SUPER SUMMER 2011

Enrichment program for gifted and talented youth Pre-K–4

New location! Cumberland Elementary School
Purdue University’s Gifted Education Resource Institute (GERI) Super Summer is a program where bright kids in pre-kindergarten (Pre-K) through fourth grade come to enjoy challenging courses with other academically, creatively, and artistically talented youth. Day-long, interdisciplinary courses are geared at least two grade levels above each student’s current school grade. Pre-K students must be eligible to start kindergarten in the fall of 2011 to participate.

**When:**
Two, one-week sessions are offered.

**Session 1:** June 13 – 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Session 2:** June 20 – 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Supervision is available for children dropped off between 7:45 and 8:30 a.m.
All children should be picked up by 5:30 p.m.

**Schedule**

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*Community of Talents:* During this time, students work with counselors to understand and appreciate their strengths and the strengths of others. Collaboration, communication, and thinking skills are emphasized using simulations and scenarios to help them understand how “together, we can make a difference in the world.”

**Where:**
We are pleased to announce that the program will be held at Cumberland Elementary School in West Lafayette, home of Purdue University. With an elementary school as our site, we will have all classes in one building with child-sized facilities, and a safe drop-off and pick-up environment for the children. Additionally, this location allows easy access to Purdue’s campus for field trips.

Cumberland Elementary School
600 Cumberland Avenue
West Lafayette, Indiana
What makes Super Summer super?

- Small Classes: Class sizes are limited to 12 students at the Pre-K–2nd grade levels and 16 students at the 3rd and 4th grade levels, to enable our instructors to work effectively with each student.

- High-Quality Teachers: Our caring teachers are knowledgeable and enthusiastic about working with GERI students. They receive professional training and ongoing support from the GERI team to meet the special needs of high-ability children, to ensure that students get personalized attention.

- Challenge: Classes provide authentic, hands-on learning experiences that encourage creative thinking, problem solving, and exploration of student interests in an environment that values creativity, diversity, and achievement.

- Enjoyment: Students enjoy learning interesting content in an interactive environment. The Super Summer program provides high-ability students an enjoyable setting in which they can connect with other bright students who share their enthusiasm for learning.

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About the Program

In response to input from parents and participants, and to the economy, the GERI team is delighted to announce that we have made significant improvements to the Super Summer program. This year, students will attend a full-day program of challenging, hands-on activities related to a central theme. Components from all disciplines will be included at every level, so each child will gain experience in engineering, math, science, social studies, art, and language arts, while working on open-ended activities that require critical and creative thinking.

High-ability children think big thoughts. They make connections across disciplines and work to understand how ideas and concepts are related to each other. Rather than exploring just one topic, such as chemistry, the students will learn how chemistry plays a role in real life. They will explore such questions as: What chemical reactions occur in our ecosystem? Are they helpful or harmful?

We look forward to seeing you this summer. Just bring a lunch, snacks, and your enthusiasm for learning with you!
New Format!

We are excited to announce that Super Summer is now a full-day program. Students will be able to experience a wider range of activities than in past programs. In addition to having more time to explore, we have broadened the scope of the courses. A new, interdisciplinary approach to the courses allows students to make connections between content areas. Each course includes activities in engineering, language arts, mathematics, visual arts, social studies, and the sciences. If you liked Super Summer before, now you will love it!

Course Descriptions

SESSION I: JUNE 13 – 17

Discovery Week
How have some of our greatest discoveries been made? Explore discoveries from history, medicine, and your imagination.

Grades Pre-K – K: Discovery through Experimentation
Have you ever wondered if silly putty was created by experiment or accident? Come experiment with words, numbers, maps, nature, building materials, and icky, gooey things. The possibilities for discovery are endless!

Grades 1 – 2: Discovery through History
How do the histories of ancient civilization affect our modern world? In this course, you will examine how the contributions of the ancient Egyptian, Mayan, Roman, and Chinese empires to art, literature, and science have influenced modern civilization. Using problem-based learning, you will consider scenarios and solve complex mathematical and engineering tasks as you put yourself in the role of ruler of your own empire. Use your imagination as you design and build your own working society.

Grades 3 – 4: Discovery through Veterinary Medicine
Have you ever considered how the work of veterinarians and physicians is related? Explore the similarities between these fields of study. Consider how discoveries in veterinary medicine have brought about breakthroughs in medical sciences for humans, from nutrition and exercise to research about asthma and its treatment. Hands-on, minds-on activities will guide your understanding of breakthroughs in these two important medical fields of veterinary and human medicine.

