

Wheeling • PreK - 11th

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb 7
Holmes Middle School
221 S. Wolf Rd.
2:00 - 4:30

Oak Forest • K - 6th

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb 7
Kerkstra Elementary School
14950 S. Laramie Ave.
2:00 - 4:30

Burr Ridge • K - 11th

Feb 14, 21, 28, Mar 7, 14
Pleasantdale Middle School
7450 S. Wolf Rd.
2:00 - 4:30

Dear Parents,

We invite your bright, talented child to participate in innovative programs designed to meet the educational needs of gifted children. Offering a creative approach to education, Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder programs provide fresh opportunities for bright young learners to explore diverse subjects in a challenging, creative environment.

Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder programs are a creation of The Center for Gifted, founded in 1983 at National-Louis University for the purpose of serving children who cherish expanding their intellectual, academic, creative, and/or artistic talents. The Center for Gifted attracts outstanding teachers, who are sensitive to varied learning styles and committed to communicating effectively with their students. Our faculty places a strong emphasis on acceleration and differentiation to evoke every student's own depth of perception and creativity.

We look forward to welcoming you and your son or daughter this winter. Please contact us at 847-901-0173 or info@centerforgifted.org if you would like to talk further. We encourage parent communication.

Cordially,



Joan Franklin Smutny, Director



The winter 2010 Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder programs meet on Sunday afternoons for five consecutive weeks, each.

Students choose their own courses from a variety of exciting topics. The development of problem-solving skills and creativity is inherent in the framework for all courses. Projects and activities evoke active, hands-on participation.

Wheeling: (Jan 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb 7)

Students in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten enroll in three courses, each of which meets for about 50 minutes each Sunday. Students in 1st-6th grades enroll in two courses, each of which meets for about 75 minutes each Sunday. Students in 6th-11th grades enroll in one course, which meets for the entire 2½ hours. *Students in 6th grade may choose either format.*

Oak Forest: (Jan 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb 7)

Students in kindergarten explore diverse, challenging, creative subject areas in a single, self-contained classroom. Students in 1st-6th grades enroll in two courses, each of which meets for about 75 minutes each Sunday.

Burr Ridge: (Feb 14, 21, 28, Mar 7, 14)

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Eligibility Requirements

Returning Students: Applicants who previously have attended programs of The Center for Gifted are eligible upon our timely receipt of their applications and do not require teacher recommendations.

New Students: Any applicant who never has attended a program of The Center for Gifted must submit a completed and signed teacher recommendation form (see inside). It may be sent with application or separately.

Bright, motivated students from any city or educational setting, whether public, private, parochial, or home school, are eligible. Although applicants need not be enrolled in school gifted programs, achievement test scores of most Center for Gifted students rank at or above the 95th percentile in some areas.

We sensitively consider exceptions. Parents may request a conference with the Director regarding their child's particular circumstances.

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847-901-0173

To apply by mail, complete all items on the application herein and send it with the required full tuition to: **The Center for Gifted, Box 364, Wilmette, IL 60091**. Enrollment remains open until programs begin.

Parents are notified of enrollment status within two weeks after we receive their complete applications. Applications from new students are not complete until we also receive their teacher recommendations, which may be sent separately.

Students who are accepted are placed in classes on a rolling basis, per postmark or online dates of their applications. A week or two before programs begin, parents receive enrollment packets with individual class assignments, maps, directions, and information about our on-site parent seminars.

Payments • Refunds

Tuition per winter program is \$190 and is due in full with application. Make checks and money orders payable to **The Center for Gifted**, or complete the credit card authorization. Tuition *includes* a \$30 non-refundable application fee. Lab fees (see course descriptions) are payable on the first day of classes.

If a student withdraws from a program before it begins, a refund will be issued for tuition paid minus the \$30 non-refundable application fee. There are no credits or refunds for withdrawing or enrolling after a program begins, nor for absences for any reason. There are no sibling discounts.

We are happy to consider financial assistance for families who can demonstrate financial need. Please contact us for more information.

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

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

Wheeling - Grades: PreK - 11

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten

Science Puzzlers: Challenge the laws of physics and chemistry in a hands-on science lab.

