

# The Packer Foundation Scholars Program

## At Aurora University

### Summer 2009 Enrichment Classes for Youth

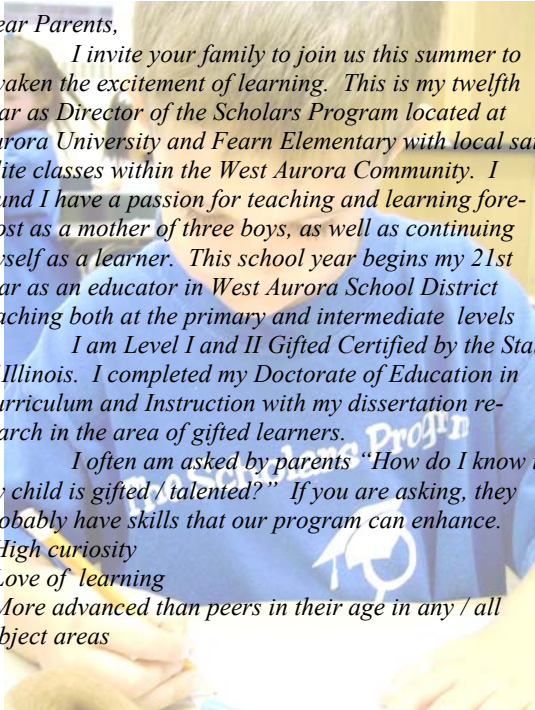
Dear Parents,

I invite your family to join us this summer to awaken the excitement of learning. This is my twelfth year as Director of the Scholars Program located at Aurora University and Fearn Elementary with local satellite classes within the West Aurora Community. I found I have a passion for teaching and learning foremost as a mother of three boys, as well as continuing myself as a learner. This school year begins my 21st year as an educator in West Aurora School District teaching both at the primary and intermediate levels

I am Level I and II Gifted Certified by the State of Illinois. I completed my Doctorate of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with my dissertation research in the area of gifted learners.

I often am asked by parents "How do I know if my child is gifted / talented?" If you are asking, they probably have skills that our program can enhance.

- High curiosity
- Love of learning
- More advanced than peers in their age in any / all subject areas



All children are unique and parents are the ones that know their child best. The Scholars Program provides an avenue for teachers to share their love of learning with the unique learners in the program. Gifts and talents are unique for every learner and we recognize that all talents are not always identifiable by formal evaluation methods. Our purpose is to encourage excellence and enrichment opportunities among all students.

We all learn more when we are having fun.

Inquiry and discovery are at the core of learning. We try to let students discover things on their own and then help them build on those discoveries by constructing their own meaning and understanding. Real learning comes from using the whole brain – seeing, hearing, touching, and smelling in active hands-on participation. This is learning in The Scholars Program. I cordially invite you and your student to attend our Enrichment Classes, Gifted Testing, and / or Just for Adults series this school year and awaken the excitement for learning.

Dr. Ann Butcher, Director



**QUALITY MASTER TEACHERS:** Outstanding educators make up our team of teachers.

**Great teachers are the secret to great learning...we have the best.**

*Karen Anderson, B.S. Ed., Retired Teacher*

*Dr. Ann Butcher, B.A. Ed., M.A. Ed., EdD., Type 03, Type 75 and Gifted Certified*

*Steve Butcher, B.A. Personnel Management, MAT. Ed. – Sch. Dist. #129*

*Stefanie Frazier, B.A., M.A. Ed., Sch. Dist. #303*

*Jann Hawkins, B.S. Ed., M.A. Ed. – Sch. Dist. #204, Former Ill. Council of Mathematics Teacher of the Year, winner of a 2006 BP Leadership Grant*

*Steve Keefe, B.A. Ed., M.S. Ed. – Retired Teacher*

*Senoa Morgan, BFA in Theater and Music Performance. Performed in Los Angeles in the entertainment industry in commercial and improve actress, singer, voice over artist, and children's theatrical coach (including actors like Kyle Sullivan from "All That" & "Malcolm in the Middle"*

*Mary Sue Offutt, B.A. Ed. – Instructor at SciTech and Field Museum*

*Harry Patterson, B.A. Ed., M.S. Outdoor Education – Retired Teacher*

*Dr. Jim Swedler, B.S., M.S. Ed., C.A.S., EdD – Sch. Dist. #129, West Aurora High School*

*Karen Weigt, MAT Ed., Sch. Dist. #302*

"You won't find more qualified educators who are dedicated to children and learning." – Parent quote.

