Program Structure

All programs

Special note relative to Summer Wonders in Glenview

For locations, dates, hours, grade levels, and tuition for all summer 2020 programs, click on the “Summer 2020 Overview” on our website’s home page (upper left margin) under “Summer downloads for parents.” Course offerings for each program can be found on the individual program flyers, which are accessible from the rectangular “tiles” running down the center of our home page. Click either on the name of the program city under the tile, or on the tile itself if there is no city name under the tile.

Program Structure*

All program sessions meet on weekdays for one week, each. 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 the entire week. Before beginning their afternoon courses, students enrolled for full-days join their peers and instructors for lunch (sack lunches and drinks brought from home), outdoor and/or indoor play and, for some younger students, a quiet story time.

The program format for each student is determined by grade level and course choices. It is either two 80-minute class periods or a single 160-minute class period each half day. Most students select their own courses from a rich variety of fascinating topics (see individual program flyers on website). The youngest students enjoy a single, self-contained, classroom experience each half day; they explore their theme-based topics in interdisciplinary settings, through literature, art, science, drama, math, and movement. Following are the formats available to specific grade levels:

A. Students entering pre-kindergarten attend a 160-minute class period each half day.
B. Students entering 1st-8th grades attend two 80-minute class periods each half day.
C. Students entering kindergarten may choose format A (courses with PK students) or format B (courses with 1st grade students).

At all programs, for courses that span several grade levels, students are placed in classes with their near age peers.

*At Summer Wonders in Glenview: Students do not choose classes. All students are offered the same two classes each morning and two others each afternoon. Also in Glenview, there is no outdoor play or exercise area. After lunch, students may play board games, cards, or strategy games, solve puzzles, read, draw, chat, etc. until the afternoon classes begin. We are sensitive to students who may need a bit of large-motor activity during the lunch break and will offer appropriate indoor alternatives to outdoor play.

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Extended Care

Organized, nurturing supervision by qualified staff is offered every morning from 7:30 to 9:00 and afternoons from 3:00 to 6:00. 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:** Unless otherwise noted in their descriptions, all courses are available for both the morning and afternoon segments of the program under which they are listed. Each course is designed to challenge and inspire its students for the entire length of the program in which it is offered. When reviewing course selections, be sure to note the grade levels for each course. Also note that, for courses spanning several grade levels, students are placed in classrooms with their age peers, usually with no more than two or three grade levels per classroom. Follow instructions on the online application for listing course choices. Parents may phone or email us to change their children’s course choices at any time before classes are assigned.

- **Placement:** Class assignments are decided and emailed to parents, along with other enrollment information, during the week before each program begins. Requests to change class assignments are welcome at any time before or during the program and will be accommodated as space allows. The great majority of students are assigned courses they selected on their applications. If a student is assigned a course he or she did not select, parents may contact us to discuss course options.

- **Tuition, Fees:** Tuition for one-week* programs is $440 for full-day students and $220 for half-day students. Certain courses require lab fees; these are noted in the course descriptions (see individual program flyers on our website home page). For every applicant, a $10 application fee is charged per program or session; it is non-refundable. The fee for morning Extended Care is $15 per day. The fee for afternoon Extended Care is $10 per hour or any part thereof.

  *Tuition for Session V in Palatine, which meets only Monday-Thursday during the week of the July 4th Independence Day holiday, is $350 for full-day and $175 for half-day.

- **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 by American Express, Diners Club, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa cards. Payments made at program sites or by mail are accepted by check

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or money order payable to The Center for Gifted, and cash. Extended Care fees may be prepaid online with application and/or paid on site (cash or check only) before or on the day they are incurred. Extended Care payments may be carried over from mornings to afternoons and vice versa, and from one session to the next at the same program site, but overpayments remaining after the last session will not be refunded.

- **Refunds, Credits:** For all programs, 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.

- **Financial Assistance:** Need-based financial assistance is available. To apply, a financial assistance application, along with a $40 processing fee per family (in lieu of the required $80 tuition deposit), must be submitted. The fee is refunded if the student does not enroll. The financial assistance application 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 place on our home page. Grade level requirements listed for all programs are as of fall, 2020.

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