

College for Kids

College for Kids is exclusively for talented and /or gifted (g/t) children. This program will challenge students with collegiate experiences that are different from a regular classroom. Instructors use teaching methods appropriate to a college classroom, including discussions, inquiry, lab activities and hands-on activities. College for Kids provides students with the opportunity to use their outstanding abilities and to recognize and accept their own giftedness as well as to meet other talented/gifted children.

Eligibility

College for Kids is for g/t students who have completed 2nd grade through 8th grade and meet one of the following requirements:

- Student is currently enrolled in a g/t or enrichment program OR
- Student scores at the 85th percentile on the core or composite of a standardized achievement test. OR
- Student scores at least 115 on a cognitive abilities test. OR
- Parent and teacher of the student fill out a gifted characteristics matrix, and achieve a sufficient score. OR
- Student was in College for Kids in a previous year.

Further details on eligibility are available on the registration form.

Cost

Tuition cost per child is \$140 for the two-week session and entitles the student to enroll in three courses. **Registration must be completed by April 24, 2009.** A reduced rate of \$105 is available for a second child in the same family, and \$75 for a third child in the same family. One half of the tuition payment is required with registration. The other half of tuition and any fees is due by May 29, 2009. A limited number of partial scholarships are available for students. Further details on scholarships is available on the registration form.

Refunds

Tuition may be refunded in full through Friday, May 19th. Refund requests made after May 19th through June 4th, will receive 50%. After June 4th, no refunds will be made. Tuition will not be refunded for a child who is dismissed from the program for disciplinary reasons.

MAIL REGISTRATIONS TO:

College for Kids, Monmouth College, 700 East Broadway, Monmouth, IL 61462

Enrollment

The minimum number of students required to hold a class is 10. Classes with less than 10 students will not be held. Classes are assigned on a first come, first served basis. The earlier students register, the higher their chances for their first choices. Not all courses are offered every hour. Following the close of enrollment, students will be notified by mail indicating their course assignments, usually about the last week in May.

Transportation

Parents are expected to provide daily transportation for students. Parents who wait for their children are invited to spend their time at the Hewes Library or in the lobby of the Huff Athletic Center, both located centrally on campus. The designated safe “drop off and pick up” place is in front of the Huff Athletic Center. This site is supervised by College for Kids Staff each day. Some school districts provide bus transportation for their students. Please check with your home district to see if they are providing this service.

Snacks

Monmouth College is a peanut-free campus for College for Kids out of respect for those with severe allergies. We discourage students from bringing snacks from home. Beverage machines are located on campus for student use.

College for Kids T-Shirts

All enrolled participants will receive an official College for Kids T-Shirt as part of their tuition. Sizes are Youth M or L and Adult S-XL. Please indicate student size on the registration form.

Location

All classes will be held on the campus of Monmouth College.

Questions?

The program director is Kathy Mainz. She has over 18 years experience in working with gifted/talented students, and has directed “College for Kids” type programs for the past 9 years. Feel free to contact Kathy with questions at Monmouth College:

309-457-2361 or email: kmainz@monm.edu

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Basic Drawing Art Fee \$5.00 Grades 4-5 or 6-8

Learn the basics of drawing, a skill you will use all your life! Draw what you see. Learn all about line, value, texture and perspective to create a real masterpiece.

Tyler Hennings, Department of Art, Monmouth College

Egyptian Art Art Fee \$5.00 Grades 2-4

Dig deep into the past and unearth artistic artifacts from ancient times! Experience the world of Ancient Egypt. Create an ancient Egyptian, build your own pyramid and construct your own sarcophagus. Travel back to a land of beauty and mystery to meet King Tut.

Sarah Smith, Art Instructor, Monmouth-Roseville School District

Illustrated Book Art Fee \$5.00 Grades 2-5

Everyone loves a picture book because illustrations help tell the story in a colorful way. Use your imagination to illustrate a tall tale (with some words) and create a group of characters with interchangeable body parts. Once the illustrations are complete you'll assemble them to form books.

Marjorie Blackwell, Artist, Buchanan Center for the Arts

Portrait Drawing Art Fee \$5.00 Grades 6-8

Learn to draw portraits from life! You will learn the techniques of making your nose look real! Draw yourself and your classmates.

