

Enrichment Opportunities

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Please Note: This is not an all inclusive list nor can I guarantee that I haven't missed something and sent an idea in error. To that end if you can help edit this please pass on the information so I can fix it. Thanks! Susan B.

Title	Grade Level	Contact Info	Known Details
Missouri Scholars Academy	HS (beginning junior year)	<a href="http://www.moscholars.org">http://www.moscholars.org</a>	<b>Missouri Scholars Academy</b> is a three-week academic program for gifted students who are ready to begin their junior year in high school. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education sponsor this, in cooperation with the University of Missouri-Columbia. Every public and private high school in Missouri is eligible to nominate at least one student to participate in the Academy. The legislature appropriates funds to support the program, so there is no cost to the students. The Academy exposes students to a wide range of activities and intensive instruction in their chosen area of specialization. The faculty is composed of outstanding teachers from high schools throughout the state. The curriculum includes guest speakers, performers, discussions, career exploration and social activities. Nomination forms were mailed to the superintendents on November 1 with the web address to access the nomination forms. Forms must be postmarked by February Students live on the MU campus for the duration of the program.
Missouri Academy	HS During 10 <sup>th</sup> grade	<a href="http://www.nwmissouri.edu/masm/index.htm">http://www.nwmissouri.edu/masm/index.htm</a> Cleo Samudzi, Ph.D. □ Dean of the Missouri Academy - masmc@nwmissouri.edu	The <b>Missouri Academy</b> is an early-entrance-to-college, two-year residential program, located on the campus of Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. It is designed for gifted high school students with demonstrated high performance and interest in science, mathematics and computing. Students typically apply for admission to the Missouri Academy during 10th grade (or equivalent) in their traditional high school, and thus attend the Missouri Academy for two years, replacing the junior and senior years of traditional high school. While at the Missouri Academy, students are enrolled in a curriculum consisting of college coursework taught by professors at Northwest Missouri State University. Thus, Missouri Academy students attend classes together with traditional university students, and professors have the same expectations

			of Missouri Academy students as they do for traditional university students. Students who complete this two-year program earn an Associate of Science degree as well as a high school diploma. This is an opportunity for exceptional students to live, socialize and study in a living/learning community of peers.
Boys State of Missouri  Girls State of Missouri	HS	<a href="http://www.missouriboysstate.org">http://www.missouriboysstate.org</a> can contact your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit	The purpose is to promote pride in America and to create a mythical state that the citizens will govern at the city, county and state level. We will have speakers who serve as leaders in our Missouri government as well as hold important offices in our communities. Delegates to Missouri Girls State are chosen by an interview and application procedure. Information about 2008 Missouri Girls State arrived at the American Legion Auxiliary units and high schools after November 1, 2007. MGS delegates are girls who attend high school in Missouri and have just completed their junior year. Candidates are evaluated on their leadership abilities, interest in government, service to others, and academics. Speech and debate experiences are also beneficial. For more information contact your high school counselor or the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit.
Person Quest Saturday Outreach Academy	Grades 6-12	If you have questions concerning the application or program, please contact Kenneth Beene at 816-235-5434, <a href="mailto:beenek@umkc.edu">beenek@umkc.edu</a> or Dr. Susan Wilson at (816) 235-1780 or <a href="mailto:wilsons@umkc.edu">wilsons@umkc.edu</a>	KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Area students in grades 6-12 have an opportunity to get a head start on college and a career in the health care industry through a new program being offered jointly by the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine and the Kansas University Medical Center. The Personal Quest Saturday Outreach Academy is a free, 16-week program beginning in January designed to enhance the academic achievement of minority students through a series of four four-week classroom sessions at the UMKC School of Medicine. The classes will focus on integrated mathematics and the health sciences in hopes of improving the students' academic efforts in three areas: performance on standardized testing, preparation for college entrance exams and access to college based scholarships - through academic interventions, job shadowing opportunities and mentoring programs. The Personal Quest Saturday Outreach Academy is free of charge to students in grades nine through 11. Students will meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays at the UMKC School of Medicine with one week off between each session.

