

Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder

- ▶ Buffalo Grove
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Unique, Challenging
Programs for Talented
Advanced Learners
in Grades PreK - 8!

Igniting
imagination!
Energizing
thought!

 **The Center for Gifted**
a Northern Illinois University partner



Founded in 1983, The Center for Gifted serves children who express capacity for high performance in diverse academic, intellectual, and artistic areas of intelligence, by designing and producing programs that advance their unique talents. Creative materials and strategies, and teaching that inspires critical and creative thinking, enable students to solve problems and discover new solutions. Hands-on activities and inventive modes of participation foster originality and imagination. The absence of tests and grades encourages freedom of self-expression and an eagerness to take on new challenges.

Studies on intelligence reveal a wide range of talents within every child. Each child has a unique profile of multiple intelligences with varying degrees of expression. In a sensitive, nurturing environment, children can develop their talents and bridge their potential and achievement. Rich opportunities for growth in the expression of these talents, as well as perceptive interaction by teachers, support this unfoldment.

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Dear Parents:

We would like to introduce your bright, talented child to programs that are supportive and nurturing of individual gifts and talents, to innovative activities designed specifically to meet the unique educational needs of gifted children. These six programs, Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder, held in January, February, and March 2013, throughout the Chicago area, are expressive of The Center for Gifted, a partner with Northern Illinois University.

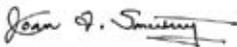
Offering an effective approach to education, Center programs provide innovative, new opportunities for gifted children and young people to explore diverse subjects. They evoke a desire to expand intellectual and artistic horizons. This renewed sense of purpose often impacts the students' performances in their everyday educational settings.

We realize well that gifted students need gifted teachers. Programs of The Center for Gifted attract outstanding professionals, experts in their fields who communicate enthusiastically with bright children and who evidence a strong commitment to individual growth in learning and creating. Our faculty is responsive to varied learning styles and able to differentiate through individual and group projects and new possibilities for productivity.

Bright children have more talents than they realize! As you examine our winter course offerings, encourage your child to choose something new and different. Assure him or her that we are always flexible for students who wish to change classes at any time during a program.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child this winter. Please call me or my staff if you would like to discuss any dimension of our programs. We encourage parent communication and are happy to dialogue further.

Cordially,



Joan Franklin Smutny, Director

Founder and Director of The Center for Gifted, Joan Franklin Smutny welcomes thousands of gifted children to year-round programs. She teaches creative writing to young students at her programs, as well as gifted education courses to graduate students at the university level. She is editor of the *Illinois Association for Gifted Children Journal*, contributing editor of *Understanding our Gifted*, and a regular contributor to *Gifted Education Communicator*, *Parenting for High Potential*, and *Gifted Education Press Quarterly*.



Joan has authored, co-authored, and edited many articles and twenty books on gifted education for teachers and parents, the most recent of which include *Discovering and Developing Talents in Spanish-Speaking Students* (2012), *Teaching Advanced Learners in the General Education Classroom* (2012), *Parenting Gifted Children* (2011), *Manifesto of the Gifted Girl* (2010), *Differentiating for the Young Gifted Child, 2nd Edition* (2010), *Igniting Creativity in Gifted Learners, K-6* (2009), *Acceleration for Gifted Learners, K-5* (2007), and *Reclaiming the Lives of Gifted Girls and Women* (2007). In 1996, Joan received the NAGC Distinguished Service Award for her outstanding contribution to the field of gifted education. In 2011, she received the E. Paul Torrance Award in Creativity given by NAGC. In 2012, her book, *Teaching Advanced Learners in the General Education Classroom*, won the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented Legacy Book Award.

Program Structure

Our six winter 2013 Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder programs meet on Sunday afternoons for five consecutive weeks each. Program hours for all students at all locations are 2:00 to 4:30.

Buffalo Grove, Burr Ridge, Chicago, Naperville: For students in pre-kindergarten thru 4th grades, afternoons consist of two classes, which the students select from a rich variety of exciting topics. Each class period is about 75 minutes long. Students in 5th-8th grades may either choose the same two-class format, or opt instead to enroll in a single workshop, which meets for the entire two-and-a-half hours every week.

Elmhurst, Oak Forest: For all students, afternoons consist of two classes, which the students select from a rich variety of exciting topics. Each class period is about 75 minutes long.

At all locations except Buffalo Grove, the two courses for our youngest students have been pre-selected. These theme-based topics will be explored in interdisciplinary settings through literature, art, science, drama, math, and movement.

