

September 13, 2016

Dear Teacher:

The Faculty of Education is once again offering a series of Saturday morning enrichment camps, **Sensational Saturdays**, for **local gifted/highly able children and youth** in grades 1-9. The focus of the LEAP (Laurier Enriched Academic Program) camps is on enrichment, where basic skills are supported through imaginative activities. All camps are proposed and led by certified teachers who are assisted by volunteers. Camps will be held in the Bricker Academic Building on the Waterloo Laurier campus.

The camps will run from **9:00 a.m. - 12 noon** on **January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4, 2017**. Each camp includes a 15 minute break about halfway through the morning. There will be 10-20 participants in each camp and camps will run based on a minimum enrollment.

If you would like to design and run a camp with a theme that is of interest to you, this is a great opportunity. All six sessions must relate to a single theme. We are looking for highly interactive teaching methods, integration of the arts and creative and critical thinking skills, and all of the multiple intelligences. Please see the attached info sheet for more details.

If you are interested in proposing a camp, please fill out the attached curriculum template completely and return it, along with a current resume, to LEAP via fax (519) 884-8697 or email to [leap@wlu.ca](mailto:leap@wlu.ca) by **October 14, 2016**. We will determine which camps will be offered by late October/early November and thereafter send out promotional materials to schools and parents. Registration closes in early January 2017 and decisions regarding the final camp offerings will be made at that time. Please feel free to share this invitation with interested colleagues. If there are any questions, please contact LEAP at [leap@wlu.ca](mailto:leap@wlu.ca).

Regards,



Colleen Willard-Holt, Ph.D.  
Dean, Faculty of Education



Our LEAP camps continue to grow each year. We welcomed over 300 campers for summer 2016 during our two weeks of camp.

Our winter program is a smaller version of the summer program, with approximately 100 children attending Sensational Saturdays camps.

## CAMP TOPICS

*Some camp topics that have worked well in the past as enrichment camps include the following:*

- Dinosaurs
- Crime scene investigation
- Rain forests
- Explorers
- Coral Reefs
- Mythology
- Natural disasters
- Technology/computers
- Real-life mysteries
- Space
- Bubbles
- Inventions
- Medieval times
- Simple machines
- Oceans
- Egypt
- Aviation
- Nature
- Math/geometry
- Science fiction
- Cartooning
- Animation
- Insects
- STEM
- Computer programming
- Economics
- Art

*Parents and campers have suggested the following additional topics:*

- Business
- Robots/Robotics
- Zoology
- The science of sports
- Engineering
- Architecture
- Computer programming
- Critical thinking
- Chemistry
- Environment
- Aerodynamics/flight
- Video game design
- Superheroes
- Conservation
- Coding
- Logic
- Math
- Debate

LEAP has a wide variety of technology available for use— including a set of 10 Raspberry Pi computers. We also have K'nex Roller Coaster Physics (two sets) as well as Amusement Park Experience (two sets). Additionally, we have 8 WeDo LEGO Robotics kits, plus extension kits, accommodating groups of up to 16 students in grades 1-3. Our 7 LEGO NXT Robotics kits can accommodate a group of up to 14 students in grades 4-6 or 6-9. The activities in these sets are fairly well prescribed, but we do need facilitators in order to run these popular camps. Please contact LEAP if you are interested in these opportunities.

This is not an exhaustive list; other ideas are welcome! We are looking for camps that are highly motivating for the children, where learning is academically challenging as well as fun. Camps focused on the arts—visual, music, drama—are also welcomed.

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## HOW TO APPLY

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## CAMP SUPPLIES

In your proposal, please include a list of any supplies you think your camp may require. A small budget will be available for each camp to purchase supplies and we have a central inventory with basic camp and school supplies. If you require access to computers, iPads, cameras or a Smart Board please indicate your technology needs in your proposal. If your camp runs we will need to know week by week what you require.

