Don’t Miss Out!
Annual Conference for Gifted Students & Their Families
Saturday, June 30 • 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Opportunities For the Future
Conference for Gifted Students & Their Families
Northwestern University
Center for Talent Development
Technological Institute
Evanston, IL Campus
847/491-7676
www.ctd.northwestern.edu/family-conference
An inspirational afternoon of learning & exploration for gifted students & their families

Join us for stimulating workshops and presentations designed to help gifted students and their parents plan for the future. Adults enjoy the keynote address and subsequent sessions led by experts in gifted education. Students in grades 4 through 12 attend workshops that provide new perspectives on current areas of study as well as future career opportunities. Children age 4 through grade 3 are invited to participate in fun supervised learning activities.

Parents and students can select one workshop in each time slot (see chart on next page). Workshops that span two or more time blocks are indicated. Parents may not attend student workshops. Students in grade 8 and below must have a parent or guardian in attendance at the conference. Supervised activities for children age 4 through grade 3 are continuous throughout the afternoon; no selection is required. Please note that children under age 4 are not permitted at the conference.

Keynote Address
Supporting Your Gifted Child’s School Performance: Identifying and Meeting the Special Learning Challenges of Gifted Children

Steven G. Zecker, PhD
Join Steven G. Zecker, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Northwestern University, who will explore the fact that despite an above average level of mental ability and adequate motivation to learn, many high functioning children nonetheless struggle with aspects of school performance. He will discuss various factors that can adversely impact school achievement and how they can be accurately identified. He will also discuss factors that contribute to academic success and how heightened awareness of these factors can allow parents and other caregivers to provide a maximally supportive learning environment that will benefit children in their academic world.
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Detailed session descriptions are available at www.ctd.northwestern.edu/family-conference.

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**STUDENT SESSIONS**

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**Grades 4 – 6 (full afternoon sessions)**

**Afternoon Session 1 ● 1 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

| The Science of the Design Process |
| A Little Off the Spleen, Please! The History of Medicine from Barbers to Bots |
| Environmental Science, Engineering, and Sustainability |
| Order in the Courtroom |
| Tiny Chemistry: Introduction to Nanotechnology |
| Architectural Design: How Structures Stand and Bridges Span |

**Age 4 – Grade 3**

Hands-on architecture & construction activities, modeled on CTD’s Summer Leapfrog Program.

Please indicate the correct age code for your child on your registration form: Grade 2 – 3 or Age 4 – Grade 1 (grade in 2017-2018 school year). Parents attending the 1 p.m. keynote address can drop off children at the activity site at 12:30 p.m.
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Fees
$95 for one person
$125 for two people
$135 for three or more people
$50 for families with proven financial need (families eligible for or that receive free or reduced lunch qualify for a reduced $50 conference fee)
50% off registration for Northwestern employees with Wild Card

Cancellation Policy
Full refund before May 15. $50 refund May 15 – June 8.
No refund after June 8.

Questions?
E-mail ctd-enrichment@northwestern.edu or call 847/491-7676.

Center for Talent Development
Explore our Programs!

CTD is dedicated to helping gifted students, age 4 through grade 12, reach full potential. We provide research-based assessment, advanced programs, and resources to enhance a child’s schooling. Our dynamic pathways lead students on a journey of intellectual, emotional, and social growth.

Northwestern University’s
Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS)
Research-based assessment identifies academic ability, measures growth, and connects students to resources and opportunities for advanced students.

Online Courses: Gifted LearningLinks
Individualized pace and one-on-one engagement with instructors and access to advanced subject matter. Enrichment, honors, and AP® courses.

Summer Program
Advanced academic adventures with life-changing impact. Residential and commuter offerings for students aged 3 through grade 12 on the Northwestern University, Evanston, IL campus and throughout the Chicago area. Enrichment, honors, and AP courses.

Civic Education Project
Pathway to leadership and civic engagement combining service-learning with academic study and reflection. Spring, summer, and custom school-year programs.

Weekend Enrichment Programs
Advanced, unique courses range in duration from one weekend to eight consecutive Saturdays and/or Sundays. Parent-child sessions are now available on Saturdays!