

REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print Clearly or Register Online at:
www.wvwc.edu/summergifted

Student Name	
Sex	Rising Grade
Name of School	
Name of Standardized Test Taken or Gifted Teacher Name	Verbal or Math Score (if applicable)
Parent Name(s) and Mailing Address	
Phone 1:	Phone 2:
Parent E-Mail Address	
Teacher E-Mail Address	
Student E-Mail Address	
Special Considerations	
How did you hear about us?	
Parent Signature: _____	

A \$200 deposit is required with the registration form. The remainder of the fee is due at final registration on campus on June 19, 2011. The deposit is refundable until June 1, 2011. No refund can be made after the program begins.

Please make check payable to:
Wesleyan Summer Gifted Program
 West Virginia Wesleyan College
 Campus Box 122
 Buckhannon, WV 26201

Location and Access

The Wesleyan Summer Gifted Program takes place on the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan College, which is located in Buckhannon in central West Virginia. Buckhannon is linked to Interstate 79 by twelve miles of four-lane highway. The Interstate system provides easy access to Buckhannon from Washington, DC, Charleston, WV, and Pittsburgh, PA.



Fees and Financial Aid

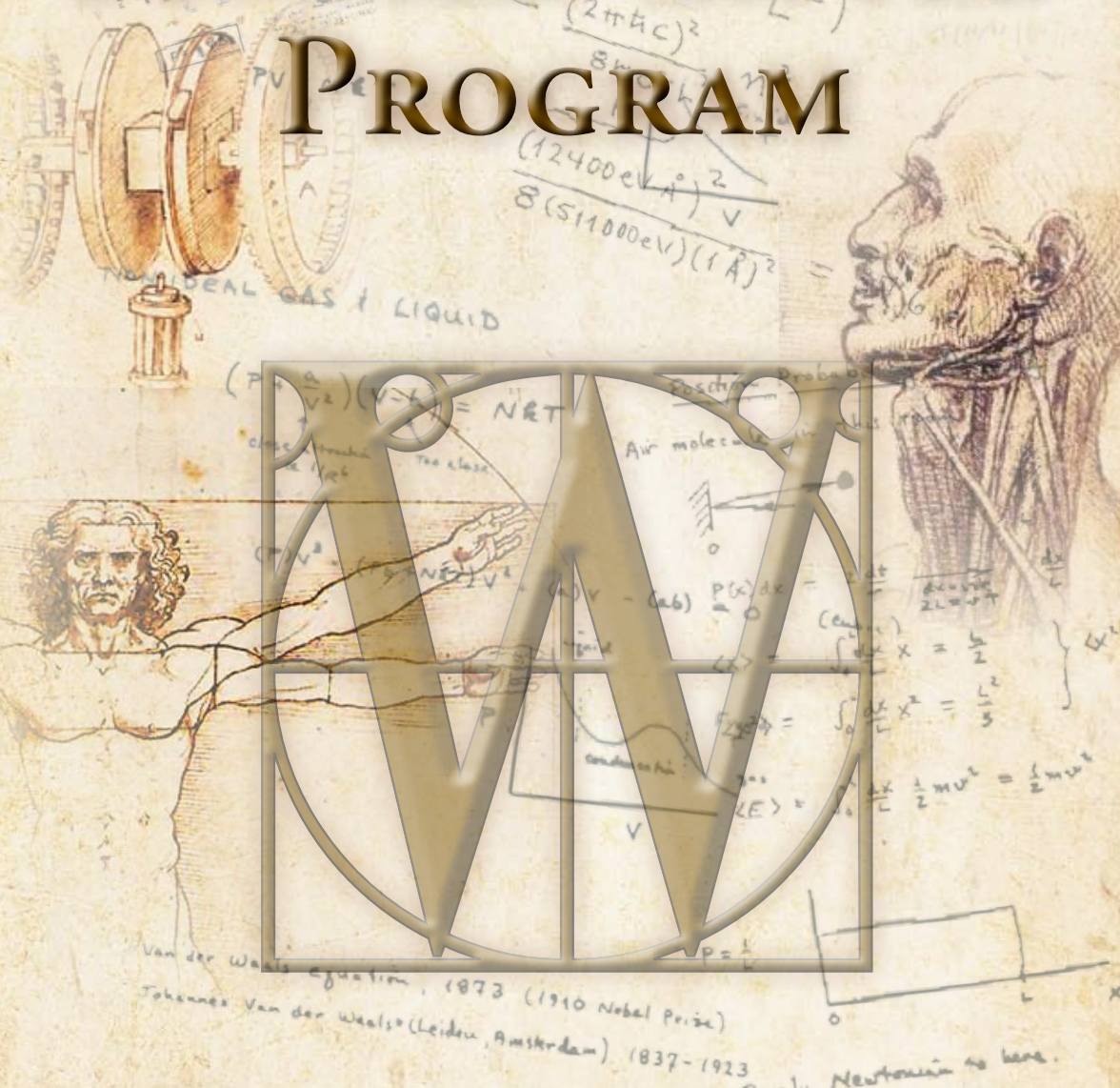
The fee is \$1,200 for the two-week session. This includes room and board, tuition, all learning materials, and all activities. This fee also entitles the student to use all recreational facilities on campus without further charge; including the campus pool, playing fields, and gymnasium. Students should bring a small amount of spending money for snacks and souvenirs.

