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### Program Structure

**Our three 2019 Tinker-a-Thon Program sessions** meet on weekdays for one week, each: July 8-12, July 15-19, and July 22-26. Students may enroll in either the full day (9:00-3:00) morning half-day (9:00-11:40), afternoon half-day (12:20-3:00), or full-day (9:00-3:00), for whichever session(s) they choose.

During all sessions, students explore a variety of activities, builds and creations, focusing on art, science, technology, math, and engineering, under the tutelage and practical guidance of expert, creative teachers in student-centered classrooms. Depending on the length and scope of the particular activities, some students may remain in the same classrooms all morning or afternoon, while others will rotate to different rooms. For students who enroll in more than one session, the activities offered will vary from one session to the next.

Before beginning their afternoon session, students enrolled for the full day join their peers and instructors for lunch (see Lunch Options, next page).

### 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 Tinker-a-Thon 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 “Eligibility” section on the last page, below). Paper applications can be downloaded from our website and faxed to 847-901-0179; emailed to [info@centerforgifted.org](mailto: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 Tinker-a-Thon 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.

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- **Tuition, Fees:** Tuition for each one-week session is \$220 for half-day students and \$440 for full-day students. A \$15 lab fee is required per session, whether the student is full-day or half-day. For every student, a \$4.20 processing fee per session is charged at application to offset the cost of our online application system. The fee for morning Extended Care is \$10 per day. The fee for afternoon Extended Care is \$10 per hour or any part of an hour.
- **Payments:** The required minimum deposit per session is \$80 per session per student, which must accompany application and will be credited to tuition. The balance of tuition and fees is due in full by 14 days before the start date of each session. On that due date, for families who paid their deposits with bank cards, any unpaid balance will be deducted automatically from the same card. Families who apply on or after their due date must pay full tuition and fees upon application. Payments are accepted by check or money order payable to The Center for Gifted; American Express, Diners Club, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa credit or debit card; and cash. Extended Care fees may be pre-paid with application or paid on site (cash or check only) before or on the day they are incurred.
- **Refunds, Credits:** Tuition and fees (except prepaid lunches) are fully refunded for withdrawals requested by the second day of each session. There are no refunds, credits, or discounts for withdrawing after the first day of any session, 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 and a \$40 processing fee per family must be submitted along with the program application (the \$80 deposit is not required). The \$40 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.
- **Lunch options:** Students may bring sack lunches and drinks from home, purchase "full lunches" for \$10.70 each from the college cafeteria, and/or purchase *à la carte* items from the cafeteria. The college accepts cash and bank cards. Parents of students who enroll for **all three sessions** of Tinker-a-Thon may prepay for full lunches for the entire three weeks for a lump sum of \$160.50\* when they apply online. Please note that the College will close this prepayment option on June 24, and no part of it will be refundable or transferable after June 24.
- **Transportation:** We provide free roundtrip chartered buses from 13 locations, reaching as far north as Libertyville, as far south as Downers Grove, as far east as Hyde Park, and as far west as Barrington; the Elmhurst Metra train station is two blocks from campus; there are two Pace Bus stops on campus; and several area hotels offer free shuttles for their guests. For a list of our free bus stop locations and other details, click on the "Transportation Options" link on our home page under "Summer downloads for parents" (left margin, near the top).

## 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 2019 Overview" link, found in the same place on our home page.