## TEACHER EXPECTATIONS

Teachers are paid \$775 for the planning and teaching of the six Saturday mornings. If you choose to team teach, you will need to split the pay. Part of your planning should include challenging activities for campers who finish assigned projects ahead of the other campers. There will be a teacher training/orientation session in January 2017 (details to be determined). We will also ask teachers new to LEAP to meet with us individually prior to the beginning of camp.

All new LEAP teachers must provide a copy of a recent (dated March 4, 2016 or later) Police Records Check for the Vulnerable Sector *even if* you have one on file at your workplace. If you require a record check, LEAP will cover the fee. It can take a number of weeks for this request to be processed at a local police station so you will be expected to order your police check by a certain date (in November/December). You will also be expected to complete training on the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. Teachers will provide campers with an outline of camp activities on the first day, and will fill out a short feedback sheet (checklist-style) for all campers to go home on the final day. A template for this will be provided.

## VOLUNTEERS

LEAP is fortunate to attract hard-working volunteers, many of whom return for multiple sessions of camp. We assign at least one volunteer to each camp. Our volunteer base includes students in high school and university, as well as OCTs. We always welcome new volunteers. If you know of someone aged 16 and over who might be interested in being a volunteer, please direct them to our website at [wlu.ca/leap](http://wlu.ca/leap) where a volunteer form will soon be posted.



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Laurier Enriched Academic Program



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**Proposal: LEAP 2017 Sensational Saturdays Enrichment Camp**

January 28 – March 4, 2017 (6 weeks) 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Please send a current resume and this application to [leap@wlu.ca](mailto:leap@wlu.ca) or fax to 519-884-8697.  
Feel free to attach other pages as required.

**Proposals submitted without a current resume will not be considered.**

All areas of the form must be completed. Feel free to attach additional materials as needed.

Questions? Contact LEAP by e-mail at [leap@wlu.ca](mailto:leap@wlu.ca).

**Proposals Due: October 14, 2016**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Work E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Affiliation/Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Proposed Camp Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended grade level (circle):                      1-3                      4-6                      6-9                      7-9

Camp Description (150 words or less) – This should be written as a marketing tool in a highly engaging style:

Teaching methods to be used (be specific):

Preliminary list of materials (indicate quantities):



**Technology Requirements (computer, Smart Board) and Uses (internet browsing, word processing, specific software). Please indicate dates and times needed:**

**Supplemental fees (e.g., for specialized materials students will keep):**

**Plans for campers who finish tasks ahead of other campers (“busy work” such as word searches, cross words, etc. are not acceptable):**

**Special notes:**

**Two attachments required: \_\_\_\_\_ Resume \_\_\_\_\_ Camp application/curriculum outline**



**Tentative Camp Curriculum***Please complete all sections of this form.*

<b>Day 1 – January 28</b> <b>Topic(s):</b>	<b>Objective(s):</b>	<b>Activities &amp; schedule (brief list; indicate when short break (15 minutes) occurs):</b>
<b>Day 2 – February 4</b> <b>Topic(s):</b>	<b>Objective(s):</b>	<b>Activities &amp; schedule (brief list; indicate when short break (15 minutes) occurs):</b>



<p><b>Day 3 – February 11</b> Topic(s):</p>	<p>Objective(s):</p>	<p>Activities &amp; schedule (brief list; indicate when short break (15 minutes) occurs):</p>
<p><b>Day 4 – February 18</b> Topic(s):</p>	<p>Objective(s):</p>	<p>Activities &amp; schedule (brief list; indicate when short break (15 minutes) occurs):</p>





<p><b>Day 5 – February 25</b> <b>Topic(s):</b></p>	<p><b>Objective(s):</b></p>	<p><b>Activities &amp; schedule (brief list; indicate when short break (15 minutes) occurs):</b></p>
<p><b>Day 6 – March 4</b> <b>Topic(s):</b></p>	<p><b>Objective(s):</b></p>	<p><b>Activities &amp; schedule (brief list; indicate when short break (15 minutes) occurs):</b></p>