Limited financial aid may be available based upon financial need via a grant from the NASA West Virginia Space Grant Consortium. Please contact us for further information regarding scholarship eligibility.

Visit us at our website:
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Established in 1983, the Wesleyan Summer Gifted Program is committed to fostering the quantitative, verbal, and social development of gifted adolescents in grades five through twelve. Now in our 29th consecutive year, we offer fast-paced, accelerated courses taught by college professors who possess special interests in the education of gifted students.

Top college students are trained by our experienced housing and residence life staff in order to serve as camp counselors, residential assistants, and one-on-one tutors with camp participants. Our staff members are familiar with the needs of gifted children and aim to provide supervision as well as individual attention for every student. Enrollment is limited to facilitate a student-teacher ratio of approximately 10:1.

Quantitative • Verbal • Social

A major component of our curriculum focuses on integrating mathematics, physics, and computer science. Students visit the planetarium on campus in Christopher Hall of science, perform physics experiments, learn mathematical concepts to solve equations and analyze data, then use computer programming to model real-world problems.

Students gain a practical understanding of Newton's Laws and the principles of algebra and geometry that are the foundations of our more advanced courses for older students. By gaining knowledge of subjects that are traditionally taught over several years, students quickly grasp the relationships between math and science and are empowered to comprehend challenging and increasingly more difficult topics at a young age.

With the goal of increasing verbal skills, we emphasize in-class discussion, use of library resources, oral presentations, and written essays in both creative writing and social studies courses. A unit on poetry and prose is included, and reading is often assigned to be completed before the program begins. Although formal letter grades are not used, feedback is given in the form of written comments on papers and informal conferences with parents at the end of the program. Pre-tests and post-tests are also used to assess progress in our program. Students typically excel in this academic setting where they are surrounded by peers with similar talents and abilities.



Campus Life • Recreation

The Summer Gifted Program is located on West Virginia Wesleyan College's tree-shaded campus. Wesleyan's campus is one of the most beautiful in the East, and is the site of many conferences every summer. The campus is arranged such that the dorms, dining hall, classrooms, gym, library, and playing fields are all within a few minutes' walk. Our campus setting is ideal for a youngster away from home for the first time.



Students will be housed in the newly-renovated Fleming Hall. Remodeled in 2009, Fleming features air-conditioned, suite-style living, with a social lounge and laundry room on each floor.