Tyler Hennings, Department of Art, Monmouth College

Sculpture Art Fee \$5.00 Grades 3-5 or 6-8

Get down and dirty in sculpture class! We'll work with hand built sculptures, slabs and coils along with wire, and lots of 3-D shapes and mediums.

Sarah Smith, Monmouth-Roseville School District

Beginning Piano**Grades 2-3**

Come and tickle the ivories in Monmouth's state-of-the-art keyboard lab. Each student will use their very own, full-sized keyboard to learn piano basics. Class will end with a performance by the class.

Julia Andrews, Department of Music, Monmouth College

Ring those Chimes**Grades 2-3 or 4-5**

Once you pick up a hand chime, you'll be hooked! Learn how to play hand chimes and create beautiful music. Similar to hand bells, but just a little different in how you play them. Maybe just for fun we'll get out those wild and crazy boomwackers to play a tune. (No experience with hand bells or chimes necessary, just come and have lots of fun!)

Alisa Ramer, Fine Arts Instructor, Immaculate Conception School, Monmouth

Hand bells**Grades 6-8**

Exploring teamwork and music, students will learn how to play handbells. The instrument allows many different kinds of expression and the most fun to play! The group will perform a concert on the last day of class. (Ability to read music is helpful, but no experience with handbells is required.)

Daniel Reck, Dept. of Greek Life and Involvement, Monmouth College

If Music Be the Food of Love, Play On...**Grades 4-5**

Students will explore cultures from around the world through food and music from the culture. From Sitar and Naan; to Jazz and BBQ, students will taste, hear and experience other countries while right here in Monmouth.

Julia Andrews, Department of Music, Monmouth College

Music Business and Technology**Grades 6-8**

Learn how to edit audio and CD tracks, release your own CD and create your own soundtracks. Students will record and edit music and release their own CD. Computer use is a big part of this course.

Julia Andrews, Department of Music, Monmouth College

Clownin' Around**Grades 2-4**

Silly walks, juggling, stumbling and falling, being chased by imaginary bees, walking in big shoes and so much more. If you want to learn the mysteries of the big red nose, this is the class for you.

Janeve West, Department of Communication and Theatre Arts, Monmouth College

What Happens Next?**Grades 4-5**

Imagine this—you're caught in a creepy haunted house, the lights are flickering, you hear a strange noise, you open the door and...

OR you're trapped on a deserted island, there's something in the trees, it's coming toward you and then...

What happens next? You tell me! You create the characters, you create the story, the props, the action in this "choose your own adventure" role drama. Great for anyone interested in acting, theater or writing!

Janeve West, Department of Communication and Theatre Arts, Monmouth College

Who's Line Is It Anyway?**Grades 6-8****The Improv Acting Class**

Ad lib, make it up, improvise it, get silly and learn the basic skill the pros use on the famous TV show. This course will conclude with our own performance!

Janeve West, Department of Communication and Theatre Arts, Monmouth College

French for Beginners**Grades 2-4 or 5-8**

If you were to visit Paris, wouldn't it be nice to be able to ask: "Where's the bathroom?" or "Help me I'm lost!" Learn useful French phrases, vocabulary and interesting information about French culture and countries that speak French. We'll learn about children in France and learn about French food.

James Bulkari, Department of Modern Foreign Languages, Monmouth College

It's Greek to Me**Grades 2-4**

Join us for a fun look at mythology and learn the Greek alphabet. Just what did Zeus do with those thunder bolts? What's up with Poseidon and that trident? We'll check out the Olympians and learn a little Greek language too.

Nick Dobson, Department of Classics, Monmouth College

Latin**Grades 5-8**

Carpe Diem (seize the day!) and learn Latin! In this class you'll get an introduction to Latin grammar and simple and fun readings. You'll learn about the people and the places where Latin was spoken. Learn about how some words that we use today came from Latin, Learn Latin *a capite ad calcem*—from head to heel!

Nick Dobson, Department of Classics, Monmouth College

Spanish**Grades 3-5**

Learn the basics of Spanish from a native speaker. You'll learn useful Spanish phrases, vocabulary and interesting information about Hispanic culture.

Lady Cohen, Department of Modern Foreign Languages, Monmouth College

Spanish, Beyond the beginning**Grades 6-8**

Conversational Spanish is for students with some prior knowledge of Spanish. Class will include intermediate to advanced skills in listening, comprehension and speaking.

