GAGE-GSU Fall A 2015 Session
September 19, 26, October 3 & 10, 2015

Location: Craig Elementary School, 1075 Rocky Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Class Brochure

Class Time: 8:30AM - 12:00PM
Website: http://education.gsu.edu/saturdayschool
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**September 10, 2015 – DEADLINE FOR FALL A 2015 REGISTRATION

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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 on the downtown main campus under the supervision of the Department of Early Childhood Education. 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 only be accepted by online submission at http://education.gsu.edu/saturdayschool

Tuition Fee
The cost for the session is $175 (4 Saturdays). Please note that a 15% discount is available to Faculty, Alumni and Students of GSU. Only one discount may be applied. The Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders program is no longer accepting checks as a form of payment for our classes. Class tuition must now be paid by credit card. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Please visit our online application and register there.

Registration/Cancellation Deadline
All applications must be received by September 10, 2015 you are encouraged to submit applications before the deadline. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Cancellations must be received in writing before the registration deadline, September 10, 2015, in order to receive a full refund, (minus a $25 processing fee). There will be no partial refunds after the deadline or for missed classes.

Acceptance Confirmation
Confirmation letters will be e-mailed about 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.

Fall A 2015 REGISTRATION CALENDAR
August 1, 2015 – Registration Opens for Fall A 2015 Session
September 10, 2015 – Registration Deadline for Fall A 2015 Session
September 19, 2015 – Fall A 2015 Session Begins

Classes have been divided according to grade level on the next page.
CLASS LISTINGS FOR GAGE/GSU FALL A 2015

(Class Timings: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm)

Primary II (2-3)

Heading West: Pioneer Journeys
Plan and Build a New Toy
Roller Coaster Physics
Tech-Literacy
Zoology 101

Middle (4-5)

Brain Games
Creative Computer Coding
Ice Cream Shop
Ignite the Engineer in You!
Order in the Court

Upper (6-8)

SCAMPER
Imagine It! Creative Writing
Movie Magic
Poetry Coffeehouse

Find the class descriptions on the next page in an alphabetical order
Class Descriptions

**Brain Games** The only way to grow your mental dexterity is to exercise it, so let’s get going! Interact with engaging, yet challenging mathematics and reasoning puzzles. Similar to Brain Games, you will determine solutions to hilarious quandaries, reinforcing your reasoning skills and ability to devise and articulate alternate solutions! Work individually and with others to practice your intuitive and inductive reasoning, visual thinking, math problem solving skills, creativity, and have fun! Instructor: Anaya Bryson (5th Grade Gifted Teacher) Middle (4 & 5)

**Creative Computer Coding** Learn the basic concepts of computer science using Code.org curriculum. Use drag and drop programming to make your own Flappy Bird game. Learn to sequence instructions, write procedures, and utilize loops to solve levels. Explore ways to write code and participate in “unplugged” activities to facilitate understanding of computer programming. Gain the foundational understanding of creating computer games. Instructor: Alexis Harsh (4th & 5th Grade Language Arts Gifted Teacher) Middle (4 & 5)

**Heading West: Pioneer Journeys** Travel back in time to the 1800s and experience life on the American Frontier. Our class “wagon train” will experience triumphs and hardships as we learn about the journey west to begin a new life. Along the way, you will discover what it was like to be children of this era by playing games, creating crafts, making simple foods, keeping journals, and much more. Join us as we learn about history by experiencing it. Instructor: Andrea Witt (1st – 5th Grade Gifted Program Teacher) Primary II (2 & 3)

**Ice Cream Shop** Everyone loves ice cream! Now is your chance to open your very own ice cream shop. You’ll have an opportunity to create your own menu, make your favorite flavor and more. There are some things you need to do so your shop will be a success such as research and planning. You will learn about the history of ice cream, different shops and creameries, take a survey to learn about favorite ice cream flavors, as well as graph results. You will also have the opportunity to set up a social media website to help you advertise your shop. Instructor: Stephanie Bischoff (6th Grade Math Gifted Teacher) Middle (4 & 5)
Ignite the Engineer in You! Are you up for some STEM challenges? Can you make an egg float, a car out of a balloon, a ping pong ball levitate in mid-air, or help out fairy tale characters using your own inventions? In this class you will be doing many STEM competition challenges with an engineering focus to solve real life situation using critical thinking, observations, exploration, and teamwork. Become an engineer and join all the fun. Instructor: Roxanne Peake (5th Grade Gifted Teacher) Middle (4 & 5)