Winter courses and the grade levels to which they are offered vary at each location. Please see the individual program pages for course descriptions, locations, and dates specific to each program. Be sure also to review our "details" on page 11 before you apply. Thank you.



Manifesto for Children

E. Paul Torrance

- I.** Don't be afraid to "fall in love with" something and pursue it with intensity. (You do best with what you like to do most.)
- II.** Know, understand, take pride in, practice, develop, use, exploit, and enjoy your greatest strengths.
- III.** Learn to free yourself from the expectations of others and to walk away from the games they try to impose upon you.
- IV.** Free yourself to "play your own game" in such a way as to make good use of your gifts.
- V.** Find a great teacher or mentor who will help you.
- VI.** Don't waste a lot of expensive, unproductive energy trying to be well-rounded. (Don't try to do everything, do what you can do well and what you love.)
- VII.** Learn the skills of interdependence. (Learn to depend upon one another, giving freely of your greatest strengths and most intense loves.)

Pulleys, Levers, and Gears: Construct your own machines! Explore the laws of physics through hands-on experiments with simple machines. **Grades PreK-K**

Winter Zoology: How do animals stay safe and warm in winter? Investigate the options of furry and feathered friends. **Grades PreK-K**

Fairy Tale Festival: Imagine, dramatize, and illustrate! Investigate fantastic places, creatures, and characters. How might you create your own fairy tale? **Grades PreK-K**

Lego WeDo Robotics: Build robots, such as an alligator, with Legos, motors, gears, and sensors. Program your robots using a computer. (\$10 lab fee) **Grades 1-3**

Lego Mindstorms Robotics: Create an autonomous robot using motors, gears, and sensors. Program it to complete challenges of increasing complexity. (\$10 lab fee) **Grades 3-8**

Edible Literature--Reading and Writing: Nibble your way through new stories and old tales with imagination, creativity, and originality. Explore tasty literature through hands-on cooking escapades and respond by writing your own stories and poems. **Grades 1-4**

Online Journalism: Become a news reporter or features writer, a columnist or arts critic. Work with a journalist to write and edit your own articles, then publish them online! **Grades 4-8**

Science Experiments with Toys: Discover mystery eggs, burping bottles and crushing cans. Explore the science of toys via hands-on fun and experiments. **Grades 1-2**

Introduction to Calculus: What is calculus? Learn many basic ideas of calculus through the careful study of sequences and their difference sequences. **Grades 5-8**

Microbiology: Delve into the unseen world, collect samples, and grow gardens of bacteria and fungi. Learn to use a microscope and prepare slides of your creatures. (\$20 lab fee) **Grades 3-8**

Chemical Concoctions: Investigate chemical properties via hands-on experiments with solutions and reactants. Identify mystery powders and secret ingredients. Cause fascinating chemical reactions! **Grades 3-8**

Math Games and Strategies: Discover the power of logical reasoning via math games. Analyze each game to discover mathematical insights and winning strategies. **Grades 1-4**

Art Miscellanea: Delve into a different art form each Sunday. Try your hand at sculpture, drawing, printmaking, painting, and more! **Grades 1-8**

Dynamic Dramatics: Is the stage calling your name? Play theater games, bring stories to life, and act out different characters. Perform for family and friends! **Grades 1-4**

Persuasive Speaking: Would you like to convince your parents or give dynamic class presentations? Explore basic principles of debate. Enjoy a tongue twister contest and speech charades! **Grades 5-8**

Chess Club: Analyze winning strategies, from opening schemes to end-game tactics. Incorporate them into your own chess games and watch your skills improve! **Grades 1-6**

Creating Games from Scratch: Learn how to program computer games in Scratch, developed at MIT and used to create a wide variety of games, from simple to complex. **Grades 3-8**

Workshops for Grades 5-8

Historic Games of Strategy and Diplomacy: Re-enact history through games of strategy. Expand empires through 4000 years of *History of the World* or fight World War II in *Axis and Allies*. Lay iron track and establish railroad networks in *Eurorails*, *India Rails*, etc.

