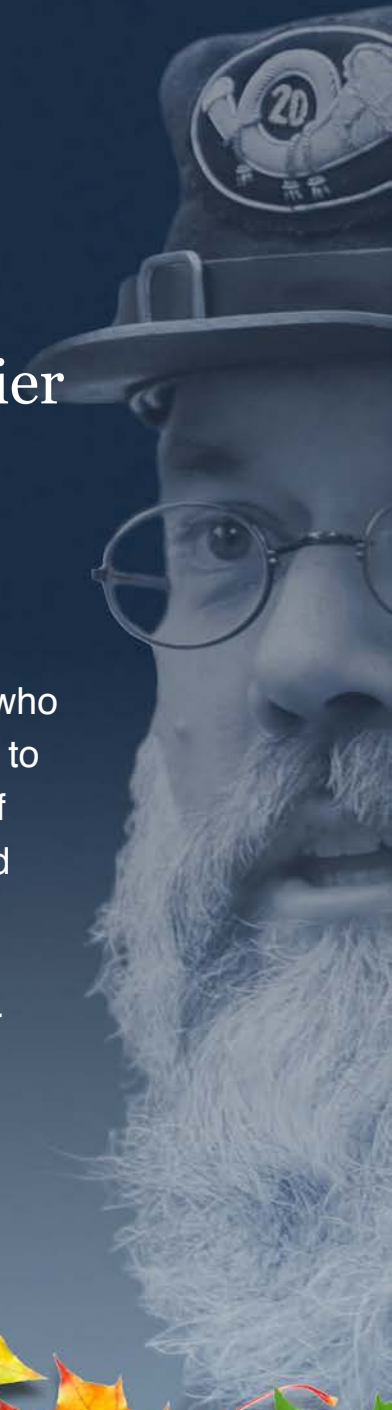




Meeting A Civil War Soldier

This is Lt. Art Custer of Company B, 20th Maine Volunteers, Army of the Potomac, who sets up camp each year in the Oak Grove to regale U.S. history students with stories of the exploits of Company B and the life and times of Civil War soldiers.

It helps that, in addition to volunteering for Company B, Art Custer is also Avon Old Farms' Dean of Curriculum and a U.S. history teacher.







A Hands-On Approach

At Avon, our faculty use their personal connections and networks to create unique learning opportunities for our students – like when our biology classes get to spend a day at Hartford Hospital's Center for Education, Simulation, and Innovation.

Students practice their skills utilizing the same equipment residents at UConn Health Center use – including a Da Vinci Surgical System. They have the opportunity to interact one-on-one with training staff, doctors, surgeons, and medical resident students.







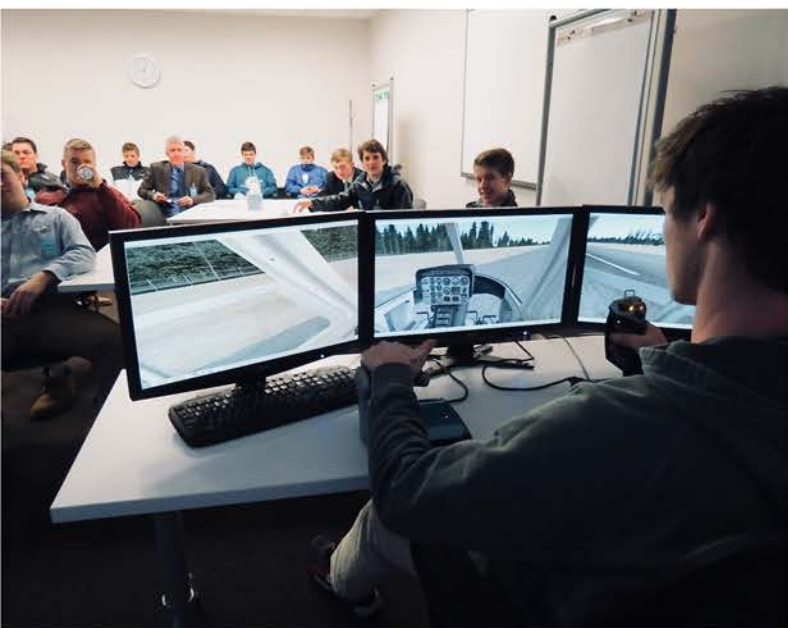
Creating With Fire



Each year, the chairperson of the art department organizes a trip open to any student enrolled in an art course. The group travels to either Boston or New York to visit art museums, meet with local artists, and get some hands-on experience.

