The Gifted Education Resource Institute (GERI) at Purdue University is an innovative center dedicated to the discovery, study, and development of human potential. Founded by John Feldhusen in 1974, GERI’s mission is holistic development of giftedness, creativity, and talents among individuals throughout their lifespan. This is accomplished through enriched programs for gifted, creative, and talented youth; graduate programs for future scholars and leaders; professional development and coursework for educators of gifted, creative, and talented students; and cutting-edge research in psychology and education related to giftedness, creativity, and talent development. GERI’s work encompasses:

- **Researching gifted education and the psychology of talent development.**
- **Educating professionals from around the world to promote the development of gifted, creative, and talented individuals.**
- **Providing services and special programs for gifted and talented individuals and their families.**
GERI has been serving gifted, creative, and talented students since 1974. Every summer students like you come to Purdue University and experience programs designed to stimulate their imagination and expand their abilities. We also offer a variety of recreational activities and a chance for you to get a taste of college life as you live on campus in Purdue’s residence halls.

Here’s what you’ll experience at GERI Summer Camp:

- **Intellectual Challenge** - GERI classes are small, challenging, fast-paced, and interactive.
- **Talented and Caring Staff** - Our teachers thrive on sharing their knowledge and experience with students.
- **Outstanding Facilities** - Purdue is a world-class research university, and GERI students have the use of state-of-the-art laboratories, computing facilities, and a variety of libraries.
- **Friendships** - GERI attracts a diverse group of gifted, talented, and creative people, so you will find friends who share your interests and love of learning.
- **Independence** - With supervision, guidance, and support from the GERI staff to help you adapt and thrive, you will live in residence halls, learn in university classrooms and labs, and take advantage of Purdue’s cultural and recreational facilities, just like college students.
- **Fun** - GERI counselors make time outside of class rewarding through activities including swimming, basketball, bowling, scavenger hunts, game tournaments, and field trips.

Looking for a challenge this summer? Ready to have fun in a supercharged intellectual atmosphere?

Then GERI Summer Camps at Purdue University are for you. Come and discover what the world of knowledge has to offer!

- Develop critical thinking skills by investigating current, real-life issues.
- Discover mysteries in the world of chemistry, physics, and technology.
- Create videos, paintings, models, computer games, and more!
- Venture into new subjects like forensic science, nanotechnology, and robotics.
- Experience historical events and international cultures.
- Renew old friendships and build new ones.
July 8-14,  
and July 15-21

comet

For students who have completed grade 5 or 6

Cost Per One-Week Session:  
Commuter - $625, Residential - $975  
(Comet students have the option of commuting to campus each day or staying in the residence hall.)

course descriptions

COMET I – July 8-14

MIXED-MEDIA EXPRESSIONS
Get out your paintbrush and get ready to explore! In this course, you will create various art projects involving mixed media, acrylic painting, oil pastel, and other mediums. Artwork inspired by famous artists and well-known pieces of art (i.e., Van Gogh’s Starry Night) will be explored and recreated. If you love to express your ideas through art, this course is sure to please.

CRIME SCENES
Put on your detective hats and help solve a variety of crime scenes! Learn how to collect fingerprints, analyze hair and fiber samples, determine blood types, extract DNA, identify unknown substances, and much more. Put your biology and chemistry knowledge and forensic skills to the test to determine who is the culprit.

MED SCHOOL MADNESS
Are you thinking about a career in medicine? Take this course to learn what it’s all about! We will explore the systems of the body and the causes of disease. Learn through hands-on activities, including dissections and field trips, and hear from medical professionals what it takes to add “MD” to your name.

ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING
Have you ever been tempted to take apart a toaster or a cell phone? Come explore the internal workings of many of your common electronic gadgets. In this electrifying class, you’ll learn basic electronic circuitry and common components that make them work. Come find the similarities among all electronic devices and how they do what they do.

THE MEDIEVAL WORLD
What was it like to live in a medieval city, with knights, horses, lords, and ladies? Come and find out! We’ll discuss the daily life of medieval people, what it took to be a knight, and the influence that king and church held over the regular people!