Electronics and Robotics Lab: Construct photophobic bugs, electronic games and dice, traffic lights, sirens, and/or robots. Solder and assemble circuit boards, decipher technical instructions, and read schematic diagrams as you progress at your own pace through projects of increasing difficulty and complexity. (\$60 lab fee)

Dazzling Dinosaurs! Discover diverse dinosaurs from ankylosaurus to zuniceratops! From the large brachiosaurus to the small compsognathus, the swift ornithomimus to the slow stegasaurus, investigate dinosaurs through creative, hands-on activities. **Grades PreK-K**

Science Puzzlers: Challenge the laws of physics and chemistry. Investigate amazing scientific phenomena in a hands-on science lab! **Grades PreK-K**

Creative Writing: Could paintings, posters, films, magazines, and books inspire you to compose stories and poems? Respond to a variety of imaginative, creative catalysts by writing free verse and stories of adventure, fantasy, biographical fiction, fractured fairy tales, and mysteries. See your work published in our magazine. **Grades 1-8**



Eclectic Science Lab: Explore a different field of science each Sunday! Investigate physics, biology, chemistry, astronomy, and the environment through hands-on experiments and activities. **Grades 3-8**

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Lego Mindstorms Robotics: Create an autonomous robot using motors, gears, and sensors. Program it to complete challenges of increasing complexity. (\$10 lab fee) **Grades 3-8**

Geometry with an Artistic Twist: Explore and create elements of geometric design, including 2-D and 3-D shapes, symmetry, tessellations, tangrams, and more! **Grades 1-4**

Math Strategies and Problem Solving: Are you looking for fresh challenges in math? Delve into number theory, probability, algebra, and geometry. Investigate logic based problem solving. Tackle problems from math competitions. Equip yourself with useful strategies! **Grades 5-8**

Theater Club: Experience the exhilarating world of live theater! Develop different characters as you play theater games, rehearse skits, and perform for family and friends. **Grades 1-8**

Chocolate-Ology: Unravel the origins and history of chocolate. Experiment with recipes and conduct taste tests. **Grades 1-4**

Computer Lab: Design your own computer game. Use interactive animation and hyperlinks coupled with slide transitions, effects, and timing. **Grades 3-8**

Harry Potter-Ology: Immerse yourself in a wizarding world. Be sorted into a house, create your own wand, formulate spells, and play quiddich. Try butterbeer and wizard candy, and participate in our End of Term Feast! **Grades 3-8**

Art Unlimited: Does art ignite creativity in you? Pursue your own unique avenues of artistic expression. Create multi-dimensional masterpieces that reveal your muse and the fun of being an artist! **Grades 1-4**

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Pulleys, Levers, and Gears: Construct your own machines! Explore the laws of physics through hands-on experiments with simple machines. **Grades PreK-K**

Math Meets Literature: Can you find math in modern stories, classic tales, and beautiful picture books? Yes! Explore the intertwining of math concepts with literature through creative, hands-on activities. **Grades PreK-K**

Crazy Chemical Combinations: Concoct strange brews and cause fascinating chemical reactions. Experiment with acids and bases, liquids and powders in a hands-on chemistry lab. **Grades 1-4**

Microbiology: Which is more disgusting . . . that water bottle you carry everywhere or your old sneakers? Delve into the unseen world, collect samples, and grow gardens of bacteria and fungi. Learn to use a microscope and prepare slides of your creatures. (\$20 lab fee) **Grades 3-8**



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Medieval Times: Explore the age of castles, kings and queens, knights and princesses, whence evolved unicorns and dragons, wizards and hobbits. Design your castle, create your coat of arms, and partake of a medieval feast. **Grades 1-4**

Creative Writing: Could paintings, posters, films, magazines, and books inspire you to compose stories and poems? Respond to a variety of imaginative, creative catalysts by writing free verse and stories of adventure, fantasy, biographical fiction, fractured fairy tales, and mysteries. See your work published in our magazine. **Grades 1-8**

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All About the Farm: Who lives on a farm? What animals work there? How are crops planted and harvested? Experience life on a farm through stories, drama, music, and creative, hands-on activities! **Grades PreK-K**

Science Wizards: Explore weird, mysterious phenomena, such as smelly balloons, singing spoons, popping Zots, and jumbled-up Jell-O, via hands-on science experiments. **Grades PreK-K**

Lego WeDo Robotics: Build robots, such as an alligator, with Legos, motors, gears, and sensors. Explore principles of engineering. Program your robots using a computer. (\$10 lab fee) **Grades 1-3**

Kinetic Sculpture: Merge art and robotics! Design, build, and program PicoCrickets to create sculptures that move and incorporate sound, music, and lights. **Grades 3-8**



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Mrs. Canople's LOL Club: Do you love telling jokes or drawing funny critters? Do you want to improve your improv or get your friend to laugh louder? Fine-tune your craft, and earn "funny money." Shop at the Rubber Chicken store to rent glam props, or make them yourself. Then strut your stuff where it's safe, nurturing and, most of all, fun! **Grades 2-6**

