












2025-26 SSI Clubs /Activities

Club / Team Name	Advisor contact info	Meeting day & time	Time of year (e.g. Oct-Jan)	Club Description and link to permission form
Ski / Snowboarding Club	Mike Schramek schrmi@hamilton.k12.wi.us	TBA	December, January, & February 	Silver Spring Intermediate Ski & Snowboard Club is open to all 5th and 6th grade students and their families.. Lesson's and or rentals are available for those who have no previous experience. Participants will attend four events at Little Switzerland Ski Hill, located in Slinger, WI. For those interested in joining the club, in early November watch for sign up information in the Panther Press.
Yearbook Club 	Kristi DeJong dejokr@hamilton.k12.wi.us	Periodic Wednesday mornings before school from 7:45 - 8:30 am	November - March	Sixth grade students choose the cover, layout, and design for our school yearbook! Students will work collaboratively to develop and execute design concepts using the yearbook's website. Link to Sign Up form
Student Council 	Jennifer Gierach gierje@hamilton.k12.wi.us Tina Hill hiltti@hamilton.k12.wi.us		September-May	Student Council is made up of 5th and 6th grade students want to make a commitment to being a positive leader. Student Council will meet before school monthly and during school hours to coordinate school and community projects.
Charger Robotics -	Adam Polcen	Mondays -	Early August-	<i>FIRST</i> LEGO League is the most

<p>FLL</p> 	<p>tmsrobo@hamiltonstudents.org</p>	<p>Fridays 5:30-8pm. Teams meet twice a week on two of the above days. Competitions on weekends.</p>	<p>November. If teams advance, the season could last anywhere from December - June.</p>	<p>accessible, guided, global robotics competition, helping students (grades 5-8) and coaches to build a better future together.</p> <p>The program is built around theme-based challenges to engage children in research, problem solving, coding, and engineering.</p> <p>The foundation of the program is the <i>FIRST</i> Core Values, which emphasize teamwork, discovery, and innovation.</p>
<p>3D Art Club</p> 	<p>Amber Skaros skaram@hamilton.k12.wi.us</p>	<p>Clay Club</p> <p>Tuesdays 3:40-5:30</p> <p>October 6th October 13th</p> <p>Student work will be loaded into the Kiln and Fired on October 21st</p> <p>October 20th October 27th</p> <p>Student work will be loaded into the Kiln and Fired on November 4th</p> <p>November 3rd November 10th</p> <p>Student work will be loaded into the Kiln and Fired on November 18th</p> <p>Painting and Glazing Days: November 17th</p>	<p>October and November 2025</p>	<p>🌀 Clay Club 🌀</p> <p>Love to get your hands dirty and bring your ideas to life? Join Clay Club and explore the art of hand-building and wheel throwing! You'll have the chance to create one-of-a-kind pieces—like cups, vases, plates, tic-tac-toe games, piggy banks, chia pets, and anything else your imagination dreams up.</p> <p>We'll have limited spots each session (15 students max), with 8 pottery wheels available, so students will get 1 hour of wheel time to throw their own pottery! Plus, we're teaming up with volunteers from the High School National Art Honor Society, who will be on hand to guide and support you throughout the club.</p> <p>After your clay creations dry, you'll get the chance to come back later in the fall to paint or glaze your</p>

		<p>November 24th</p> <p>Any Clay that will be glazed will be fired on November 25th.</p>		<p>work during special finishing sessions starting in November 17th and 24th.</p> <p>Let's get muddy and make something amazing!</p>
<p>Art Club</p> 	<p>Amber Skaros skaram@hamilton.k12.wi.us</p>	<p>Artist Trading Card (ATC Club)/Crochet Club</p> <p>TBD</p> <p>2 days/week throughout the month of February and March.</p>	<p>February and March 2026</p> <p>Tuesday A.M. 7:45 - 8:30</p> <p>February 24th March 3rd March 10th March 17th March 24th</p> <p>Thursday P.M. 3:30- 4:30</p> <p>February 26th March 5th March 12th March 19th March 26th</p>	<p>🎨 Artist Trading Card Club 🎨</p> <p>Love to draw, paint, build, or create? Come join the Artist Trading Card Club—where small art makes a big impact! In this club, you'll get to explore a variety of materials like air-dry clay, weaving supplies, paint pens, collage pieces, and more. Try out new techniques, experiment with unusual combinations, and design your own unique mini masterpieces—each the size of a trading card (2.5" x 3.5")!</p> <p>You can build a personal collection of tiny artworks or choose to swap with friends during our final trading day. Whether you're a doodler, painter, sculptor, or total beginner—this club is your space to create, connect, and have fun with art!</p> <p>-Or-</p> <p>Interested in Crocheting? Gather with friends and practice crochet techniques. Learning techniques like crocheting a chain, rows, and the very tricky magic circle. Build friendships through crocheting.</p>


