GAGE/GSU Summer Exploration 2015 Session
June 22 – 25, 2015
Monday - Thursday
Class Brochure

Classes: 8:30 am – 12 pm or 12:30 pm – 4 pm
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**** DEADLINE FOR SUMER EXPLORATION 2015 REGISTRATION IS JUNE 10, 2015

Location: Rocks Springs Elementary School, Lawrenceville

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Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders
ABOUT SATURDAY SCHOOL FOR SCHOLARS & LEADERS

Saturday is not your usual day for school, and the participants in Saturday School program are not usual students. Our wide variety of enrichment classes are designed to challenge participants, K-8th grade. All classes are held at Rock Spring Elementary School. The diverse curriculum is structured to offer educational opportunities emphasizing leadership, scholarship and cultural awareness.

Application Process
Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders is designed to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented children. Students may either receive Provisional or Full admission.

Provisional Admission is offered to all students for 1 year. Students receiving provisional admission may register for classes, but have one year from the date of initial application to provide evidence of meeting the admission criteria. Students who do not provide this evidence within the year time limit will not be allowed to remain in the program.

Full Admission to the program requires meeting the specific criteria for admission at the time of first application. In order to receive full admission, all students must have:

- Test Scores indicating a 90th percentile or above on a nationally normed ability or achievement test, or an IQ of 120 or above.
- A recommendation by school personnel or the testing psychologist.
- The recommendation and test scores must be submitted with the application and fee payment. All four components must be received before applicants can be admitted.

Students who have attended previous Saturday School sessions do not have to resubmit test scores and recommendations.

Applications will be accepted by mail, fax or online at http://education.gsu.edu/saturdayschool.

Tuition Fee
The cost is $175 for the entire session, which consists of four 3½ hour classes, to be paid in advance by check or money order (made payable to Georgia State University NOT Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders), or online, by credit card.

Registration/Cancellation Deadline
All applications must be received by the registration deadline, you are encouraged to submit applications before the deadline. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Please include two alternative choices because not every course listed in this brochure will be held due to minimum enrollment requirements. An application will be considered incomplete if all choices are not provided. If the preferred course is not available you will be automatically enrolled in the second or third choice. If all three of your choices are not available someone will contact you. Cancellations must be received in writing by the registration deadline in order to receive a full refund, (minus a $25 processing fee). For stop payments, there will be a returned check fee of $25. Please allow up to six weeks to receive a check refund. There will be no partial refunds after the deadline or for missed classes.

Acceptance Confirmation
Confirmation letters will be mailed about ten days prior to the beginning of the session. Please feel free to call us if you wish to confirm earlier. Late registrations will not receive a confirmation letter and may call for a confirmation.

Photo Release
By completing the registration form, parents give permission to the Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders program, to take photos and videos of their child for use in the program’s promotional activities and on the program’s website.

Summer Exploration 2015 REGISTRATION CALENDAR

April 20, 2015 – Registration Opens for Summer Exploration 2015 Session
June 10, 2015 – Registration Deadline for Summer Exploration 2015 Session
June 22, 2015 – Summer Exploration 2015 Session Begins

Classes have been divided according to grade level on the next page. You should use your child’s rising grade for summer registration

Following the class list, you will find the class descriptions in alphabetical
Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders
CLASS LISTINGS

MORNING CLASSES (8:30 am – 12 pm)

Primary II (2-3)
All the World’s a Stage
Anything Goes – The Power of Poetry
Art & Science of Wonder
Zoology 101

Middle (4-5)
Brain Games
Creative Computer Coding
Medieval Moments
Pecha Kucha – Have Fun with Public Speaking
Wonderful World of Water

Upper (6-8)
Ecology through the Eyes of Sea Turtles
Imagine It – Creative Writing
Movie Magic

AFTERNOON CLASSES (12:30 pm – 4:00 pm)

Primary II (2-3)
Brain Games
Creative Computer Coding
Zoology 101

Middle (4-5)
Anything Goes – The Power of Poetry
Art & Science of Wonder
Fun Ways to Learn About Anatomy
Movie Magic
Pecha Kucha – Have Fun with Public Speaking

