

# Pre-enrollment for Cerēb Rüm Tutoring & Homework Club

Introducing Cerēb Rüm, a semi-quiet learning environment held immediately after school (3:00 pm until 5:45 pm) where your child will have access to expert in-person help for homework or projects. Individual tutoring will also be available by appointment and a separate fee. The list of experts on staff, who share your same value of education, is attached.

Cerēb Rüm is housed in the Community Center (pictured) at the Southeast corner of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Thunderbird Road, in the same building as Alice Cooper's Solid Rock and Genesis Church.

## Why choose Cerēb Rüm for your child?

Because you :

- Value education
- Endorse life-long learning
- Understand the dangers of unstructured smart phone use
- Desire healthy influences for your child
- Fantasize about not having to remind about homework
- Recognize your child's need for a sense of belonging
- Wish evenings could involve more quality family time



At Cerēb Rüm, each day there will be expert help for homework and projects. The setting will be a semi-quiet, table-talk environment with white boards and scratch paper rolls, where teens can brainstorm, problem-solve, and have intelligent social engagement. They will have the opportunity to be mentored and to test their own ability to mentor. They can bounce ideas off one another or one of the experts.

Watch your child grow in confidence and enthusiasm as relationships are fostered and learning 'just happens.'

### Details:

Hours: 3:00 pm -5:45 pm

Days: Monday-Friday (excluding holidays, list below)

Ages: 6th-12th grade (younger, with special permission)

Rate: \$20 per day for drop-in (no discount for fewer hours utilized)

\$15 per day for semester enrollment (\$1425 per semester, 95 days (2% additional discount if pre-paid))

15% sibling discount (\$1211.25 for each additional sibling)

**No Extra Membership or Enrollment Fees! \$50 discount for each semester-enrolled friend**

Daily *or* Semester rate includes one serving of **Frozen Yogurt** per day. Other drinks/food for purchase, TBD.

Dates: **August 6<sup>th</sup> –December 20<sup>th</sup>** excluding the following days for holidays:

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Labor Day (Cerēb Rüm closed)

November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day (Cerēb Rüm closed)

November 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving (Cerēb Rüm closed)

**Free Family Football  
Tickets With Each  
Semester Enrollment**



If interested, please send an email to [debraarford@yahoo.com](mailto:debraarford@yahoo.com) with your intended enrollment level and number of children. If you'd like to be included on a carpool list, please indicate that in your email.

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# Meet Our Experts



## Marc Ginsberg: College Test Prep Tutor

BA in Econ from UCLA

MA in Special Education from Chapman University

25 Years of teaching mostly high school math classes from pre-algebra through pre-calculus

10 years of SAT & ACT test prep working with hundreds of university-bound students across dozens of valley high schools, achieving thousands of admissions and hundreds of thousands of dollars in merit-based scholarships!

Marc's company website: <https://www.ccp123.com/>



## Richard Bickerstaff: Chemistry, Physics, Math Tutor

Dr. Bickerstaff (Dick) has had a long career in academics, teaching and industry. He has taught and/or tutored Chemistry (Introductory, Organic, Physical), Mathematics and Physics. He also co-instructed a class in philosophical logic.

Much of his career has been devoted to practical applications in industry and as an expert witness in chemical production, testing and safety. Dick was selected as the youngest division chairman for the Benjamin Franklin Foundation of Pennsylvania.

Dick began his academic career with a BSc. in Chemistry and minors in mathematics, economics, geology, history and philosophy. After working for a few years internationally, he returned to school to acquire an MA in Organic Chemistry followed by an MSc in Robotics and PhD in Chemistry from Carnegie Mellon University. His PhD was split between organo-metallic synthesis, analysis and High Resolution Nuclear Magnetic Resonance. The latter included assisting the creation of one of the first MRI diagnostic facilities in the US.



## Debra Altenau: Math, English Tutor

Education: Princeton University: A.B. English, Certificate in American Studies

New York University: M.A. English, M.A. Elementary Education

Supervisory Licenses: SAS (School Administrator and Supervisor), SDA (School District Administrator)

Debra has 10 years teaching experience in NY City Public and Private Schools. She was a middle school math teacher, teacher leader, math staff developer and Assistant Principal at the Greenwich Village Middle School in NYC for 8 years. She substituted at public and private schools in New York. She participated in Lesson Studies at Teachers College, Columbia University. She helped editors revise and rewrite math textbooks based on her experiences using the texts. She consulted around the country in math education with a private educational consulting company. She has tutored many, many students between grades 3 – 12 in math and English. She now has 3 children of her own, who have attended Coop, Catholic, Public, Charter and Private Schools in New York City and Scottsdale, Arizona. She understands education from a parent and educator perspective and has over 25 years experience working with students and curriculum.



## Chip Dupre: Physics, Math Tutor

Bachelor's Psychology University of North Texas MBA University of New Mexico, Robert O. Anderson School of Management

Chip is a lifelong learner, with a 20-year history working in the IT (information Technology) industry. During his diverse career, Chip has provided IT services in software development, systems and database engineering and enterprise applications, while working for globally recognizable corporations including PepsiCo, Verizon and American Airlines. Chip graduated, Cum Laude, from the University of North Texas with a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Psychology. Following receipt of his bachelor's degree, Chip went on to pursue a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of New Mexico, graduating within 12-months with a 4.0 GPA. Currently, Chip is pursuing a career change to the medical profession, where he wishes to practice rural medicine. Chip is passionate about helping others learn. At work he is known for helping his colleagues to overcome career hurdles, through mentoring and by tutoring in information technology related topics. Over the years, he has tutored for friends and family, helping students excel in subject areas including mathematics, chemistry, business and test preparation. Chip enjoys outdoor activities including cycling, mountain biking, hiking, camping and motorcycling.



## Luke Kanuchok: Physics, Math Tutor

B.S. Computer Engineering Taylor University

M.S. Physics Ball State University

Efficient, hard-working engineer working on connecting people with technology in the defense sector



## Sam Peoples: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math Tutor

Bachelor's Forensics, Arizona State University

Science is Sam's passion and helping others is what he strives for. His strongest traits include superb communications skills, unyielding patience and quick learning. He takes pride in not only understanding several subjects within the sciences, but also helping others understand them. He shows that even subjects like organic chemistry and physics can be fun to learn. Sam has provided individualized chemistry tutoring for students with visual disabilities



## Debra Arford: Chemistry Tutor

B.S. Chemistry Carnegie Mellon 1990

Ph.D. Chemistry Univ. of Pittsburgh 1998

- 16 years of college (and high school) level Chemistry teaching
- Wrote courses for Chem 101 and Gen Chem I and II
- Tutoring one on one since 2014; Clients range from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to college.
- Pharma Development: Cylastatin (antibiotic) Merck and Co. 1989
- Pharma Research: Crixivan (1<sup>st</sup> HIV vaccine) Merck Sharp & Dohme Research Labs 1990
- Beverage Industry Director Quality Assurance: Three Rivers Bottling 1998
- Food and Nutritional Supplements Director Quality Assurance: NutraCea 2007
- I teach: content; problem-solving strategies; common hurdles
- I listen first. I learn about the learner. I personalize my help.