



CONFERENCE SESSIONS FOR **TEEN PROGRAM** ATTENDEES

Orlando, FL
July 17-19, 2009

Sessions and details are subject to change.

The SENG Conference Teen Program is exclusively for teens ages 15-18. It will feature get-acquainted activities for friendship building, a *Dabrowski Theory* presentation for teens by P. Susan Jackson of the Daimon Institute for the Highly Gifted, social events each evening in the Teen Lounge, music (teens are invited to bring music to share, musical instruments, and karaoke disks), *Unusual & Unique College Options For Gifted Teens* presentation and exchange of information, a behind-the-scenes excursion to Disney's Magic Kingdom, the option to attend selected SENG sessions for adults, option to invite SENG presenters to the Teen Lounge for informal sessions, and even the option to gain volunteer service hours from a national organization. For questions about the teen program, please email wenda.sheard@sengifted.org.

JUST FOR FUN! PRE-CONFERENCE
THURSDAY, JULY 16



Evening **"DIVE-IN MOVIE"** hosted by the Marriott exclusively for SENG guests. Swim, enjoy an outdoor family movie, snack on popcorn – and meet new friends and colleagues before the conference even begins! Parents are asked to attend with children – or allow their teen to attend unsupervised. This is **NOT** a drop-off program.

TEEN PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

FRIDAY, JULY 17

- Teen Registration
- Welcome Activity
- Dabrowski for Teens
- The Big Chill
- Offsite Lunch Activity
- Mini-Chill
- Teen Individual Choice
- Teen Lounge in Evening



FRIDAY 8 AM-9 AM
Teen Registration Open

Welcome SENG Teens!

Sign in with parents, meet Jenn Farrell, get your name tag and tote bag, and be ready for lots of fun!

Jennifer is completing her studies in Human Kinetics at the University of British Columbia, after which she plans to pursue further education and a career in psychology. A people person, Jenn has spent the last 10 years working in the field of recreation and rehabilitation. As a recreational teacher, she has had extensive experience working with children and teens.

FRIDAY 9-10:00 AM
Welcome Activity

Amazing Race: Mission Impossible Style!

Introductions, ice breakers and zany group fun where the teens set the rules!

FRIDAY 10:00-11:00 AM
Special Teen Session

Dabrowski for Teens!

Presented by P. Susan Jackson, M.E.A., R.C.C., Founder of Daimon Institute for the Highly Gifted

A rare opportunity for teens to learn about characteristics of gifted individuals, in a conversational setting, with expert P. Susan Jackson.

P. Susan Jackson is the founder and therapeutic director of The Daimon Institute for the Highly Gifted in White Rock, British Columbia, Canada. She currently serves as chairperson of the Counseling and Guidance Network of the National Association of Gifted Children and as an editor on the SENG Editorial Board. Sue is also the school district coordinator of programs to support gifted and talented students in Langley, British Columbia, Canada. Sue has extensive educational and mental health response background in all areas of gifted education. She has written numerous articles and chapters in the gifted education literature. She is a speaker and consultant who has presented keynote addresses, seminars and workshops throughout North America at major national and international conferences. Sue is passionate about supporting the overall development of the gifted individual including cognitive, social, emotional and spiritual dimensions. Sue is a poet, nature lover and mother of two exceptionally gifted children.

FRIDAY 11:00 AM-12:30 PM
Break

The Big Chill!

Teens want time to “chill” and the SENG Teen Program allows lots of flexible scheduling time to allow teens to enjoy new friendships, take a quiet break, or challenge each other to board games.

FRIDAY 12:30-2:30 PM
Lunch Activity

Offsite Lunch Activity

Details coming soon for a fun and delicious off-site lunch activity!

FRIDAY 2:30-3:00 PM
Mini-Break

Mini-Chill!

Relax, laugh, and get ready for more!

FRIDAY 3:30-5:30 PM
Teen Choice

Lots of Options

Teen Program participants can choose between volunteering with the HATS Children’s Program Sessions (for volunteer credit hours, of course!), attending the general breakout sessions, or enjoying unstructured time with new friends.