One recurring excursion is to a glass blowing studio where students can create their own pendants, glassware, or other items.





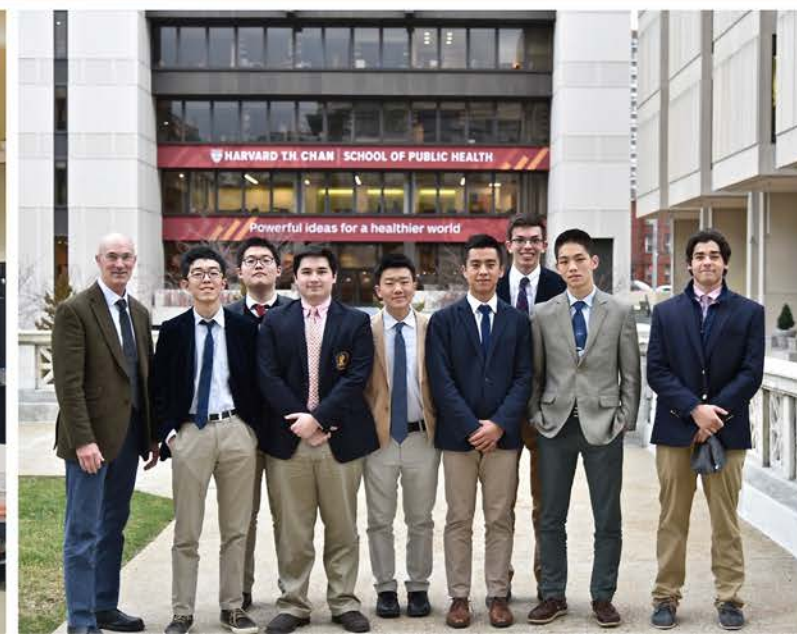


Lessons In Flight

Whether it's Club Forge launching a high-altitude balloon from the Vista, or the aerospace engineering class taking flight lessons at Robertson Airport, Avonians have some pretty cool opportunities to learn about taking to the air.

From an introduction to the principles of aerodynamics and 3-D printing their own airfoils, to studying flight theory and exploring career opportunities, our students can get involved however they want – one student is even on the road to earning his pilot's license because of this class!