				<p>The choice is yours, you can crochet one day or choose to paint/draw the next for an Artist Trading Card. Or even crazier, Crochet your own artist trading card!</p>
<p>Best Buddies Jr</p> 	<p>Lisa Merritt merrli@hamilton.k12.wi.us & Michelle Schultz schumi@hamilton.k12.wi.us</p>	<p>Lunch hours (once a month)</p> <p>Dates TBD</p>	<p>October-May</p>	<p>Spend your lunch hour making new friendships. Best Buddies is a non-profit organization that both Templeton and Hamilton High School are a part of. Our goal is to make meaningful friendships with all students at SSI through fun activities.</p> <p>Link for permission slip</p>
<p>Book Bungalow</p> 	<p>High school leaders & Cassandra Gawrysiak (staff advisor)</p> <p>ranaaan@hamiltonstudents.org</p> <p>gawrca@hamilton.k12.wi.us</p>	<p>Every other Wednesday, 3:30-4:30pm</p>	<p>October-June</p>	<p>Book Bungalow is a book club for 5th and 6th grade students, led by readers from Hamilton High School, with supervision from a Hamilton staff member. The Book Bungalow is a great place for readers of all ages and interests to participate in fun activities, read some great books, and make friends with peers in different grade levels!</p> <p>Link to Signup/Permission Form</p>
<p>Chess Club</p>	<p>Kristi DeJong dejokr@hamilton.k12.wi.us</p>	<p>Monthly Wednesday mornings before school from 7:45 - 8:30</p>	<p>October - May</p>	<p>Chess is a fun game that incorporates many aspects of the learner profile: knowledge inquirers, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring,</p>

		am		<p>risk-takers, balanced and reflective. The chess club is meant to foster scholar's intellectual growth while having fun. We welcome any level of play as we go over strategy, rules, and friendly competition amongst ourselves.</p> <p>Link to Sign Up form</p>
<p>Writing Club</p> 	<p>Alyssa Knutson</p> <p>knutal@hamilton.k12.wi.us</p>	<p>once a month, after school until 4:15</p> <p>Day TBD</p>	November-May	<p>This is a club for 5th and 6th grade writers who are looking for a place to come together to share their writing and receive feedback from peers about their writing. At each meeting, members will get a chance to discuss the work of a fellow author/member, offer creative suggestions and celebrate the art of writing!</p> <p>Link to signup/permission form</p>
<p>Library Ambassadors</p> 	<p>Ashley Pfeifer</p> <p>pfeias@hamilton.k12.wi.us</p>	Weekly During Lunch or Advisement	September-April	<p>Library Ambassadors will be experts in the library. Students who enjoy reading, organizing, and planning reading activities, should consider signing up. Part of this club will be to participate in Battle of the Books, which is a statewide competition for the elementary level (5th grade) and middle school level (6th grade).</p> <p>Link to signup/permission form</p>

Forensics	Jennifer Gierach	Students must	Lunch meetings	Forensics is an activity offered
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	<p>gierje@hamilton.k12.wi.us</p>	<p>attend two practices a week. Practice will be held before and after school. Students will also sign up for lunch practices.</p>	<p>start in November.</p> <p>After school practices run from December through March.</p> <p>Morning and afternoon practices will be on Wednesday. Students will pick one.</p>	<p>to students in 6th grade. The goal is to build self-confidence with speaking and find enjoyment with oral communication skills. There are 17 different categories for students to choose from. Categories are available for an individual, partner or group performance. Students choose a category (with guidance) and find a piece to perform for the season. We then travel to area schools and compete with other middle school students.</p> <p>There is a \$60 fee for participation to cover fees and attendance at other meets. Parents must provide transportation to Friday night competitions.</p> <p>LINK TO SIGN UP INFO.</p>
<p>Gimkit Club</p> 	<p>Stephanie Thieme thiest@hamilton.k12.wi.us</p>	<p>Friday mornings once a month before school 7:45-8:30, dates TBD</p>	<p>October- May</p>	<p>Gimkit is an online game show platform used by teachers and students that combines fun and education by allowing students to learn in an interactive way. We will be using what we're learning in class to create kits to share with our classmates and teachers. Students will also have the opportunity to play board games.</p>

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Coding Club	Julie Karnthaler karnju@hamilton.k12.wi.us	11-17-25 12-15-25 1-12-26 2-23-26 3-16-26 4-20-26 5-18-26 After School: 3:40-4:30	November-May	Coding Club is a once a month, after school club open to all SSI 5th and 6th graders interested in coding and playing games. The kids will be using “Scratch” to code. It is the program used in their Tech and Engineering class. We will meet in the 6 Blue breakout space. This club is full and can not take any more students. 12/11/25.
Paws for a Cause	Michelle Schultz schumi@hamilton.k12.wi.us	January 20 February 17 March 17 April 21 May 19th After school: 3:30-4:30	2nd semester	We are a club dedicated to helping animals in need. Each month, we’ll focus on a different group of animals—learning about their challenges and finding ways we can make a positive difference. From awareness campaigns to small acts of service, our goal is to stand up for animals and support their well-being.
Soccer Club	Alex Chanto chanal@hamilton.k12.wi.us	Select Friday’s 3:30-4:30 pm	October-May	The Silver Spring Intermediate Soccer Club is open to all 5th and 6th grade students, no

				<p>matter your experience level. Whether you've been playing for years or you're brand new to soccer, this club is all about teamwork, fun, and learning new skills in a supportive environment. We will be doing team events and activities throughout the season.</p>
<p>Cook & Bake Club</p> 	<p>Kris Bova bovagr@hamilton.k12.wi.us</p>	<p>Mondays before school at 7:45 am</p> <p>6th Grade January 12 (6th) March 16 (6th) May 11 (6th)</p> <p>5th Grade February 23 (5th) April 20 (5th) May 18 (5th)</p>	<p>December-May</p>	<p>Learn how to make super cool and yummy treats, from snacks to desserts! We'll have a blast cooking, baking, and tasting everything we create together! The cost is \$15 per student to cover the cost of supplies and materials.</p>