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About our Winter Programs

The 2017 winter **Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder**, **Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder Workshops**, **Historic Game Simulations**, and **Saturday Workshops** programs of The Center for Gifted are designed for bright, motivated learners who welcome dynamic opportunities to explore diverse subjects in a challenging, creative environment. The development of problem-solving skills, creativity, and critical thinking is inherent in the framework for all courses and programs. Projects and activities evoke active, hands-on participation.

Program Structure

- **Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder** are four-day programs and meet for 2½ hours on Saturday or Sunday afternoons for four weeks, each. The program format for each student is determined by grade level and/or course selection and is either two 75-minute class periods or a single 2½-hour class period. Most students select their own courses from a rich variety of fascinating topics. The youngest students enjoy a single 2½-hour self-contained classroom experience each afternoon; 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 at each program:
 - For the **Barrington, Elmhurst** and **Naperville** programs:
 - A. Pre-kindergarten students attend a single 2½-hour class period each afternoon.
 - B. 1st-7th grade students attend two 75-minute class periods each afternoon.
 - C. Kindergarten students may choose (but not combine) either option A or B.
 - For the **Evanston** program, all students (PK-2nd) attend two 75-minute classes each afternoon
- **Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder Workshops**: One-day, 2½-hour workshops offered every weekend. For each workshop, new themes and activities are explored every week. Students may enroll in any one, two, or three, or all four weekends.
 - **Barrington**: STEM with SteAm: Moto-Mania
 - **Elmhurst** and **Naperville**: Engineering Escapades
 - **Evanston**: STEM with SteAm
- **Historic Game Simulations (Elmhurst)** is a 4-day program, meeting for 2½ hours on Sunday afternoons for 4 weeks.
- **Saturday Workshops** meet for 2½ hours on Saturday afternoons for one to three weeks, each. The afternoon format consists of a single 2½-hour session.
 - **Arlington Heights** workshops meet for 2½ hours for one day only.
 - **Buffalo Grove**:
 - A. *Science and Art* and *Microbiology and More!* are both three-day workshops and require enrollment for all three Saturdays.
 - B. Each of the other six courses offers three one-day workshops, in which new themes and activities under the same course topic are offered each week. Students may enroll in any one or two, or all three Saturdays; and choose either a different course for each day or the same course for all three days.

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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 for each program until it 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 and workshop selections, be sure to note the grade levels so that you choose correctly for your child. (Although most are offered to multiple grade levels, students are placed in classes with their age peers, usually with no more than two grade levels per classroom.) **Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder** students enrolling in the two-class format, should list their two favorite courses on their applications. All others should indicate the name of their single course or workshop only. Parents may contact us to change course choices at any time before their 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 (a rare occasion), we will contact the parents to discuss course options for the student.
- **Tuition, Fees:** Tuition for the **Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder** and **Historic Game Simulations** programs is \$180. For all other winter programs, tuition is \$45 per day. Certain courses require lab fees; these are noted in the course descriptions on the program flyers. Every student application is charged a \$4 processing fee at time of application, to offset the cost-per-student fee charged by our very secure online application system.
- **Payments:** Full tuition and fees must be paid at time of application. Payments are accepted by Discover, MasterCard, and Visa cards, check or money order payable to The Center for Gifted, e-check, and cash.
- **Refunds:** Tuition and fees are fully refundable for withdrawals requested before the program begins. There are no refunds, credits, or pro-rated discounts for absences for any reason, for late or partial enrollments, for siblings, or for withdrawals requested after the first day of a multiple-day program.
- **Financial assistance:** Need-based financial assistance is available for multiple-day programs only. A completed financial assistance application with required documents and a \$40 processing fee are required. The fee is refunded if the student does not enroll. Contact The Center for Gifted to request the application.

Eligibility

(Refer to our Recommendation/Eligibility form for complete information. It can be downloaded from our website or requested by phone, fax or email.) Bright, motivated students in pre-kindergarten thru 10th grades in any educational setting—whether public, private, parochial, or home school—may apply. They must be 4 years old by September 30, 2016.

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

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 the only criteria for our programs. 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 or in cases of exceptionality, parents are welcome and encouraged to request a conversation or meeting with the CFG Director, Joan Franklin Smutny.

Questions? Comments? We are happy to hear from you, anytime.

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