

## **SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES IN CENTRAL OHIO FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADES 6-8**

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Please research summer opportunities that you might be considering to determine if they would be enriching experiences for the student.

### **Academics**

Camp: **Columbus Academy** (day)

Age: Grades Pre K – 12

Program: Various camps for each age group in academics, arts, and athletics. Prices vary by camp

Visit: <http://www.columbusacademy.org/page/quicklinks/summer-experience#>

Camp: **Wellington School Summer Options** (day)

Age: Grades Pre K – 12

Dates: Mid-June through Mid-August. Online preview of the summer camp available late January.

Program: Half day and whole day options available, camp options in arts, academics, sports. Registration opens beginning of February.

Visit: <http://www.wellington.org/student-life/summer/>

Camp: **Camp Recky** (day)

Age: Grades K – 8

Program: Includes topics such as diving, rock climbing, adventure, photography, arts, environment, culinary arts, teen leadership. Camp information available beginning of February.

Visit: <http://recsports.osu.edu/community-programs/youth-family-programs/summer-camp-recky-completed-grades-k-8>

Camp: **OWJL** (residential)

Age: Grades 6 – 8

Dates: June and July.

Program: academic camp for students who score in the 95<sup>th</sup> national percentile in math or reading on measures of academic achievement, or who have otherwise demonstrated exceptional talent, creativity, or leadership. The camp is located at the Ohio Wesleyan University Campus, about 40 minutes north of Columbus. Cost is \$645 with some need-based scholarships available. Applications must be postmarked by January 31, or hand delivered by 4:30 on February 1.

Visit: <http://owj.owu.edu> or call 1-740-368-3939

Camp: **Wright State University** (residential)

Age: Grades 6 – 9

Dates: Vary. Online registration is now open.

Program: Camps are for academically and artistically talented students who have a strong interest in archaeology, engineering, computer technology, creative writing, leadership, mathematics, photography, science, theatre arts, digital design, and more. Wright State is located near Dayton, about 1 ½ hours from Columbus.

Visit: <http://www.wright.edu/academics/precollege> or call 1-937-775-3135

### **Language**

Camp: **Summer Linguistic Institute for Youth Scholars (SLIYS)** (day or residential)

Age: Grades 8-12

Dates: Late June through mid-July. Application deadline is May 31.

Program: Pronounced 'SLICE' – a weeklong program focused on improving foreign language skills. The cost is \$750 residential and \$425 commuter. Scholarships are available.

Visit: <http://linguistics.osu.edu/sliys>

Camp: **Foreign Language Camp** (residential)

Age: Grades 3-8

Program: Focus on languages and culture; Arabic, Chinese, French, German Russian or Spanish. Approximate cost is \$475. Camp is in Bellville, Ohio. Scholarships are available.

Dates: June

Visit: <http://www.campofla.org/>

### **Literature**

Camp: **Thurber House Summer Writing Camp** (day camp)

Age: Rising 2nd-8th graders

Program: Located in downtown Columbus, Thurber House sponsors a variety of daytime summer creative writing camps. Registration opens in spring. Dates and prices vary by camp. A few need-based scholarships are available.

Visit: Call 614-464-1032, ext. 15, or visit <http://www.thurberhouse.org/summer-camps/>

### **Music & Arts**

Camp: **Baldwin Wallace Camps** (day or residential)

Age: Grades 4-9

Dates: late June

Program: Piano camp, String Camp, Band Camp, Music Theater Camp.

Visit: <http://www.bw.edu/academics/conservatory/outreach/smp/pianocamp/>

Camp: **Piano Institute at Kent State University** (residential)

Age: Grades 7-12

Dates: Mid-June

Program: The Piano Institute offers a unique combination of lessons, master classes and performance opportunities. Students from all over the world will converge on the campus of Kent State for 10 days of inspiration, learning and application.

Visit: <http://www.kent.edu/cde/youth/piano-institute>

Camp: **Strings at OSU** (day)

Age: Grades 4-9, 4<sup>th</sup> with at least 1-year of playing experience

Dates: Usually in mid-June .Registration deadline is mid-May.

