Program Structure

Our three 2020 Scientists, Engineers, Artist’s Unite! (S.E.A. Unite) program sessions meet on weekdays for one week, each, from July 13 to 31. Students may enroll for either full day (9:00-3:00), morning half-day (9:00-11:40), or afternoon half-day (12:20-3:00), for whichever session(s) they choose. Each morning, all students enjoy the theme course-for-the-week (noted on the cover of the program flyer) in a 160-minute class period. Each afternoon, students may choose either to continue in the weekly theme course for their 160-minute class period, or instead to enjoy one of the other two afternoon course options offered. For students who enroll in more than one session, the daily activities offered will vary from one session to the next.

Our twelve Full Steam Ahead! program sessions meet on weekdays for one week, each, from May 25 to August 14. Students enroll for either full-day (9:00-3:00), morning half-day (9:00-11:40), or afternoon half-day (12:20-3:00). For Sessions I, II, VI, and XII, students may enroll for 1, 2, 3, or 4 individual days, or for the full week. For all other sessions, only the full-week option is available. Please refer to the program flyer for the specific program format for each session.

For courses or activities that span several grade levels, students are generally grouped with their near age and/or ability peers. They explore their projects, builds and creations under the tutelage and practical guidance of expert, creative teachers in student-centered classes. Depending on the length and scope of particular activities, some students may remain in the same classrooms all morning or afternoon, while others will rotate to different rooms. Before beginning their afternoon activities, students enrolled for the full day join their peers and instructors for lunch and well-supervised outdoor and/or indoor play and activities.

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Extended Care

Organized, nurturing supervision by qualified staff is offered every morning between 7:30 and 9:00, and from 3:00 to 6:00 each afternoon. Pre-registration is not required.

Other Details

- **Application:** We recommend applying online at [www.centerforgifted.org](http://www.centerforgifted.org). There are no application deadlines; they are accepted for each program/session until it begins. To be rendered complete, all applications must include the required deposit; applications from students who are new to our programs also must include the required eligibility documents (see next page). Paper applications can be downloaded from our website and faxed to 847-901-0179; emailed to info@centerforgifted.org; mailed to The Center for Gifted, Box 364, Wilmette 60091; or brought to us at 1926 Waukegan Road in Glenview. (No phone applications, please.)

- **Enrollment:** Enrollment remains open for each program/session until it begins. Parents receive email notification of enrollment status after we have received their complete applications. Applicants who are new to our programs are tentatively enrolled—a spot in the program is reserved—until we receive their eligibility materials. If we do not receive them by one week before their respective programs begin, tentative enrollments may be cancelled.

- **Course selection:** For the S.E.A. Unite program sessions, students do not select courses per se. They are all offered the same options every day and choose their own activities daily. Some of the Full Steam Ahead sessions require advance selection of courses and activities, and some do not. Please see the program flyer for individual session formats, and follow instructions on the online application where course selection is required.

- **Placement:** Class assignments (where applicable) and daily student schedules are emailed to parents, along with other enrollment information, during the week before each program/session begins. Requests to change class assignments are welcome at any time before or during the program and will be accommodated as space allows.

- **Tuition, Fees:** *Tuition for each one-week session is $440 for full-day students and $220 for half-day students. A $15 lab fee is required per session, whether the student is full-day or half-day. For the four sessions of Full Steam Ahead that offer the option of choosing individual days, the daily tuition is $95 for full-day and $50 for half-day, plus a $5 lab fee. For every applicant at all programs, a $10 application fee is charged per session; it is non-refundable. The fee for morning Extended Care is $10 per day. The fee for afternoon Extended Care is $10 per hour or any part thereof.* **Tuition for Sessions I and VI of Full Steam Ahead, which meet only four days each due to the respective holidays, Memorial Day and Independence Day, and both of which also offer the option of choosing individual days, is $350 for full-day and $175 for half-day for students who enroll for the full four days, and the lab fee is $10.

- **Payments:** The required minimum deposit is $80 per program/session per student. Deposits must accompany application and will be credited to tuition. The balance of tuition and fees is due in full by two weeks before the start date of each program. On that due date, any unpaid tuition or fees will be automatically deducted from the bank card the family used to pay its deposit. Families who apply on or after their due dates must pay full tuition and fees upon application. Payments online are accepted with American Express, Diners Club, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa cards. Payments made at program sites or by mail are accepted by checks or money orders payable to The Center for Gifted, and cash. Extended Care fees can be prepaid online with application or on site (cash or check only) before or on the day they are incurred.

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Refunds, Credits: Tuition, lab fees, and extended care fees are fully refunded for withdrawals requested before the first day of the program; the $10 application fee is not refunded. There are no refunds, credits, or discounts for absences of any length or for any reason, for late or partial enrollments, for siblings, or for enrolling in multiple programs.

- Lunch options: Students may bring sack lunches and drinks from home. At the S.E.A. Unite program sessions at Elmhurst College, "full hot lunches" and/or à la carte items can be purchased daily from the College cafeteria. They accept cash and bank cards. The price for a “full hot lunch” last summer was $10.70. We will notify you when the College publishes its summer 2020 semester lunch prices in the spring. (They are not expected to increase by much.)

- Financial assistance: Need-based financial assistance is available. To apply, a financial assistance application and a $40 processing fee per family (in lieu of the required $80 deposit) must be submitted along with the program application. The $40 fee is refunded if the student does not enroll. The financial assistance form can be requested via phone, fax, or email to The Center for Gifted.

Eligibility

Please refer to our Eligibility Requirements, a pdf of which can be downloaded from our website’s home page under “Summer downloads for parents” (left margin, near the top). For the individual grade level requirements for each program, click on the “Summer 2020 Overview” link, found in the same area on our home page.

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