Show Me Scholars	HS	<a href="http://www.ShowMeScholars.com">www.ShowMeScholars.com</a> or <a href="http://www.wiche.edu/statescholars">www.wiche.edu/statescholars</a>	<p>Show-Me Scholars is a strategy to motivate students to complete a more rigorous set of high school courses that will prepare them for college and the workforce. The Show-Me Scholars program places business people in the classroom to motivate students to take more challenging high school courses – immediately before they select courses in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and continuously through high school. This program brings students, schools, businesses, and communities together. The four schools districts piloting the Show-Me Scholars Initiative in Missouri include Mexico, Houston, Rockwood and Jennings. Show-Me Scholars is part of a national program called the State Scholars Initiative, and is supported by a \$300,000 grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education that is disbursed by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. Missouri is one of 24 states that offer the program.</p>
Missouri Chamber Education Foundation	HS	<a href="http://mochamber.com/mx/hm.asp?id=07282006yoptaxcredits">http://mochamber.com/mx/hm.asp?id=07282006yoptaxcredits</a> Dave Lankford, Missouri Chamber Education Foundation Vice President, at <a href="mailto:dlankford@mochamber.com">dlankford@mochamber.com</a> , or by phone at 573.634.3511.	<p>The Missouri Chamber Education Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c) (3) business/education partnership established in 1964 to develop statewide programs for middle school, high school and college students, teachers and other adult leaders. The programs were designed to teach character, economics, finance and leadership, foster business/education partnerships in communities, cosponsor the programs with local chambers of commerce and schools, and involve local business and professional people in face-to-face dialogue with the student participants. More than 3,000 students, 225 teachers, and 825 business leaders participate in Missouri Chamber Education Foundation programs each year.</p>
WICHE	HS	<a href="http://www.wiche.edu">www.wiche.edu</a>	<p>The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) and its 15 member states work collaboratively to expand educational access and excellence. By promoting innovation, cooperation, resource sharing, and sound public policy, WICHE strengthens higher education’s contributions to social, economic, and civic life. WICHE’s programs – Student Exchange, Policy Analysis and Research, WCET (the Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications), and Mental Health – are working to find answers to some of the most critical questions facing higher education today, such as access to higher education for low-income students, the financing of higher education and student financial aid, higher education’s role in</p>

			workforce and economic development, articulation between K-12 and higher education, and distance education.
Leadership in Practice	11 grade	<p>Missouri Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation, P.O. Box 1155, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 (573) 634-3511 Fax: (573) 634-8855 e-mail: <a href="mailto:dlankford@mochamber.com">dlankford@mochamber.com</a></p> <p>NOTE: Could not locate information for 2010 on line at this time</p>	<p>The Leadership in Practice Workshop is sponsored by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals and Missouri Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry. This year, from June 25th through 27th, 2009 up to 175 sophomores from across Missouri will participate in the 12<sup>th</sup> annual <i>Leadership In Practice</i>. For three days on the campus of Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri these students participate in a variety of activities, simulations and discussions designed to develop their leadership skills. Professional facilitators, and business and political leaders, discuss various leadership characteristics with the participants. The students are given the opportunity to interact with the speakers as well as discuss presentations with other students in small group discussion led by teachers/counselors.</p>
Missouri Youth Leadership Forum	Grades 11-12 (ages 16-21 w/ disability)	<p><a href="http://www.disabilityinfo.mo.gov">www.disabilityinfo.mo.gov</a>  Belle Harris 800-877-8249 (v/tty) or  <a href="mailto:Isabelle.harris@oa.mo.gov">Isabelle.harris@oa.mo.gov</a></p>	<p>The Missouri Governor Council on Disability and the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities are the major partners in the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MYLF). MYLF is the only forum designed for students with disabilities in Missouri. The student delegates participate in a statewide competition that seeks students with disabilities who have exhibited leadership potential. Student delegates are equipped with additional training through their participation in the four-day forum so that they may become leaders by example when they return to their home communities. What is the Cost? There is NO COST FOR THE STUDENT DELEGATE TO ATTEND MYLF. Application deadline is April 15, 2010 .</p>
Truman Heartland Youth Advisory Council	HS	<p><a href="http://www.thcf.org/programs/index.asp?pageid=youth_advisory">http://www.thcf.org/programs/index.asp?pageid=youth_advisory</a></p>	<p>The Truman Heartland Community Foundation is a local charity committed to “improving area communities by promoting private giving for the public good.” Each year THCF grants more than \$3 million to heartland nonprofit organizations and awards nearly \$100,000 in annual scholarships to students continuing their education. The Youth Advisory Council, a youth program established by THCF, is comprised of 40 teen leaders from ten public high schools in the area – Blue Springs, Blue Springs South, Fort Osage, Grain</p>