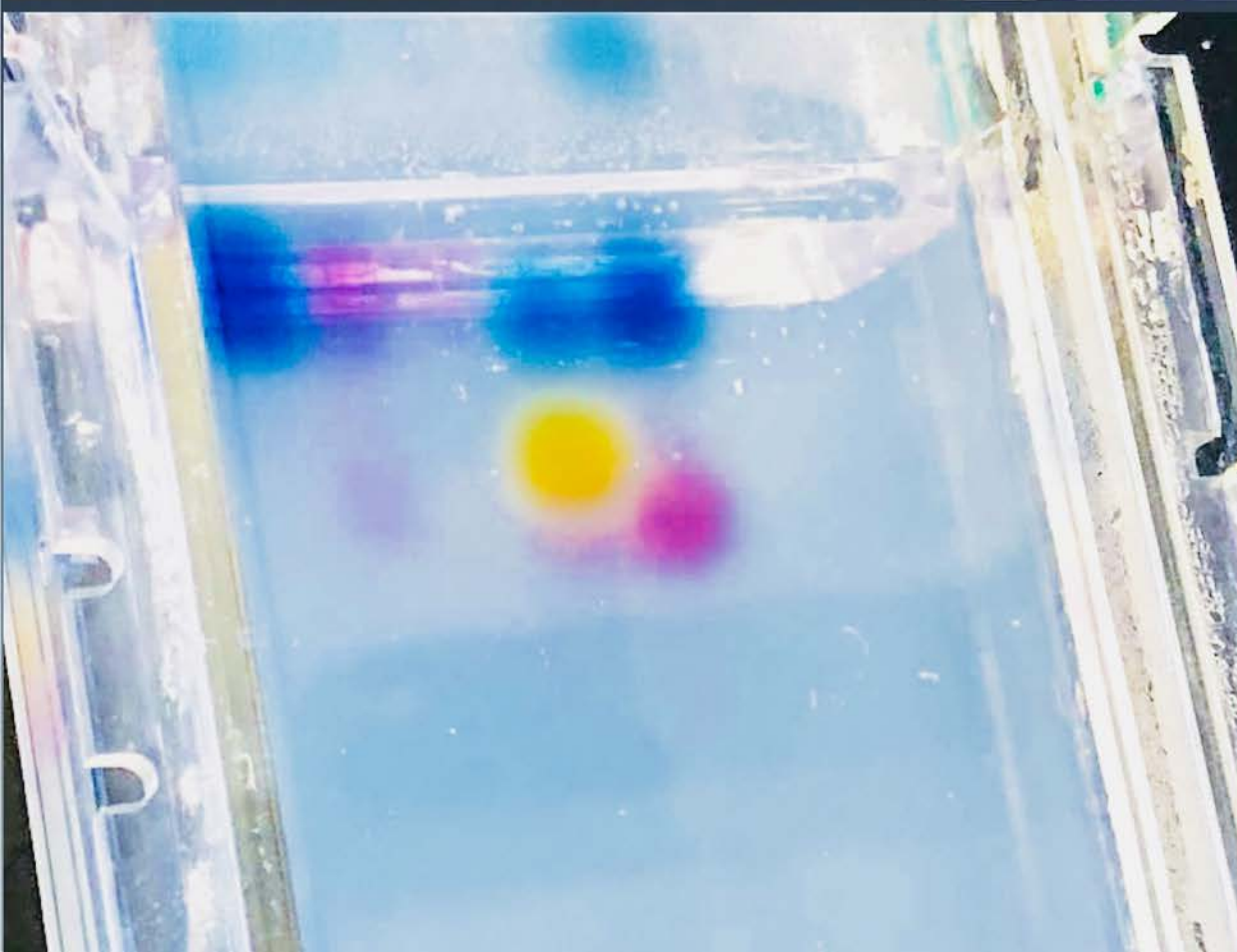




Taking It To The Lab

Thanks to science teacher Dr. Jack Sanford's work at Harvard University and alumni Kevin and Brendan McKernan, co-founders of Courtagen Life Sciences in Boston, our students get to go on some pretty exciting science outings.

They tour facilities and labs, getting one-on-one time with men who have spent their careers researching and developing various DNA sequencing technologies in both the research and clinical industries. And the best part is, our alumni are always excited to help out a fellow Avonian looking to learn.





