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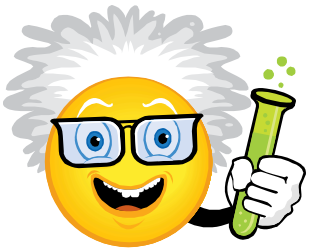
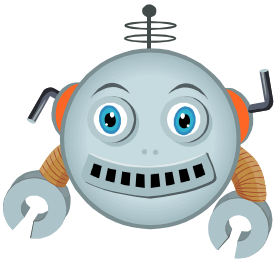


SUPER SATURDAYS



FALL 2012

September 8, 15, and 22nd
9:00 – 12:30 p.m.
Lone Oak Elementary, Paducah, KY
For Gifted and Talented Youth in Grades K-6

What ARE Murray Super Saturdays? ••••••••••••

Murray State University's Super Saturdays Program brings together this region's best students, top quality faculty, and intellectually stimulating study topics, with the best physical resources available. Faculty have been selected from area schools, Murray State University, and others with unique talents to work with school age groups. The course topics offered are intended to challenge the students and to provide enriching opportunities at a more rapid pace and in smaller groups than are usually found in their schools. . In accordance with Murray State University's focus on internationalization and the understanding of the dynamics of cultural diversity for its students, the Super Saturdays program is also taking the opportunity to explore these ideas with young learners. Super Saturdays will be held September 8, 15, and 22 from 9:00a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Lone Oak Elementary School located at 301 Cumberland Avenue in Paducah, KY. Pre-registration is required.

Who May Apply? ••••••••••••••••••••••

The Super Saturdays program is open to gifted, talented, and other exceptional students. All applications must meet at least one of the following criteria: admission to the school's gifted and talented program; scores at the 90th percentile or higher on a recognized Standardized Achievement Test Battery; or a verifiable IQ Score of 115 or higher. If the school has not yet identified students for the gifted and talented program or the student has not been given an IQ or achievement test, they may qualify with a recommendation from a teacher or principal stating 1) the student demonstrates high potential, 2) the student is motivated to learn and can focus energy working toward task completion, and 3) the student is able to work cooperatively in a group setting with challenging content.

Registration Fee and Discounts ••••••••••••••••••••••

The registration fee of $95 for the 3-week course must accompany the application. This fee covers instruction, materials, program t-shirt, and refreshments. Families enrolling more than one child may take a $15 discount per student after full payment is made for the first student. There is only one discount or scholarship per person. Each course is limited to 20 students (unless otherwise noted) and **filled on first-come, first-serve basis**. Be sure to indicate your child's second and third class preference. In the event that the first choice is full, the student will be placed in the next available class preference. Register early, as classes fill fast!

Application Deadline ••••••••••••••••••••••••••

Application must be RECEIVED in our office by Friday, August 31, 12:00 p.m. Applications may be accepted after August 31st, pending course and space availability. Register early!

Scholarships ••••••••••••••••••••••••••

A limited number of partial scholarships are available based on financial need (e.g. qualified for free or reduced school lunch). Scholarships are awarded on first-come, first-served basis and provide a $15 discount. To apply, contact Christi Jennings at 270-762-7325 before August 24th.

Refund Policy ••••••••••••••••••••••••••

A full refund of fees will be made when no more space is available, when a class is cancelled, when the application is rejected by MSU for any reason, or when cancelled by the participant before September 2. A partial refund of fees (amount paid, minus $15 processing fee) will be made for voluntary withdrawal after August 31st, but before the second class meeting. **No refunds will be made for voluntary withdrawal after the second class meeting** .

Weather Cancellation Policy ••••••••••••••••••••••••••

We keep the safety of all Super Saturdays students, parents, teachers, and administrators a top priority. Because of the great number of participants travelling throughout the entire region of western Kentucky, Super Saturdays sessions may be cancelled due to inclement weather at the discretion of Program Directors. *Cancellations will be sent out via* e-mail, so be sure to include an e-mail address on application. *In the event bad weather strikes our area, please check your e-mail on Friday evening and/or Saturday morning for cancellation announcement*. Program Directors will schedule appropriate make-up sessions at their best discretion.

Program Directors ••••••••••••••••••••••••••

Center Director: Dr. Echo Wu, Director of MSU Center for Gifted Studies (270)809-2539
Program Director, Registration and Scholarships: Christi Jennings, (270) 762-7325, cjennings@murraystate.edu fax (270)809-3799

For the Parents ••••••••••••••••••••••••••

Parent Institute: Saturday, September 22, 11:00 am -12:00 pm Free session for all Super Saturdays parents
Presented by : Director of MSU's Center for Gifted Studies Super Saturdays
Open House: Saturday, September 22, 12:00-12:30 pm
Parents are cordially invited to visit their child's classroom to celebrate what they have learned during Super Saturdays

COURSE OFFERINGS

Please choose a course that is designated for your grade level

Half-Brain Domination--Which Side Wins?

