



GUPPY

June 29 – July 1, 2018



GUPPY is a weekend program offering students in grades 3-6, a variety of accelerated exploratory educational presentations and hands-on experiences in Michigan State University's laboratories and classrooms.

Audience

This weekend summer program is for students currently in grades 3-6. Students must have strong standardized test scores (MSTEP, PSAT, NNAT, IOWA, etc.) and also submit a teacher recommendation and grade report.

2018 Participants (3rd & 4th graders)

58 students (36 males, 22 females)

- Nineteen (19) third graders
- Thirty nine (39) fourth graders

2018 Participants (5th & 6th graders)

48 students (26 males, 22 females)

- Twenty seven (27) fifth graders
- Twenty one (21) 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 or three 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. A closing ceremony will celebrate the 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:

"We loved that our son was learning with other students who were as engaged in the learning process as he was. I have never seen my son so inspired by a learning experience as he was during the camp. The classes were taught by MSU professors and offered him insight that he never would have otherwise experienced."

"Parent University was EXTREMELY helpful and informative. It was extremely interesting to learn typical behaviors of gifted kids, disconcerting to learn of the sad state of educational financing, and encouraging to see that we're not alone in what we're going through."

"I liked that he was excited to go each day and learn. He talked about what he did each day. The best part though was his connections to other students that wanted to learn. Making friends is hard for him and to be in a room of kids just like him that he enjoyed being with, talking to and talking with us about was priceless. This was our second time and as we walked out we talked about other options for next summer and he talked about wanting to attend Guppy for a third time!"