FRIDAY 5:30 PM
Teens Sign Out

Friday Evening

Dinner on Your Own!

Enjoy family, old friends – and new ones, too!

FRIDAY Evening (hours to be announced)
Teen Lounge

A Favorite Teen Tradition!

SENG’s Evening Teen Lounge is always a favorite. A place to put your feet up, talk, munch, do gaming, watch movies, and so much more.



TEEN PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:
SATURDAY, JULY 18

Excursion to Disney's Magic Kingdom!

Including:

- Breakfast
- Disney Y.E.S. Program:
Energy & Waves
- Lunch at Disney
- Disney MouseQuest

Family BBQ at the Marriott Hotel

Teen Lounge



SATURDAY 7:00-7:30 AM

Sign in for Excursion

Today is our excursion to Disney's Magic Kingdom!

Sign in, pick up your boxed breakfast and hop on an air-conditioned Mears bus! Luxury bus has DVD players and bathrooms. Parents will be given cell phone numbers of excursion leaders.

SATURDAY 7:30-8:30 AM

Travel Time



SATURDAY 8:30-9:00 AM

Bathroom stop and travel via Disney Ferry or Monorail



SATURDAY 9 AM-12:00 PM

Disney Y.E.S. Program: Energy and Waves

Special Disney Program!

The Teen Program will spend Saturday at Disney's Magic Kingdom, where they will enjoy experiences that go behind-the-scenes of a world-renowned theme park. In the morning they will participate in "Disney's World of Physics: Energy and Waves."

SATURDAY 12:00-1:00 PM

Lunch Break

Eat and Relax!

Teens will receive a \$15 Disney meal voucher for select Disney restaurant. Teens will stay within their chaperoned groups.

SATURDAY 1:00-4:00 PM

Disney's Magic Kingdom

In the afternoon, the teen groups will explore their favorite "to do" attractions at the Magic Kingdom!

SATURDAY 4:00-4:30 PM

Travel with group back to main meeting area.

SATURDAY 5:00-5:45 PM

Bus trip back to hotel.

SATURDAY 5:45 PM

Teen Sign Out

Family BBQ until 7 PM

Saturday Family BBQ Dinner 5:30-7:00 PM.



**BBQ Dinner on the Marriott Grounds—
Fun for the Entire Family**

SATURDAY Evening (hours to be announced)

Teen Lounge

The Teen Lounge Re-Opens!

Teen night-owls will be waiting for SENG's Evening Teen Lounge to re-open! Relaxed social time in a small and comfortable setting! Rumors abound about a chocolate fondue...

TEEN PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:
SUNDAY, JULY 19

- Individual Choice
- Keynote Brunch
- Unusual + Unique College Options for Teens
- Social Time



SUNDAY 8:00-9:30 AM
Get Up, Sleep In or Step Up

Individual Choice

Teens can choose to meet in the teen lounge, volunteer at the HATS Children’s Program, or sleep in -- before rejoining everyone at brunch!

SUNDAY 9:30-10:30 AM

Family Brunch
Children’s Program Slideshow
Featuring Keynote Speaker Dale Stuart, Ph.D., Sc.D.



Letting Dreams Take Flight

It’s a common struggle for gifted individuals - you have so many interests in such widely different areas, you can’t decide which one to focus on. You feel like you need a dozen lifetimes to do all the things you want to do in life. Dale Stuart faced this dilemma — with diverse interests in science, aerospace, sports, and flying — almost from the moment she was born! In her presentation, Dale will share her personal journey as a gifted female growing up feeling passionate about many things and making difficult decisions about what to pursue. She will bring you with her on her odyssey from a disillusioned dolphin biologist to a successful aerospace engineer and ultimately a psychologist, and from a too-tall gymnast to a record setting soaring pilot and ultimately a world champion freestyle skydiver. The dramatic video that Dale will show of her freestyle skydiving is worth the price of admission alone! It punctuates her message about following her dreams and illustrates how taking advantage of unexpected opportunities ultimately made her earliest dreams come true in unimagined, magical ways.

