

WKU

The Center for Gifted Studies



The Summer Camp for
Academically Talented Middle School Students

June 9 - 21, 2013



SCATS is about making new friends, exploring f

Qualifications

In order to apply, you must meet the following criteria:

- You **must** be nominated by a teacher, counselor, or principal.
- You **must** be in grade 6, 7, or 8 during the 2012-2013 school year.
- You **must** show high interest/achievement in one or more content areas.
- You **are** eligible for services as a gifted child **or** have an IQ score of 125 or above; **or** have a score at or above the 90th percentile on the total battery **or** at or above the 95th percentile on the total mathematics or language/reading section of the most recent achievement test **or** have scored at the distinguished level on performance measures.

Tuition

The cost for SCATS 2013 is **\$1,800 for residential campers** — this amount includes all costs except spending money. The cost for SCATS 2013 **for nonresidential campers is \$900**. This amount includes instructional activities, weekday lunches, and the dinner and dance on the last Thursday evening. Nonresidential students do not participate in after-class activities except for the talent show and the final dinner and dance.

A **deposit of \$200** must be included with the completed application. The deposit will not be refunded once you have been accepted. Make checks payable to The Center for Gifted Studies. The balance of the registration fee is due on or before May 15, 2013.

The application must be completed and signed by the student, parent or guardian, and the school official nominating you. You will be sent additional information regarding SCATS prior to your arrival.

Application Deadlines

Applications will be accepted in the order they are received. Enrollment for residential students is limited to 200; nonresidential students are limited to 40.

Selection and Course Assignments

You will take four classes from a wide array of choices that include art, computer science, foreign language, literature, writing, mathematics, music, science, and social studies. The course selections will be mailed in May. The courses will be available on The Center's website at that time as well. Then you will rank order your top 10 choices. We will try to accommodate your top choices whenever possible. On the first day of camp, you will receive a schedule listing your classes, times, and locations.

Each class meets for one-and-a-half hours each weekday for a total of six hours of daily instruction. Teachers are WKU professors and other experienced educators who are interested in teaching academically talented students.

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Residential/Nonresidential

You will have a choice between being a resident, who stays on campus and sleeps in a residence hall during the camp, or a nonresident, who travels to and from campus each day.

As a residential camper, you will live in an air-conditioned residence hall with residential counselors who will be involved in activities with you and your fellow campers when you are not in class. In the evenings and on weekends you will participate in a variety of cultural, educational, and recreational activities, which include cookouts, a dance, and a talent show. There will be many opportunities for you to enjoy getting to know young people with similar abilities and interests.

Residential Supervision

Every 12 to 16 campers will have a residential counselor who is responsible for supervising your conduct and activities when not in class. The counselors will plan, implement, and supervise individual and group recreational activities for you in the evenings and on weekends.

Because the staff will work closely with you, great care has been taken in selecting residential counselors and other faculty and staff for the summer programs

“ I love that we get to learn stuff that we wouldn't get to learn in regular school. ”

offered by The Center. If you have any special needs — physical, educational, social, or dietary — we will do all that we can to help.

Meals

Meals will be eaten together on campus. A variety of fruits, salads, vegetables, meats, and beverages is available at each meal. All meals are included in the tuition for residential campers. Lunch is included in the tuition for nonresidential campers.

Recreation

There will be planned activities every evening and on weekends. Evening activities range from sports and games to crafts and imaginative events. A dinner and dance will be held on the last Thursday night for all campers. All campers also have the opportunity to participate in the talent show.

Code of Conduct

You and your parents will be asked to sign a Code of Conduct statement. This Code states that you will abide by the rules of the camp and by the standards of conduct set forth by the staff, your teachers, and your counselors.

The experience of SCATS is all about reminding young people who are gifted and talented that learning can be fun and engaging. SCATS provides a diverse curriculum and a wide range of enrichment experiences for 200 residential students and 40 nonresidential students every summer. Students choose four classes ranging from arts and humanities to mathematics and sciences. With a vast array of course options, students are able to explore a variety of interests in their camp experience.