World Travelers: Traverse the globe as each Sunday you explore a new country, its culture and customs, through creative activities.

Math Meets Literature: Math is everywhere! Discover creative approaches to math in great picture books, stories, and activities.

Winter Zoology: Hunt for animal tracks in the snow; prepare furry and feathered friends for winter.

Grades 1-6 (as indicated)

Creative Writing: Compose stories and poetry inspired by creative catalysts; get published in our creative writing magazine. [Grades 2-6](#)

Math Games and Puzzles: Explore mind-bending number games, puzzles, tricks, and riddles. [Grades 1-6](#)

Crazy Chemical Compounds: Concoct strange brews; cause weird chemical reactions. [Grades 1-2](#)

Crime Lab Chemistry: Reconstruct the crime scene; examine the clues; use crime lab technology to solve the case. [Grades 3-6](#)

Science and Stories of Ancient Egypt: How did mummification work? How were the pyramids built? How did science mingle with mythology? [Grades 1-6](#)

Lego Robotics I: Engineer computerized robots; employ gears, sensors, and motors. [Grades 3-6](#)

Lego Robotics II: Experienced students proceed directly to more complex challenges and programming. [Grades 4-6](#)

Computer Games Lab: Design, program, test, and play your own computer games! [Grades 4-6](#)

Chess Club: Analyze winning strategies, from openings schemes to end-game tactics. [Grades 1-6](#)

Dynamic Dramatics: Discover mime and improv; create and perform your own skits and scenes. [Grades 1-6](#)

The Art of Drawing: How can you draw what you see or imagine? Consider perspective, proportion, shading, etc. [Grades 1-6](#)

**** Please note:** *Although individual courses are offered to multiple grade levels, students generally are placed in classes with their age peers, so that the grade-level span of students in any one classroom usually will not exceed two years.*

Grades 6-11

Robotics I: Construct your own sound-activated robot. (Soldering required.) \$40 lab fee.

Robotics II: Construct Scrambler, Blinky, Copy Cat, and/or Digital Dice. (Soldering required.) \$60 lab fee.

Historic Games of Strategy and Diplomacy: Re-enact history through games of strategy, such as Britannia, Axis and Allies, India Rails, and History of the World.

Actors Workshop: Experiment with improv and build an ensemble; create characters and rehearse scenes; perform!

Oak Forest - Grades: K - 6

Kindergarten Forum: Explore interdisciplinary themes via creative activities, hands-on projects, and experiments.

Creative Writing: Compose stories and poetry inspired by creative catalysts; get published in our creative writing magazine. [Grades 2-6](#)

Geometric Design and Construction: Create Escherian designs; build polyhedra; develop geometric intuition. [Grades 1-6](#)

Crazy Chemical Compounds: Concoct strange brews; cause weird chemical reactions. [Grades 1-2](#)

Veggie Vertebrates: Create delectable models as you study the five classes of vertebrates with a fresh, creative approach. [Grades 1-2](#)

Intriguing Invertebrates: Investigate the metamorphosis of a mealworm; study sponges and more in a hands-on science lab. [Grades 3-6](#)

Biochemistry: Explore the chemistry of food through hands-on experiments. [Grades 3-6](#)

Lego Robotics: Engineer computerized robots; employ gears, sensors, and motors. [Grades 3-6](#)

Computer Games Lab: Design, program, test, and play your own computer games! [Grades 3-6](#)

Time Travel: Journey through time and space with Jack and Annie in hitherto unexplored spheres of adventure. [Grades 1-4](#)

Bid, Bargain, Sell! Play the market. Buy low; sell high. Will you make a million, or go bust? [Grades 4-6](#)

Theater Club: Play theater games; explore characters; perform scenes. [Grades 1-6](#)

Art Unlimited: Create multi-dimensional masterpieces of mixed media, methods, and muses. [Grades 1-6](#)

Burr Ridge -

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Creative Writing: Compose stories and poetry inspired by creative catalysts; get published in our creative writing magazine. [Grades 2-6](#)