Open to Grades 3-6

Which are you, a lefty or a righty? Brain that is. Or do you really use both? Come join in with hands on, creative activities geared towards both sides of the brain. Get ready to piggyback in brainstorming, create original projects from limited and unusual supplies, and participate in activities out to stimulate your brain and have you thinking multi-dimensional. Tap into a whole new world of thinking!
Limited to 12 students.

Out of the Box

Open to Grades 3-5

Have you ever been in a game of tug of war? With paper clips? Have you ever built a tower? With pasta? Have you ever built a cantilever? With toothpicks? Can you think on your feet? Have several fun-filled Saturdays with Odyssey of the Mind-like activities where you will make and think only things that you have previously dreamed of making. Spontaneous Problems will be used to allow you to take back valuable skills in brainstorming, logic and creativity. Come and be a part of lessons in brain building and creative problem solving where there are no wrong answers. *Limited to 12 students.*

Ready, Set, Learn!

Open to Grades K-2

Can learning be fun? You bet it can! Come join us to stretch your brain through role-playing, games, drama, and creating many different art projects. You'll be having such a blast, you won't even realize all that you'll learn! *Limited to 12 students.*

Vegetable Orchestra

Open to Grades K-2

How does it make a sound? Explore the instrument families through hands-on projects and musical activities. Students learn how to make and play instruments from ordinary objects and food! *Limited to 12 students.*

Forensic Science-How Science Helps Fight Crime

Grades 3-6

Solving crimes can be a science-the science of forensics. During the sessions, students will learn about the history of forensics science, study a variety of forensic skills, practice using them in creative circumstances, then explore a simulated crime scene using a variety of forensic skills to determine "Whodunit". Working together, *this class will solve the crime*! *Limited to 12 students*.

Storytelling

Open Grades 5-6

Once upon a time, there was a class that offered storytelling, improvisation, and other theatre games! Students have the opportunity to learn some of the basics of public speaking while having fun in this Storytelling class. Any students interested in drama or public speaking needs to sign up for this offering and follow the trail of bread crumbs to my classroom! *Limited to 12 students.*

Graphic Novels

Open to Grades 5-6

Spider Man, Batman, and the Avengers all came alive in graphic novels. Do you have heroes (or villains) of your own to share? Come join us to create your very own graphic novels based on your own ideas and other famous stories that you can twist into your own. Bring to life through story and art the newest super hero. *Limited to 12 students.*

Mad Scientist

Open to Grades K-2

Get ready to do science experiments that your mom will not allow you to do at home! Learn the scientific method while participating in fun and exciting hands on experiments! Just like scientists we will also create our own scientific research project. Be prepared to get a little messy!
Limited to 12 students

Hogwarts Adventure

Open to Grades 2-5

Leave the muggle world behind and pack your bags for a fantastic journey into the classrooms of Hogwarts! Areas of study to include the texts "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" by Newt Scamander and "Quidditch Through The Ages" by Kinnilworthy Wisp. Topics of discussion might also include Harry Potter books 1-4. Beware of spoilers if you haven't read these! Come ready to manage some mischief under the direction of Professor Robinson! *Limited to 12 students.*

Fall Super Saturdays APPLICATION

MSU Super Saturdays will be held **September 8, 15, and 22 from 9:00-12:30 pm**
At Lone Oak Elementary School, located at 301 Cumberland Avenue, Paducah, KY
APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, August 31st, 12:00 pm

Student's Information: E-mail is how we correspond & confirm

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Day Phone (____)_____ Evening Phone (____)_____
School _____ Grade _____ Gender _____ DOB _____
Parent's Name _____ **Parent E-mail** _____

Preferred Course Selections:

1st Choice _____
2nd Choice _____
3rd Choice _____

T-shirt Size (please circle):

Child Sizes: 6/8 10/12 14/16
Adult Sizes: S M L XL
Child t-shirt sizes run small, so order accordingly.

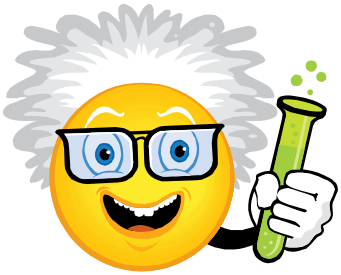
Signature Endorsement: ***Applications not considered without signatures.***

Parent or Guardian: I am aware of the criteria established for participants in Fall Super Saturdays and I certify that my child's application meets the qualifications for participation in Super Saturdays activities.

Signature: _____

School Principal or G/T Coordinator: I understand the criteria necessary for participation in Super Saturdays and certify that this applicant meets those qualifications including my professional endorsement.

Signature: _____



Payment

_____$95 Fee Included
_____$80 Fee Included (2nd/3rd child in family)
Make checks payable to: Murray State University

Mail completed application along with payment to:

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