

SUMMER CHALLENGE 2013

CENTER FOR GIFTED STUDIES MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Summer Program for Gifted Students

Rising 6th - Rising 9th Grades June 24 - June 28

Summer Challenge in Spain

Rising 10th - Rising 12th Grades June 29 - July 13



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Summer Challenge courses provide gifted children opportunities to learn and express their talents through a variety of different areas. A residential camp option gives students a unique experience not only to live on a college campus during the session, but to spend time with other gifted children from across the region. A



commuter camp is also available for those who do not wish to take advantage of the residential option.

An international exchange program with Centro Huerta del Rey - Center for Gifted Studies - in Valladolid, Spain, is available for students who are currently in 9^{th} – 11^{th} grades and exhibit basic language proficiency in Spanish. To be considered for the exchange program, a letter of interest must be received by March 1, 2013.

In order to apply for the Summer Challenge program, a student must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1. He/she must be in grades 5-8 during the 2012-2013 school year.*
- 2. He/she is eligible for services as a gifted child or has an IQ score of 125 or above.*
- 3. He/she has a score at or above the 90th percentile on the total battery, or at or above the 95th percentile on the total math and/or language/reading section on the most recent achievement test; or he/she has scored at the Proficient or Distinguished level on performance assessment measures in one of these areas.*
- 4. He/she must submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or GT Coordinator that addresses the ability of the student to adjust and succeed in a challenging residential program. For the program in Spain, this letter must also address the student's language ability and students will meet oral beginning proficiency standards as determined by the Center for Gifted Studies.

^{*}Written documentation required.

Who are the Instructors?

Instructors are selected from area schools, Murray State University, and those with unique talents and expertise in a particular area.

Accommodations

Housing will be in modern, air-conditioned residence halls on the Murray State campus. All rooms are double occupancy. Campers must provide their own linen. Meals are served in the campus cafeteria.

Supervision

Residence halls are supervised by trained university counselors. It is the policy of the Summer Challenge program that campers are not to leave the campus unless they are part of an organized program activity. Campers will be under 24 hour supervision and will be expected to follow the Summer Challenge Program rules of behavior. Failure to comply with regulations will result in the student's expulsion from the program and jeopardize the opportunity for the home school of any expelled student to send students the following year.

Camp Sessions

Sessions run from 8:30-3:00 each day, except Friday. On Friday, parents are invited to visit the classes to view the students' projects at 12:00 p.m. Camp departure from the residence halls is Friday by 1:00 p.m. Recreational activities take place afternoons and evenings for residential campers.

For Scholarship Information

Limited scholarships may be available through the KAGE Foundation at: http://kagegifted.org/kage-foundation/financial-assistance/
Scholarships are on a needs-based policy, not academic-based. Applications must be postmarked by March 11, 2013.

What is the Cost?

Residential Camp: \$450

Commuter Camp: \$370

Program in Spain: \$1000



Registration fee covers instruction, insurance, program-related transportation and recreation. The residential camper fee includes housing and meals. The commuter fee includes lunch. **The Program in Spain fee includes instruction, housing, and meals. Students are responsible for travel and personal expenses**.

How to Apply

Please read carefully!

The complete application form, letter of recommendation, and documentation of qualifying criteria should be submitted to:

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Upon acceptance, the camper will receive a password to select the class on MSU Marketplace which will require a \$150 deposit. https://secure.touchnet.com/C21099_ustores/web/index.jsp

Registration form and payment must be received within 3 weeks of the date on the acceptance letter. Payments not received within 3 weeks risk cancellation of reserved spot. The application deadline is Monday, June 3, 2013. However, applications will be accepted after June 4, pending availability. Apply early to obtain a reservation as enrollment is limited.

Refund Policy

Except for a \$60 processing fee, the deposit is refundable if notice of cancellation is received by Friday, June 7, 2013.

Insurance

The Summer Challenge Program is covered by a group accident insurance policy. A medical release form signed by a parent must be submitted at check-in. Allergies and other physical problems should be indicated on the form.

Check-In and Directions

In late spring, program registrants will receive directions to MSU's Curris Center for check-in, medical release form, program information, and maps. Residential campers will check in on Sunday, June 23, from 3-5 p.m. Commuters will check in Monday morning on the first day of camp.