Program: OSU Youth Summer Music Program day camp. Registration fee is \$285. Daily Workshop is from 9AM-noon. For questions contact Dr. Robert Gillispie @ [Gillespie.5@osu.edu](mailto:Gillespie.5@osu.edu) or call 292-2336.

Visit: <https://music.osu.edu/morning-strings>

Camp: **Middle School Concert Band Academy at OSU** (day)

Age: Rising 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> graders

Dates: Late June. Registration deadline is end of May/beginning of June.

Program: Week-long program specifically designed for middle-level concert band musicians to enrich their understanding of music in an enjoyable, non-competitive and positive atmosphere. Instrumentation is limited, so all are encouraged to register early. This program traditionally reaches capacity before the deadline. The first 100 students who have registered, paid and submitted required forms are accepted.

Visit: <http://music.osu.edu/msband-academy>

Camp: **Columbus Children's Theatre:** (day)

Age: Grades 8-12

Program: Daytime week-long programs focusing on drama and music in various locations. For additional information, visit: <http://www.columbuschildrenstheatre.org/> or call 614- 224-6672.

Camp: **Columbus College of Art & Design** (day)

Program: Creative Summer Workshops

Visit: <http://www.ccad.edu/cefinder/results?audience=Student&all=Student> or call 614-222-3248

Camp: **King Art Complex** (day)

Age: 5-13 years

Program: Students participate in a variety of theme based weeks. Focus on leadership, dance, theater, visual arts, music, field trips, and guest artists.

Visit: <http://kingartscomplex.com/summer-camp> or call 614-645-0626.

Camp: **Franklin Park Conservatory** (day)

Age: 5-13 years

Program: Daytime programs in nature and art for students. Dates and prices vary according to selected camp.

Visit: <http://www.fpconservatory.org/The-Experience/Classes/For-Kids/Summer-Camps> or call 614-715-8022

Camp: **Ohio Craft Museum** (day)

Program: Craft workshops for students in all grades. Sessions are full or half days. Registration fee and dates vary by camp. Summer camp information should be available by mid-February.

Visit: <http://ohiocraft.org/education/childrens-workshops/>

Camp: **Delaware County Cultural Arts Center** (day)

Program: Year-round and Summer Classes and Workshops

Visit: <http://artscastle.org/> or call 740-369-2787

## **Sports & Recreation**

Camp: **4-H Camps** (day and residential)

Ages: Grades 1-12

Programs: Various outdoor education and youth development activities throughout Ohio and the mid-west for 4-H members and non 4-H members.

Visit: <http://www.ohio4h.org/4-h-camps>

Camp: **Camp Recky** (day camps)

Ages: Grade K-8

Program: Ohio State camps include: sports, swimming, diving, rock climbing, photography, arts, and environmental, culinary and teen leadership. Information available online February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Visit: <http://recsports.osu.edu/community-programs/youth-family-programs/summer-camp-recky-completed-grades-k-8>

Camp: **Learning in Fitness & Education through Sports** (Life Sports) (day camp)

Ages: 9-15

Dates: Mid-June through early July.

Programs: FREE 4 week-long sports camp which includes education and instruction for students in baseball, basketball, football, softball, golf, gymnastics, hockey, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling.

Visit: <http://www.osulifesports.org/parents-families/summer-camp/>

## **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)**

Camp: **Wilde Camp at the Wilds** (residential)

Age: 8-18

Located about 2 hours east of Columbus

Program: Work with wildlife, conservation, and explore careers in wildlife. Registration is now open. Cost varies depending on the camp.

Visit: <https://thewilds.columbuszoo.org/home/discover/wildcamp>

Camp: **COSI** (day)

Age: Grades K-12<sup>th</sup>

Program: Science camps for grades K-12

Visit: <http://www.cosi.org/families/camp-cosi/> or call 228-COSI (2674).

Camp: **B-Wiser Institute** (residential)

Age: Rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Dates: Usually mid-June. The application is due mid-April.

