



Mill Valley GATE Summer Guidebook

For GATE parents, the challenge of finding suitable programs and opportunities for our kids is particularly important. So here's your *Mill Valley GATE Summer Guidebook* to programs in Marin and nearby.

This Guide is a work in progress, and together we are all its authors. So please share the Guide with friends, and send us input and suggestions for the updates we'll distribute via the MV GATE website and via future emails. As with all our activities, this Guide relies first and foremost on parent initiative for its content, so all input is welcome! Key:

◆ - recommended by fellow GATE parents

E M H - age: elementary, middle, high school

Have a great -- and enriching -- summer!

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Visual Arts

M ◆ California College of the Arts' Young Artist Studio Program is an exciting, intensive studio experience for students who want to explore the visual arts in a professional art school setting. For kids entering grades 7-9. Campuses in SF and Oakland. Sessions 6/17-21 and 7/29-8/9 in Oakland, 7/29-8/9 in SF. www.cca.edu/academics/yasp

E M Art Works Downtown - numerous classes and summer art camps held in their studios on Fourth Street San Rafael. Kids ages 8-13 learn visual art in various media.
ArtworksDowntown.org/kids/classes-for-kids

E M Marin Museum of Contemporary Art - Art Stars Summer Camp for kids ages 7-12. Two sessions, July 9-13

and July 16-20 in Novato.

marinmoca.org/Learn/ArtStarsSummerCamp.aspx

E M H ◆ The Crucible - Remember the folks who brought the giant Fire Organ to Maker Faire? Their faculty of artists and industrial experts offer 26 week-long summer classes in five sessions for kids ages 8-11 and 12-17. Weekend and after-school classes, too. Learn everything from jewelry-making to kinetic sculpture to woodturning in their 56,000sf studio in Oakland. Classes for adults, too.
TheCrucible.org/youth-program

E M H Doodlebug in San Anselmo - nineteen week-long art camps offered from [START] through [END].
DoodlebugMarin.com/classes_summer.html

E M H The MV Public Library can offer free passes to over thirty local museums.
www.millvalleylibrary.org/Index.aspx?page=1198 Why not coordinate and go with a group of GATE kids?

Performing Arts

E M H ◆ Singers Marin - serious training in the elements of vocal music, including lots of performance time. All ages, all year. www.SingersMarin.org Also a "Musical You" summer camp in MV for ages 7-11, [START] through [END].

E M H ◆ Marin Ballet - serious training in classical ballet. Summer program includes four summer workshops, four ongoing weekly classes, and five workshops for younger kids.
MarinBallet.org

E M H ◆ Stanford Jazz Camp offers a challenging immersive music program which a number of MV youth musicians have

attended. Choose Jazz Day Camp (ages 11-13), Jazz Camp (12-17), Jazz Institute for Adults & Jazz Institute for Youth (17 and under), Vocal Programs (12-17), or Songwriting (18 and above). Also four Evening Jazz Classes (12-adult).

StanfordJazz.org

E M H Marilyn Izdebski Productions – offers five and six-week camps producing three musical plays: "Free To Be You & Me" for ages 5-7, "Once Upon A Mattress" for ages 8-12 and "Evita" for ages 13-18. San Anselmo. NOTE: auditions begin Friday June 14.

www.MarilynIzdebskiProductions.com

E M Toons Tunes Music Camp – kids at all levels of experience learn how to create music. Four sessions during the summer for kids ages 6-10 and 11-14. San Rafael.

ToonsTunesMusicCamp.com

E M Novato Theater Company – NTC Summer Stars Kids participate in a musical theater production, shape the story, create their own roles, and even choose music. A fun camp designed to provide training in acting, singing, dancing, and creating the kids' own musical theater piece. A two-week workshop June 17-28 for kids grades 3-8.

NovatoTheaterCompany.org

E M H Future Filmmaker Workshop – offers its tenth summer of filmmaking workshops, offering 5 week-long sessions from July 15-August 16. Summer classes for kids entering grades 4-10 are generally split into 2 groups based on age. All-inclusive fee provides all equipment, local transportation, and insurance along with lunch, snacks and a finished copy of the movie. www.FutureFilmmaker.com

E M BandWorks – five different summer camp programs in San Rafael for kids ages 8-10, 10-12, and 12+. Each program provides a supportive environment for young musicians to have fun playing music with other kids, and develop their music skills at the same time. Twenty different one-week sessions offered from 6/10-14 through 8/19-23.