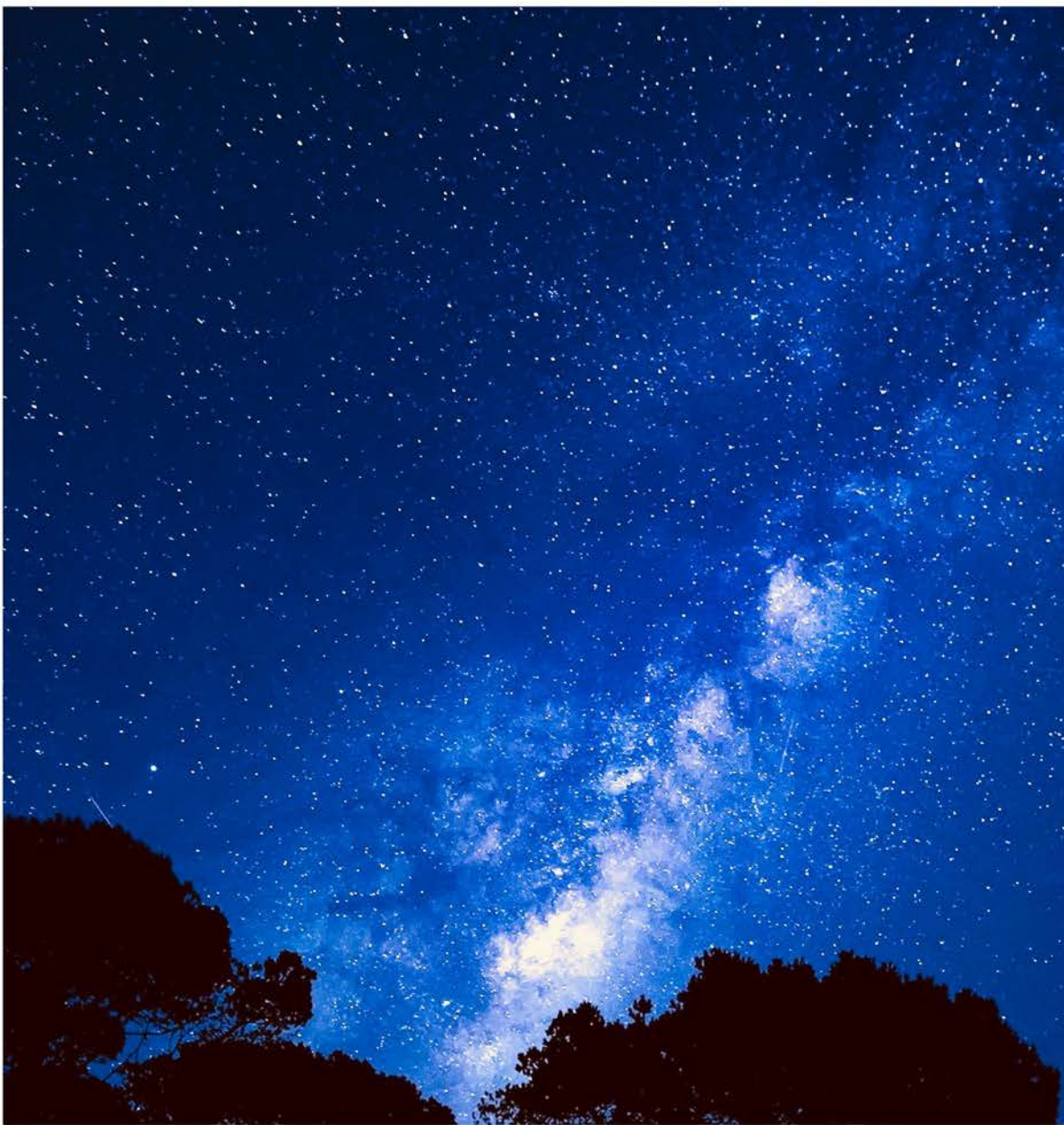


Art Interpreting Art

As gorgeous as our campus is, we understand that sometimes you need to get away every once in a while to find some inspiration.

