

Project '17 • Program Details

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Project '17 is designed for bright, motivated learners entering 6th-12th grades, who welcome dynamic opportunities to explore diverse subjects in a challenging, creative environment. An invigorating blend of academic, artistic, and cultural activities invites active, hands-on participation, stirs enthusiasm for learning, and elicits a desire to expand intellectual and inventive horizons. The development of problem-solving skills, creativity, and critical thinking is inherent in the framework for all courses. Projects and activities evoke active, hands-on participation.

Program Structure

Project '17 meets on weekdays for three weeks (15 days), July 17 – August 4. Students may enroll in either the Morning Program, Afternoon Program, or Full-Day Program.

- **Morning Program: 9:00-11:40**

The program format for all students is determined by their course selections. Their mornings will consist of either two 75-minute classes or a single workshop that meets for the entire morning.
- **Afternoon Program: 12:20-3:00**

The program format for all students is determined by their course selections. Their afternoons will consist of either two 75-minute classes or a single workshop that meets for the entire afternoon.
- **Full-Day Program: 9:00-3:00**

After their morning courses, students enrolled in the Full-Day Program join their peers for lunch in the cafeteria. Students may bring their own sack lunches and drinks throughout the program or, for the *first ten days* (July 17-28) purchase the Elmhurst College cafeteria lunches for \$10.35 each. These lunches may be paid for daily on site or prepaid for the full ten days with application for \$103.50. After July 28, the cafeteria kitchen will be closed.

Details

- **Application:** We recommend applying online at www.centerforgifted.org. Paper applications can be downloaded from our website or requested, and mailed to The Center for Gifted, Box 364, Wilmette, IL 60091; faxed to 847-901-0179; emailed to info@centerforgifted.org; or brought to us at 1926 Waukegan Road in Glenview. (No phone applications, please). There are no application deadlines. Enrollment remains open until the program begins. Parents receive email notification of enrollment status after we have received their *complete* applications, full tuition and, for students new to our programs, teacher recommendations.
- **Course selection:** When reviewing course selections, be sure to note their grade levels. (Although most courses are offered to multiple grade levels, students are placed in classes with their age peers, usually with no more than two or three grade levels per classroom.) For the Morning Program and/or the Afternoon Program, students enrolling in the two-class format should list their two favorite courses on their applications; and students choosing the single-workshop format should indicate the name of their favorite workshop. Parents may contact us to change course choices at any time before the program begins.
- **Placement:** Class assignments are made and emailed to parents, along with other enrollment information, during the week before each program begins. Requests to change

classes are welcome at any time before or during programs and will be accommodated as space allows. Students are placed in classes successively per application dates. The great majority are assigned their selected courses. If a student's selected course has become unavailable, we will contact the parents to discuss course options for the student.

- **Tuition, Fees:** Morning Program tuition is \$670; Afternoon Program tuition is \$670; Full-Day Program tuition is \$1245. Certain courses require lab fees; these are noted in the course descriptions (see website or flyers). For every student, a \$4 fee is charged with application to offset the cost-per-student fee charged by our online application system. (See "Full-Day Program" section on previous page for information on cafeteria lunch prices).
- **Payments:** The required minimum deposit for Project '17 is \$150. Deposits must accompany application and will be credited to tuition. The balance of tuition and lab fees (if any) is due in full by July 3, two weeks before the starting date. Families who apply after this date must pay in full upon application. Payments are accepted by check or money order payable to The Center for Gifted; Discover, MasterCard, and Visa credit or debit card; e-check; and cash.
- **Refunds:** Tuition and fees are fully refundable for withdrawals requested before the second day of the program. There are no refunds, credits, or pro-rated discounts for absences for any reason, for late or partial enrollments, for siblings, or for enrolling in multiple programs. No part of the pre-payment for 10 lunches will be refundable after the program begins.
- **Financial Assistance:** Need-based financial assistance is available. To apply, a financial assistance application and required documents, along with a \$40 processing fee (in lieu of the \$150 deposit), must be submitted. The fee is refunded if the student does not enroll. The financial assistance application form can be downloaded from our website's home page.

Transportation: Free chartered buses to Project '17 will be offered from the following cities, one-way or roundtrip, for 9:00 arrival and 3:00 departure only: Arlington Heights, Chicago, Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Lincolnshire, Naperville, Orland Park, Palatine, Park Ridge, and Skokie. Specific bus stop locations and schedules are available on our website (click on "Transportation" under the Project '17 tile on our home page). Bus stops will be added or dropped according to student needs. The Elmhurst Metra Station, which is on the Union Pacific West Line, is two blocks from campus.

Housing: The DuPage County Visitors Bureau is cooperating with The Center for Gifted in arranging hotel accommodations during Project '17 for visiting students and their families. Arrangements will include extra-curricular activities, transportation, restaurants, etc. For more information, contact Miriam Blumenthal at Miriam@discoverdupage.com or 630-575-8070 extension 208.

Eligibility

(Refer to our recommendation form for complete information. It can be downloaded from our website or requested by phone, fax or email.) Bright, motivated students entering 6th-12th grades in fall 2017 in any educational setting—public, private, parochial, home school—may apply.

New students, who never have attended a CFG program, must be recommended by teachers. The completed and signed recommendation form may be submitted with application or mailed, faxed, or emailed separately.

Returning students, who have attended previous programs of the CFG, do not require teacher recommendation. They are eligible upon our timely receipt of their applications.

Applicants need not have qualified for advanced programming at their schools; test scores are not our only criteria. Although our students generally rank at or above the 95th percentiles in some areas, we recognize and discern the great variety of talents and abilities that children express. If uncertain about their child's eligibility, parents are encouraged to contact the CFG Director, Joan Franklin Smutny (see contact info below).

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