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Start here

Each summer of SCATS brings excitement. Campers are excited to meet the challenges of their classes. Teachers are excited to present new ideas in refreshing ways. Counselors are excited to mentor the next generation of gifted learners. A past SCATS camper said, "I've gained new friends and memories to last a lifetime. I've learned that stage-fright is just in your head. It was one of the best times of my life."

SCATS: Join the Excitement!

Send Application and Requests for Additional Information to

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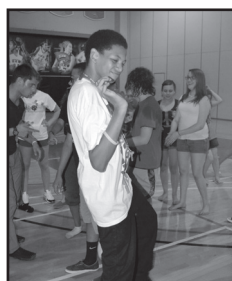
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2013 Summer Camp for Academically Talented Middle School Students

Student Full Name _____ Preferred Name _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Gender M or F Grade in 2012-2013 _____

School _____ School District _____

Permanent mailing address _____

_____ number street apartment number
_____ Student Email _____
city state zip

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Mother/Guardian _____ Father/Guardian _____

_____ employer _____ employer

_____ occupation _____ occupation

_____ address (if different from student) _____ address (if different from student)

_____ home phone business phone _____ home phone business phone

_____ email cell phone _____ email cell phone

Has the student or anyone in the family participated in any of our programs? ___ Yes ___ No Please list by participant and program.

I give permission for my local newspaper to be notified of my child's participation in SCATS at Western Kentucky University:
___ Yes ___ No Name of newspaper _____

Can the student participate in normal physical activities? ___ Yes ___ No (If no, explain on an attached sheet.)

___ Residential ___ Nonresidential Deposit of \$200: Check # _____ T-Shirt size (adult): S M L XL XXL

A STUDENT MUST BE NOMINATED BY A TEACHER, COUNSELOR, OR PRINCIPAL.

Criteria for Student Nomination

1. Student is in grade 6, 7, or 8 during the 2012-2013 school year.
2. Student has shown high interest/achievement in one or more content area(s).
3. Student is eligible for services as a gifted child **or** has an IQ score of 125 or above. **or** Student has a score at or above the 90th percentile on the total battery **or** at or above the 95th percentile on the total mathematics or language/reading section of the most recent achievement test **or** has scored at the distinguished level on performance assessment measures.

MY SIGNATURE VERIFIES THAT THE STUDENT BEING NOMINATED MEETS ALL OF THE ABOVE CRITERIA.

Signature of Educator

Position

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Student



An additional check made out to the WKU Foundation/Talent Development is enclosed.
Tax-deductible donations provide scholarships for children who cannot otherwise participate.

Amount of donation: \$ _____ Thank you!

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Travel in France *May 27 - June 5, 2013*

Eighth grade and high school honors students will explore the history, pageantry, and culture of France during this travel/study tour. Sites in and outside of Paris will be visited, and interested adults are welcome.

Summer Program for Verbally and Mathematically Precocious Youth (VAMPY) *June 23 - July 13, 2013*

Students currently enrolled in grades seven through 10 can qualify for VAMPY by taking the ACT or SAT as a seventh grader and scoring at or above the average for college-bound seniors. In this three-week residential summer program, students spend six hours a day in a challenging, hands-on academic environment.

The Summer Camp *July 15 - 19, 2013*

This day camp is for children currently in grades one through four. Hands-on, minds-on instruction will engage these students in learning at high levels.

Fall Break in Germany *October 4 - 13, 2013*

This travel/study tour is an opportunity for eighth grade and high school honors students as well as interested adults to spend fall break learning about the history, culture, and people of Germany.

Fall and Winter Super Saturdays *Dates to be announced*

Saturday classes allow high-ability and high-interest first through eighth graders to broaden the scope of their interests and interact with other bright young people on WKU's campus and at the Kentucky Science Center (formerly the Louisville Science Center).

TO VIEW A VIDEO ON SCATS AND VAMPY, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.WKU.EDU/GIFTED