

# Summer 2020 Online Course Offerings

## **Bring the Center to Your Home!**

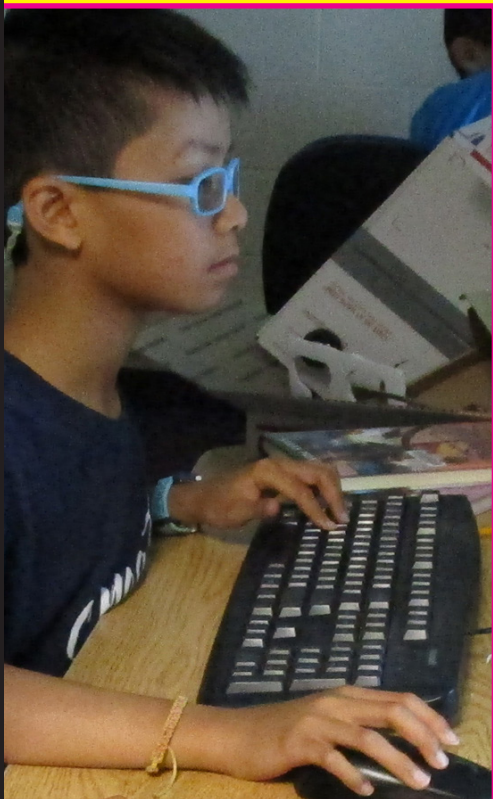
*In these unusual times of sheltering at home and social distancing, the Center for Gifted / Midwest Torrance Center for Creativity is expanding its programs to include online learning experiences. Classes will be taught by our talented Center faculty, and small classes sizes will ensure a robust experience.*

*Hybrid classes (p. 3) will begin each day online. The instructor will introduce the day's activity and share a link to an accompanying video. Students will then have an opportunity to build, design, experiment, etc., before rejoining their instructor online and sharing insights and ideas with each other. Videos of the activities in hybrid classes may also be purchased separately for those who prefer to work independently.*

### **Acting for the Camera and Play Reading with Zoom Grades 5-10**

We will explore acting for the camera on Zoom. Enjoy acting with play readings. Learn about expressing yourself on camera with zoom, practicing play reading with other actors and exploring creating characters through changing our voices (with expression and inflection), physical expression adapted for zoom and responding to others acting with you. Have fun exploring different comedic and dramatic plays in this acting class.

Monday thru Friday evenings 6 -8 pm - \$150  
**July 6 - July 10**



### **Platform 9 3/4**

Calling all witches and wizards! You've been accepted into the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Learn to create your fantasy Wizarding World with items from the Muggle world. We will create our own wands, learn some spell casting tips and tricks, try our hand at wizard treats or potions, and design a one of a kind Fantastic Beast. Start studying now to compete at wizard trivia and other challenging games.

**July 13 - 17**  
2:30-3:45pm  
\$95

### **Dungeons and Dragons: The Misadventures of the Adventurer's Guild Grades 6-12**

Welcome to the Land of Fikri! Our Adventuring Guild is one of the best in the realm, and full of surprises for new and seasoned players. Explore 20 kingdoms based on the 22 Major Arcana in a tarot deck. Where will you and your party go? (Need 3-6 players)

Fridays 6:30-8:30pm - \$150

**June 26 - July 24**

### Writing Tutor

Write a story with assistance and encouragement from Center for Gifted teacher-attorney Janette Forman, who has taught Creative Writing classes at our Elmhurst College program and other locations, as well as many other classes. You choose what type of writing you want to create: Science Fiction; Choose-Your-Own-Adventure Story; Poetry; other types of Creative Writing; Non-fiction Writing.... What do YOU want to write?

\$65 / hr. (One hour is usually sufficient to complete a short story or group of poems) If it is a novella rather than a short story, please call to discuss alternate fee.

***This is NOT a video class. Writing drafts will be exchanged with written comments. Each story or group of poems will go through revisions.***

### Quiz Bowl

Just-for-fun, no buzzing in, honor-system questions on a variety of subjects: science, history, things you should know, and more. How much do you know? What new interests will you discover? The only person you are competing with is yourself -- to remember what you know, stretch your brain, and learn about new areas of knowledge to explore!