GAME DESIGN
Enter the digital age and tap into your creative side with this game design course! Students will learn how to use GameStar Mechanic, an online software program funded through the MacArthur Foundation, to create and publish one-of-a-kind digital games. You will be able to share games with their peers and access each other’s games for up to a year! Put your gaming skills to the test with this interactive technology class.

Please check our Web site for updated course information.
COMET II – July 15-21

ART OF THE AMERICAS
Enjoy exploring the art and culture of Incan, Mayan, and Aztec empires, Latin Americans, and other cultures of North America, like the Navajo and Inuit Indians. Discover the artistic mysteries of the Brazilian rainforests and arctic tundra. In this class you will be introduced to the diversity of indigenous Americans and produce artwork that reflects their cultures.

THE SCIENCE OF CSI
Young detectives will use biology, chemistry, physics, entomology, and other science knowledge to help determine who committed a series of mock crimes. Learn new skills such as blood spatter analysis, casting footprints, chemical and physical analysis on soil samples and how to analyze microbes and insects to determine time of death. Sharpen your forensic skills and help solve these crimes!

GEOMETRIC DESIGN IN MATH
Join nationally-recognized mathematics professor Rachel McAnallen, aka “Ms. Math,” as she takes you on a mathematical journey through exciting activities. Math camp participants will be designing mosaics with a compass and straight edge, making math models with paper, solving hands-on puzzles, creating Escher-style artwork, and participating in number-sense math games.

VET MED
Veterinary Medicine is one of GERI and Purdue’s most popular and competitive programs. Explore the complex world of animal anatomy through extensive dissections, study of animal systems, and ecosystem field work. Come find out what makes animals tick! Register early – this class will fill up quickly!

LEGO ROBOTICS
Learn the fundamentals of robot design, construction, and programming while you improve your problem-solving skills. Come work with other eager LEGO Robotics engineers and prepare to take your robot through a series of specific tasks. This hands-on course will culminate in an exciting competition.

STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING
Did you ever wonder what makes a building stand? Or maybe how a suspension bridge can be solid and move all at the same time? Come and explore the engineering design process. This hands-on class will explore many of the principles that underlie structural engineering and how they relate to what you experience in daily life.

“I really enjoyed the dissection and the breast cancer tumor we saw at the Home Hospital, I also thought Rachael was an awesomely awesome teacher. She really taught me how fun the medical field was.”
July 1-14
and July 15-28

star

For students who have completed grade 7 or 8

Cost Per Two-Week Session: $1,850

Course descriptions

STAR I – July 1-14
MORNING CLASSES

PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY
Explore the physical aspects of chemistry in this exciting course! Study the reaction and synthesis of organic compounds while investigating experimental techniques in organic chemistry. Students will use techniques such as separation and purification methods, preparation of organic compounds, identification, and reaction analysis to delve deep into the world of physical chemistry.

MATH IN ENGINEERING
Discover how math can be used to solve problems and develop explanations through engineering. Use technology to solve problems and present solutions, and how to apply mathematical concepts to real-life engineering issues.

HUMAN CENTERED DESIGN
What makes a design work? Come and explore Human Centered Design and create design products and processes that are based on real-world issues. This hands-on class will look at both local and global issues through the lens of “solving the problem” and how to utilize problem-based learning to create solutions for unique problems.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
This class is a practical course that focuses on helping the novice speaker organize and prepare speeches while gaining confidence at the same time. Students will be able to identify, analyze, develop, and evaluate essential communication skills needed for professional success. Not only will students be able to strengthen their individual speaking techniques, but this course also will be coupled with a variety of group interactions and presentations. Projects include, but are not limited to, persuasive speeches, interviewing techniques, debates, and mock trials.

AFTERNOON CLASSES

DIGITAL MEDIA I
Experience the process of video journalism and photojournalism from every angle. Students will operate digital cameras and video equipment on interview sites; host interviews; apply creative photographic techniques; and learn about lighting and sound support. All of the materials gathered will be used to create the GERI Summer Residential Yearbook!

Please check our Web site for updated course information.
FORENSIC SCIENCE  Learn and practice the forensic techniques that you see on your favorite crime-solving television series. You will investigate hairs, fibers, fingerprints, blood, trace powder, invisible inks, and more! Students will actually put their skills to the test and solve a mock murder mystery by working the crime scene, interviewing witnesses, and collecting and testing evidence.