While not in class, students are encouraged to take every opportunity to enjoy a break from their rigorous academic schedule. Group activities such as tennis, volleyball, swimming, soccer, and basketball are organized with an emphasis on fun and participation. Recreation is also



scheduled for the weekend so that supervised students may enjoy a movie on campus or a short trip to a local park.



Eligibility

Gifted students who are in any of grades five through twelve are eligible for the Wesleyan Summer Gifted Program. A student who has been tested by his or her school and declared gifted, or who scores at the 97th percentile or above on the verbal or mathematics section of a standardized achievement test, is considered gifted for the purposes of our program. Please note that enrollment in a school gifted program is not a requirement for participation in the Wesleyan Summer Gifted Program.

Creativity... the ultimate expression of giftedness

The creative process is stressed both directly and indirectly in our program. We often invite guests from the community to share their work with our students. During recent years a variety of artists including poets, film producers, watercolorists, and potters have all made presentations.

We place a spotlight on student creativity with a talent show on the last evening of the program. While participation is not mandatory, many students practice their acts during free time and perform a skit, sing, dance, or play a musical instrument on stage. We are continually impressed with the multi-faceted talents of our gifted students as they complete their two weeks in our program.



Our Faculty

Dr. Joseph Wiest, Professor and former Chair of the Department of Physics and Engineering at West Virginia Wesleyan College, is the founder and consultant of the program. He has taught computer science, physics, and mathematics to gifted children from third grade through high school.

Nathan Sams, currently serving as director of the Summer Gifted Program, holds a Master's degree in mathematics, as well as Bachelor's degrees in math and chemistry from West Virginia University. Nathan is a mathematics instructor at West Virginia Wesleyan College and has tutored gifted children for nearly two decades.

Dr. Kwame Boateng served as director of the program for many years. He is Associate Professor

of Political Science and International Relations at West Virginia Wesleyan College, and a United States Institute of Peace Scholar.

Dr. Trevor Stevens is Assistant Professor of Physics at West Virginia Wesleyan College. An avid reader of classical literature and science fiction, he became interested in science as a boy by watching "Star Trek" and "Dr. Who" on television. Dr. Stevens specializes in particle physics and cosmology.

Dr. Eric Waggoner is Associate Professor of American Literature and Cultural Studies at West Virginia Wesleyan College. His academic publications have appeared in several journals and book collections. In addition to his academic writing, for several years Dr. Waggoner has written film and music journalism for a variety of publications. He is currently a contributing writer for *Magnet* magazine and *Blurt Online*.

Sample Daily Schedule

Specific topics vary depending upon grade level.

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast in French A. See Dining Center
- 9:00-9:50 **Mathematics:** Applications of algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and calculus. A functional approach to problem-solving. Nathan Sams
- 10:00-10:50 **Modern Physics:** An introduction to mechanics, thermodynamics, electricity, magnetism, and light. Applications in astrophysics and atomic physics with laboratory experiments. Dr. Trevor Stevens
- 11:00-11:50 **Computer Science:** An introduction to computer programming with applications. Modeling and problem-solving using Java and other languages. Dr. Joseph Wiest
- 12:00-12:50 Lunch in French A. See Dining Center
- 1:00-1:50 **History and Contemporary Issues:** An introduction to modern China, India, Japan, and/or Russia. Discussion of major events, cultures, and peoples of the past, as well as those shaping our world today. Dr. Kwame Boateng
- 2:00-3:50 **Creative Writing:** Techniques of poetry and prose from classic and contemporary authors. Original student work with oral presentations and peer review. Dr. Eric Waggoner
- 4:00-5:00 Free Hour
- 5:00-6:00 Dinner in French A. See Dining Center
- 6:00-8:00 Group Activities
- 8:00-9:00 Supervised Study Hall
- 9:00-11:00 Quiet Time
- 11:00 Lights Out

Please note that students are grouped into the following separate programs:

- Journey to the Center of the Earth – 5th & 6th grades
- Intermediate – 7th & 8th grades
- Advanced – 9th & 10th grades
- College Preparatory – 11th & 12th grades