We encourage our drawing students to take a pointer or two from the Masters by visiting local art studios and museums where they are welcome to set up shop for the day.







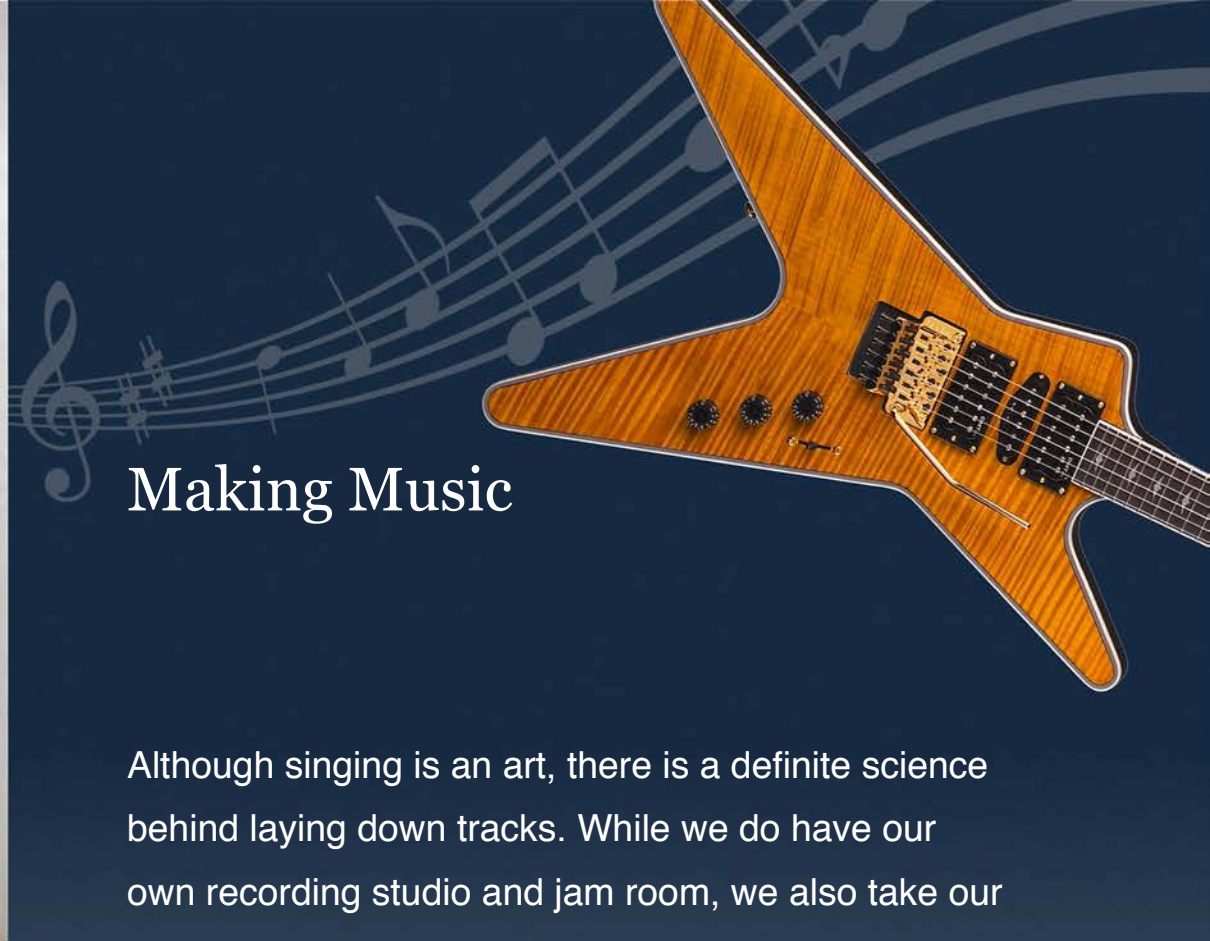
Discovering What's Hidden In The Night Sky