Discovery Dome!
Parents and friends: Come experience the Discovery Dome on Friday afternoon!
SESSION 2: JUNE 20 – 24

EcoWeek
What makes the Earth unique? Ecology and ecosystems of the past, present, and future.

Grades Pre-K – K: DinoSystems
Could dinosaurs live in Indiana today? Learn why dinosaurs became extinct, while cockroaches thrived. Explore whether or not all dinosaurs required the same ecosystem. Determine how many children it would take to balance a teeter totter with a dinosaur on the other end. Discover how changes in the ecosystems affect all life.

Grades 1 – 2: Nature’s Puzzle
What is the relationship between geography, topography, and ecology? What chemical reactions influence the environment? Gather evidence, analyze data, and interpret findings as you research and explore concepts of the physical environment, ecosystems, human ecology, and biodiversity. Examine interactions between geography and meteorology, the impact of common household compounds and the environment, and the effects of pollution on humans and animals.

Grades 3 – 4: Think Like an Ecologist—Our Earth, Our Responsibility
How do the day-to-day activities of humans affect the world in which we live? You will work with classmates to analyze how human populations affect Earth’s natural resources. Consider how human activities, collective and individual, conscious and unconscious, have both positive and negative effects on our planet. Looking at issues on both local and global scales, you will develop ideas and solutions to the problems that we face. Become an advocate for change in the world around you.

Eco Emporium!
Parents and friends: Join us for a program-wide Eco Emporium on Friday afternoon!
Who is Eligible
Super Summer courses are designed for motivated, high-ability students, in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. The pace and level of these courses are appropriate for students in the top ten percent of the population in a given program area.

Online Registration
Register online at:

www.conf.purdue.edu/supsum11

- Credit card payment is required when registering online.
- Choose a session, or sessions, at the proper grade level for which the child is eligible.
- Log on to the system with the child’s name. You will be prompted later to enter the parent or guardian’s name in the payment information.

Other Registration Options
By mail:
GERI Super Summer
Purdue University Conferences
Stewart Center, Room 110
128 Memorial Mall
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2034

You will be sent a confirmation notice when your registration materials are received by Purdue Conferences. Complete one registration form per child.

- By phone: (765) 494-2758 or (800) 359-2968
- By fax: (765) 494-0567

Note: If applying online or over the phone, the parental authorization form must still be faxed or mailed to Purdue Conferences at the above address.

Coming from out of Town?
Our guests from out of town are invited to stay at one of our local hotels. Those closest to our program are:

- Union Club Hotel
  Purdue Memorial Union
  101 N. Grant St.
  West Lafayette, IN 47906
  (765) 494-8900

- Hilton Garden Inn
  356 E. State Street
  West Lafayette, IN 47906
  (765) 743-2100

- Holiday Inn Select—City Center
  515 South Street
  Downtown Lafayette, IN 47901
  (765) 423-1000

Contact the hotels directly to make reservations.

Accessibility
Purdue is committed to making its programs accessible to individuals with disabilities. If your child requires an accommodation or special assistance for this program due to a disability, please contact us at (765) 494-2758. Please contact Purdue Conferences at least one week prior to the start of the program.
Fees and Payment

Fees
One week, full-day program: $225 per child
Both weeks, full-day program: $400 per child
Family rate, two or more children from the same family: $200 (per child, per week)

Payment
Checks should be made payable to Purdue University. If registering online, fees may be charged to Discover, VISA, American Express, or MasterCard.

An introductory packet will be mailed to you the week prior to the start of the program. If you do not receive notice at least three days prior to your child’s first class, call our office, (765) 494-7243.

Financial Aid
A limited number of need-based scholarships for partial tuition are available. To apply, complete and return the financial aid form (located on page 11) with your child’s application. Financial aid applications must be faxed or postmarked by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 18. You will receive notification of award by Monday, May 2.