			<p>Valley, Lee’s Summit, Lee’s Summit North, Raytown, Raytown South, Truman and William Chrisman. The purpose of the Council is to make life better for children and young people in our community by modeling leadership and serving as philanthropists – giving of our “time, talent and treasure”. We accomplish our purpose through: 1.) service – to become educated about youth needs and the organizations that currently address those needs, 2.) grantmaking – to advise the Foundation on youth-related proposals and support those organizations whose proposals we believe in, and 3.) fundraising – to raise money so we can give it away to worthy youth-serving programs in our community.</p>
<p>Missouri Area Health Education Centers Program</p>	<p>MS/HS</p>	<p><a href="http://www.mahec.org/">http://www.mahec.org/</a></p> <p>Note: At the time of this edit the website for students was unavailable.</p>	<p>The West Central Missouri AHEC recruitment efforts strive to attract youth to health care professions. Our recruitment programming begins in middle/junior high schools and continues through the undergraduate level. All programs are geared toward attracting and supporting students in achievement of their health care career goals.</p> <p><b>ACES Pipeline (AHEC Career Enhancement Scholars)</b></p> <p>The ACES pipeline program was developed as a comprehensive career planning and assistance program for students identified and interested in pursuing a career in primary healthcare including family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrician, nurse practitioner, dentist or dental hygienist. The program develops relationships between students, parents and communities to create a comprehensive pipeline to funnel students into primary health care careers.</p> <p><b>ACES for high school students</b></p> <p>Students grade 9-12 interested in primary care careers are selected in the Fall by completing an application and submitting it along with a copy of their most recent school transcript, two letters of recommendation (one from a school counselor, one from any community member or teacher) and a personal statement explaining why they are interested in a career in primary care. Apply for the ACES program by contacting Carla Tillmon.</p> <p><b>ACES+ for undergraduate students</b></p> <p>College students are the focus for this level and all aspects of the program</p>

			<p>work in conjunction with local university undergraduate pre-medicine and pre-health professional clubs. Apply for the ACES+ program by contacting Carla Tillmon.</p> <p><b>ECHO (Exploring Careers in Health Occupations)</b>  Students grade 9-12 and undergraduates interested in any health career can enroll in the Health Career Interest Group at anytime. Students receive monthly newsletters spotlighting various careers in health and are invited to attend health exploration workshops and academic enrichment opportunities such as ACT Prep.</p> <p><b>Health Career Presentations</b>  AHEC staff visit middle/Jr. high and Sr. high schools throughout the organization's four county region to present information regarding health care careers to students. These in-class presentations focus on the variety of careers available in health care, specific information regarding health care jobs, health profession schools and how to pursue them. To request a presentation, please contact Carla Tillmon.</p> <p><b>MASH (MAHEC Academy of Science and Health) Camps</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> MASH Camps are summer day camps aimed at exposing students to the world of science and health care. The camps are put on in conjunction with other community partners and involve many hands-on learning experiences for students focused around health care and the sciences.</p> <p><b>Shadowing/Mentoring Experiences</b>  WCMO AHEC facilitates shadowing and mentoring experiences aimed at helping high school and undergraduate students achieve a realistic perspective of what health care professionals do on a daily basis. Students spend time observing health care professionals on the job and talk with them about their profession.  For students interested in attending medical school, WCMO AHEC also facilitates opportunities for students to shadow medical students, attending classes with them and discussing the academic and personal knowledge, skills, abilities and commitment needed to succeed in medical school.</p> <p><b>Great Hospital Adventure</b>  The Great Hospital Adventure is a multi-media presentation designed for</p>
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			students grade K-1. This show includes video and puppets and teaches students about various careers in healthcare, as well as safety and healthy habits. Students participate in interactive discussion.
Summit Technology Academy	HS	<a href="http://sta.leesummit.k12.mo.us/">http://sta.leesummit.k12.mo.us/</a>	Summit Technology Academy, geared toward preparing students for technology careers, opened in fall 1999. The unique school is located in the former AT&T plant (now known as the Summit Technology Campus). The business provides the space and equipment for the school, and the school district provides the staffing. There are some very challenging courses offered at Summit Tech. available to upper classmen, including pre-engineering and biotechnology. They are not intended to be exclusive for none but the top students but they are very challenging and can lead students to rigorous college degree programs.
University of Southern Mississippi, Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies	Varies	<a href="http://www.usm.edu/gifted">http://www.usm.edu/gifted</a>	The Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies on the Hattiesburg campus of the University of Southern Mississippi offers a variety of programs. Web site at: <a href="http://www.usm.edu/gifted">http://www.usm.edu/gifted</a> .  <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday Gifted Studies Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Leadership Studies Program</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summer Gifted Studies Program</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summer Program for Academically Talented Youth</u></p>
Drury College, Springfield	Pre K-11	<a href="http://www.drury.edu/section/section.cfm?sid=150">http://www.drury.edu/section/section.cfm?sid=150</a> Mary Potthoff, Director, Center for Gifted Ed. 417-873-7486	Pre K-1 Summer Pals – 2-5 Summer Quest – 6-8 Summerscape – 9-11 Drury Leadership Academy Drury University and Springfield Public Schools work together to sponsor a summer experience for gifted students. Courses are taught by highly qualified, effective teachers who understand and use both