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Build It, Test It: Given limited resources, combine your imagination with your knowledge of geometric patterns, volume, and surface area to engineer designs that are the tallest, fastest, or hold the most weight. **Grades 3-8**

Creating Games from Scratch: Learn how to program computer games in Scratch, developed at MIT and used to create a wide variety of games, from simple to complex. **Grades 3-8**

Profoundly Pleasant Printmaking and Painting: Explore new and unusual techniques! Create prints and paintings from traditional and non-traditional methods and materials. **Grades 1-8**

Pirate Maps and Treasure Hunts: Embark on a new adventure each Sunday! Study maps and decipher clues to find hidden treasure. Where will you hide *your* treasure? Create your own map. X marks the spot! **Grades 1-2**

Crime Lab Chemistry: Reconstruct the crime scene, sleuth the area for clues, and analyze forensic evidence. Piece together your findings and solve the case! **Grades 3-8**

Mad Scientists Loose in the Kitchen: Discover the amazing chemical phenomena happening in your pantries and refrigerators. Explore sundry savory science! **Grades PreK-K**

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Grades 1-8

Strange Brews: Create mystery solutions with curious chemical properties in a slightly weird, fingers-on science lab.
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Chemical Concoctions: Investigate chemical properties via hands-on experiments with solutions and reactants. Identify mystery powders and secret ingredients. Cause fascinating chemical reactions!
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Games Mathematicians Play: Discover the power of logical reasoning via math games. Analyze each game to discover mathematical insights and winning strategies.
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Fashion Design: Discover sketching, mood boards, fabric choices, and clothing construction. Select your own fabric and create a one-of-a-kind garment of your own design.

Electronics and Robotics Lab: Construct photophobic bugs, electronic games and dice, traffic lights, sirens, and/or robots. Solder and assemble circuit boards, decipher technical instructions, and read schematic diagrams as you progress at your own pace through projects of increasing difficulty and complexity. (\$60 lab fee)

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It's a Bug's Life: Explore the world of creepy crawlies, butterflies, and ladybugs. Design an ant farm, dance like a bumblebee, and enjoy more creative activities! **Grades PreK-K**

Carve, Model, and Create: Sculpt using such diverse media as clay, fabric, wood, and wire. Experiment with various techniques to create 3-D masterpieces. **Grades 1-8**

Math Puzzles and Strategies: Explore, ponder, and utilize strategies for solving various puzzles, such as tangrams, Sudoku, codes, logic puzzles, and 3-D cube puzzles. Create your own puzzles to perplex your peers! **Grades 1-8**



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Creating Games from Scratch: Learn how to program computer games in Scratch! Create a wide variety of games, from simple to complex. **Grades 3-8**

Biological Explorations: Investigate the natural world from a hands-on perspective, from close observation of live specimens to dissection of owl pellets. **Grades 3-8**

Theater Club: Experience the exhilarating world of live theater! Develop characters as you play theater games, rehearse skits, and perform for family and friends. **Grades 1-8**

Chocolate-Ology: How did the little cocoa bean become the world's favorite culinary delight? Unravel the origins and history of chocolate. Experiment with recipes and conduct taste tests. **Grades 1-4**

For all programs:

Sunday Afternoons, 2:00-4:30 ■ Grades: PreK-8th ■ Tuition: \$210

Application

Applications are accepted online via our website, by mail, email, fax, and in person. They must include full tuition. Application forms can be found on our brochures or printed from our website. Enrollment remains open until individual programs begin. There are no application deadlines.

Parents receive email notification of enrollment status when we have received their complete applications with full tuition. For students new to our programs, applications are not complete until we also have received their teacher recommendations (see Eligibility, p. 13).

Placement

To ensure that as many students as possible are placed in their favorite courses, placement does not occur until shortly before each program begins. Students are then placed in classes successively per their application dates, with their alternate choices being considered only as scheduling and enrollment may require. During the week before each program begins, parents receive email notification of class placement, schedules, room assignments, and other pertinent information. Students are welcome to switch classes as space allows, both before and at any time during the programs.

Please note that, although courses are offered to multiple grade levels, students are placed with their age peers, usually with only two grade levels per classroom.

Program Costs & Payments

Tuition for each winter 2013 program is \$210. It is due in full with application, as are any applicable lab fees (see course descriptions). Payments may be made by check or money order payable to "The Center for Gifted," Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, e-check, or cash.