Refund and Withdrawal Policy
A full refund will be granted if a request is received in writing by May 20. A $50 refund will be given between May 21 and June 10. No refunds will be granted after June 10.
Name:____________________________________________________ Birth date: _____________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

City: _____________________________ State: _________________ ZIP:____________________

Gender (optional)  □  Male  □  Female  Age: _______ Current Grade (2010- 11): __________

School: _________________________________Corporation: ______________________________

Race/Ethnicity (optional/check all that apply) Ethnicity and gender data are optional and are used for research and evaluation purposes, only, and do not affect eligibility:

□  African American, Non-Hispanic  □  Hispanic  □  Other ____________________
□  Asian  □  Multi-racial  □  Pacific Islander
□  Caucasian, Non-Hispanic  □  Native American/Alaskan Native

Parent / legal guardian name: _________________________________________________________

Phone (home): __________________________________________________________________

Work: ________________________________________________________________________

Cell: _________________________________________________________________________

E-mail address:  __________________________________________________________________

This will be my child’s first Super Summer session:  □  Yes  □  No

Photo Release
□  I give consent for any photograph or video image of my child taken during a GERI program to be used by Purdue University for publicity purposes.
□  I do not give consent for any photograph or video image of my child taken during a GERI program to be used by Purdue University for publicity purposes.

Medical Information
List any information regarding your child’s health, allergies, physical, or emotional status in order for us to best serve your child’s needs. Attach additional sheets if necessary.
____________________________________________________________________

Emergency Contact (in the event that parent/guardian cannot be reached):
Name:_________________________________ Phone: _________________________________

Parental Authorization
Purdue University Medical Authorization for Treatment of a Minor (persons under 18 years):
Pursuant to Indiana Code Paragraph 16-36-1-6 and subject to any limitations listed below, I request and authorize the Purdue University Student Health Center, Purdue University Ambulance Service, Franciscan Saint Elizabeth Health – Lafayette East, and Indiana University Health Arnett, medical personnel, agents, and employees to provide all reasonably necessary medical care, including but not limited to medical transport, hospital tests, such as pathology, radiology, anesthesia, surgery, and prescription drugs advisable for the health of my child. I acknowledge that no representations, warranties, or guarantees as to results or cures will be made.
Further, I hereby grant permission for my child to attend Super Saturday by signing below.

_______________________________________________________________Date:  __________________

Parent / legal guardian signature is required.
Fees and Session/Grade Preference Please select session and grade level.

☐ Session 1: Discovery Week (June 13 – June 17)
  ☐ Pre-K—K: Discovery through Experimentation
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☐ I will be attending one session – $225

☐ I will be attending both sessions – $400
  Please make sure you indicate grade level/class above.

☐ Family rate for one session – $200
  Please make sure you indicate grade level/class and session above.

Please list name(s) of other family members who will also be attending Super Summer 2011.

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Each child MUST complete his or her own registration form and forms MUST be returned together in order to qualify for the family discount rate.

☐ I would like to make a monetary donation to help children with high potential who live in poverty attend Super Summer. Donations are tax-deductible. $ __________________

T-shirt size *T-shirt included in tuition fee.*
Youth: ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large
Adult: ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large

Total Payment Enclosed $_______________________

Payment Method Payment is required upon submission of registration.
☐ Enclosed is a check made payable to *Purdue University.*

☐ Please charge to my: ☐ VISA ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard

Card Number ________________________________________________Expiration Date __________

Authorized Signature _______________________________________________________________

Printed Name ___________________________________________________________________

Please mail with payment to: CEC Business Services
Purdue University
Stewart Center, Room 110
128 Memorial Mall
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2034

or fax your with credit card information to: (765) 494-0567

Register online at www.conf.purdue.edu/supsum11

*Purdue University is an equal access/equal opportunity university.*
A limited number of partial financial aid grants are available for students who would not be able to attend the program without financial assistance. To be considered for financial assistance, please complete this form and provide the requested information by at 5 p.m., Monday, April 18. If you have questions about eligibility, please contact Stacey Folyer at (765) 494-7243.

**Student’s name:**

________________________________________________________________

For school-aged children:

- [ ] I have attached verification on official school letterhead that my child is eligible for **free** lunch.
- [ ] I have attached verification on official school letterhead that my child is eligible for **reduced** lunch.

For Pre-K or homeschooled children:

- [ ] I have attached documentation to verify that my child is eligible for federal financial assistance.

**Parent’s educational background**

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**Parent/legal guardian signature is required.**

NOTE: If applying for financial aid, please complete the registration form and the financial aid application and return both documents to the address below no later than Monday, April 18:

**Return this form postmarked by Monday, April 18.**

Gifted Education Resource Institute  
100 N University St, Rm 5178  
Beering Hall of Liberal Arts & Education  
Purdue University  
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2098

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Fax: (765) 496-2706
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