**NO CANCELLATIONS!**

**NO MINIMUM ENROLLMENT NEEDED!**

**ALL CLASSES GUARANTEED TO MEET!**

Check us out on the web: <http://www.packerfoundation.org> (Course descriptions and printable registration form)

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# Young Scholars Courses: Summer 2009

## ...REGISTRATION CRITERIA

To be formally admitted to the Packer Foundation Center for Applications-Based Learning Young Scholars Program, a student must be classified as a **kindergarten through eighth grader** and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Previous Participation in The Scholars Program
- Verbal Recommendation to parent from a principal, counselor, or teacher
- Enrollment in a Gifted Program

Preschool recommendation is based on preschool teacher's and/or parent recommendation

Questions regarding your child's eligibility? Contact Dr. Ann Butcher, Director of The Scholars Program by telephone: (630) 8GIFTED (844-3833); or by e-mail: [abutcher@aurora.edu](mailto:abutcher@aurora.edu)

**TERM I (TI): Monday – Friday: July 13 – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Unless otherwise noted**

**TERM II (TII): Monday – Friday: July 20 – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Unless otherwise noted**

Class	Grade	Term 1		Term 2	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Dinosaur Hunt	K-2	Saturday, July 18 <sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.—Noon			
Messes and Masterpieces	K-2	X			
Water Wizards of the Blue Planet	K-2			X	
Brain Games	3-5		X		
Bug Camp	3-5			X	
Discover Wild Africa!	3-5			X	
Fun with French	3-5	X	X	X	X
Lego – How Things Work	3-5	X		X	
Math Magic and Problem Solving	3-5			X	
Outdoors, Nature, and Clay	3-5	X			
Physics and Chemistry	3-8	X		X	
Stones and Bones	3-8	X			
Artists' Eye: Photography	3-8		X		
Imagination Theatre I	3-8				X
Lunch with Dr. Butcher	K-8	X	X	X	X
Parent Forum	Adult	Thursday, July 16 <sup>th</sup> from 10 – 11:30 a.m.			
Torrance Test of Creative thinking	K-A	Saturday, July 18 <sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.			
Explore Test	3-9	Saturday, July 18 <sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – Noon			
Outdoor Scholars	4-8	Monday, June 22 – Friday, June 26, 2009			

### Dinosaur Hunt (*Offutt*)

TI - 9:00 a.m. – Noon on July 18<sup>th</sup> only!

Delve into the prehistoric past as a paleontologist. Learn scientific process while digging for dinosaurs. Create a dinosaur habitat! Design and name your own species. Tuition: \$25.00

### Messes and Masterpieces (*Anderson & Weigt*)

TI - 9:00 a.m. – Noon

By making Gak, Slime, Silly Putty, and other hands on experiments, the students will develop an awareness of properties of: solids, liquids, and gases. They will observe chemical bonding! Each student has different strengths and as such we will integrate Math, Literacy, and the Arts in this dynamic hands on class! Come join us for some fun learning! Tuition: \$140.00

### Brain Games (*Hawkins*)

TI - 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. , 7/13 – 7/16 only -CLASS DOES NOT MEET ON FRIDAY

Come and enjoy a fun class, utilizing educational games that strengthen the brain and teach strategic academic skills. These games foster logical and sequential thinking as well as other skills that are imperative in math! Puzzles, problem solving, and sequential thinking will all be part of this class taught by former ICTM Middle School Educator of the Year! Tuition: \$100.00

### Water Wizards of the Blue Planet (*Anderson & Weigt*) – NEW!

TII - 9:00 a.m. – Noon

What is something that you can swim in?...drink?...necessary to grow food?...and adds beauty to our constantly changing planet? WATER! Students will learn that water is one of the blue planet's natural resources. Students will transform into magicians as they learn the properties of water – the water cycle – and water conservation on our beautiful BLUE PLANET! Tuition: \$140.00

### Bug Camp (*Keefe*)

TII - 9:00 a.m. - Noon

From BUTTERFLIES to BEETLES...and ROLLY POLLIES to CRICKETS! Day is filled with games, explorations, experiments, and art projects to excite the inner entomologists in any child! Tuition: \$120.00

### Stones and Bones (*Hawkins*)

TI - 9:00 a.m. – Noon, 7/13 – 7/16 ( with extended 9:00 – 2:30 p.m. hours on Friday 7/17)  
See Middle School description



