



Super Summer 2019

Celebrating 34 Years of Challenging Gifted Learners!
Created by the late Dr. Debby Harris, A Licensed School Psychologist
who was in Private Practice and Specialized in Gifted Learners.

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Super Summer Is Held At Westwood Middle School
3215 NW 15th Avenue, Gainesville, FL

Session 1: Wednesday, June 5th – Friday, June 14th

Session 2: Monday, June 17th – Friday, June 28th

Classes are from 8:00am – 1:00 pm.

Super Summer is a challenging summer program for students who have been designated or identified as “gifted students” who are entering the 1st grade thru the 9th grade in the 2019-2020 school year. This includes kindergarteners who have been referred by their kindergarten teacher for “gifted testing” this summer.

We are also accepting “high-achieving” middle school students who are enrolled in or have been invited to enroll in the Lyceum Program or the Cambridge Program (entering 6th - 9th grade).

Courses are hands-on, fast-paced, advanced in content, stress higher-level thinking, and creative productivity. All Super Summer teachers are “**Certified in Gifted**” and are employed by the Alachua County School Board during the school year.

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Super Summer has the right to make changes in the instructors and schedule.

Super Summer 2019 Course Descriptions



SESSION ONE

Dates: Wednesday, June 5th - Friday, June 14th (8 days)

Primary Courses

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

Miraculous Wonders of the Rainforest

Put on your hiking boots and join our explorations of the Tropical Rainforest, home to 50% of Earth’s plants animals. Our young travelers will study the ecosystem that produces 40% of our Earth’s oxygen and absorbs carbon dioxide helping reduce CO2 emissions. Less than only 1% of the tropical rainforest plant species have been analyzed and 70% of these are identified by the National Cancer Institute as being useful in the treatment of cancer! Special activities include a: “Parts of a Flower” lab, “Bird Beak Adaptations” lab, and “Create a Travel Brochure.” Come join us in our environmental excursion!

Taught by Anna Sperring, a former gifted teacher in the Magnet School at Foster Elementary

The Wonderful World of Words

Plant the seeds of knowledge by putting your feelings and ideas into words. Learn to express feelings, ponder your own life, and understand the world through this artistic medium. Explore different kinds of poetry, writing techniques, forms, and presentations styles, all while letting your imagination run wild! We will all enjoy the magic of writing!

Taught by Barbara McGraw, a language arts, reading, and AVID teacher at Westwood Middle

Origami

Learn about geometry through the art of paper folding. The language of mathematics will unfold as we explore concepts 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 Helen Saltzgeber, a gifted science & technology teacher at Newberry Elementary

Intermediate and Middle School Courses

Entering grades 4th, 5th, 6th (Intermediate) and 7th through 9th (Middle) – Students take all three classes

Cranial Commands

Come problem solve, as well as reason like a scientist through puzzles and games, which will lead you to focus your thoughts and thin in a logical manner. With a team of students, you will tackle challenging scientific mindbenders containing clues to an overall puzzle. Through reasoning, imagination, and the use of intuition, you will become a superior scientist!

Taught by Adrienne Thieke, a gifted science teacher from the IB Program at Eastside High School

It's About Time; It's About Space

During these two weeks you have been sent into outer space where you will assume the role of an astronaut living in a space station. Working as a team, you will make decisions that will determine if you can survive all of the galactic conditions, as well as satisfy your basic needs in order to survive this advanced simulation. It's an unpredictable element of existence!

Taught by Cheryl Alexaitis, a Cambridge & gifted language arts and reading teacher at Westwood Middle School.

Super-Sized Games

Explore game theory, experience a digital escape room, use creativity, problem-solve, and have an all-around great time as you work together to build a unique game. Then put those ideas together to build a super-sized board game that takes up the whole classroom!

Taught by Ryan McNickle, a gifted history teacher at Buchholz High School.

Super Summer 2019 Course Descriptions



SESSION TWO

Dates: Monday June 17th - Friday June 28th (10 days)

Primary Courses

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

A Great Big Wonderful World

Say, "Bon Voyage," as we take off on our explorations to different lands and places with people that live and think differently than we do. We will learn how food is an important part of every culture. There are games to be played from different lands and music to be heard as we actively participate in customs different from our own. Activities are designed to expand our minds as we embrace and appreciate differences and similarities in our diverse world.

Taught by Anna Sperring, a former gifted teacher in the Magnet School at Foster Elementary

Playing with Greek Mythology

Jump into your chariots and journey back to a time when the Olympic Gods ruled (or tried to rule) the heavens, earth, and even the gloomy Underworld! You will gain the wisdom of Athena; encounter Zeus as he spars with his brothers, Poseidon and Hades, for control of the universe; learn about the terrors of Medusa and other Greek mythology monsters; follow Theseus on his journey through the Labyrinth; create some Greek art; and perform a Greek play and/or Greek Reader's Theater!

Taught by Barbara McGraw, a language arts, reading, and AVID teacher at Westwood Middle

Games Galore!

Challenging games and puzzles will inspire logical thinking and creative problem solving! Students will be challenged to develop strategies while building social skills, good sportsmanship, and having FUN!

Taught by Helen Saltzgeber, a gifted science & technology teacher at Newberry Elementary

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A Taste of Science

Explore biology, geology, physics, and chemistry through the use of edible models. Create and discover delectable ways to demonstrate what you have learned. This will be a scrumptious experience!

Taught by Adrienne Thieke, a gifted science teacher from the IB Program at Eastside High School

Under the Sea

For the next two weeks you will assume the role of a scientific scuba diver, and you will live in either the “Coral Reef” station, the “Kelp Forest” Station, or the “Underwater Cave” station. Working as a team, you will learn to trade and barter your goods for your necessary survival needs. In this “new” advanced simulation game your objective is to battle all of the environmental conditions in order to survive!

Taught by Cheryl Alexaitis, a Gifted & Cambridge language arts and reading teacher at Westwood Middle School.

Silly Sequels

Combine live-action, improv, and animation to create sequels to some of your favorite movies! Work with others to come up with a script, practice your lines, and wear fun costumes as we continue the adventures of classic characters and beloved heroes of the big screen!

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Super Summer 2019 Information and Receipt

Dates: Session ONE: Wednesday, June 5th – Friday June 14th

Session TWO: Monday June 17th - Friday June 28th

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 picked up no later than 1:15 PM. Drop off and pick up is at the “bus circle” just south of NW 15th Avenue on NW 31st Drive.

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

Tuition: Tuition for Session One = \$289.00 and Session Two = \$349.00. Please make checks payable to Super Summer LLC.

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

Orientation: A 15-minute introductory orientation session will be held on the first day of each session. Class rosters and classroom locations will be announced at the orientation session.

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

Registration Confirmation: A confirmation email or phone call will be sent or made following the receipt of 1) payment, 2) completed registration form, and 3) proof of giftedness. Proof of giftedness must be supplied every year with registration.

Tax Information: The Super Summer LLC Tax EIN will be given to all enrollees at the orientation meeting.

Refund Policy: There will be no refunds for Session One after May 29, 2019, and there will be no refunds for Session Two after June 10, 2019.

Contact Information / Questions: Call John Schert at 352-339-4984 or send us an email- supersummer.org@gmail.com (If you leave a voice mail, your call will be returned in the evening.)

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

Sports and Fitness Camp: (both sessions: ages 5 - 14)
Call Becky Fields 275-2698
www.gainesvillesportscamp.com

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Super Summer reserves the right to change teachers, classes, curriculum, and schedule without notice.