Program: For academically talented **girls** who are interested in earth science, energy conservation, physics, life science, or robotics. The camp is at the College of Wooster, located about 2 hours from Columbus. The cost is \$475 with some need-based scholarships available.

Visit: <http://bwiser.spaces.wooster.edu/> or email [mkilpatrick@wooster.edu](mailto:mkilpatrick@wooster.edu) or call 1-330-263-2101 (Mary Kilpatrick).

Camp: **Be-Wise Camp** (residential)

Age: Rising 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Dates: mid-June.

Program: Denison University camp for **girls** who are interested in technology, math or science. The camp is located about 45 minutes from Columbus

Visit: [www.bewisecamp.org](http://www.bewisecamp.org) or email JoAnn Benseler at [joannbenseler@yahoo.com](mailto:joannbenseler@yahoo.com)

Camp: **Camp GEMS** (residential)

Age: Grades 6-7

Dates: Mid-July.

Program: A 4-day residential camp for high-achieving **girls** with an interest in computers, engineering, math or science. The camp is at Ohio Northern University, about 2 hours from Columbus and includes hands-on activities, career explorations, etc. Camp cost: \$325.

Visit: [http://www.onu.edu/engineering/k12\\_outreach/camp\\_gems](http://www.onu.edu/engineering/k12_outreach/camp_gems) or contact Professor Laird at 1-419-772-2421 or [l-laird@onu.edu](mailto:l-laird@onu.edu) for information.

Camp: **Camp Invention** (day)

Age: Grades 1-6

Dates: varies

Program: The nationally-acclaimed program inspires creative, inventive thinking and allows children to solve problems together.

Location: various locations throughout greater Columbus

Visit: <http://campinvention.org/>

Camp: **iD Tech Camp** (day and residential)

Age: 7-17

Date: various dates June-July

Program: Weeklong courses in programming with Java™, C++, Python™, Scratch, and more, app development with iPhone® and Android™, Minecraft, FPS and RPG game design, robotics engineering with VEX® and LEGO®, 3D modeling & animation, filmmaking, photography, and web design. Course offerings vary by site; Ohio sites include Ohio State University, Xavier University, and Case Western Reserve University. Cost: starts at \$849

Visit: <https://www.idtech.com/locations/ohio-summer-camps/columbus/id-tech-ohio-state-university/>

Camp: **Summer Laureate** (day)

Age: Grades 3-8

Date: TBD

Program: Day program at University of Dayton with sessions in engineering, invention, and technology.

Contact: Dr. Lelia C. Boyd, Director, at (513) 753-9143 or email [ellenclarke31@yahoo.com](mailto:ellenclarke31@yahoo.com)

Camp: **City of Columbus Summer Camps (varies)** (day)

Age: varies

Program: Center activities and outdoor camps available. Summer Fun brochure available online mid-February. Contact: Contact Wendy Frantz at [wmfrantz@columbus.gov](mailto:wmfrantz@columbus.gov) for additional information.

Visit: <https://www.columbus.gov/recreationandparks/programs/2016-Summer-Camps/>

Camp: **Columbus Zoo Summer Experience** (residential or day)

Age: Grades K-10

Program: Science and animal studies. Grades 5-7 may spend the night. Price varies. Program is open for registration.

Visit: [www.columbuszoo.org](http://www.columbuszoo.org) – choose: Discover - Learn at the Zoo, Summer Camp or visit: <https://reservations.columbuszoo.org/Info.aspx?EventID=506>

Camp: **GRASP Physics and Sports Camp - OSU** (day)

Age: Grades 6-9 (**girls**)

Dates: TBD (Updated information should be available by February 1)

Program: GRASP-Girls Reaching to Achieve in Sports and Physics is a 5-day camp for **girls** who have a strong ability in science and interest in sports. Only 30 campers will be accepted.

Visit: <http://www.physics.ohio-state.edu/undergrad/GRASP> Contact Robin Patterson at [Patterson.716@osu.edu](mailto:Patterson.716@osu.edu).