www.bandworks.com/summer_san_rafael.php

E M H Marin Theater Company Summer Camp in Mill Valley and San Rafael – three three-week long, full-day training programs July 8-26 that culminate in fully produced shows that are open to the public. Each camp day features classes with professional theater artists during the morning and rehearsals in the afternoon. Classes include improvisation, musical theater, dance, playwriting and acting technique. "Aladdin Kids" for grades 1-4, "Aladdin Jr." for grades 5-12,

and "Arabian Nights" for grades 7-12. marintheatre.org/summer-camp

M H internalDrive iD Visual Arts Academy offers six sessions of two-week courses in filmmaking, motion graphics, special effects and professional photography. Held at UC Berkeley. Ages 13-18. Also see Math/Sci/Tech, below.

internalDrive.com/film/locations/uc-berkeley/

Math, Science & Technology

E M H ♦ Marin Math Circle – founded by MV GATE parents, a terrific resource at Dominican University. We're looking into extending the Math Circle into the summer. We'll keep you informed. www.marinmathcircle.org

E M H ♦ Rocket Circle – not a formal club, just a circle of Mill Valley GATE kids who enjoy building & flying together. We had an awesome time flying at the GATE Picnic, and summer has much more in store for us.

mvgate.org/2012/06/15/rockets

E M ♦ Build Your Own Computer – an in-house workshop developed by MVGATE parents. Build your own Linux computer on the Raspberry platform from Cambridge University. It's yours to keep for your future projects. Learn to administer a UNIX computer and to program in Scratch and Python. Dates TBA. mvgate.org/2013/05/09/byoc

E M H ♦ The Crucible – see Visual Arts, above.

E M ♦ Celsius and Beyond – boutique science enrichment program serving grades K-9. Teachers are scientists and teach physics, chemistry, biology and math in small groups; most are affiliated with UCSF, UC Berkeley, SFSU and/or Stanford. www.CelsiusAndBeyond.com

E M Techsplosion – an engaging, truly hands-on science program for kids. Robotics, video game design, and more for kids grades 1-9. Week-long classes held at four Marin locations. techsplosion.org/dominican.html

E M H Robotics Club – ???

E M H Mathnasium – Avoid the summer brain drain. Mathnasium summer programs give students an extra boost for the school year ahead. For some students, that means a good, solid review of previous material. Others benefit from previewing upcoming concepts. Most students get some of

both. Each student completes a comprehensive assessment and works with instructors on material based on their individual skill level. Summer programs 6/24 - 9/7. Sign up by 5/31, get a 10% discount. Mathnasium.com/millvalley

E M H Young Makers - SF/North Bay region ???
youngmakers.org/young-makers-program-2013-the-bay-school

M H TechShop is a remarkable maker's space that offers both classes and access to advanced tools (*plasma torch, anyone?*) The majority of classes are open to kids as young as 12, including welding, all kinds of electronics and computers, CAD software, textiles, bookbinding, silkscreen printing, 3D printing, sandblasting, and laser cutting(!). Older kids can learn to use powerful wood-, plastic-, and metal-working tools and the mighty waterjet cutter: a squirtgun from Hell. No membership required to attend classes. Kid-friendly and girl-friendly, the place to pursue a passion to build. TechShop SF at 926 Howard; also Menlo Park and San Jose. www.TechShop.ws

E M Galileo Learning offers Camp Galileo "art, science and outdoor activities for budding innovators" (pre-K to 5th grade) and Summer Quest "incubator for emerging visionaries" (grades 5-8). Numerous camp locations around the Bay Area. Nearest locations are Bel Aire School in Tiburon, Katherine Delmar Burke School in SF, and Brandeis Hillel Day School in SF. galileo-camps.com

E M H internalDrive Inc offers a wide range of camps -- iD Tech Camps (ages 7-17, one week), iD Gaming Academy (13-18, two weeks), iD Visual Arts Academy (13-18, two weeks) and iD Programming Academy (13-18 two weeks) -- at six Bay Area universities, including UC Berkeley, SFSU, St Mary's (Moraga), Santa Clara University, and Stanford. Day, overnight, and weekend options. idtech.com/locations/california-summer-camps

E WonderLab at Marin Country Day School is a three-week program for rising fourth grade students in partnership with Laurel Dell School in San Rafael, offering hands-on, inquiry-based projects and workshops in design thinking, science and engineering. This summer's curriculum (6/24-7/12) will focus on energy, with themes of circuitry and systems. Apply by March 14. mcids.org/page.cfm?p=2276

E M Play-Well TEKnologies offers classes in LEGO Basic Engineering, Advanced Engineering, LEGO Robotics using the Mindstorms NXT system, and more. HQ in San

Anselmo, classes all over Marin from July 1 through Aug 16. Ages 7 to 14. www.play-well.org

H Branson Summer STEM Institute. A new intensive program June 29 to July 25 on the Branson campus in Ross. BSSI 2014 focuses on biology. branson.org/Page/2008

E M H Exploratorium www.exploratorium.edu, California Academy of Sciences www.calacademy.org, Chabot Space & Science Center www.chabotspace.org, and Lawrence Hall of Science www.lawrencehallofscience.org. Not exactly well-kept secrets, but don't forget to check their websites for an ever-shifting selection of summer activities. The MV Public Library can offer free passes to many of these museums. www.millvalleylibrary.org/Index.aspx?page=1198 Why not coordinate and go with a group of GATE kids?