ADOLESCENTS WRITING FOR ADOLESCENTS  In this course, young writers will discover markets for their creative writing, evaluate those markets, and select pieces to submit for publication. This is the perfect course for any aspiring author!

RUBE GOLDERBINEERING  Do you enjoy building machines and inventing new solutions to problems? Come join a design team to brainstorm and build creative contraptions to solve everyday problems in complex ways. This course will use hands-on learning to emphasize science, technology, and engineering concepts.

PAINTER’S STUDIO  Come and explore the visual arts! Find out what the visual arts have to offer you. From the Impressionists to contemporary artists, artists of the past have tried to express how they see the world through their paintings and artwork. Learn artists’ techniques and study the history of art, while creating your own masterpieces. What do you have to show the world?

STAR II – July 15-28  MORNING CLASSES

SHORT IMPROV  Come explore the fundamentals of short-form improvisational comedy, both on and off the stage. Apart from being hilariously fun, improv builds personal confidence, quick thinking, public speaking skills, and social interactivity. Don’t worry about being funny – just bring comfortable shoes and a sense of humor!

FAT DOG AND COUGHING HORSE: ANIMAL CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS A HEALTHIER CITIZENRY  This unique course, developed through the Science Education Partnership (SEPA) grant, in collaboration with the Purdue University’s School of Veterinary Medicine, is designed to explore in-depth the world of animal health. Students will participate in a number of hands-on activities and explore the complex world of animal anatomy through extensive dissections, study of animal systems, and ecosystem field work.

THE SOCIAL SCIENCE OF HARRY POTTER  Take a ride into the world of Harry Potter to explore the society of one of the world’s most famous wizards. Gaze into Hogwarts’ society by analyzing the political, social, psychological, and philosophical aspects that J.K. Rowling includes in underlying themes. Students will explore how religion, morality, magic, feminism, and the relationship between the human mind and body dazzle readers, among many more topics.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING  A survey of environmental problems will include atmospheric pollution problems, groundwater pollution and waste disposal problems, water pollutants, and toxic compounds and other substances in the environment. The focus of the class will be on how industry and society can function efficiently without creating environmentally-damaging byproducts.

APPLICATION AND GAME DESIGN  Enter the digital age with this course on app and game design! Students will learn how to utilize GameSalad, a mobile platform software program, to create unique apps and games for mobile devices. Put your creativity to the test with this interactive technology class.

AFTERNOON CLASSES

BEING EMBODIED  How do cultural narratives about the body and ideas about beauty affect our identities and how we move through the world? Every day we are exposed to messages about what our bodies should look like and how we should care for them. Enter into these critical debates by reading stories and poems, watching films, and talking with guest speakers. Explore new disciplines like fat studies and create your own embodied self-portraits.

SCIENCE BEHIND SUPERHEROES AND VILLAINS  Could a radioactive spider turn you into Spider-Man? Why is the Mad Hatter so mad? Did vampires exist many centuries ago? Students will use chemistry, biology, physiology, and physics to investigate the science behind the mythical characters and myths.

SCIENCE FICTION BECOMES REALITY  Modern science gave us science fiction, while science fiction gave us current technology. In this course, examine the role that science fiction has in society and how we predict the future of the world through this exciting and unique genre. See it as writers do and find out why we must never be afraid to imagine the future!

GREAT SHAKESPEAREAN PLAYS  Have you ever wanted to read Shakespeare’s plays aloud? What about famous comedies like “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” and tragedies like “Romeo and Juliet”? We’ll read aloud some of Shakespeare’s and act out parts of them! All the background to fully appreciate the plays will be explained.

ELECTRONICS IN ACTION!  This electronics course combines circuitry design with practical laboratory fabrication. You will explore all aspects of electronic application, from residential construction through robotics and automatic production line assembly.

“When I attended the GERI program last year, I was intrigued by the way that the classes were taught, as they were strikingly different from classes in school. Instead of being given lecture of prewritten lab instructions to follow, we were given some background on what we would be attempting that day, and allowed free use of the lab equipment to figure out how.”
PULSAR I – July 1-14
MORNING CLASSES

SCULPTING THROUGH THE AGES
Do you like hands on work? Making your own Sculptures may be just what you’re looking for. Come and learn how artist of the past have created their sculpture as well as why they may have created their work in the context of the times they lived.

ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY
Students will get to be doctors in this engaging approach to psychology looking at human behavior, emotions, and thought. Abnormal psychology allows students to have an in-depth view of our human psyche and disorders such as depression, OCD, schizophrenia, multiple personalities, sociopaths, mood disorders, etc. Students will analyze case studies, understand what causes these disorders, and various treatment methods in a fun and thought-provoking course.

ALIENS: FACT OR FANTASY?
Students will engage in discussions of the possibility of extraterrestrial life on outlying planets, based on the Drake equation and additional explanations. The course will include how the science of aliens is incorporated into science fiction movies and comic books. We will imagine and create models of what aliens may look like, the planet they inhabit, their life histories, and their biology. As part of the course the students will work in collaboration to write a science fiction short story incorporating their aliens and planet.

EVOLUTION OF HORROR THROUGH THE NOVELS OF STEPHEN KING
In this course, students will be exposed to the works of Stephen King. Through a study of his early works, to the most current of his novels, students will experience the evolution of the horror genre. We will also compare cinematic adaptations and how King novels translate from the novel format to film.

SPORTS ON THE MOLECULAR LEVEL
How does our bodies build muscle? Why must we cool down after exercise? Is a runner’s high real? Is it possible to work out too much? Are sports drinks better than water? We will dive into the physiology of the human body to answer these questions on the molecular level.

NANOTECHNOLOGY
Take a closer look at the world you can’t see! Explore the basic principles and concepts of nanotechnology, with an emphasis on the relationships between nanotechnology and everyday tools and other things familiar to students. These principles will be illustrated through a wide variety of examples from the sciences, engineering, and technology, and from everyday life.

PAYING ATTENTION: CRITICAL THINKING, DEBATE, AND CONTEMPORARY EVENTS
Alongside the rise of the 24-hour news cycle, an endless deluge of advertisements, and the proliferation of forums to disseminate arguments, has come the death of the
average attention span and the critical capacity to make use of it. This class will provide an overview of the basic principles of logic, rhetorical analysis, and how to recognize and constructively participate in the arguments that abound in the world around us.

AFTERNOON CLASSES

THE PHYSICS OF MACHINES AND MECHANICAL TOYS
Students will engage in learning about the working parts of a selected machine (such as an amusement park ride, a steam locomotive, an airplane, or a race car). The student will understand how the six simple machines are incorporated in all machines. The class will incorporate designing and building a working machine using K’Nex or Erector Parts. The students will also examine how selected toys work, such as a mechanical freight loader for a train layout, a walking toy robot, a lift bridge, etc.

INVESTIGATING CHEMISTRY
Become a real-life chemist while investigating organic compounds! Students will study the reaction and synthesis of organic compounds through this hands-on course. Investigate experimental techniques in organic chemistry, including separation, purification, and preparation of organic compounds.

PULSAR II – July 15-28
MORNING CLASSES

DIGITAL MEDIA II
Experience the process of video journalism and photojournalism from every angle. Students will operate digital cameras and video equipment on interview sites; host interviews; apply creative photographic techniques; and learn about lighting and sound support. All of the materials gathered will be used to create the GERI Summer Residential Yearbook!

WEB DESIGN
Learn the art of Web design through this exciting course. Students will use technology and skills to create one-of-a-kind Web pages.

NUCLEAR CHEMISTRY
Nuclear chemistry is one of the branches of science that is currently most misunderstood by the general public. Students will take a deeper look into the dangers and benefits of the many applications of nuclear chemistry, including nuclear energy, medicinal radiation, and more. Educate and decide for yourself if nuclear power will be our future.

SCIENCE OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY
The students will have the opportunity to explore space architecture; the practice of designing and building inhabitable environments in outer space; and space exploration that encompasses the many aspects of space technology. Physical exploration of space is conducted both by human spaceflights and by robotic spacecraft, space engineering, the designing of spacecraft, satellites, and deep space probes. Students will be able to build models of the space vehicles and understand the science that the designs incorporate.