**Camp: OSU Technology Mentoring for Young Women**

Age: Grades 6-8

Dates: TBD (Updated information should be available on the website late January).

Program: Create digital animation projects. Free. Detailed application process for selective admission.

Visit: <http://accad.osu.edu/womenandtech/apply.html>, or call 614-292-2406

**Camp: Wright State University (residential)**

Age: Rising 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> graders

Dates: Late June through early July, week availability varies

Program: Students interested in STEM. The camp is free but enrollment is limited and spots fill very quickly. Applicants are encouraged to apply early. Registration is now open.

Visit: <http://www.wright.edu/academics/precollege/ExploringSTEMM2.html>

**Volunteer Opportunities & Leadership**

**Camp: Ohio Leadership Institute**

Age: Grades 5-12

Dates: June

Program: Camps for developing leadership skills at Ohio Dominican University. Space is limited. Registration deadline is mid-May.

Visit: [http://www.ohioleader.com/?page\\_id=80](http://www.ohioleader.com/?page_id=80)

**Law & Leadership Institute**

Age: Grade 8

Program: FREE program in partnership with Ohio law schools to prepare for high school and college study of law and politics. Program, lunch, and transportation is FREE. A year round program is also available. Application deadline is mid-March.

Visit: <http://www.lawandleadership.org> <http://lawandleadership.org/applynow#.WlYO-esrLIV> or call (614)485-3503

**Columbus Metropolitan Library Volunteer:**

Age: 12 years old and older

Requirements: Each local branch of the library has its own age limit and schedule for applying and training.

Visit: [www.columbuslibrary.org/about/volunteer](http://www.columbuslibrary.org/about/volunteer) or If you have questions about volunteer opportunities, email [swolford@columbuslibrary.org](mailto:swolford@columbuslibrary.org) or call 614-849-1055.

**Columbus Zoo Aides:**

Age: 13-17 years old

Dates: Application is due late February.

Program: Must commit to 60 volunteer hours over the summer. Application is due end of February. Contact 614-645-3571 with questions. Cost of \$40 for clothes.

Visit: <https://columbuszoo.org/home/about/volunteer> or call 614-645-3400.

**Opportunities Outside of Ohio**

**Camp: Northwestern University Center for Talent Development (residential)**

Age: Grades PK-12

Date: varies

Program: Two or three week long classes designed for gifted students cover a wide range of topics and subject matter; focus on in-depth exploration of topic

Visit [http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/program\\_type/summer-programs](http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/program_type/summer-programs)

**Camp: GERI Purdue Summer Residential Programs (residential)**

Age: Grades 5-12

Date: July camp dates. Registration begins February 1.

Program: One or two week long classes designed for gifted students cover a wide range of topics and subject matter; focus on in-depth exploration of topic

Visit: [http://geri.education.purdue.edu/youth\\_programs/SRES/index.html](http://geri.education.purdue.edu/youth_programs/SRES/index.html) or contact (765) 494-7243 or e-mail [geri@purdue.edu](mailto:geri@purdue.edu)

**Camp: Summer Institute for the Gifted (residential)**

Age: 9-17 (residential)

Date: varies

Program: Three-week sessions designed for gifted students cover a wide range of topics and subject matter; focus on in-depth exploration of topic

Visit: [www.giftedstudy.org](http://www.giftedstudy.org)

**Camp: Disney Youth Education Camp (day)**

Age: 5-17

Date: June, July, August

Program: Camp topics include animation, marine and animal life, physics, chemistry, storytelling, Global Citizenship

Visit: <https://www.studentquest.com/yes/>

**Additional Sources of Summer Information:**

Ohio Association of Gifted Children: <http://www.oagc.com/?q=summerops>

Columbus Parent Magazine: <http://parents-magazines.com/magazines/Columbus-Parent-magazine.htm>

Hoagies Gifted webpage: <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/summer.htm>

Davidson Institute webpage: [http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/browse\\_resources\\_217.aspx](http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/browse_resources_217.aspx)

Cogito database: <https://cogito.cty.jhu.edu/summer-programs/>