Sports & Outdoors

E M H Tamalpais Union High School District offers dozens of Academic, Sports, Camp, Fitness, and Swimming summer camps at Tam and Drake. MarinLearn.com

E M H Richardson Bay Audubon Center - Audubon Youth Leadership & Naturalist training for kids ages 11-17 interested in leading environmental education and interested in science or restoration opportunities. Also three Summer Camps for ages 4-11. TiburonAudubon.org

E M H Belvedere-Tiburon Community Recreation Department - Variety of outdoor & indoor camps for a range of ages: Angel Island Camp, Camp Miwok, Harry Potter Camp, Higgins Tennis Camps & Clinics, Landmarks Art and Garden Camps, Art Intensive Workshops, Ballet Summer Program, Chess Camp, Gymnastics Clinics, Jewelry Making Workshops, Latin Dance and Culture Camp, Play-Well TEKnology Camps, TaeKwonDo, Vacation Adventure Days, and Counselor-In-Training Program. BTSummerCamps.com

E M Mountain Bike Day Camps - for the 7th year, Mt. Tam Bikes offers a 5-day summer mountain biking camp exploring the world-renowned trails of Mill Valley. For novice to advanced riders ages 8-14. Eleven 5-day sessions from Jun 10 through Aug 30. MtTamBikesCamp.Com

E M Tiburon Yacht Club Junior Sailing Classes - for kids ages 8-13. They sail every weekend starting June 27 through August 23. www.tyc.org/jrpgmannounce.html

E M H Mill Valley Parks & Recreation – every summer MVPR offers hundreds of indoor & outdoor activities ranging from sewing to karate. An essential part of childhood in Mill Valley. www.MillValleyCenter.org

E M H NatureBridge at Golden Gate – Eight Family Adventures at Golden Gate including Family Night Hike with Campfires; Teen Environmental Education Mentorship, a paid environmental education internship and leadership program for high school students; and Summer Day Coastal Camp for grades K-9. Also backcountry field research for teens in Olympic and Yosemite National Parks. www.NatureBridge.org

E M H Marin Catholic – five sports camps as well as seven summer academic programs and three art workshops. Kentfield. www.MarinCatholic.org

E San Domenico School in San Anselmo offers a selection of summer camps on its lovely 515-acre campus, including four one-week sessions of horseback riding for ages 5-10. SanDomenico.org/page.cfm?p=2506

E M H ♦ SEA (Sailing Education Adventures) youth sailing program at the Marin Yacht Club in San Rafael. Options include Mini Camp (ages 8-10), Basic/Intermediate (10-16) and Advanced (10-16). SEA demo day (with barbecue) lets kids/families experience the sailboats prior to deciding to enroll. www.SFsailing.org

E M H ♦ Sausalito Yacht Club, which hosts the Tam HS and the Marin School sailing teams, offers one-week and two-week summer classes at five skill levels from introductory up to advanced boat handling and racing technique. SausalitoYachtClub.org/youth-sailing/classes/

English

E M Bay Area Writing Project – Young Writers' Camps at Bacich Elementary School in Kentfield offer students entering grades 3-8 the time and opportunity to explore their writing interests, discover strengths and learn more about the craft of writing. The camps provide in-depth writing instruction, structured writing workshop time, flexibility in writing assignments, and daily opportunities to share writing with peers. [START-END] from 9am-noon. www.BayAreaWritingProject.org/bawp/node/2086

M ♦ Middle School Summer Book Club at Mill Valley Public Library – summer meeting [DATE], with pizza & dessert! mvgate.org/category/english/

E Younger siblings needn't feel left out: Jessica Ryan, the new Senior Children's Librarian at MVPL, runs The Laugh-out-Loud Book Club for 3-5 graders. Jessica chooses the author, and they all read one book together. The club meets for six weeks, usually late June through early August on Tuesday afternoons around 4pm. Watch the library's website for details and signups. Ask Jessica nicely about making this a year-round activity!