Lady Cohen, Department of Modern Foreign Languages, Monmouth College

Are You Smarter Than A 2nd or 3rd Grader? Gr. 2-3

You know you're smart—maybe even smarter than your parents in some ways. In this class, we'll break into teams and create our own computerized quiz shows. You'll check out knowledge on subjects from Antarctica to Zebras, and then learn to program and create your own computer quiz game show. You can then test out your game on adults to see if they really know as much as they think they do.

Paul Schuytema, University of Illinois Extension Specialist

Build Your Own Business Grades 4-5

From start to finish, **You** are in charge. Found your own company and identify the product or service that your company will provide. Determine how much it should sell for. Create your own advertising and marketing plan. Pitch your product at the end of class and your fellow business leaders will decide what product they want to buy with their "fun money".

Wendi Thompson-Dawson, Department of Political Economy and Commerce, Monmouth College

Computer Game Workshop Grades 6-8

Have you ever wanted to make your own computer game? In this class, you'll do just that! We'll learn about game design and game programming by dissecting actual games. Using the "Game Smart" game engine, you'll form "development teams" and create the design, art, sound effects and programming for your own game. You'll then play and test your own games and those made by other teams.

Paul Schuytema, University Illinois Extension Specialist

Exploring Math**Grades 2-4 or 5-8**

Do you like math, but never seem to have time to try out all of the things you would like? In this class you will have the opportunity to learn how to use a compass and a protractor to measure angles. We'll explore tessellations and learn about flips, slides and turns as well as creating your own tessellation art. Stretch your mind using a hands-on approach to algebra.

Catherine Smith, Elementary Teacher, West Central School District

Want to be A Millionaire?**Grades 6-8**

Got money? Learn about a different way to save it; including savings accounts, stocks and bonds. Check out how the market works, research stocks to determine best buys, invest play money, track and trade stocks and watch that pile of green grow!

Wendi Thompson-Dawson, Department of Political Economy and Commerce, Monmouth College

WEB Masters of the Universe**Grades 2-4 or 5-8**

In this class you'll learn how to create your own web site using Microsoft Front Page. Learn: professional design tips, how to use tables to control the layout of web pages, how to add pictures, how to create hyperlinks to pages, and how to create your own graphics for the web (including logos and animated graphics). The web pages you create in this class will be available on the internet for everyone to see.

Marcie Beintema, Information Systems Center, Monmouth College

Creative Story Time Grades 2-3 or 4-5

We'll read lots of Aesop's tricky little fables, then illustrate and act out the ones we like most. We will make our own simple, imaginative costumes. Inspired by Aesop's common sense lessons, we will write our own original stories that have life lessons. Our original stories will be acted out too!

Virginia Hellenga, Department of Classics, Monmouth College

Ghostly Stories Grades 2-3, 4-5 or 6-8

Who doesn't love a good ghost story? In this class, we'll read, view and talk about a number of ghostly stories from children's literature, popular culture, folklore and stories around the world—and right here in Monmouth too! How are they alike, and different? We'll top it all off by writing our own ghost stories. Get ready to be scared!

Monie Hayes, Department of Educational Studies, Monmouth College

Mythology Grades 6-8

Become like a god or goddess with your creativity and imagination. You will read stories of gods and heroes, act out some Greek and Roman myths, then write and act out your own original modern myths, updating those original myths. Mythological characters and creatures give insight into your everyday experience.

Virginia Hellenga, Department of Classics, Monmouth College

Advanced Chess**Grades 5–8**

Sharpen those chess skills to a fine point in this challenging course. Go from knowing how to play, to playing your best game every time! Previous experience a must.

Craig Vivian, Department of Educational Studies, Monmouth College

Intro to Chess**Grades 3–8**

What do you say to an Australian waiter when you finish eating?...Check mate! You'll be saying "checkmate to just about everyone you meet, provided they are sitting across the chessboard from you. This course will take you from not knowing much about playing chess to your first win. We will learn the basics, plus a few tricks to make sure you have a great game.

Craig Vivian, Department of Educational Studies, Monmouth College

Puzzled**Grades 2–4 or 5–8**

Are you intrigued by puzzles of all kinds? Have you been "puzzled" your whole life? In this course we'll dive into a variety of puzzles, mathematics and worlds, that may just satisfy your craving for puzzles. At the end of the course you'll have quite a collection of puzzles to take home.

