

The Janus Summer Programs 2010

Session 1 – June 21 through July 9

Session 2 – July 12 through July 30

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the different programs offered during the summer at The Janus School?

The Core Academic Program – Students, grades K-12, are grouped according to their age and ability level and participate in Language Arts, Math, and Enrichment Curricula. Each student receives Diagnostic Tutorial sessions if enrolled in this program.

Assistive Technology/Study Skills Seminar – This Seminar introduces assistive technology computer programs, *Kurzweil 3000* and *Dragon Naturally Speaking*, to students in grades 8-12, who struggle to independently complete academic work that contains extensive reading and written requirements.

Afternoon Enrichment Program – The Afternoon Enrichment Program develops and provides team-building, interpersonal, and athletic skills in a safe, non-competitive learning environment. Weekly themes are presented to diversify the content delivered to students throughout the summer.

- **Discovering the Great Outdoors**

While play may seem like a way to let off steam, it is an important tool for learning about the world and life. A child at play is exploring and testing theories about the world around him or her. This approach, combined with opportunities to master outdoor related skills and concepts, guides the activities during this week.

- **Sports and Games**

Instruction focuses on honing specific athletic skills, and developing team strategies and sportsmanship. The week develops personal fitness, individual skills, and team concepts that are implemented during game time. Instruction is given on basketball, hockey, soccer, baseball, volleyball and more.

- **Personal Exploration**

We are born with a set of unconscious patterns of behavior; these behaviors help shape our lives. We may not always be aware when our habits and behaviors influence how we relate to significant people in our lives. This week focuses on discovering what is important in our lives and how we can learn to identify whether these attributes are helping or hurting us. A wide variety of activities, both physical and non-physical, will be used to help students develop an appreciation for the uniqueness in themselves and others.

- **Real Education for Actual Life**

In this unit, students will learn practical life skills. This class develops the life skills necessary to achieve personal satisfaction through hands-on tasks that encourage self-respect, responsibility, and attention to details. Students will work in small groups, enabling them to draw upon each other's strengths and assist each other in completing tasks. The small groups also challenge them to complete tasks by sharing and accepting responsibility. Sample topics for this week include: woodworking, cooking, basic sewing, and healthy habits.

- **Adventures in the Arts**

This week is sure to inspire the artist in every child, and includes projects in a variety of media such as paint, pencil drawing, clay and more. Art history lessons with conceptual foundations for each activity introduce each project. Students are then given the opportunity to explore each medium.

- **Enrichment Activities**

Enrichment activities explored during this week include creative dramatics, building a bird or butterfly habitat, or discovery the joys of building with Lego Systems. These activities occur in the classroom, gym, workshop, or outside. They are presented in a hands-on approach that provides an opportunity for students to interact with their peers as they complete individual and group projects.

Can I register my child for more than one Session and/or Program?

Yes, students can register for both sessions, and/or multiple programs.

What is a Diagnostic Tutorial?

The Diagnostic Tutorial is offered to each student during the Core Academic Program. This Tutorial is individualized to develop students' awareness of their learning style. Students will undergo testing in order to determine their present reading and math skill levels and begin, or continue, the process of identifying and applying different learning strategies needed to compensate for areas of demonstrated weakness. The sessions are held individually and in small groups throughout each Core Academic Session.

What is Enrichment Curriculum?

The Enrichment Curriculum is a combination of study skills and socialization and communication curriculums used during the academic school year at The Janus School.

What are Study Skills?

Study Skills are a hierarchy of skills that can be explicitly taught to help students organize, identify, categorize, comprehend, prioritize, and retain course content for quizzes and tests, as well as synthesize and evaluate information in order to complete research projects.

What is Socialization and Communication Curriculum?

Socialization and Communication Curriculum focuses on developing students' ability to recognize how their actions and words influence themselves and others. Role playing and team-building activities are used to provide students the opportunity to interact with others and practice different strategies that assist with a variety of different social circumstances.

What are Kurzweil and Dragon Naturally Speaking?

Kurzweil 3000 is a computer program that enables text to be scanned and then read as an individual follows along on their computer screen. In addition, this program can be used to develop highlighting, note taking, research and questioning skills.

Dragon Naturally Speaking is a computerized voice recognition program that enables the completion of written work through the use of spoken prompts and commands. This program is used to increase or refine written output.

Can private individualized tutorial sessions be scheduled during the summer?

Yes, individualized tutorial sessions can be scheduled during the summer. For more information, please contact Robin Payne, Director of Admission and Outreach at (717)653-0025 ext. 102 or rpayne@thejanusschool.org.

Is a diagnosis required for enrollment in the Summer Programs offered at The Janus School?

No, however any previous records or evaluations are appreciated and helpful as we prepare to work with each child during the summer.

Is financial aid available for the Summer Programs offered at The Janus School?

No, financial aid is not available for this year's Summer Programs, but parents interested in applying for financial aid for the 2010-2011 school year should contact Robin Payne, Director of Admission and Outreach at (717) 653-0025 ext. 102 or rpayne@thejanusschool.org.

Is transportation provided for the Summer Programs offered at The Janus School?

Transportation is not provided during the summer, but we are happy to facilitate parent contact, if consent is provided, so carpooling arrangements can be made.

What are Cognitive Training Services?

Cognitive Training Services stem from the development of a field of psychology called cognitive behavioral therapy. These services are offered at The Janus School from June 14 to August 20 and are provided by Dr. Lee Ann Grisolano. For additional information please contact her directly at (717) 495-9505.