SUMMER CHALLENGE 2012

CENTER FOR GIFTED STUDIES
MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Summer Program for Gifted Students

Rising 6th - Rising 9th Grades
June 25 - June 29

Summer Challenge in Valladolid, Spain

Rising 10th - Rising 12th Grades
June 30 - July 14

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What is Summer Challenge?

Summer Challenge courses provide gifted children opportunities to learn and express their talents through a variety of different classes. A residential camp option gives students a unique experience to live on a college campus during the session and to spend time with other gifted children from across the region. A commuter option is also available for those who do not wish to take advantage of the residential opportunity.

An international exchange program with the Center for Gifted Studies at Centro Huerta del Rey in Valladolid, Spain, is available for students who are currently in 9th – 11th grades and exhibit basic language proficiency in Spanish. ***To be considered for the exchange program, a letter of interest must be received by March 5, 2012.***

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 2011-2012 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 or counselor 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 and can be included in the letter of recommendation.

Who are the Instructors?

Instructors have been selected from area schools, Murray State University, and surrounding communities. They possess 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 in the afternoons and evenings for residential campers.

For Scholarship Information

Limited scholarships may be available through the KAGE Foundation at: www.kagegifted.org **. These scholarships are on a needs-based policy, not academic-based. Applications must be postmarked by March 12, 2012.**

What is the Cost?

Residential Camp: $435

Commuter Camp: $365

Program in Spain: $900

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, along with a teacher recommendation letter, and documentation of other criteria should be submitted to:

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Upon acceptance, the camper's spot will be reserved in the chosen camp and the camper will be mailed a letter of acceptance and a registration form with payment information. The completed registration form should be accompanied by a minimum $150 deposit and mailed to the address above.

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 4, 2012. 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 8, 2012.

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 24, from 3-5 p.m. Commuters will check in Monday morning from 8:00-8:30 in the main lobby of Alexander Hall.

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 2012 Camp Sessions
Rising 6th - Rising 9th Grades

The Eye of the Artist

Is a picture worth a thousand words? Do artists leave hidden clues in their work? Find out the answers when you learn to study art like an artist in this engaging class. Become fluent in "artist speak" as you develop a new appreciation for great works by American artists. Increase your brainpower through art-based critical thinking activities, and apply what you've learned when you create your own masterpiece. You don't have to have artistic skill, just a willingness to learn and have fun!

Digital Photography

If you have an eye for details and enjoy using technology, then this class is perfect for you! Digital Photography focuses on both beginning and experienced photography students who are looking for an immersive week long class. This course is excellent for anyone who wants to learn how to set up shots and then digitally manipulate their photos into creative and original art. You will explore MSU's campus for photographic concepts and then work in a computer lab to Photoshop your pictures into images that defy reality!

Crime Scene Investigation

Help! MSU needs your assistance in solving the latest crime on campus! Become a forensic scientist and gather clues, analyze 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, 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!

INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL SCIENCES

Do you want to become a doctor, a dentist, or pursue another career in a medical field? Come join us for a week of hands-on activities geared toward exploring the skills of doctors, dentists, nurses, and health care specialists. Learn about the roles and responsibilities of health care specialists while performing tasks related to various fields of medicine. Learn how to take blood pressure, give shots, and administer dental examinations with simulators and real medical instruments. Calling all future doctors, dentists, and medical personnel… this class is for you!

Introduction To Veterinary Science

If you love dogs, cats, horses, and other animals, then enroll immediately to learn the basic skills needed to be a future veterinarian. While at the camp, students will have opportunities to learn about the role of veterinarians in Public Health along with hands-on activities for practicing first aid skills to help animals in emergency situations, animal anatomy, and imaging. In addition, there are many of other exciting activities for students to experience!

ENGINEERING 101

During this camp, you will experience engineering through hands-on creative investigations and building activities. Use the latest technology and your own creative mind to explore what engineering is all about and to be exposed to the engineering work that is all around you. You 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 class will help you strengthen your language skills and learn about the culture of Spain. It will improve your current foreign language reading, speaking, writing, and comprehension skills, while participating in fun and interesting activities and help prepare you for your two-week stay in Valladolid, Spain.
Recommended for Summer Challenge in Spain students.

Summer Challenge 2012: Application Form

(photocopy for additional applications)

My Information:

Name _____ **SS#**_____

Address _____ **City** _____

State _____ **Zip** _____**DOB** _____**M/F** ___**Current Grade**_____

Home Phone (___)_____ **Day Phone(___)**_____

School_____ **T-Shirt Size** _____

Parent Name(s)_____

Parent E-mail(s)_____

I am applying for:

Choice #1: _____ **Choice #2:** _____

☐ I meet ALL the following criteria: **Admission Criteria 1, 2, 3, and 4**

☐ I have included written documentation of all criteria. Applications will NOT be considered without complete documentation.

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