Beth Reedy, Elementary Teacher, Monmouth-Roseville School District

What's Your Game Plan?**Grades 2–4 or 5–8**

This class gives you the opportunity to think and use logic strategies using board games, and outdoor activities. Board games include: checkers, chess, backgammon, and scrabble. We'll go outdoors to play: Bocce Ball, croquet, washers, Frisbee golf, and Clue. We spend time learning the rules and experiment with the materials, then we challenge ourselves with a tournament for each game. The finale will be a day of learning how to juggle.

Bob Reedy, Elementary Teacher, Monmouth-Roseville School District

Fun with Physics**Grades 4–5**

Have you ever wondered about gravity on other planets? Or wondered why you can slide across the floor in your socks, but not your gym shoes? We'll spend our time learning about gravity and friction, conducting real world experiments, and then take that knowledge into the world of computers. We will play with some simulations of spaceships, bouncing balls, inclined planes and orbiting planets as we come to understand these forces that surround us every day.

Paul Schuytema, University of Illinois Extension Specialist

Properties of Light**Grades 4–5**

Why is the sky blue? Why does an apple look red? Why does a pencil look broken when you put it in a glass of water? Find out the answers to these questions and many more when you come explore the properties of light through investigation and experiments.

Catherine Smith, Elementary teacher, West Central School District

SOCIAL SCIENCES**Adventures in Archeology****Grades 2–4**

Dig into this class with adventures in archeology! From the analysis of historic artifacts, to learning the art and science of archeology, you will participate in challenging, yet fun activities. Imagine yourself in an Egyptian tomb or on a dig of an ancient Indian burial site. Come, and be prepared to think and work like an archeologist as you “dig” into the past.

Tom Best, Jr. High Teacher, Monmouth-Roseville School District, Department of Educational Studies, Monmouth College

Around the World in Ten Days**Grades 2–4**

Do you like exotic foods, customs, and fun games? Grab your passport and join us for a ten-day adventure to the four corners of the globe. Pack up your sense of adventure and explore our world.

Wendi Thompson-Dawson, Dept. of Political Economy and Commerce, Monmouth College

Backyard History**Grades 3-5**

You can have fun and learn more about history when you travel back into my backyard of historical adventures. Would you like to see how you can learn more about history from studying old cemeteries? YES—we'll visit some! How about going on walking tours where you'll learn about local history and architecture of Monmouth buildings? Join us for a step into the past.

Tom Best, Jr. High Teacher, Monmouth-Roseville School District, Department of Educational Studies, Monmouth College

Of Castles and Kings**Grades 3-5**

What was it like to live in the Middle ages? Discover what castles were really like. Just what did the king and his knights do all day and why did they dress in those funny tin suits? Learn about schools, jobs and the food that people ate and the simple homes they dwelled in. Discover for yourself if you could handle living in the time of King Arthur!

Megan Lalonde, Monmouth College Graduate

Philosophy**Grades 4-8**

Don't you feel that sometimes the world's just not fair? That's why the world needs a new superhero—YOU—SuperPhilosophyKid! This course is just right for helping you figure out if someone is being fair or not. It will also help you answer questions like, "should I tell a lie?" Join us for 2 weeks of cool stuff you have never thought about, it's guaranteed that you'll have a great question to ask your family and friends every day.

Craig Vivian, Department of Educational Studies, Monmouth College

Southwest Indians**Grades 2-3**

Come and learn all about the Indians of the desert Southwest. We'll explore their housing, food, sign language, music, and crafts. Lots of hands-on learning are in store for you, including cooking and instrument making. Join us for an exciting visit to the Southwest.

Megan Lalonde, Monmouth College Graduate

You Be the Judge

Grades 5-8

You will get to be the judge and more when you enter this “courtly” class. Whether a lawyer, witness, clerk or a judge, you will have an interesting time acting out some real and imaginary court cases. From a trial about bubble gum to cartoon characters involved in lawsuits, you’ll be learning about our legal system in a whole new way.

Tom Best, Jr. High Teacher, Monmouth-Roseville School District, Department of Educational Studies, Monmouth College

Save the date for next year...

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Summer 2010

June 14-25

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**Dates:
June 15-26, 2009
9 AM to 12 Noon
First day starts at 8:30 AM in the Dahl Auditorium.**