Because as much as **80%** of the world's population has never seen the Milky Way, at Avon Old Farms we offer our students an opportunity to look beyond our 24-hour lighted environment.

We even venture out at night with portable telescopes to see such wonders as the surface of the moon, constellations, satellites, planets, and even the M42 Nebula.







Making Music

Although singing is an art, there is a definite science behind laying down tracks. While we do have our own recording studio and jam room, we also take our show on the road to visit professional recording studios to get advice from the pros.

In 2018, students recorded an original song and performed it in front of the entire student body – and we have to say, it was awesome.





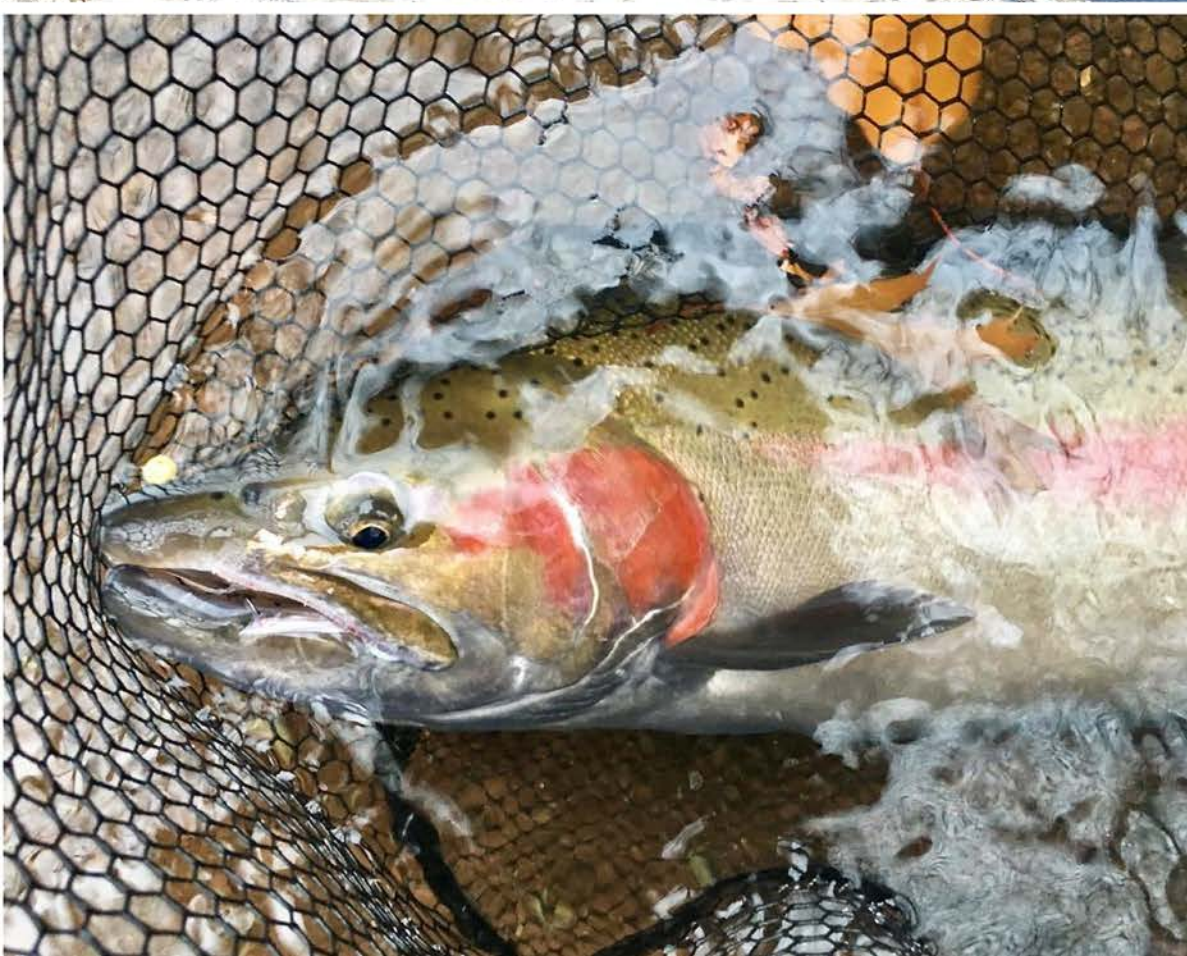


No Ramen Noodles Here!

In addition to learning basic knife skills and different types of cutting styles (Julienne, Chiffonade, Jardiniere, Brunoise, Macedoine)... and a variety of methods of food preparation (braising, sautéing, baking, grilling)... and learning about the food service industry... Students at Avon have the opportunity to learn about and prepare a variety of ethnic cuisines.

Starting out with practices in Sur La Table with private chefs, students prepared a meal for the entire student body – and served it in the Refectory!

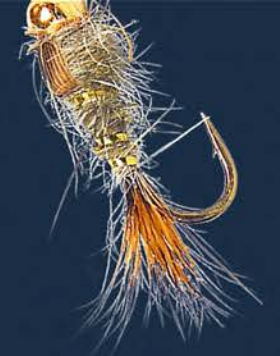






Fly Fishing 101

In this Intersession course, students learned the basic principles and skills needed to catch trout on our local streams. Topics covered included casting, rigging, knot-tying, safety considerations, fly selection, insect life cycles, and fly-tying. Students also spent time on nearby streams collecting samples of local aquatic insects to be studied and identified in the lab later on. Students then test their new knowledge and skills on the nearby Farmington River.







Realize Your Inner Woodsman

The Nimrod Club has been gathering together since the founding days of Avon Old Farms School: the group was established to teach students how to manage a forest. Today, the Nimrod Club is an outdoor woodsman club oriented toward community service around campus — maintaining trails on our 860-acre campus, providing firewood for events and faculty, cutting down the school Christmas tree, stocking Beaver Pond with trout, and in 2018 they even participated in building a brand new log cabin to host Nimrod Cabin dinners!







It Takes A Village

Nothing reinvigorates the curriculum like taking class outside to the Village Green at the first signs of spring. Our teachers know that bringing a lesson outside can increase engagement and lengthen attention spans. Our vista may not be the Globe Theater, but it certainly makes a great backdrop for a reading of *Macbeth*.

At Avon, our faculty embrace every opportunity to get students up and out of the classroom to ensure that the best learning takes place.











Faculty Servicemen Share Their Military Insight

With esteemed faculty like Major John Bourgault, USMC Ret., and Dr. Henry 'Skip' Flanagan, Commander with the U.S. Coast Guard (Auxiliary), you can be sure that our history classes are not limited in hands-on experiences.

The most recent trip was a guided tour of the United States Navy Submarine Force Library and Museum, located on the Thames River near Groton, Connecticut. It's the only submarine museum managed exclusively by the Naval History & Heritage Command division of the U.S. Navy, which makes it a repository for many special submarine items of national significance, including the USS Nautilus (SSN-571).






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