Upper (6-8)
Imagine It – Creative Writing
Ocean Exploration
Simulation Fun

Primary II (PII) – 2nd and 3rd Grades
Middle (M) – 4th and 5th Grades
Upper (U) – 6th, 7th and 8th Grades
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Class Descriptions

All the World’s a Stage
Call all actors! Would you like to be in the spotlight? In this class, we’ll play theater games, do improvisation, perform monologues, and stage a production! From Shakespeare to Broadway, take a journey through time with your new thespian friends as we learn about theater and enjoy performing! This class will dramatically improve your summer! **Instructor:** Sherri Kaiser, Gifted Program Teacher

Anything Goes – The Power of Poetry
Hey, you! Yes, you! The one who has something to say! Do you want to escape from the world of LONG story writing and research? Join me on this journey where we learn about the POWER OF POETRY. Poetry speaks to the mind and heart. We will venture into a world where “a little goes a long way!” Poetry allows you to express yourself through creative writing and use of imagination. It also promotes literacy, builds community, and ignites our inner emotions. In this class, you will learn to read and write different types of poems, peer revise and edit, and share your work through a “Poetry Matters” Poetry Café. **Instructor:** Marla Parish, Literacy Instructional Coach.

Art and Science of Wonder
Why is the sky blue? How many people get stung by a bee each day? What can you mine in Minecraft? How tall is the tallest mountain? Have you ever wondered about anything? The Art and Science of Wonder class can help you learn how to find answers, develop new curiosities, and gain knowledge about the world around you. Using your own wonders, you will get to explore the endless possibilities of the world in which we live. Whether your passion is art, science, technology, or something else, this class will help guide you through the process of inquire and research to engage and inspire you. **Instructors:** Julie Anderson & Kara Gazaway, Advanced Content Teachers

Brain Games
The only way to grow your brain is to exercise it, so let’s get going! Join us for puzzles, games, and activities that will test and develop your brain power. Use multiple methods to find single and multiple solutions to challenging problems. Work individually and with others to practice your intuitive and inductive reasoning, visual thinking, math problem solving skills, creativity, and have fun! **Instructor:** Kathy Marks, Gifted Program Teacher
Creative Computer Coding
During this class students will use Code.org curriculum to explore computer science. Students will be able to explore the limitless world of computer programming. Students will work on computers to write code, and they will participate in “unplugged” activities to facilitate understanding of computer programming. **Instructor:** Alexis Harsh, Gifted Teacher

Ecology through the Eyes of Sea Turtles
Join in an exploration of ecology concepts as we venture into the life journey of one of Earth’s oldest reptiles...sea turtles. In doing so, learn about dangers faced by sea turtles during each phase of their lifespan. Examine ways to help save sea turtles from the threat of extinction. Investigate sea turtle species that nest off Georgia’s coast. Identify the adaptations that reveal the food source of each turtle and enable it to survive. Look into the nesting habits and sea turtle behavior. Through the use of Power Points, hands-on activities, video clips, articles, and children’s literature, discover information needed to create an interactive, keepsake booklet. **Instructor:** Betsy Frye, 7th grade Life Science Teacher

Fun Ways to Learn about Anatomy
Explore the interworking of the human body through the use of hands-on activities, games, and interactive experiences. Daily investigate different groups of body systems – skeletal, muscular, digestive, cardiovascular, nervous, and respiratory. Learn the parts and function of each system as well as how the systems work together to make a human thrive. Leave each day with an artifact reflecting your new knowledge. **Instructor:** Betsy Frye, 7th grade Life Science Teacher

Imagine It! Creative Writing
Have you ever wondered how authors create such vivid, lively and intense stories? Do you consider your stories to be just as lively and intense? Well, let’s go on an adventure and discover your true writing ability through a creative writing course. We will explore character study through introspection, setting and sensory details. We will create models of our imagination to connect to our stories and conclusively develop a book that will include the voices and stories of our class. Creative writing opens up a world filled with imagination and purpose. Let’s open up this world together! **Instructor:** Felisha Strong, 7th grade Gifted/Honors Teacher
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Medieval Moments
Enjoy a fully integrated experience by stepping back in time and enjoying moments from the Middle Ages. Design your own coat of arms using heraldic rules, design and build a catapult then siege a castle. Learn about plays from the Middle Ages and perform in one. Discover illuminated manuscripts, mix your own ink and try your hand at calligraphy. A true mix of social studies, science, math, and language arts is yours! **Instructor:** Julie McLendon, Middle School Teacher