#### Grades 3-5:

Fridays: 7:00-7:40 PM	June 26 - July 10
Saturdays: 1:00-1:40 PM	June 27 - July 11
Sundays: 1:00-1:40 PM	June 28 - July 12

#### Grades 6-8:

Fridays: 8:00-8:40 PM	June 26 - July 10
Saturdays: 2:00-2:40 PM	June 27 - July 11
Sundays: 2:00-2:40 PM	June 28 - July 12

#### Grades 9-12:

Fridays: 9:00-9:40 PM	June 26 - July 10
Saturdays: 3:00-3:40 PM	June 27 - July 11
Sundays: 3:00-3:40 PM	June 28 - July 12

\$35 / session. *Each session will feature new questions. Sign up for one session or all of them!*

### Escher Illusions and Tricks of the Eye

Using tools available at home, create an Escher inspired metamorphosis style composition. Learn variations on the impossible triangle and never-ending stairs. Draw, build, and test quintessential optical illusions as well as illusions of your own design.

**July 6-10**

1-2:15 PM

\$95

### Bugs and Other Creepy Crawlies

Learn about these wonderful creatures and their importance to our environment. Discover fun facts about your favorite insects and arachnids and observe them in their natural environment every day. Design your own insect habitat, learn about monarchs and milkweed, butterfly and bee boxes, and vermiculture. Even create some insect art!

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**Showy Science (Hybrid)**  
**Tuesdays July 7 - August 4**  
**6-8pm**  
**\$150**

**Class 1:** 2 Air pressure experiments with plastic bottles (1 of the bottles should have a hole on the side), and a balloon.

**Class 2:** Become a weather forecaster with cotton balls, paper, glue, and markers.

**Class 3:** Walking water and sound waves with 5 jars or glasses, food coloring, water, paper towel, scissors, spoon.

**Class 4:** Animal strengths explored with small amount of coffee in a cup, filter paper, rubber band, bowl, water bottle, bowl of water, water bottle with vegetable oil, perfume, vanilla, lemon juice, tape measure, cotton balls and a timer.

**Class 5:** Playground physics and forces with a book, paint stick or ruler, sturdy small object i.e. dice, bucket, soft ball, 2 pieces of paper, metal baking tray, small amount of vegetable oil, and a marble.

**Chemistry of Cooking (Hybrid)**  
**Saturdays July 11 - August 8**  
**10am-12 noon**  
**\$150**

**Class 1:** Make butter using heavy cream, light cream, 3 small glass jars, electric mixer, sugar, and adult supervision to use the mixer.

**Class 2:** Create cheese using 2 cups of skim milk, medium saucepan, 2 tbs of lemon juice, long-handled wooden spoon, cheesecloth, colander, bowl, measuring cups and spoons, knife. This class is done over the stove so the student may need adult supervision.

**Class 3:** Discuss oxidation and electrolytes using 1 apple, 3 tbs of lemon juice, 2 cups of water, 1 bowl, banana, 1 tbs of sugar, 1.5 cups of water, 1 glass, 1 tsp of baking soda, measuring cups and spoons, cutting board, and knife. Adult supervision for cutting the apple with a knife.

**Class 4:** Explore yeast using ½ cup of flour, 1 tsp of sugar, ½ tbs of olive oil, ¼ tsp of yeast, ⅓ cup and 1 tsp of water, ⅓ tsp of salt, 1 skillet, oven mitts, wooden spoon, measuring cups and spoons. This class is done over the stove so student may need adult supervision.

**Class 5:** Discover starches using 4 tbs of butter, 4 tbs of flour, 2 cups of chicken broth, 1 cup of milk, 2 pots, oven mitts, whisk, measuring cups and spoons, knife to cut butter, cutting board. This class is done over the stove so students may need adult supervision.

**Would you like these activities independently?**

**Just buy the videos!**

**Set of 5 class videos is \$35**

**QUESTIONS? CALL 847.901.0173**

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