Dale Stuart, Ph.D., Sc.D. wears the title of Clinical Psychologist, with a private practice specializing in working with gifted individuals. Her own diverse range of prior interests and careers tell the story of a person fulfilling dreams and living life with intensity and passion. Dr. Stuart received her Doctorate of Science in Aerospace Engineering from M.I.T. and had a successful career in Aerospace, then a successful career as a competition freestyle skydiver before turning to her interests in the field of psychology. She has worked in environments with gifted individuals for most of her life and is the proud aunt of a gifted nephew who adores her gifted poodle.

SUNDAY 10:30-11:30 AM
Special Teen Session

Unusual and Unique College Options for Teens

Want to learn about unusual colleges that gifted young adults are currently enjoying? Want to find colleges that are friendly to early entrants, or college that don’t require admissions tests? Need to learn which colleges give the most financial aid? Want to go to college without a high school diploma? Want to skip the first two years of college via credit by exam? Want to find out which good colleges might still be accepting applications in May? Want to be admitted to vet school at the same time you’re admitted to college? Want to take a gap year before heading to college? Want to spend a year studying abroad now, to enhance your college choices?

Wenda Sheard, J.D. Ph.D. recently taught high school students and advised them and her own three children on the college admissions process. In addition to serving on the SENG board, Wenda works as an education policy researcher.

One More for the Road!

Final chance to enjoy new friends, exchange those IM addresses, and enjoy the conference atmosphere!

For Teen Volunteers Seeking Service Hours

Assignments to assist HATS teachers will be made available upon request.

HATTERSDAY PROGRAM SESSIONS**FRIDAY...****FORENSIC SCIENCE FINGERPRINTING**

Fingerprints are unique! Did you know that no two fingerprints are alike? In this class you will acquire knowledge of the history, types and classification of fingerprint patterns. You will learn how to make your own ten-print card and will be able to identify your prints as well. Were you at the crime scene?

Instructor: Lynn Albinson

CARTOONING

Whether you're a skilled artist or a consummate doodler, you, too, can become a cartoonist. All you need is your imagination. What's your favorite cartoon? *Zits*? *Peanuts*? *Calvin and Hobbes*? This session will introduce you to techniques used by professional cartoonists to bring characters and ideas to life on the Sunday comic pages. All you need is your imagination. Taught by the creator of the *Mr. Fitz* comic strip, you'll enjoy a unique opportunity to learn cartooning from a professional cartoonist.

Instructor: David Finkle

ROCKET SCIENCE

Discover the fascinating world of rocketry in an action-packed, fun-filled, hands-on program. Using the scientific investigative process, we'll explore rocketry and Newton's laws of motion. Be prepared to design and build your own balloon rockets and compressed air rockets. Students will be awed by seeing how far their compressed air rockets travel outside! Concepts like center of gravity and center of pressure will be covered. And when your friends ask, you can tell them, "Yes, as a matter of fact, it *is* rocket science!"

Instructor: Martin Ingoldsby

SUNDAY...**THAT MAKES SENSE!**

Why is the cochlea important to hearing? What are papillae? Is a reflex involuntary? What about photoreceptors and olfactory cells? There are five main senses: sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste. They all send vital information to your brain about the world around you. Join us as we explore and experiment with how your senses help you respond to your environment.

Instructor: Lynn Albinson

FLASH FICTION!

Do you love to write stories? Then this class is for you! This fast paced, one day fiction writing seminar will explore the principles of good story telling and specific writing techniques including moment-by moment narration, dialogue, and description. Students will get a chance to create and share short fiction, and will receive feedback from the instructor as well as peers.

Instructor: David Finkle

AVIATION

Airplanes have always excited children so, "Come fly with Us"! With that in mind, Students will investigate the terms thrust, drag, and lift by designing, building, and flying their own paper airplanes. Giant sized paper airplanes will be launched in a competition for distance and time in the air. Get ready to lift off for a day of fun, excitement, and learning!

Instructor: Martin Ingoldsby