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## Program Structure

**All programs** meet on weekdays for one to three weeks, each. Parents may choose either half day (morning 9:00-11:40 or afternoon 12:20-3:00), or full-day (9:00-3:00). Before beginning their afternoon courses, students enrolled for the full day join their peers and instructors for lunch (sack lunches and drinks brought from home), outdoor and/or indoor play and, for some early ed and elementary students, a quiet story time.

**Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder** and **Summer Wonders**: The program format for each student is determined by grade level and course choices and is either two 78-minute class periods or a single 160-minute class period for each morning or afternoon. Most students select their own courses from a rich variety of fascinating topics. 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 single 160-minute class period each half day.
- B. Students entering 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades attend two 78-minute class periods each half day.
- C. Kindergarten students may choose either option A or B.

**Project '17**: The program format for all students is determined by their course selections. Their mornings and/or afternoons will consist of either two 78-minute classes or a single workshop that meets for the entire 160 minutes. Students may bring their own sack lunches and drinks throughout the program or, for the *first ten days only* (July 17-28) purchase the Elmhurst College cafeteria lunches. After July 28, the cafeteria kitchen will be closed.

**Glenview Wonders** offers six one-week sessions. Students do not choose their classes. For each session except Session VI, there are two 78-minute classes offered each morning, and two each afternoon, to all students. **For Session VI only**, students may enroll on a daily basis in any 1, 2, 3 or 4, or all 5, days of the Session; and all students attend a single workshop each morning and/or afternoon.

**Tinker-a-Thons**: For each one-week session, for all students, activities, builds and creations are student led at work stations in a self-contained, student-centered classroom all morning and/or all afternoon. Students choose their projects from among the work stations focusing on art, science, technology, math and engineering. Because both programs are at the same location Tinker-A-Thon students are invited to use the **free transportation** offered to Project '17 students.

## Extended Care

At all **Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder** locations, **Project '17**, and **Tinker-A-Thons**, organized, nurturing supervision by qualified staff is offered every morning between 8:00 and 9:00. At **Project '17**, the **Tinker-**

a-Thons, and **Glenview Wonders**, Extended Care also is offered from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. At **Summer Wonders** in Buffalo Grove, Extended Care begins at 7:00 a.m. and also is offered from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

## Other Details

- **Application:** We recommend applying online at [www.centerforgifted.org](http://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](mailto: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 for each program until it begins. Parents receive email notification of enrollment status after we have received their *complete* applications, deposits and, for students new to our programs, teacher recommendations.
- **Course selection:** Unless otherwise noted, all courses are offered for both the morning and afternoon segments of the program under which they are listed. When reviewing course selections, be sure to note the grade levels for each course. Follow instructions on the applications for listing course choices. Parents may phone or email us to change their children's course choices at any time before the program begins.
- **Placement:** 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. Class assignments are made 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. 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:** Refer to the program brochures or to the "overview" link on our website for individual program tuition amounts (generally tuition is calculated as \$42 per half day per student). Certain courses require lab fees; these are noted in the course descriptions (see website or flyers). For every student, a \$4 fee is charged per program to offset the cost of our application system. The Extended Care fee is \$9 per hour.
- **Payments:** The required minimum deposit for Project '17 is \$150. For all other summer 2017 programs the minimum deposit is \$80 per program 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, for families who paid their deposits with credit or debit cards, this amount will be automatically deducted from the same card. Families who apply 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; Discover, MasterCard, and Visa credit or debit card; e-check; and cash. Extended Care can be prepaid with application or paid on site (with cash or check only) before or on the day it is incurred.
- **Refunds, Credits:** For all programs, tuition and fees are fully refunded for withdrawals requested before the second day of the program. There are no refunds, credits, or discounts for absences 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 (in lieu of the required 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.
- **Transportation:** For **Project '17** and **Tinker-a-Thon** students only, free roundtrip transportation is offered from various locations in the suburbs and City. For a list of bus stop locations and times, click on the "free transportation" link under the Project '17 tile on our home page, or contact the Center to receive one via email.
- **Lunch costs and payments:** For **Project '17** and **Tinker-a-Thon I** and **II** students only, lunches may be purchased on site at Elmhurst College cafeteria for \$10.35 each from July 17 through 28,

after which time the cafeteria will be closed. Parents may prepay for lunches for all 10 days when they apply online for a lump sum of \$103.50. No part of this prepayment will be refundable or transferable after July 17.

## Eligibility and Recommendation

*(The recommendation form can be downloaded from our website or requested from the CFG by phone, fax or email. See program flyers for individual grade requirements for each program.)* Bright, motivated students entering pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grades in fall 2017 in any educational setting—public, private, parochial, or home school—may apply. They must be 4 years old by June 1, 2017.

**New students**, who never have attended a CFG program, must be recommended by teachers. The completed and signed recommendation form may be submitted via fax, mail, or email, before, with, or after application. We will hold a spot for the applicant in the program until the recommendation is received, which must be no less than a week before the program begins.

**Returning students**, who have attended previous programs of the CFG, do not require teacher recommendations. 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. The list below may be used as a general reference. If uncertain about their child's eligibility, parents are encouraged to have a conversation or meeting with the Director of The Center for Gifted, Joan Franklin Smutny, at 847-901-0173.

An ideal candidate, one who will enjoy and do well in our programs, typically evidences many of the following talents and characteristics in pre-primary, primary, and elementary years:

Expresses curiosity and creativity	Talented in art, music, writing, or drama	Able to place objects in logical sequence
Enjoys challenges	Acts independently and with initiative	Enjoys Reading
Asks thoughtful questions	Has an extensive vocabulary	Rates and/or tells stories
Has unique problem-solving abilities	Uses complex language skills	Exhibits wit and humor
Is keenly observant	Discusses and elaborates on ideas	Has a sustained attention span
Has a well-developed imagination	Uses learned facts in new contexts	Has a good memory