POETRY WORKSHOP
Experience the world through the poet’s eye. Read a wide range of work by contemporary poets, write your own poetry, and get feedback from fellow writers in a professional workshop setting. Experiment with a wide range of drafting methods, from metaphor and narrative techniques to erasures using found text and Googlesm. Read your work at an open mic. What do you have to say for yourself?

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING
Discover the research and design aspects of flight and aerospace engineering! Design futuristic aircraft and spacecraft using computer software, then create and test your designs. Test propulsion systems in hands-on labs and challenge your flying skills in a flight simulator.

AFTERNOON CLASSES

MUSIC VIDEO PRODUCTION
Make your own music video, start to finish. Write the songs, create the music, choreograph the dance, direct the action, shoot the film, and edit the final project. Working in teams, students will develop their own concepts and learn about the technical and creative aspects of creating a music video.

PHYSICS OF FLIGHT
The physics of flight explores how an airplane flies and goes into the understanding of the four forces that act upon a plane as it lifts off the ground and soars through the air. Lift, thrust, drag, and gravity are explained in detail. Student projects include designing a glider and a rubber band powered airplane, building them, and testing their ability to exhibit the four forces. The history of flight is explored and students will select a historical aircraft, build a cardstock model of this aircraft, and present its history.

ORGANIC CHEMISTRY
Students will study the reaction and synthesis of organic compounds through this hands-on course. Investigate experimental techniques in organic chemistry, including separation, purification, identification (spectroscopy), and reactions of nonaromatic hydrocarbons and alkyl halides.

LAW AND ORDER: THE AMERICAN JUSTICE SYSTEM
Come explore the American system of law, both in criminal and civil proceedings. Meet with representatives of law enforcement and practicing attorneys, and observe actual court proceedings, and then use this knowledge to expose flaws in the justice system. This class will interest you if you enjoy areas such as debate, logic, and writing.

THE MEANS OF PROTEST
Do you ever wonder how social movements get started? Peaceful protest has been an indispensable means of fostering social change around the world. Learn about the philosophies behind various protests by reading declarations, listening to rallying speeches, exploring art, and watching documentaries. Draft your own manifestoes and learn how to write letters to your local representatives about issues important to you. Speak truth to power!
No-Show Policy – Students who register for the program but who do not attend will still be charged the full tuition amount unless we receive a cancellation request in writing two weeks before the start of the camp.

Accommodations

- **Facilities** - Students live in residence halls on the safe, friendly West Lafayette campus of Purdue University. Located just a short walk from students’ classes, libraries, computing centers, and recreational facilities, the residence halls are fully air-conditioned and easily accessible to students with physical disabilities. Male and female students are housed on separate floors of the building, and no visits to opposite-gender floors are allowed. All student rooms have phones with individual, direct phone numbers.

- **Roommates** – Each participant will be paired with a roommate, as available. Roommate requests must be e-mailed to GERI@purdue.edu by both individuals no later than June 4.

- **Check In/Check Out** – Comet, Star, and Pulsar students will be assigned check-in times between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the Sunday their program begins. Check out is no later than 11:30 a.m. on their final Saturday. Students attending over Independence Day, July 4, will have the opportunity to see the local fireworks display and participate in social activities.

- **Social Life** – An enjoyable fun social experience is just as important as the academic learning, and the residence hall is the social hub of GERI Summer Camp. Lounges and common areas give students places to play music and games, watch movies, share a snack, read a book, collaborate on projects, or even do their laundry. Our friendly, experienced counseling staff works hard to create an environment in which all students feel safe, comfortable, and right at home.

- **Dining** – The award-winning Purdue dining courts offer something for everyone. The cafeteria serves a varied menu of hot meals, a salad bar stocked with fresh fruits and vegetables, juices and drinks, cereals, and sandwiches. Even picky eaters or those with special dietary needs will have an appetizing variety of healthy foods from which to choose.

Supervision

- **Safety** – Key card building access and 24-hour residence hall staff help summer students feel comfortable and secure.