Pre-Scholars (age 4 / 5 not attending kindergarten) / Early Elementary (Gr. K - 2)

Late Elementary (Gr. 3 - 5)

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**TERM II (TII): Monday – Friday: July 20 – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Unless otherwise noted**

Late Elementary  
(Gr. 3 – 5)

**Artists' Eye: Photography (Morgan) NEW!**

TI - 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

See Middle School description

**Discover Wild Africa! (Butcher)**

TI - 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Join us on a safari to the "Dark Continent." Daily activities include hands on opportunities to learn fun facts about weather, climate, and wildlife, as well as "meet" some people from 'Earth's second largest continent'.

Tuition: \$120.00

**Fun with French (Frazier)**

TI or TII - 9:00 a.m. – Noon or 12:30– 3:00 p.m.

Students who like to learn and have fun at the same time need apply! You will learn how to incorporate acting skills while dialoging to meet and greet a new person and gain experiences of ordering food in a French café scene! This engaging class allows students to create using their artistic skills while learning vocabulary words, dancing, and singing key French phrases. Students will also learn about the French culture all while having "FUN WITH FRENCH"!

Tuition: \$120.00 (a.m. class) or \$100.00 (p.m. class)

**Imagination Theatre I (Morgan)**

TII: - 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

See Middle School description

**Lego – How Things Work (Butcher TI/Patterson—TII)**

TI or TII - 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Okay Lego lovers – this class is for you! Students will learn 'how things work' by using special Lego Technic kits to build working models of real-life machines; such as a washing machine, and yes, even a robot! If you love Legos, you have to join this class! Tuition: \$120.00

**Math Magic and Problem Solving (Keefe)**

TII - 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Learn the secrets of levitation – how a ball can be levitated in the air. Problem solving – involving hands-on investigations, Mr. Keefe, a teacher and professional magician will be leading this interactive learning course. Tuition: \$100.00

**Outdoors, Nature, and Clay (Patterson)**

TI - 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Put on a Beekeeper's suit and follow a bee to a hive, view a honeycomb, and witness how honey is collected by master beekeeper, Harry Patterson. Glaze and fire clay projects! Bring your binoculars and take a bird walk! Hug a tree! Also try out your hand at archery! Classes held in North Aurora. Tuition: \$120.00

**Physics and Chemistry (Swedler)**

TI or TII - 9:00 a.m. - Noon

See Middle School description

Middle School  
(Gr. 6 – 8)

**Artists' Eye: Photography (Morgan) NEW!**

TI - 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

This class is designed to develop your artistic eye and encourage students to find the art through their lens. Students will learn the basics of taking great pictures, technique and different styles of photography while they find art in the everyday. Black & white and color will be used. Students will edit their own prints and create a mini portfolio to take home. Students should use a digital camera from home with a zoom lens. Mrs. Morgan has three that can be borrowed for the class as well with a deposit. The cost of the class includes all printing & material cost. Tuition: \$120.00

**Imagination Theatre I (Morgan)**

TII: - 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

This workshop will introduce the basic elements of theatre, improvisation, and performance. There will be a strong emphasis on character development and creativity by incorporating improvisational and theatre sport games. Lots of props and imagination equals tons of fun! Throughout the class students will develop a showcase to perform on the last day of class.

Tuition: \$100.00

**Physics and Chemistry (Swedler)**

TI or TII - 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Explore the particle physics, Quarks, radioactivity, and the half-life of M & M's. Create slime, silly putty, and gloop as Dr. Swedler emerges his students in hands on experiments. Tuition: \$120.00

**Stones and Bones (Hawkins)**

TI - 9:00 a.m. – Noon, 7/13 – 7/16 ( with extended 9:00 – 2:30 p.m. hours on Friday 7/17)

Be a geologist, archeologist, paleontologist, and anthropologist in this course that explores the many secrets that lie beneath the Earth's crust! Fossils! Fault lines! Come join Jann in this hands on exploration! Friday's class is a parent and child adventure...parents are invited to carpool with the class to Lizzadro Museum at 9:00 a.m. OR join us there at 10:00 a.m. where students will be amazed at the museum's unique collection – bringing the week of exploration to appreciation. Tuition: \$145.00