E M H 826 Valencia Writing Center – A vast selection of free workshops, several per day, from this famed program in SF dedicated to supporting students ages 6-18 with their writing skills. www.826valencia.org/our-programs

M H Stanford Great Books Summer Program for grades 6-8 and 9-12. Since 2002 the Great Books Summer Program has gathered exceptional middle and high school students from across the world to read selections from the greatest works of literature, experience college-level discussions and seminars and enjoy summer fun with other literary-minded students. An international community of enthusiastic young learners and distinguished college faculty who read and discuss Great Books and Big Ideas. You will discuss the likes of Plato, Jefferson, Tolstoy, Borges and Vonnegut with other young people from around the globe who love literature just as much as you do! One, two, three, or four-week sessions. www.GreatBooksSummer.com

Gifted Camps, Schools & Courses

E M H ♦ Education Program for Gifted Youth (EPGY) at Stanford University – computer-based distance-learning courses that provide high-ability students of all ages with an individualized educational experience. epgy.stanford.edu

E M ♦ Summer Odyssey at Dominican University – A Summer program for academically gifted and creatively talented children entering grades 2-9. An easy way to enter the world of university-based gifted summer programs. Marin's gifted educators offer twelve two-week courses that engage the whole child: physics experiments, a musical play, book publishing, songwriting, advanced rocketry, sculpture studio, mock trials, and screenwriting. Also four courses that touch both sides of the brain: art and ecology, art and the microscope, animal art, and mathematical art. July 14-25 on

Dominican's campus in San Rafael. Apply by May 31.
dominican.edu/academics/specialprograms/summerodyssey

H Dominican University in San Rafael welcomes local high school students to enroll in regular academic classes. It's so welcoming, in fact, that it offers them a steep discount. Over 150 classes for summer 2014. dominican.edu

E M H College of Marin in Kentfield also welcomes high school students to enroll in regular academic classes. It even welcomes qualified students in elementary and middle school! So in theory a sufficiently motivated middle schooler could stroll in and, say, take Calculus over the summer for about \$140. *Hmm.* marin.edu/Admissions/HighSchoolStudents.htm

E M GATE Academy (formerly Dunham) – Marin's only full-time school specifically for gifted kids K-8. Small and not for everyone, but intensive and utterly focused on the needs of gifted kids. Now offers after-school classes.
www.GiftedSchool.org

E M H Camp Summit offers a unique one-week experience 6/22-28 for gifted children and teens from ages 9-14. Located in the picturesque Marin Headlands, Camp Summit provides the perfect setting for gifted, talented, and creative youth to gather together for a very special summer camp, one they will want to revisit year after year. Created especially for developing the "inner and outer nature" of gifted youth, Camp Summit provides a staff uniquely qualified to nurture such a community. Also new Leadership Program for ages 15-16. www.CampSummitForTheGifted.com

E M H UC Berkeley Summer Institute for the Gifted – Kids ages 9-17 choose from a wide variety of courses taught in Humanities, Math, Science, Technology, Multi-Disciplinary, Visual & Performing Arts, and Fitness & Recreation. Experience independence within a secure environment living in a college dorm for 3 weeks (commuter option also available). Meet other gifted students from around the world who share common interests, abilities, and goals. Enjoy a variety of fun social activities in the evenings and excursions on the weekends. Two sessions 6/22-7/12 and 7/14-8/3.
www.GiftedStudy.org

E M H ♦ UC Berkeley Academic Talent Development Program – For over thirty years the Graduate School of Education has offered day programs for the gifted and talented. Kids entering grades 1-7 choose from 24 age-appropriate classes held at Washington Elementary School in Point Richmond July 8-26. atdp.berkeley.edu/about/ed Kids

entering grades 8-12 choose from 40 classes held on the UC Berkeley campus June 17 – July 26.
atdp.berkeley.edu/about/sd

E M H ♦ Branson School Summer Session – Over ten weeks throughout the summer, Branson offers 18 academic classes and 14 athletic offerings, plus their adult ed course, "Bully Nation." For kids ages 8-18 from all schools. Held on the Branson campus in Ross. www.branson.org/Domain/38

E M H Tinkering School – total immersion in hands-on design and project development. Classic Tinkering School is a sleepover Camp in Half Moon Bay with four sessions: June 30-July 6 for ages 14-17; July 14-20 & July 28-Aug 3 for ages 11-13; and Aug 11-17 for ages 8-10. TinkeringSchool.com Also Tinkering School Day Camp hosted at Brightworks School in SF: eight one-week sessions for ages 5-11, every week from June 17-Aug 16, excluding the week of July 4. sfbrightworks.org/summer

E M Excel for Youth at Sonoma State University offers students entering grades 4-9 a unique opportunity for academic enrichment in accelerated classes that focus on science, technology and the arts. Some fifty courses are offered from 6/24 through 7/26 on the Sonoma State University campus in Rohnert Park (45 mins), and use labs, guest speakers, and field trips. An exciting variety of curriculums are designed to stimulate, challenge, and provide young participants with resources that enhance their learning experience. The educational opportunities range from performing Shakespeare to solving crimes, exploring chemistry, to designing 3D animation, studying live animals to building large recycled sculpture.
www.sonoma.edu/exed/excel

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