- **Counseling Support** – Staff members supervise activities and field trips away from the residence hall and are always available to students who choose to stay at the residence hall during afternoon activities. Comet students never leave the residence hall without staff supervision. Star and Pulsar students may leave the residence hall only in pairs, after signing out with their counselor. Unless they are with a staff member, students may not go beyond the academic campus and the small shopping areas near the residence hall.
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### Medical Care
- Medical information and permission for treatment will be collected from participants. Parents will be notified of any medical emergency or illness as soon as possible. Limited program medical insurance covers most basic costs, including emergency hospitalization, but any additional medical expenses or expenses related to existing conditions are the responsibility of the parents. An adequate supply of prescription medication should be brought, in the original container.

### Tuition (per session)

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### Financial Information

- **Tuition** – The program fees covers room and board, tuition, textbooks and course materials, limited medical insurance, and a GERI T-shirt. The fee does not cover incidental expenses, optional afternoon or weekend activities, or transportation to and from Purdue University. A tuition deposit of $100 per student is due with the application and will be refunded only if the student is not accepted into the program contingent upon eligibility and class availability.

- **Late Fees** – A late fee of $50 will be added to your bill if the application is received after May 31, 2012.

- **Refunds** – Students who withdraw prior to two weeks before the program begins will receive a refund equal to any paid tuition less the $100 deposit.

- **Payment** – Payment in full, including any late fees, is due one month before the program begins. Payments can be made via check, money order, VISA, MasterCard, and Discover. No cash will be accepted.

- **Financial Assistance** – GERI provides a limited number of partial scholarships to students from low-income families. To be considered for financial aid, a student must submit a complete application, including the financial aid section, and meet program eligibility criteria. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications for financial aid will not be considered before a complete application is submitted and program eligibility is established. Because funds are limited and the demand for financial assistance exceeds our resources, we strongly recommend submitting an application as early as possible. Qualifying for financial aid in a previous program does not guarantee aid in subsequent programs.

### Travel to Purdue University

- **By Car** – West Lafayette is just off I-65 between Indianapolis and Chicago. See our Web site for detailed directions.

- **By Plane** – Fly into the Indianapolis International Airport. Check with your airline for their policy regarding unaccompanied minors. Shuttle service to Purdue University is offered by Lafayette Limo (www.lafayettelimo.com, 765-497-3828) for $50, round trip. GERI offers airport transportation for a fee of $60, round trip, payable when the application and deposit are submitted. **Please indicate if you need picked up at the airport in the “Application Fees” section of this form.** E-mail GERI@purdue.edu at least one month prior to your program’s start date to confirm arrangements.

- **By Train** – Amtrak has a train station located approximately 10 minutes from campus (www.amtrak.com). GERI will provide transportation from the train station to camp, free of charge. E-mail GERI@purdue.edu at least one month prior to your program’s start date to confirm arrangements.

### International Students

International student groups or individual students attending this two-week educational seminar may be eligible to do so with a B status visa waiver by showing their invitation letter upon entry into the United States. To learn more about this program, or if you are not sure whether your country is eligible for participation, please visit http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without_1990.html.
Admission requirements

GERI Summer Camps are designed for talented students who have demonstrated an ability to succeed academically or artistically and are motivated to strive for additional challenges.

New Students

1. Complete program application form on pages 11 - 12.

2. A one- to two-page essay or alternative media (such as a Web site, PowerPoint presentation, or art portfolio) statement that addresses your desire and motivation to participate in the Summer Residential program. Use the following questions as guidelines:
   1. Why did you select the class(es) you have chosen?
   2. In what ways do you think you will benefit from the program?
   3. Why do you want an academic and/or artistic challenge?
   4. If accepted, what will you contribute to the success of the program you attend?

3. Please provide TWO of the following documents:
   - Individual or group intelligence test results with a minimum score of 120. Please submit results from the test company or school.
   - National or state achievement or aptitude test results at or above the 90th percentile in a specific area of study. These tests must provide comparison scores and percentile rankings, not percentages correct. Examples include ITBS, I-STEP, CAT, MAT8, Midwest Talent Search, SAT, PSAT, ACT, or PLAN tests. Please submit test reports.
   - Recommendation letter from a teacher or mentor in the talent area. This letter must address specific examples of the student’s performance, experiences, and potential in the talent area of the class(es) he or she has selected.
   - Documentation of involvement in the talent area. Such documentation can include awards, certificates, service, or recognition letters documenting involvement.