Additional Information

For questions regarding application and registration process please contact:

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For information regarding the on-campus experience please contact:

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Summer Challenge 2013 Camp Sessions Rising 6th - Rising 9th Grades



GYG OF THE ARTIST

Is a picture worth a thousand words? Do you like to express yourself through different artistic mediums? Learn from the beginning or perfect your artistic skills in this engaging class where creativity and problem solving are combined with artistic ability. Increase your brainpower through art-based critical thinking activities while creating your own masterpieces. Students will learn and practice advanced techniques through new and exciting artistic activities!

ADVANCED PHOTOSHOP



For the student who loves to stretch the imagination and create original art by manipulation through technology... This is the class you've been waiting for!!! Students will be immersed in innovative technology as they learn how to create and manipulate images using Adobe Photoshop and their own creative and critical thinking skills. Learn how to implement digital photography, explore textures, and use many editing options to enhance, transform, and render digital images into fantastic masterpieces.

Crime cene Investigation





Are you ready for a new mystery to solve? Become the forensic scientist and gather the clues, analyze the evidence, conduct analysis, present your findings, and solve the crime. You will walk in the shoes of the police detectives while working a "crime scene", explore the crime scene with the tools and technology used by CSI detectives, receive training in collection of evidence, fingerprinting objects, plaster shoe impressions and tire track casting, blood and DNA analysis, photography, and mapping a crime scene. Then experience the thrill of solving the crime with the information you have found and analyzed. It's up to you to solve the mysterious activities at MSU!



Teen Cuisine



What's cooking? You will soon find out when you participate in this hands-on cooking course. In this class, you will learn kitchen safety, knife skills, and healthy meal planning. Students will learn easy-to-cook meals from around the world that include sauces, pasta, baking, and cake decorating while working at their own preparation station in the culinary classroom. Our class will compile recipes for a book to be taken home at the end of the week. Closed toed shoes and apron are required. Come in hungry and ready to have fun!



POCH THE VOTE



Another new course this summer! Did you watch the presidential debates? Were you engrossed in the campaigns? Or are you a student interested in the United States government and the processes that involve electing our officials? This creative, thought-provoking, activity-based course provides opportunities for students to immerse themselves the election process: designing campaigns, discussing issues, hosting debates, and voting for "officials" in a mock election. Don't wait to sign up for this class... Your voice is needed to Rock the Vote!!!!



ENGINEERING 102



During this camp, students will experience engineering through hands-on, creative investigation and building activities. The goal of the camp is to show students what engineering is all about and to expose them to the fact that engineering work is all around them. They will see how engineers are involved in everyday consumer goods like cell phones and MP3 players, shampoo and packaged food, as well as technology advances in energy, video gaming and biomedical systems.



Intensive Spanish





More than 330 million people speak Spanish, making it the fourth-most utilized language in the world today. Spanish is the official language of Spain, Mexico, Equatorial Guinea, Colombia, Argentina, and numerous other countries in Central and South America. This camp encourages kids to strengthen their language skills and learn about different cultures. It will improve their current foreign language reading, speaking, writing, and comprehension skills, while participating in fun and interesting activities. **Recommended for Summer Challenge in Spain students.**

Summer Challenge 2013: Application Form

(photocopy for additional applications)

Please check one:	muter \square Resident	
Name	SS#	
Address	City State 2	Zip
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Parent Name	Current Grade (2012-13)
Parent E-mail	M	1/F
School		
T-Shirt Size: □YouthXL □ A	AS □AM □AL □AXL □A2XL	
I am applying for:		
Choice 1:	Choice 2:	
	ria: (1) Appropriate grade; (2) Eligible fo 3) Qualifying test score on latest achieve	
$\hfill \square$ I have included documentation	n of all criteria and a letter of recommend	dation.
Applications will NOT be consider	red without complete documentation.	
be received by March 1, 2013	the exchange program, a letter of in	

<u>Send no money with this application.</u> Mail this form and other documentation to the address shown below. Upon acceptance, the camper will receive notice and a registration form with payment information. Apply early to obtain a reservation, as enrollment is limited.



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