			enrichment and acceleration. Courses are hands-on, activity oriented, and highly motivating.
Summers at Mizzou	Grades 6-12	<a href="http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers/">www.mo4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers/</a>	Explore campus life while learning about different college majors and career opportunities while having Fun! Some classes this summer include Build-a-Business, GeoTech, Scrub into a health Career, Four Star Chef, Dog Days of Summer, Director's Cut . Courses have deadlines for registration. Fees include housing and daytime/evening activities.
Summer Youth Camp in Theatre /Drama – Christian Youth Center	Pre K-12	<a href="http://www.cyt.org/">http://www.cyt.org/</a> CYT Kansas City, 6800 W 153rd St., Suite A, Overland Park KS 66223 (913) 681-3318	Day camp and overnight opportunities, offerings include learning simple acting strategies or full productions and musicals.
Washington Univ. St. Louis Computer Camps	Ages 7-17	<a href="http://www.internaldrive.com/locations/mo-summer-camps-missouri-computer-camps/washington-university-st-louis-camp/">http://www.internaldrive.com/locations/mo-summer-camps-missouri-computer-camps/washington-university-st-louis-camp/</a>	Join us for our 5th season at our Washington University location in St. Louis, MO. iD Tech Camps is North America's #1 summer computer camp and one of a handful of elite summer camps in St. Louis. Our summer kids camps and teen camps are designed for beginner to advanced learners. Our popular Washington University summer <a href="#">day camps</a> and <a href="#">overnight camps</a> average 6 students per instructor for customized instruction delivered by <a href="#">highly trained adult-only staff</a> . We offer a variety of fun cutting edge summer camp <a href="#">courses</a> for kids and teens including video game design, Flash animation, programming, video editing and more—using the best brand name products from Adobe®, Apple®, Autodesk®, Microsoft® and beyond. Come explore the Washington University campus and gain technical skills that will last long after summer camp ends. Ignite your internalDrive and <a href="#">do something big</a> this summer! Continue to Step 2 for Course Availability.
Pembroke Hill Summer Academy		Susan Everett, Director of Summer Programs 400 W. 51 <sup>st</sup> St. Kansas City, MO 64112 816-936-1377	Programs run from June 1 through August 20, 2010  Note: Could Not access programs catalog on-line at the time of this typing.