Refunds & Withdrawals

Tuition includes a \$40 processing fee, which will not be refunded under any circumstances except when a student's admission is denied or when all of a student's selected courses are unavailable. Refund processing may take up to six weeks.

Requests for withdrawals must be submitted via email to info@centerforgifted.org by the Friday before the program begins. Parents will then receive a refund of tuition and fees paid minus the non-refundable processing fee. There are no credits or refunds for withdrawing after a program begins, for absences for any reason, for late or partial enrollments, for siblings, or for enrolling in multiple programs.

Financial Assistance

Partial scholarships are awarded based on need. Families requesting assistance need only send a \$40 processing fee with their program applications. This will be credited to their share of tuition, or refunded if their scholarships do not enable them to enroll. Contact the CFG for more information or to apply.

Car Pools

Families who have indicated an interest in carpooling on their applications may contact the CFG anytime to request contact information for other families who also have indicated their interest.

Communication

All email correspondence is sent to families from info@centerforgifted.org. Families who apply should enable their email programs to receive all emails from that address.

Parent Seminars

While students are in classes, we offer on-site seminars designed for parents of bright, motivated children. Details on additional seminar topics and speakers will be emailed to parents and posted on our website. The seminars are free. Parents may bring guests.

Challenges Facing Gifted Children and How Parents Can Be Supportive

Buffalo Grove, January 13
Oak Forest, February 3

Naperville, January 20
Burr Ridge, February 24

Elmhurst, January 27
Chicago, March 10

Early identification of gifts and talents just naturally leads to perceptive communication with teachers, from Pre-K through grade 9. Parents need to know how their child's school is able to differentiate curriculum as well as offer specific opportunities for creativity and challenge in various subject areas. This session will focus on the parents' understanding of effective teaching components for gifted: academic and intellectual rigor, an integrating of the arts, an eliciting of creativity, and the role of acceleration and curricular modifications.

Speaker: Joan Franklin Smutny, Director of The Center for Gifted (see bio on page 3).

Gifted Overexcitabilities

Elmhurst, January 13

Buffalo Grove, February 3

How can a gifted child's overexcitabilities become assets and harnessed into positive energy? Explore Dabrowski's theory of Positive Disintegration and discover strategies to redirect heightened internal awareness. See how interaction within your environment can influence behavior.

Speaker: Tara Lenga, strategy consultant. www.exceptional-kids.com

Breakfast for Thinkers

Buffalo Grove, January 27

Naperville, February 10

Learn how to get your daily serving of critical thinking! Don't just give your children more things to do. Give them better (more meaningful) things to do. Experience how to stimulate creative thinking and imagination. Participants will learn engaging activities that they can use at home or in schools to motivate children for higher level thinking.

Speaker: Scott Hobson, author and former principal. www.eliteeducationalresources.com

Frustrations in the Life of the Gifted Child

Naperville, February 3

Gifted children face numerous frustrations, which are created both externally and internally. Such frustrations when coupled with the gifted child's often-seen intense affective reactivity pose significant challenges for the child as well as for parents and educators. Thus it is critical to assist these children in developing self-management tools aimed at learning how to cope.

Speaker: Dr. M. Mark McKee, child psychologist and author. www.drmarkmckee.com

Eligibility and Recommendation Form

Bright, talented, motivated students, entering grades preK-8th, from any city or educational setting, whether public, private, parochial, or home school, are eligible. They need not be enrolled in school gifted programs. PreK students must be 4 years old by Jan. 1.

Enrollees generally rank at or above the 95th percentile in some areas. We recognize and discern the great variety of talents and abilities that students express. Parents may request a conference with the Director regarding their child's individual circumstances.

New students must submit completed and signed teacher recommendation forms (see form below or print one from our website). Testing is not required, but test scores are requested if available.

Returning students do not require teacher recommendations. They are eligible upon our timely receipt of their applications.

