



Super Summer 2009

Celebrating 26 Years of Challenging Gifted Learners!

At **Westwood Middle School**
3215 NW 15th Avenue Gainesville, FL

Session 1: Wednesday, June 10th – Friday, June 19th

Session 2: Monday, June 22nd – Thursday, July 2nd

Super Summer is a challenging summer program for **gifted students who are entering 1st through 8th grades** in the 2009-2010 school year. Courses are hands-on, fast-paced, advanced in content and stress higher level thinking and creative productivity. Excellent teachers experienced/certified in working with gifted students will teach an assortment of exciting courses. Two different sessions are offered. Classes are from 8:00am – 1:00 pm. Extended day options include the Fun Languages Camp or the Westwood Summer Sport and Fitness Camp.

Super Summer 2009

Attention: **Debby Harris**

5803 N.W. 67th Ct.

Gainesville, FL 32653

Super Summer 2009 Course Descriptions



SESSION ONE

Dates: Wednesday, June 10th - Friday, June 19th

Primary Courses

Entering grades 1st, 2nd, and 3rd - Students take all three classes

Once Upon a Mathtime

Enter the world where math and literature connect!!!! Experience hands-on interactive learning in areas such as geometry, measurement, algebraic patterns, probability, and statistics! Creative minds will publish their very own book packed full of problem solving and mathematical thinking!

Taught by Betsy Seymour, a gifted math teacher at Lawton Chiles Elementary.

My Big Backyard

Grab your trowel and join me as we dig up some summertime fun. This session plans to give you "all the dirt" on the life sciences right outside your backdoor. We will delve into decomposers, revel in recycling, and ponder plant processes. Please come and join us, but be prepared to get down and dirty!

Taught by Liana Glanville, a certified gifted teacher who currently teaches at Lawton Chiles Elementary.

Marvels of Science: What? Why? & How?

What happens to the surface tension of milk when it comes in contact with detergent? Why does our brain perceive reflected images backwards? How does soap wash away oils and other fats? Investigations involve the use of hands-on labs and demonstrations as we immerse ourselves into the marvels of science. So put on your lab coat and come "experiment" the fun!

Taught by Anna Sperring, a certified gifted teacher who currently teaches at Williams Elementary.

Intermediate Courses

Entering grades 4th and 5th – Students take all classes

Improvisation!

Learn to make instant decisions that will guide you through a series of interactive games and scenes. You will learn to take a simple suggestion and take it places you could only imagine before. All of it leads up to a made up "on the spot" improvisations show at the end of the session.

Taught by James Gallen, a gifted language arts teacher at Westwood Middle School, with 20 years of acting experience in film and on stage.

Let's Travel to Ancient Greece!

You will travel back in time to the land of Greece and be introduced to the architecture, science, art, clothing, mathematics, language, and sports that the western civilization has borrowed from the ancient Greeks. You will read Greek myths, learn about the beginning of the Olympic Games, and taste Greek food. Also, you will spend a day or two visiting ancient Rome.

Taught by Cheryl Alexaitis, a gifted language arts teacher at Westwood Middle School.

Middle School Courses

Entering grades 6th, 7th, and 8th – Students take all classes

Join the Stream Team

Water will be our main subject, and we will examine its properties and uses. We will Possum creek to explore the water and its environment. Let's discover the world of water and find out why it is so important to us. Grab your old shoes and be prepared to be wet, as you learn about this valuable resource.

Taught by Ann Nichols, certified gifted teacher who currently teaches biology at Eastside High School in the IB Program

Survival of the Fittest

Consider how a compass works Make several types of simple compasses out of familiar materials lying around your house. Use a real compass to navigate around the school grounds and find a buried treasure. Create your own orienteering map quest and have others try to follow your directions. Find out how to survive if you ever got lost in the woods. Learn what you can eat and drink. Build a lean-to, furniture, or rain vessel. Take a hike and visit a creek to discover some amazing things.