		<a href="mailto:summer@pembrokehill.org">summer@pembrokehill.org</a>	
Youth Enrichment and Sports Activities	Ages 2-17	Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation <a href="http://www.lsparks.net">www.lsparks.net</a>	A variety of offerings for area children. See web site for complete listing and registration information.
College for Kids	All ages	Metropolitan Community College Lee's Summit, MO <a href="http://www.mcckc.edu/lvcomm">www.mcckc.edu/lvcomm</a> <a href="#">ed</a>	A variety of offerings for area children. See web site for complete listing and registration information.
Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art	Ages 3-18	<a href="http://www.nelson-atkins.org/education/YouthFamProg.cfm">http://www.nelson-atkins.org/education/YouthFamProg.cfm</a>	Be a pharaoh for a week, journey down the Nile, discover the ancient world of Egyptian mummies, gods and goddesses, and much more in studio art classes at the Nelson-Atkins this summer! Students ages 3-18 will explore our new galleries of Egyptian art (opening in May) and then explore their imaginations to create sculptures, paintings, jewelry and more.
Piano Camp at Mizzou	Entering grades 7-12	Sara Ernst <a href="mailto:ErnstS@missouri.edu">ErnstS@missouri.edu</a> 573-882-3348	Students must have at least 3 years studying piano. Camp held June 6-11, 2010. Deadline for registration is May 14. Fees include housing, meals and activities.
Nature Programs through Missouri Dept. of Conservation	Ages 3 and up	Burr Oak Woods, Blue Springs, MO 816-228-3766	Many of our Missouri Department of Conservation Nature Centers offer many worthwhile summer programs and activities.
Summer of Science Camp Lakeside Nature Center	Ages 6-12	816-513-8960	Summer of Science Camp is perfect for the young naturalist 6-12 years old. Scholars are grouped by age. Sessions are organized around specific environmental themes and include hands on animal activities, organized hikes and integrated crafts and projects. Each afternoon ends with time in the Camp Lake of the Woods pool.
Joshua	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Rotary Camp at Lake	Camp for children with Tourette Syndrome, Asperger Syndrome and

Center for Neurological Disorders Camp	day camp, Students who have completed grades 3-8	Jacomo, Lee's Summit, Mo <a href="http://joshuacenter.com/camp.htm">http://joshuacenter.com/camp.htm</a>	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. Camp runs June 13-17, 2010
Center for Pre-College Programs, Aerospace Camp	Ages 10-13	<a href="http://precollege.mst.edu/aerospace.html">http://precollege.mst.edu/aerospace.html</a> Distance & Continuing Education 216 Centennial Hall 300 W 12th Street Rolla, MO 65409-1560 <b>Phone:</b> 573-341-6222 <b>Fax:</b> 573-341-4992 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:dce@mst.edu">dce@mst.edu</a>	Prepare to blast off for three fun-filled days on the Missouri S&T campus. Experience aeronautics and space flight from a ground-up perspective, as you learn about the history of flight, astronomy and space exploration. Your three days will be filled with computer simulations, interactive teamwork activities and practical hands-on experiences.
Center for Pre-College Programs	Grades 1-12	<a href="http://precollege.mst.edu/">http://precollege.mst.edu/</a> Distance & Continuing Education 216 Centennial Hall 300 W 12th Street Rolla, MO 65409-1560 <b>Phone:</b> 573-341-6222 <b>Fax:</b> 573-341-4992 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:dce@mst.edu">dce@mst.edu</a>	There are a variety of summer camp opportunities. Check out the web site for a complete listing. Some programs listed are Camp Invention, Robotics Camp, It's A Girl Thing!, Research Academy, Introduction to Engineering, Nuclear Engineering Camp and others.
State Parks Youth Corps	Ages 17-24	<a href="https://thinkoutside.mo.gov/">https://thinkoutside.mo.gov/</a>	This summer, young Missourians will have the opportunity to gain valuable work experience to prepare for tomorrow's careers, while enjoying the beauty and grandeur of Missouri's state parks. The Missouri State Parks Youth Corps will challenge participants to "Think Outside" by accomplishing interesting projects that help preserve and enhance Missouri's state park system. In addition to developing the critical leadership skills that will prepare them for success in future careers, the program will bolster an appreciation for the environment and "green" concepts that are an exciting part of Missouri's growing industries. Deadline for application April 16
HOBY	10 graders	<b>Name:</b> Cheryl Brenn	Leadership seminars open to sophomores. Missouri's program is held in