Movie Magic
Have you ever read a book and said to yourself, “If only someone could make this into a movie.” Well, Ready? Set? ACTION! You are about to enter the world of film. In this class, you will have the opportunity to turn your favorite book into a digital movie trailer for all to see. You will also have the chance to create a movie theater poster to go with your trailer. So, get ready, Steven Spielberg is looking for an apprentice and it could be you! **Instructor:** Kimberly Adams, 4th grade Teacher

Ocean Exploration
Oceans cover two thirds of our planet and are full of marine animals. From fish to sharks and whales to crabs and octopuses to microscopic algae, marine wildlife is highly diverse. In this course students will explore all types of marine creatures and the ecosystems they live in. They will look at a variety of specimens and dissect a fish or squid. Time and resources permitting, they will observe some live specimens also. A $10 materials fee given to the instructor (checks payable to GSU) is required. **Instructor:** Jennifer Lovell, Science Teacher

Pecha Kucha: Have Fun with Public Speaking
Would you like to become a better public speaker? No matter where you fall on the fear of public speaker meter, this course will help you become a better public speaker. Pecha Kucha is a presentation style in which 20 slides are shown for 20 seconds each. Six minutes and 40 seconds in total. This format keeps presentations concise and fast-paced and allows for a fun and interactive presentation style. Students will build a presentation power point and speech throughout the week to be delivered on the last day. Activities and discussion topics will include: the art of storytelling, engaging with the audience, getting over nerves, and developing a presentation style. **Instructor:** Sheneka Mayes, 5th grade Teacher
Simulation Fun!
Learn science while having fun! Interactive simulations allow students to experience difficult concepts during play! Classes will spend a day each exploring Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Astronomy through computer models. Website locations will be provided so parents can enjoy these simulations with their children as well.
**Instructor:** Julie McLendon, Middle School Teacher

Wonderful World of Water
Have you ever considered the impact of water on life on Earth? Global climate change, overpopulation, and limitations on resources are all a major challenge in the future. Scientists and Engineers will have to create real solutions for these challenges opening up an exciting and new career field. In this course students will delve in hands on activities and labs that investigate the importance of water’s impact on our daily lives. **Instructor:** Jennifer Lovell, Science Teacher

Zoology 101
Students will explore the fascinating world of Zoology. They will care for 5 different live exotic and domestic animals - Russian Tortoise, Bearded Dragon, Guinea Pig, Cockatiel Baby Parrot, and Holland Lop Rabbit. The students will observe how animals communicate, learn about their habitat including geographic location, and study their behavior. They will gain an understanding of what it’s like to be a zookeeper and veterinarian. Students will participate in hands-on activities emphasizing creativity and scientific thinking. **Instructor:** Alexia Codispoti, Science Teacher
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Summer Exploration 2015 APPLICATION FORM

For on-line registration go to our web-site http://saturdayschool.education.gsu.edu

Use this form to pay by check via mail

Registration Deadline is June 10, 2015
☐ I have read and I accept the cancellation policy.

Student Name______________________
Address_______________________________________________________
City_________________________ State ___ Zip ______________

Emergency Contact Person (for Saturdays)

Emergency Telephone (Cell phone preferred) ___ ___-___-___-___
E-mail 1 ____________________________
E-mail 2 ____________________________

Birth Date ___/___/_____ Gender _____ Grade ________________
Special Needs (food allergies, hyperactivity, etc.) __________________________

Previous Student: YES (quarter & year) ________________ NO _______
School Name__________________________________________________
Public _____ Private _____ County _________________________________

Mother’s Name ___________________________ Day Phone _________________
Father’s Name ___________________________ Day Phone _________________

COURSE SELECTION
Morning Class

Preferred Course: ______________________________
Alt. Choice 1: ________________________________
Alt. Choice 2: ________________________________

Afternoon Class

Preferred Course: ______________________________
Alt. Choice 1: ________________________________
Alt. Choice 2: ________________________________

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To use a credit card, please follow the links on our website to the online registration form and GSU payment system. To pay by check please send this form and check, payable to Georgia State University, to us at the following address. Your application cannot be processed without the check.

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