**What is the Summer Enrichment Program?**
In collaboration with the Curry School of Education, the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) seeks to offer gifted and/or high ability students a rich and rewarding learning experience. The SEP staff works as a community to maximize potential in each student and foster a passion for lifelong learning, while also creating a fun and memorable residential experience.

Students in the program spend the morning and afternoon engaged in learning experiences with professional teachers designed to foster critical thinking, creative thinking, and inquiry processes. In addition, the residential component is an integral part of the SEP experience. Residential counselors strive to provide a comfortable and safe environment for living and learning, while meeting individual social and emotional needs. Campers are given the opportunity to build relationships with their gifted peers from different backgrounds and, most importantly, to have fun!

**What does a typical day look like and what is the time commitment?**
In total residential counselors will be employed for 7 weeks (June 14th – August 1st). This time frame includes a mandatory orientation/training week, in addition to wrap up days at the end of the last session. There are 3 sessions each summer, lasting about 12 days each. Counselors have an assigned half day and half night off during each session, and have two and a half full days off in between sessions.

When camp is in session, this is a typical schedule.

- 7:30 – 8:30: Breakfast
- 9:00 – 11:30: Morning Classes
- 11:30 – 12:30: Lunch
- 12:40 – 2:05: Special Topics
- 2:10 – 2:45: Large Group Activity
- 3:00 – 4:30: Afternoon Seminars
- 5:00 – 6:20: Dinner
- 6:30 – 7:15: Evening Activities
- 7:30 – 8:15: Recreation
- 8:30 – 9:00: Suite Time
- 9:00 – 10:00: Quiet Time

* The senior camp is one hour later. During Morning Classes and Afternoon Seminars counselors are on break or taking care of any necessary job/activity duties while the campers are in class at St. Anne’s. Additionally, there are many other activities built into the schedule and on the weekends such as a camp talent show, field day, pool day, and more.

One of the great benefits of working at SEP is that you are in a lively college town and working with other college students. On most days off the staff plans bonding activities and hangs out, such as going tubing on the James River, going camping, taking road trips, etc. However, counselors are free to leave and make their own plans during the designated time off.
**How much is compensation and what does it include?**
New counselors will be compensated $2600 for the 7 weeks of employment with SEP. This compensation includes room and board at UVA (all meals are paid for while camp is in session).

**Where does the camp take place?**
Campers and counselors reside in University dorms for the duration of the summer. We are expected to be housing in first year dorms on the Quad for this upcoming year. Camp activities take place in various locations around grounds and a majority of meals are eaten at the Observatory Hill Dining Hall. During the regular week days, campers attend classes at St. Annes’s, a local private school about a 10 minute walk from old dorms. Campers and counselors eat breakfast and lunch at this location during the week.

**What are the expectations of a residential counselor?**
- Supervise approximately 8 children (grades 5 - 8 or 9 - 11) 24 hours/day
- Accompany campers to meals, classes, scheduled seminars, field trips, and special events
- Plan and lead afternoon and evening recreational/social activities for small groups of campers
- Plan and lead a two-day mini-session on a topic of interest
- Participate actively in all orientation week, staff and session transition meetings
- Follow and reinforce all non-negotiable rules and camp policies as set forth in our Counselor Manual
- HAVE FUN!

**Who can apply to be a residential counselor?**
Anyone with at least a year of college experience can apply! So you can be anywhere from a freshman student to a 5th year. Additionally, we accept and encourage students from other schools to apply as well. We frequently have staffers from other universities such as William and Mary, James Madison University, Carnegie Mellon University, and more. We also encourage people of all majors to apply! Although this is a program developed through the Curry School, most of our staff members in the past have been from a wide variety of majors. We are always looking for a group of diverse and outgoing people.

**Where can I find the application?**


NON-UVA Students Apply here:

**Have any questions? Email any of the Head Counselors!**
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