Leadership Program		<p><b>Position:</b> Director Of National Programs  <b>Address:</b> 11 Hancock Way Clifton Park, NY 12065  <b>Phone:</b> 818-851-3980 x 309  <b>Fax:</b> 818-851-3992</p>	Cape Girardo at Southeast Missouri State University. June 4-6, 2010
Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy		<p>Ben Goodin  P.O. Box 104687  Jefferson City, MO 65110  <a href="mailto:Bg60869@aol.com">Bg60869@aol.com</a>  573-230-5567</p>	Students should have a high interest in law enforcement. This program is sponsored by the American Legion Department of Missouri in cooperation with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.
Music/Arts Institute		<p>1010 S Pearl ST  Independence, MO 64050  Phone: 816-836-1998  Fax: 816-836-4998</p>	Music/Arts Institute® is a vibrant, active member of the Kansas City Metro arts community, providing the highest quality music <a href="#">instruction</a> through a variety of music lessons and programs at our historic Independence, Missouri campus for more than 30 years. We offer <a href="#">lessons</a> for all strings, brass, woodwinds, piano, percussion, classical guitar, harp, and voice. Limited scholarships are awarded through competitive audition and are based upon both merit and need. Applications are due May 15 of each year for the ensuing year.
Stanford Educational Program for Gifted Youth	Ages 11-17 MS and HS	<p>EPGY Summer Institutes  220 Panama St.  Stanford, CA 94305-4101  1866-835-3312  <a href="mailto:summer@epgy.stanford.edu">summer@epgy.stanford.edu</a></p>	<p>The EPGY Summer Institutes are two-to-four-week residential programs for academically talented and motivated middle and high-school students. The Summer Institutes provide an opportunity for these students to pursue their intellectual curiosity and meet others who share their interests and abilities. Participants are enrolled in a single intensive-study course, taught by a Stanford instructor, and covering topics not typically presented at their grade level.</p> <p>The Education Program for Gifted Youth is an ongoing research project at Stanford University dedicated to developing computer-based multimedia courses in Mathematics, Physics, English, Computer Programming and other subjects, and making these available to students of high ability. EPGY endeavors to provide students with advanced courses regardless of where they live.</p>

Gifted Students Institute	GT students entering 5 <sup>th</sup> gr- age 14 or entering 9 <sup>th</sup> gr	1800-992-3648 1601 North Benton Helena MT 59625 <a href="http://www.carrol.edu">www.carrol.edu</a>	The Gifted Institute will challenge gifted fifth through ninth grade students' academic potentials and provide opportunities for social development. Workshops, classes, and activities with adults and peers will enhance students' self-awareness and cognitive development. (located in Helena, MT
Science Pioneers	Grades 4-12	<a href="http://www.sciencepioneers.org">www.sciencepioneers.org</a>	Home of the Greater Kansas City Science & Engineering Fair, resources and lesson plans for teachers, resources for students, symposiums, knowledge bowls and much more.
Camp Shakespeare	Ages 8-18	Heart of America Shakespeare Festival Attn: Kara Armstrong, Education Director 3619 Broadway, Suite 2 Kansas City, MO 64111 Fax to: 816-531-1911 <a href="http://www.kcshakes.org">www.kcshakes.org</a>	Camp Shakespeare programs offer a unique summer arts adventure for young people ages 5 – 18. They are also an educational (just don't tell the kids!) introduction to the works of Shakespeare and theatre taught by professional teaching artists. Our focus in Camp Shakespeare is to give campers an experience that builds confidence, encourages teamwork, and unleashes creativity. Camp Shakespeare also improves reading skills, concentration ability, and teaches young people the power and beauty of language. Campers rehearse their own work for a performance of scenes, swordfights, and a shortened version of the Festival's 2010 play, <i>King Richard III</i> on the Festival stage in Southmoreland Park. Read what students and parents say about their Camp Shakespeare experience and <b>register today!</b>
National History Day	Grades 6-12	<a href="http://www.NationalHistoryDay.org/">http://www.NationalHistoryDay.org/</a> or History Day in Missouri <a href="http://www.umsystem.edu/whmc/nhd/nhddmain.html">http://www.umsystem.edu/whmc/nhd/nhddmain.html</a>	National History Day makes history come alive for America's youth by engaging them in the discovery of the historic, cultural and social experiences of the past. Through hands-on experiences and presentations, today's youth are better able to inform the present and shape the future. NHD inspires children through exciting competitions and transforms teaching through project-based curriculum and instruction.
Odyssey of the Mind	K-college	<a href="http://www.missouriodyyssey.org">www.missouriodyyssey.org</a>	The Missouri competition is held in April at the Missouri University of Science and Technology. The Odyssey of the Mind teaches students to learn creative problem-solving methods while having fun in the process. For more than twenty five years, this unique program has helped teachers generate excitement in their students. By tapping into creativity, and through encouraging imaginative paths to problem-solving, students learn skills that will provide them with the ability to solve problems -- great and small -- for a

