



GUPPY

June 24 - 25, 2017



GUPPY is a weekend program offering students in grades 4-6, ages 9-11, a variety of accelerated exploratory educational presentations and hands-on experiences in Michigan State University's laboratories and classrooms.

Audience

This one-week residential summer program is for students currently in grades 4-6, age 9-11. Students must have strong standardized test scores (MSTEP, PSAT, etc) and also submit a teacher recommendation and grade report.

2017 Participants

48 students (32 males, 16 females)

- Six (6) third graders
- Twenty-one (21) fourth graders
- Sixteen (16) fifth graders
- Five (5) sixth graders

Funding

This program is funded by student tuition. Scholarships are available to families with financial need. The funds are provided through the Dorothy Lawshe Endowment.

Objectives

Students participating in this program will:

- *Be introduced to the MSU campus environment, including college labs and being taught by MSU faculty
- *Explore a variety of subjects, many which are not normally taught at the elementary/middle school level.
- *Learn in a setting with other advanced students.

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Description

GUPPY is designed for young gifted and talented students to attend classes taught by MSU faculty and staff at Michigan State University for two weekend days. Meals will be served in the MSU dining halls. A parent can accompany the student to meals. Parents also have the opportunity to learn more about gifted students and education through our Parent "U" presentations on Sunday. See schedule below. A closing ceremony will celebrate the two-day achievement for the students and parents on Sunday afternoon.

Commuter or hotel stay options: Families living a distance from campus must accompany their students and may stay overnight at a locally prearranged hotel at a special MSU rate or make reservations on their own with another hotel of their choice. Families are responsible for their own hotel stay and dinners. Local families may commute daily by dropping off and picking up their student each day from campus. Tuition cost includes one student and one parent or guardian.

When asked, what did you like most about the program, parents stated:

"I loved the opportunities my daughter had to experience more advanced work and seeing the interesting things her ordinary schoolwork can lead to if she's interested in those topics. Also, the chance to make friends with her interests. She was so independent and grown up that weekend- I was so proud of her. I also appreciated that it fit into a weekend. It worked for my husband to be home with our sons while I was with my daughter. Our work schedules were not affected, as they would be for a during the week program."

"I liked that my child got to experience hands-on educational opportunities with like peers that he doesn't get the chance to experience at school. It was really nice sharing stories and ideas with other parents."

"I liked the opportunity for my child to participate in something non traditional for her age/grade, while experiencing a taste of college life."