Full Day Option  
all Grades

**Lunch with Dr. Butcher  
TI and/or TII - Noon – 12:30 p.m.**

If you want to schedule a full day with us ( 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) having your child enjoy more than one class, you can schedule a lunch break with Dr. Butcher from Noon – 12:30 p.m. Students will need to bring their own sack lunch daily, and Dr. Butcher will pick up your child from their class (on campus classes only) and we will enjoy lunch together. Dr. Butcher will deliver your child to their p.m. class for an afternoon of continued learning. Cost: \$10.00 / week

*For any adult who cares about bright kids- offered to parents and educators of gifted children, while you are waiting for your scholar*

**Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 11:30 a.m. - Parent Forum** – Dr. Ann Butcher, Director of the Scholars Program will facilitate a discussion with participants about gifted education, local ideas, and resources. Please join Ann to dialogue ideas that benefit your child in their educational journey. If you have joined us in the past, every session is new with the unique participants, please join us again. **Cost \$5.00 – please register on your child’s form you interest in attending to allow us to prepare handouts for all.**

**Outdoor Scholars Overnight Camp at Lake Geneva campus, Wisconsin**

**Monday, June 22 – Friday, June 26, 2009, Students entering grades 4 – 8**

**Information / Meet the Instructors Meeting: Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 from 6 – 7 p.m. at Fearn Elementary**

Harry Patterson will again return as the camp leader to lead the five day overnight camp with a focus on outdoor and physical education located on the shores of beautiful Lake Geneva at Aurora University’s Wisconsin campus. Outdoor Scholars is for students who would like to work together to learn about the outdoors. Camp activities may include: nature walks (both wooded as well as lakeshore paths), ferry ride, study of Lake Geneva from a pontoon boat, bird hikes, camp fires (with cookout), horseback riding, work study, boating and canoeing, geology study, and a little drop line fishing from the dock. There are a variety of sporting activities included in the week also, such as: horseshoe pitching, ping-pong tournament, volleyball, swimming, basketball, shuffleboard game, and tennis. Crafts and reflection with a journal will offer enhancement of many planned activities. Cost includes: lodging, transportation to and from camp from AU, all meals, activities, as well as camp T-shirt.

Cost: \$600.00. **Full-payment must be received by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.**

**Torrance Test of Creative Thinking (TTCT)**

**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. at Aurora University**

**Kindergarten and up**

The Torrance Test of Creative Thinking (TTCT) is recommended as a true test of giftedness, less limiting than the standard IQ test. The results may be useful for:

- \*Helping you understand your child’s particular talents
- \*Potential placement in gifted programs
- \*As a possible basis for individualized/differentiated instruction
- \*Assisting you in discussions with your child’s teacher

The results are generated by an independent testing service and will be mailed to your home within 3 - 6 weeks of the testing date. The results will be a narrative including raw scores, national percentiles, standard scores, a creativity index, and a criterion referenced checklist of creative strengths. **Tuition: \$50.00**

**EXPLORE Test (used in the Midwest Academic Talent Search)**

**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – Noon at Aurora University**

Prerequisite:

Students in grades 3 – 9<sup>th</sup> grade can qualify for the Explore test

Score ≥ 185 in Reading or Math on the ISAT test  
and / or

Have a composite score or sub-score on a nationally normed standardized achievement, aptitude, or abilities test, such as Terra Nova

>97% for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
>95% for 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade

and / or

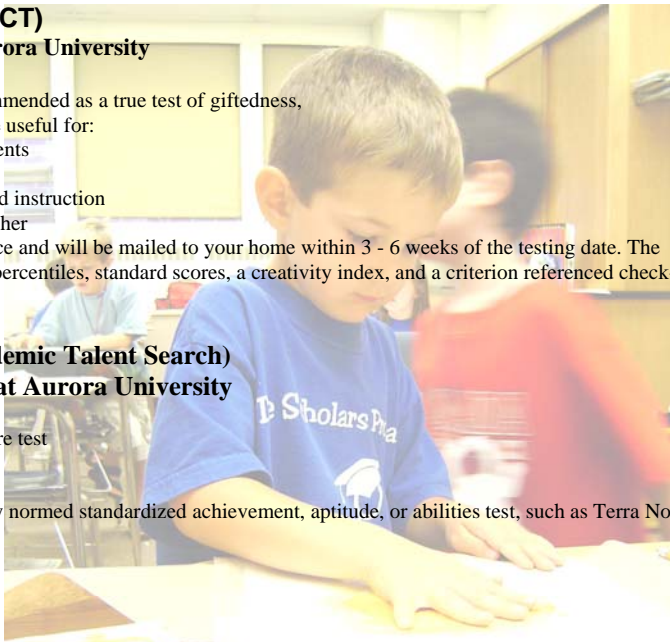
Qualify for your school gifted program

and/or

Nomination by parent or teacher. Students nominate should:

- Demonstrate advanced aptitude in verbal or mathematical reasoning
- Consistently perform in the top 5% of their grade
- Perform exceptionally well in academically demanding course work in school
- Regularly seek more challenging academic experiences

The EXPLORE test was originally developed for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to measure educational achievement in English, mathematics, reading, and science. It is currently used by many high schools as an entrance exam. It is a four section (30 min. each) multiple choice test. The English measures understanding of the standard written English and rhetorical skills. The Mathematics measures mathematical reasoning. The Reading measures reading comprehension and the Science measures scientific reasoning skills. This test allows those students who score at the top of their class to demonstrate specific strengths and weaknesses on their academic journey. It is advantageous to have students take prior to their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Review of test taking strategies will be done prior to test administration by Dr. Butcher. **Tuition: \$50.00**



**Plan Ahead: The Scholars Program 2009 – 2010 School Year**

Fall session: October 25th—November 15th, 2009

Winter session: February 28—March 21st, 2010

**Register EARLY to help ensure that the classes are not cancelled. Register EARLY and encourage your friends to do the same! Thank You!!!**

The Scholars Program is sponsored by the Packer Foundation Center for Applications Based Learning, a not-for-profit charitable Illinois Corporation created to promote and expand science and technology education at all levels.



**The Scholars Program**  
 Center for Applications-Based Learning  
*Summer 2009- Registration Form*  
 Dr. Ann Butcher, Director

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade Level (fall '09) : \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_ City / State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Private / Public School Dist. #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Schooled \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father's Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Who referred you to us? (Please specify name): \_\_\_\_\_

**I grant permission to participate in The Scholars Program, its related field trips, and permission to take and use photographs to promote The Scholars Program.**

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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**YOUNG SCHOLARS GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM:**

Course Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Term: I or II Tuition: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Term: I or II Tuition: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lunch with Dr. Butcher \$10/week Term: I or II \_\_\_\_\_

Gifted Testing (circle test) TTCT or EXPLORE Cost: \$50/per \_\_\_\_\_

Just for Adults Series (circle day) July 16<sup>th</sup> - Parent Forum Cost: \$5/per \_\_\_\_\_

Scholars T-Shirt (optional) Size: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10 / ea.) T-shirt: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Method:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed, made payable to: **The Center for Applications-Based Learning**

**WE ACCEPT VISA and MASTERCARD!: (Charge will be from "Packer Foundation")**

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Cardholder Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Cancellation Policy:** The Scholars Program reserves the right to withdraw a program because of unforeseen circumstances or insufficient enrollment. If a program is withdrawn, participants are notified and fees are refunded.

**Refund Policy:** No class refunds after registration deadline: July 1, 2009 -Register early!

**Return form and payment to:**

**The Scholars Program, 347 South Gladstone Ave., Aurora, IL 60506-4829**

**Fax to (630)844-8385**

**Questions? Call (630) 8GIFTED (844-3833)**

**E-mail Dr. Ann Butcher, Director: [abutcher@aurora.edu](mailto:abutcher@aurora.edu)**

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**Enrichment Program especially for:**



*Dedicated to enriching the opportunities and excellence of our gifted and talented youth!*

**Parent's comments about The Scholars Program:**

*"The teachers are great. My daughter was so excited about learning, she taught me things!"*

*"I like that my child is valued for his differences here!"*

*"Learning in a FUN environment, yet mentally stimulating!"*

*"The program provides a great opportunity for small, hands-on classes where my children can be with other gifted children."*



**Directions to Aurora University:**

From East: Take I-88 to Orchard Rd. Exit. Take Orchard Rd. south to Galena. Drive east on Galena Blvd. to Randall Road. Turn South (right) on Randall – drive until it ends at the University.

From West: Take Rt. 47 to Galena Blvd. To Randall Road. Turn south (right) on Randall – drive until it ends at the University.

From North: Take Randall Road south until it ends at the University.

From South: Take Rt. 30 to Orchard Road (heading north) then follow until you reach Galena Blvd. Turn right on Galena. Drive east on Galena Blvd. to Randall Road. Turn south (right) on Randall – drive until it ends at the University.



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