Returning Students

Complete program application form on pages 11 - 12.
GERI Summer Camps

Application

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Return to:
GERI Summer Camps
Purdue University
Beering Hall, Room 5178
100 North University Street
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2098
Phone: (765) 494-7243
Fax: (765) 496-2706

Please indicate below how you heard (found out) about the GERI program.

☐ Friend
☐ School Counselor
☐ Mailed to your home
☐ School Teacher
☐ GERI Web site
☐ Facebook
☐ Internet search such as Google
☐ Other (please specify):

An equal access/equal opportunity/affirmative action university

I am applying for the following program (choose one):

☐ COMET - (for those who have completed grade 5 and 6) 9961-12FY-KW
☐ STAR - (for those who have completed grade 7 and 8) 9962-12FY-KW
☐ PULSAR - (for those who have completed grade 9, 10, 11, or 12) 9963-12FY-KW

GERI Summer Camps

Registration opens 2/1/2012.

In order to be considered for your chosen program, you must complete both sides of this application and return along with:

(1) Student essay or alternate media; (2) Two of the academic eligibility documents; (3) $100 deposit; (4) $60 transportation fee, if applicable.

GERI reserves the right to cancel programs at any time. Purdue University is not responsible for costs incurred due to cancellation.

Purdue is committed to making its programs accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you require an accommodation or special assistance for this program due to a disability, please contact us at (765) 494-2758.

Applicant Information

Name _____________________________________________________________________________________

Ethnicity (optional/check one)

☐ Native American/Alaskan Native
☐ Caucasian, Non-Hispanic
☐ Multi-Racial
☐ Hispanic
☐ Pacific Islander
☐ African-American, Non-Hispanic
☐ Asian
☐ Other

Gender ____________ Grade 2011–12_____________ Home Phone (________) ______________________________

Mailing Address _______________________________________________________________________________

City _____________________________________________ State __________________ ZIP _________________

Check all blanks that apply:

☐ I have participated in a previous session of the summer programs at Purdue.
☐ I am applying for financial aid. (To be considered for aid, you must also return the Financial Aid Application.)

Parent/Legal Guardian Information

Parent/Legal Guardian Name ______________________________________________________________________

Work Phone (____) _________________________________ Cell (____) ___________________________________

Parent/Legal Guardian Name ______________________________________________________________________

Work Phone (____) _________________________________ Cell (____) ___________________________________

E-mail Address ____________________________________________________

Not all parents have the means to send their children to GERI summer camp. Your monetary donation will help us offer scholarships to children with high potential who live in poverty. Please consider making a tax deductible donation when you register your son or daughter. Thank you!

I would like to make a donation in the amount of:

☐ $50
☐ $100
☐ One half a Comet Registration ($485)
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Course Preferences
Please follow these instructions carefully:

1. Check the box next to each Summer Camp session you plan to attend.
2. Mark your 1st, 2nd, 3rd choices in the blank next to the class name (1 = first choice, 2 = second choice, etc.). If you plan to attend multiple sessions (e.g., Star I and Star II), list a first, second, and third choice for each session you plan to attend.

COMET–SN9961

Travel information:
An additional fee of $60 is due when the application and $100 deposit are submitted. Please indicate if you need picked up at the airport in the “Application Fees” section of this form.

Before sending:
Have you included the following required items (see page 10):
1. Completed application
2. Student essay or alternate media
3. Two of the academic eligibility documents
4. $100 deposit
5. $60 transportation fee, if applicable.

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Purdue University
Beering Hall, Room 5178
100 North University Street
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2098

Phone: (765) 494-7243
Fax: (765) 496-2706
Child’s Name _______________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name _______________________________________________________________________

Home Phone (_____) _______________________ Work Phone (_____ ) ______________________

All amounts should be the total for the 2011 calendar year.

1. Adjusted gross income __________________________

2. Taxable income __________________________

3. Total Social Security benefits for 2011 __________________________

4. Total AFDC and/or ADC for 2011 __________________________

5. Child support received for all children __________________________

6. Number of household members
   a. Yourself ___  b. Spouse ___  c. Dependents ___
   Total of a, b, and c __________________________

I certify that the information supplied above is accurate.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature ________________________________________________________

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