

Summer 2021 Program Details for Elmhurst and Long Grove

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Locations: The Center for Gifted at Elmhurst, 533 W North Avenue; The Center for Gifted at Long Grove, 4160 Route 83.

Eligibility: Proof of student eligibility is not required for our summer 2021 programs. It is our privilege to serve bright, motivated children seeking new challenges and fresh inspiration. Programs are designed for students entering 1st through 10th grades in fall of 2021.

Grade requirements: Grade level requirements for each course are listed on our flyers and online application and refer to the grades the students will enter in fall, 2021; however, there is some flexibility. Feel free to contact us if you would like to request an exception.

General program structure: All sessions run for one week, Monday-Friday, except June Session I in Long Grove, which runs Tuesday-Friday; and August Session III in Elmhurst, which runs for two days (students may enroll in one or both days). Days for most weekly sessions are divided into "time slots." Each time slot is one class period. Other sessions are "STEAM" sessions; students enroll in either the full-day or half day, except for August III in Elmhurst, at which students must enroll for the full day.

"Time Slot" Sessions offer two or three different time slots per day (9:00-11:40, 12:20-3:00, or 4:00-6:00). Each time slot is one class period. Some sessions offer all three time-slot options; all others offer two. Students enroll in one slot or any combination of slots for the entire week. Tuition per time slot varies with how many slots you choose. (See tuition section below.) Note that, on the first page of our online application, parents choose *how many* time slots they wish to purchase; then later in the application they indicate *which* time slots and courses they want.

"STEAM" Sessions: These weeks offer STEAM based themes—different ones every day-based on student interests and ability levels. Instead of time slots *per se*, for June I in Long Grove and August II at both locations, students enroll in either the full day (9:00-3:00) or a half day (9:00-11:40 or 12:20-3:00) for the week. For August III in Elmhurst, students must enroll for the full day and may choose one or both days. See our course description pdf for more on these exciting sessions.

Between time slots: For students enrolled in consecutive time slots, a variety of appropriate activities will be available during their breaks between slots. These may include outdoor play (weather permitting) group games, board games; or some may wish to relax a bit, chat, read, etc. Lunch period at all sessions will include outdoor play and activities, as well. There is no extra fee for these break periods for students enrolled in consecutive time slots.

Lunch: Lunch period at all sessions is 11:40-12:20. Students enrolled in both the first and second daily time slots or equivalent hours (9:00-3:00) will join their peers and instructors for lunch (sack lunches and drinks brought from home) and outdoor and/or indoor play. Separate eating areas will be designated for students with food allergies.

Extended Care: At most sessions, for students whose enrollment includes the 12:20-3:00 period, organized, nurturing supervision by qualified staff is offered from 3:00 to 6:00. If your child is enrolled for this time period and you are interested in extended care, check the appropriate item on the online application, or call or email us anytime.

Application/Enrollment: Apply online <u>here</u> or from our <u>website</u> (click on one of the links under the summer 2021 rectangle), or the link on one of our promo emails. Please enroll no less than two days before your session begins. If a session is full, the online application will not permit enrollment in that session. Parents receive automatic email confirmations of enrollment upon their completion of our online application. See also the following paragraphs for more information.

Time slot selection: Choose the *quantity* of time slots desired on the first page of our online application. Later, in the "Registration Forms" section, select *which* time slots and corresponding courses. Parents may phone or email us to change choices at any time before sessions begin.

Course selection: Courses are selected in the "Registration Forms" section of our online application. Each course is designed to challenge and inspire its students for the entire length of the session or program in which it is offered. Parents may phone or email us to change their children's course choices at any time before sessions begin.

Placement: Although all courses span several grade levels, students are placed in classrooms with their age peers, usually with no more than two or three grade levels per classroom, and occasionally more depending on enrollment numbers. In each classroom, instruction is differentiated so as to appropriately challenge all grade and ability levels in the room.

Class assignments: Student class schedules and other enrollment information are emailed to parents during the week before each session begins. If we are unable to place a student in his or her desired course, we will contact parents at that time or before to discuss alternatives. Parent requests to change schedules or class assignments are welcome at any time before or during the program and will be accommodated as space allows.

Tuition and Fees: Tuition per week for Time Slot Sessions is \$250 for one time slot; \$480 for two time slots; and \$720 for three time slots. Tuition for STEAM Sessions is \$200 for half day and \$384 for full day for the 4-day June Session I; \$250 for half day and \$480 for full day for August Session II; and \$95 per day for August Session III. All of these tuition amounts *include* the non-refundable \$10 application fee. The fee for Extended Care is \$12/hour, unless only one

student attends Extended Care for any afternoon, in which case the fee will be \$15/hour that day for that student. A few courses require lab fees; these are noted on our program flyers, in the course descriptions pdf, and on our online application.

Payments: Payment in full of tuition and fees is required to complete our online application and the enrollment of the student. Our online system accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and Diners Club cards and EChecks from checking or savings accounts.

Refunds/Withdrawals/Credits: Tuition, minus the \$10 application fee, is refunded in full for withdrawals requested before the second day of the program from which the student is withdrawing. There are no refunds, credits, or discounts for absences of any length or for any reason, for late or partial enrollments, for siblings, or for enrolling in multiple sessions.

Financial Assistance: Need-based financial assistance is available. To apply, a financial assistance application must be submitted either before or after online registration. This form can be requested via phone (847-901-0173) or email (info@centerforgifted).

Our response to Restore Illinois restrictions: Our students' health is our top priority. Programs and activities of The Center for Gifted are modified to meet state guidelines in effect at the time each program runs. Currently, at our spring programs, students are required to wear masks, carry their own water bottles and hand sanitizer, and are reminded as needed to wash hands, maintain distances, and observe our guidelines for sharing materials and working together. Families with any household member under quarantine—whether due to traveling out of state or potential exposure—must not send their children to our programs until the required quarantine has been carried through and completed. Our longer class periods this summer and added time slots will enable fewer classroom, peer-group, and teacher changes (and ultimately yield a more in-depth exploration of course topics for our students as well!) Our in-person programs have been running safely and successfully since resuming in June of 2020.

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