Ideal candidates typically evidence many of the following talents and gifts:

- Express curiosity and creativity
- Enjoy challenges
- Ask thoughtful questions
- Have unique problem-solving abilities
- Are keenly observant
- Have well-developed imaginations
- Demonstrate talent in art, music, writing, or drama
- Act independently and with initiative
- Have extensive vocabularies
- Use complex language skills
- Discuss and elaborate on ideas
- Use learned information in new contexts
- Show ability to place objects in logical sequence
- Enjoy reading
- Create and tell stories
- Exhibit wit and humor
- Have sustained attention spans
- Have good memories

The Center for Gifted - A Northern Illinois University Partner - Winter 2013 Teacher Recommendation - Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder

Student's full name _____

Name & city of school _____

Fall 2013 grade level: _____ Is student in your school's gifted program? yes no don't have one

Would you recommend this student for our program(s)? yes no see comments

Please rank:	exceptional	above avg.	avg.	below avg.
general work	4	3	2	1
commitment	4	3	2	1
creativity	4	3	2	1
motivation	4	3	2	1

Teacher's signature _____

Date _____

Comments (special talents, abilities, achievements, etc.): _____

Standardized Achievement Testing:

Name of test: _____

Date administered: _____

Scores:

Reading _____ Language _____

Math _____ Science _____

Total battery _____ Other _____

Scores are not required of students who have not been tested.

Attach additional pages if desired. Return to: The Center for Gifted, Box 364, Wilmette, IL 60091 (847-901-0173)

More Exciting Opportunities!



Project Workshops

One-Day Workshops for Students in Grades 6 - 12

Historic Games Day - December 27 and April 13

Electronics Workshop - December 28 and April 20

Fashion Design Studio - January 3 and May 4

Spring

After School and Weekend Wonders

(for students in grades PreK - 6)

Crazy Chemical Concoctions, Adventures in Microbiology, Flash Animation, Metamorphoses, ... and more!

(Classes begin in April)

Summer

Project 2013 (for students entering grades 6-12)

McCracken School in Skokie - July 1 to 19, 2013.

Summer Wonders (for students entering grades PreK - 8)

Meridian Middle School in Buffalo Grove

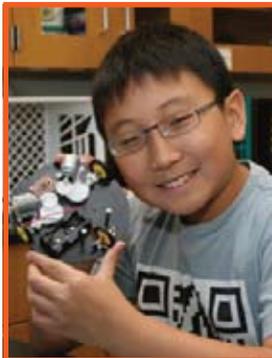
3 Sessions: June 10 - 21; June 24 - July 5; and July 8 - 19

Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder

(for students entering grades PreK - 8)

Locations in Burr Ridge, Chicago, Elmhurst, Grayslake, Naperville, Oak Forest, and Skokie. (Dates TBA)

Check our website regularly for additional information and application forms!



Application: Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder • Winter 2013

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Please print. Please use dark ink. Use a separate application for each child. Mail, fax, or email with full tuition and lab fees (if any) to: **The Center for Gifted, Box 364, Wilmette, IL 60091; 847-901-0179 (fax); info@centerforgifted.org; or apply online at www.centerforgifted.org.**

Student's full name _____ Birth date _____

Gender: ____ male ____ female Student's current grade level: PK K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Name of current school _____ City of current school _____

Has student ever attended a CFG program? yes no

Has any other family member attended? yes no

Teacher recommendation is: enclosed to follow not required (has attended before)

Are you interested in carpooling? yes no

Full name(s) of parent/guardian(s) _____

Relationship to student _____ Address _____

City, zip _____ Family email address _____

Phones: Home _____ Cell _____ Other(s) _____

I understand that The Center for Gifted includes camera images of students and of student work on its website, in its publications, and in advertising media controlled or approved by the CFG. I hereby give my consent for this student and/or his or her work to be included among these images and will make no monetary or other claim against the CFG for its ethical and appropriate use of these images.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____

Program selection: Check the program(s) in which you wish to enroll this student:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Buffalo Grove (Jan 13 – Feb 10) | <input type="checkbox"/> Elmhurst (Jan 13 – Feb 10) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burr Ridge (Feb 17 – Mar 17) | <input type="checkbox"/> Naperville (Jan 13 – Feb 10) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicago (Feb 17 – Mar 17) | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Forest (Jan 13 – Feb 10) |

Course selection: Review the course offerings online or in our brochure, carefully noting the program location, dates, and grade levels for each course. For each program selected above, list the student's two favorite courses and two alternates below in order of preference; or, if enrolling in a single workshop, just write the workshop selected. Students in pre-k and kindergarten do not need to list alternates.

Program location: _____

Program location: _____

a. _____

a. _____

b. _____

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c. _____

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d. _____

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Payment: Full payment of tuition (\$210) plus lab fees (if any) must accompany application.

My check or money order for \$ _____ payable to "The Center for Gifted" is enclosed.

Charge my credit or debit card for \$ _____ (Visa and MasterCard only)

Expiration date: _____ Card number: _____

Cardholder's zip code: _____

Cardholder's name (as appears on card): _____

Authorized signature: _____ Today's date: _____

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