			lifetime. The Odyssey of the Mind teaches students how to think divergently by providing open-ended problems that appeal to a wide range of interests. Students learn how to identify challenges and to think creatively to solve those problems. They are free to express their ideas and suggestions without fear of criticism. The creative problem-solving process rewards thinking "outside of the box." While conventional thinking has an important place in a well-rounded education, students need to learn how to think creatively and productively.
Extempore'	Grades 2-12	<a href="http://extempore.no-ip.org">http://extempore.no-ip.org</a>	Extemporé is a creative problem solving unit/competition. It's easy for you to facilitate and challenging fun for your students. Each unit contains a wide variety of activities and lesson plans for grades 2-12 (teachers have adapted them for K-1 as well). 2011 theme is "Are We There Yet?" (World Geography) Come join our Extemporé family!
Future Problem Solvers	Grades 4-12	<a href="http://www.mofps.org">http://www.mofps.org</a> <a href="mailto:suewagner@stjoelive.com">suewagner@stjoelive.com</a> <a href="mailto:janefite@gmail.com">janefite@gmail.com</a>	The Future Problem Solving Program International (FPSPI) publication, <i>Problem Solving Across the Curriculum, (2003)</i> emphasizes the FPSPI teaches a technique for constructively analyzing a topic or issue. The topics are chosen from strands to offer students opportunities to research various future scenarios and think about the future. It is important that students learn how to overcome obstacles or barriers when confronting challenges and developing solutions to social, political, scientific, economic and technological issues. FPSPI provides this opportunity and emphasizes academic skills. There are individual and team problem solving models.
Cosmosphere, Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center	Grades 2-12	<a href="http://www.cosmo.org/">http://www.cosmo.org/</a> Hutchinson, KS 800-397-0330	Investigate space, mars academy, overnight space adventure and future astronaut training program. Astronaut camp programs designed for aspiring astronauts, engineers and scientists of all ages.
Destination Imagination	K-college age children	<a href="http://www.destinationimagination.org">www.destinationimagination.org</a> MO Affiliate Dir. – Chuck Good <a href="http://www.mocadi.org">www.mocadi.org</a> <a href="mailto:chuckg@cableone.net">chuckg@cableone.net</a>	Destination ImagiNation, Inc. is an extraordinary non-profit organization that provides educational programs for students to learn and experience creativity, teamwork and problem solving. Every year, we reach 100,000 students across the U.S. and in more than 30 countries. Destination ImagiNation, our core program, is an exhilarating after-school activity in which students work in teams to solve mind-bending Challenges and present their solutions at

			Tournaments. Teams are tested to think on their feet, work together, and devise original solutions that satisfy the requirements of the Challenges. Participants gain more than just basic knowledge and skills - they learn to unleash their imaginations and take unique approaches to problem solving.
Summer science Camp: mules going Green!	Grades 6-9	<a href="http://protostardesign.com/camp">http://protostardesign.com/camp</a> Dr. Scott McKay or Ms. Trish Hubbard, Dept. of Biochemistry, Chemistry & Physics at UCM WCM417 Warrensburg 660-543-4948	This summer opportunity will be held at UCM with the biochemistry, chemistry and physics department. The two day camp involves learning about alternative energies and environmental sciences. The camp will take place July 29-30, 2010
The Stock Market Game	Grades 4-college	<a href="http://stockmarketgame.org/">http://stockmarketgame.org/</a> Mark Gravenstein, Program director MO Council for Economic Education <a href="mailto:GravensteinM@umkc.edu">GravensteinM@umkc.edu</a> <a href="#">u</a>	The SIFMA Foundations's Stock Market Game™ (SMG) gives students the chance to invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in an on-line portfolio. They think they're playing a game. You know they're learning economic and financial concepts they'll use for the rest of their lives. The program also teaches and reinforces these essential skills and concepts: Critical thinking, Decision-making, Cooperation and communication, Independent research, Saving and investing Students use real internet research and news updates, making the simulation an even better mirror of the real marketplace. While the competitive gameplay creates student excitement, the educational experience delivers the biggest impact.