Taught by Bill Howell, a gifted world history teacher at Westwood Middle School.

Super Summer 2009 Course Descriptions



SESSION TWO

Dates: Monday June 22nd - Thursday July 2nd

Primary Courses

Entering grades 1st, 2nd, and 3rd - Students take all three classes

Origami

Learn about geometry through the art of paper folding. The language of mathematics will unfold as we explore concepts such as symmetry, congruence, angles, and polygons!!! It's all about shapes and spaces, and all of the creations that can be made from a square piece of paper!
Taught by Betsy Seymour, a gifted math teacher at Lawton Chiles Elementary.

Kitchen Chemistry

Let's explore our kitchen cabinets and see what kind of kitchen magic we can cook up! Join us this summer and get the scoop about the viscosity of liquids hiding in your pantry. Come along with us as we heat things up to see if they will ooze or even explode. Aprons are optional!

Taught by Liana Glanville, a certified gifted teacher who currently teaches at Lawton Chiles Elementary.

One, Two, Three...Action!

Think you have what it takes to be the next big star? Even if you don't know, you will have what it takes after this acting session. Characters, costumes, and comedy will all be explored in preparation for a culminating play at the end of the session.

Taught by James Gallen, a gifted language arts teacher at Westwood Middle School, with 20 years of acting experience in film and on stage.

Intermediate Courses

Entering grades 4th and 5th – Students take all classes

???Can You Survive in Another Time Zone???

You have been sent back in time (approximately 4,500 years ago), and assume the role of a Northeastern Paleolithic Indian living in North America. Then, you are thrust forward to the year 600 B.C. and assume the role of a Greek colonial trader on the islands of Crete, Rhodes, or Cypress. In each of these advanced simulation games, your objective is to battle all of the environmental conditions and satisfy your basic needs in order to SURVIVE!

Taught by Cheryl Alexaitis, gifted language arts teacher at Westwood Middle School.

Archaeological Extravaganza!

Examine several kinds of artifacts. Create your own artifacts like pottery, tools, or necklaces. Learn how archaeologists execute an effective dig and then participate in a simulated archaeological dig. Analyze and reconstruct artifacts found during the dig.

Discover how the first writing systems started and then help decode an ancient written language.

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Word Power / Word Play

This is a creative writing workshop for middle school thinkers, writers, and players with words, and also for those who want to see what they can do with words, but haven't really given it a try yet. You will be offered bunches of samples, formats, and ideas as take-off points for writing and then create your own mini-mag ("zine") either on-line or on paper. Bring a laptop if you have one and a memory stick (flash drive) for sure, and see what you can create in seven days and publish in one day!

Taught by Carolyn Harrell, a gifted middle school humanities teacher at P.K. Yonge

Water, Water, Everywhere, We Want to Get Wet!

Discover why water is so important for all living things. Travel to Possum creek to do water experiments. Search for buried fossils, as well as collect living specimens. Using math and scientific skills, we will learn all about water, and remember, you will get wet!

Taught by Ann Nichols, certified gifted teacher who currently teaches biology at Eastside High School in the IB Program

Super Summer 2009 Information and Receipt



Dates: Session ONE: Wednesday, June 10th – Friday June 19th
Session TWO: Monday June, 22nd – Thursday July 2nd

Time: Classes begin at 8:00 AM and end at 1:00 PM every day. Be sure that your child does not arrive any earlier than 7:45 AM and is not picked up later than 1:15. Drop off and pick up at the bus circle off of N.W. 15th Avenue.

Location: Westwood Middle School (3215 NW 15th Avenue Gainesville, FL)

Tuition: Tuition for Session One = \$200.00 and Session Two = \$225.00. Please make checks payable to Super Summer / NCFLAG.

Lunch: Students need to bring a healthy lunch every day. We will have lunch food available if lunches are forgotten.

Orientation: Please stay with your child for about 15 minutes at the beginning of the first day of each session. An introductory orientation session will be held, class rosters will be announced, as well as classroom locations.