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) Upper (6, 7 & 8)

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 (8th grade Gifted Social Studies Teacher) Upper (6, 7 & 8)

Order in the Court “Order in the Court… and you are the judge!” You will act as judge, jury, attorney, defendant or witness in a case against notorious criminals from classic literature like Goldilocks. As you take your case to trial, you will present facts, learn how prosecutors and defense attorneys question witnesses, and discover how juries examine the evidence to reach their decisions. Instructor: Sonja Fox (K – 5th Grade Gifted Program Teacher) Middle (4 & 5)

Plan and Build a New Toy Would you like to join the LEGO Company to plan and assemble another toy? If so, you will manufacture a model, plan a magazine notice, and make a business with LEGO’s Design Team. This synergistic, hands-on action advances teambuilding, literacy, critical thinking, and creativity. Instructor: Bernita Houston (Instructional Coach) Primary II (2 & 3)
Poetry Coffeehouse  Explore poetry and create your own poetry. Use PowerPoint to share with your peers in the form of Poetry Coffeehouse. We will revisit the sixties and a “beatnik” style production. You can dress the part if you choose! Join us for the fun and express your creative side! Instructor: Mary O’Rourke (7th Grade Gifted Language Arts Teacher) Upper (6, 7 & 8)

Roller Coaster Physics  Did you know that roller coasters are carefully designed using the science of physics? Learn how physics makes a roller coaster ride fun by understanding the laws of motion, force, energy, gravity, friction and speed. Become a detective and understand why some roller coasters in a theme park are not functioning properly and pose ways to fix them. Once you and your team become experts, you will design your own roller coaster! Instructor: Nicole Lore (K-5 Gifted Program Teacher) Primary II (2 & 3)

SCAMPER  Are you ready to SCAMPER? I bet that’s a word you don’t hear every day. Did you know many of our world’s most fantastic inventions are a result of SCAMPERING! Are you creative enough to start with a pencil and end with a dinosaur? What about turning a skateboard into a phone? WHAT? I bet you can! Let’s SCAMPER together and be ready to mesmerize us with a SCAMPER GALLERY at the end our time together. Instructor: Ginger Sparks (6th Grade Gifted Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher) Upper (6, 7 & 8)

Tech-Literacy  Learn computer writing skills using Microsoft Word; share your ideas using Power Point presentation. Gain an understanding on how to create computer generated graphs using Excel and a newsletter using Publisher. Tech-Literacy provides computer skills that allow you to creatively “express yourself” using Microsoft Office and online presentations such as Prezi and Glogster. Discover the magic of computer communication! Instructor: Nicole Landon (4th & 5th Grade Language Arts Gifted Teacher) Primary II (2 & 3)

Zoology 101  This course will provide an intriguing biological overview study of the physiology, anatomy, behavior, origin, ecology, diet and distribution of the following distinctly classified live exotic and domestic animals: Bearded dragon, Russian tortoise, Cockatiel baby parrot, Guinea Pigs, Holland Lop rabbit and Caribbean crabs. You will observe how animals communicate, learn about their habitat including geographic location, and study their behavior. In addition, you will conduct a mini research project and shall present their findings on the last day. Instructor: Alexia Codispoti (K – 5th Grade Science Teacher) Primary II (2 & 3)
Registration for the Saturday School for Scholars and Leaders program is now completely online. We will no longer be accepting paper applications. In addition, we are no longer accepting checks as a form of payment for any of our classes. Class tuition must now be paid by credit card only. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Please visit our online application link given below for registration: http://saturdayschool.education.gsu.edu/