Math to Boggle the Brain: Consider complex conundrums; challenge your logical reasoning; baffle your peers. [Grades 1-6](#)

Science Spies: Conduct hands-on investigations to uncover hidden principles of mystery solutions and ingredients. [Grades 1-2](#)

Soda Pop Science: Investigate serious scientific principles through fun soda pop experiments. [Grades 3-6](#)

Lego Robotics I: Engineer computerized robots; employ gears, sensors, and motors. [Grades 3-6](#)

Lego Robotics II: Experienced students tackle more complex challenges and programming. [Grades 4-6](#)

Computer Games Lab: Design, program, play, and test your own computer game! [Grades 3-6](#)

Le Français: Embark on an adventure in French conversation, culture, and cuisine. [Grades 1-6](#)

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APPLICATION: WORLDS OF WISDOM AND WONDER

WINTER 2010

Office Use Only: p _____ \$ _____ # _____ d _____ sa-\$ _____ s _____ rec pif _____

Please print. Complete a separate application for each child. You may photocopy this application. Mail with check, money order, or credit card authorization to: **The Center for Gifted; Box 364; Wilmette, IL 60091.** Call or email with questions: 847-901-0173; info@centerforgifted.org

Applicant's full name _____ Gender: male female Birth date: _____

Circle 09/10 grade level: PK K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 Name/city of current school _____

Has applicant attended a previous CFG program? Yes No Teacher recommendation is: enclosed to follow not req.

Name(s) of parent(s)/guardian(s) _____

Home address _____ City, state, zip _____

Home phone # _____ Cell phone # _____ Work phone # _____

Email address _____ May we share your contact information with families interested in carpooling? Yes No

Program and Course Selection:

Please indicate which program you wish to attend by checking the appropriate blank below. To select courses, review the course offerings, above. Be sure to note the program dates, location and grade levels for each course. We endeavor to place as many students as possible in their favorite courses; alternate choices are considered as scheduling and enrollment require.

Please note: Students in pre-k and kindergarten at **Wheeling** enroll in three courses; choose three favorites. Students in kindergarten at **Oak Forest** and **Burr Ridge** enroll in *Kindergarten Forum*, a single-classroom experience. They do not need to select courses. Simply indicate their program location below. Students in 1st-6th enrolling in two courses, choose two favorites and two alternates. Students in 6th-11th at **Wheeling** and **Burr Ridge** enrolling in one course, choose one favorite and one alternate.

Wheeling

Oak Forest

Burr Ridge

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| b. _____ | b. _____ | b. _____ |
| c. _____ | c. _____ | c. _____ |
| d. _____ | d. _____ | d. _____ |

I hereby grant The Center for Gifted permission to photograph my child and publish his/her work and any such photographs on its web site, in its publications, and in other media controlled or approved by The Center for Gifted. I will make no monetary or other claim against The Center for Gifted for its ethical and appropriate use of these items.

Signature of parent or legal guardian _____ Date _____

Payment of Tuition:

Application must include full tuition of \$190 per program via check, money order, or credit card authorization.

Total enclosed or authorized: \$ _____ for: \$190 for Wheeling \$190 for Oak Forest \$190 for Burr Ridge

Check one:

My check or money order for the above amount payable to The Center for Gifted is enclosed. (Include student's name on the memo line.)

Charge my credit card for the above amount:

Credit card type: American Express Discover MasterCard Visa

Credit card number _____ **CVV Code** _____

Name as appears on card _____ **Exp. Date** _____

Authorized signature _____ **Date** _____

detach here

Teacher Recommendation (new students only)

Worlds of Wisdom and Wonder

Winter 2010

PK K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Student's full name _____

Name & city of school _____

Circle student's current grade level _____

Is student in your school's gifted program?

yes no don't have one

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

Would you recommend this student for our program(s)?

yes no see comments

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

Standardized Achievement Testing:

Name of test: _____ Date administered: _____
 Scores: _____
 Total Reading _____ Total Language _____ Total Math _____
 Total Science _____ Total Battery _____ Other _____

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

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

Teacher's signature _____ Date _____