Sharing Time: A sharing time is scheduled at the end of each session for parents and friends to observe what children have learned. More specific information regarding this event will be sent home with your child this summer.

Registration Confirmation: A confirmation letter/receipt with more details including class locations, drop off and pick up spots will follow receipt of registration form and payment of fees.

Tax Information: Super Summer/NCFLAG Tax EIN is # 59-3367232

Refund Policy: There will be no refunds for session one after June 2, 2009, and there will be no refunds for session two after June 14, 2009.

Extended Day Options: Students may opt for an extended day after Super Summer at Westwood by enrolling in:

1) Fun Languages Spanish Camp: www.funlanguagesgainesville.com (1st session: 6-11 years old)
or call Kaydie Vistelle 372-6885 (2nd session: 6-14 years old)

2) Sports and Fitness Camp: www.healthykidssummercamp@yahoo.com (both sessions: 4th-8th grade)
or call Doug Jossi 339-1298 or Becky Fields 275-2698

Contact Information / Questions: Please feel free to contact **Debby Harris, Director of Super Summer**, with any questions or concerns at drdebby@gmail.com or **339-4984**.

SUPER SUMMER 2009 REGISTRATION

Checks for tuition (Session 1: \$200, Session 2: \$225) should be made payable to Super Summer/NCFLAG. Please mail the appropriate fee(s) along with this completed form to: Super Summer 2009 Attention: Debby Harris 5803 NW 67th Ct. Gainesville, FL 32653. You are encouraged to register as soon as possible since classes tend to fill up quickly. Your cancelled check, together with your forthcoming confirmation letter, will serve as your receipt.

Students Name: _____ Session 1 _____ Session 2 _____
Date of Birth: _____ Current Age: _____ Grade entering in fall 2009-2010: _____
School Attended: _____ Home Phone*: _____ Work Phone*: _____
Cell Phone*: _____ Email Address: _____
Parent(s) Name(s): _____
Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Who may pick up your child? (Include name, phone, etc.) _____

* Numbers required.

In an emergency contact:

Name _____ Phone Numbers (Home, Cell, etc.) _____
Transport child to _____ (name of hospital, emergency service, doctor's office)
Students enrolled in Super Summer are required to have insurance coverage.
Insurance Company Name: _____ Policy Number: _____

Qualifications:

Proof of advanced ability/giftedness must be submitted for enrollment in Super Summer 2009.
Please check the ONE statement below that applies to the applicant. A signature is required only for option 3. Please attach documentation of advanced ability: Gifted (IQ) Report/Achievement Scores/Gifted Behavior Checklist.

There is to certify that: _____

- _____ 1. Is a participant in the school gifted program (Attach Gifted/IQ Report)
- _____ 2. Has previously participated in Super Summer (Attach Gifted/IQ Report)
- _____ 3. Has advanced ability based on the following data (Attach copy of test/checklist/recommendation):

- * Test _____ Scores _____
- * Professional Recommendation (Include a copy of gifted behavior checklist and professional letter)
Email or call for a gifted checklist if needed.
Signature _____ Position _____ Date _____

Permission Form:

I give permission for my child _____ to participate in Super Summer 2009, and I give permission for my child to go to Westside Park and to Possum Creek as part of the Super Summer classes.
I release Super Summer teachers and staff from liability with the understanding that **safety is a priority.**

Signature _____ Relationship _____ Date _____

*Please tell us about your child's strengths, interests, concerns, allergies and special needs, including medications and their purpose. Also, please list any same-grade friends with whom your child would like to be placed in Super Summer classes. You may use the back of this form or attach an additional sheet.

____ My child will be picked up at 1:00.
____ My child will participate in Westwood Extended Day options: (please check all that apply)
 ____ Fun Languages Spanish Camp: Session 1 _____ Session 2 _____
 ____ Sport and Fitness Camp: Session 1 _____ Session 2 _____

