Challenge to Excellence's 25th Anniversary

2008 Sessions
June 15-20, 2008 (6th, 7th & 8th Graders)* | June 22-27, 2008 (9th, 10th & 11th Graders)*
For students entering these grades in Fall 2008*

About Challenge to Excellence
Challenge to Excellence celebrates its 25th anniversary as one of the most respected and long-standing summer residential programs for academically talented students in the Midwest. The program's major goal is to provide students with opportunities to “stretch themselves” in classes that promote higher level thinking skills and creativity in a variety of academic subjects. Challenge also provides the opportunity to experience “live’ on a major university campus. Students are taught by instructors who have years of experience and are supervised by counselors who are experienced teachers or SIUC graduate students.

Admission Criteria
It is recommended that students have an IQ score of at least 120 (if available) and a score at the 90th percentile or above on the math, science and/or language arts sections of an achievement test. A teacher or guidance counselor's signature is required on the application as a means of certifying that the student is qualified to attend the program.

Academic Program
The academic program consists of several courses designed to challenge the students in a variety of classes and experiences. Courses are currently being developed for 2008. Examples of courses offered during previous programs include mathematics (problem solving & geometry), art, journalism, poetry, biology, drama, creative writing, engineering, architecture, etc. All courses encourage students to use their creativity and problem-solving skills.

Evening Program
Our staff believes that opportunities also must be provided for the students to interact with each other socially. Evening programs are structured, supervised activities that include: SIU Recreational Center, feature film, etc.

Registration Fee
Early Bird Registration  $350.00 (Residential) Late Registration $360.00 (Residential – after 5/23/08)
Early Bird Registration  $280.00 (Commuter) Late Registration  $290.00 (Commuter- after 5/23/08)

The fee for Challenge to Excellence includes all dinners (Sunday –Thursday), lunches (Monday-Friday), breakfasts (Monday-Friday), five night's lodging at an air-conditioned SIUC residence hall (Sunday-Thursday), educational supplies and materials, limited accident medical insurance coverage, Camp Tshirt, and quality instruction.

Registration Options
Campers can pay the total amount when registering or pay half when registering and half when checking in to the dorm on the first day of camp. Payment can be made by cash or credit card.

1. Complete the paper copy and mail to the address on the registration form, or
2. Register on-line for this program at http://www.dce.siu.edu/or
3. Call the Division of Continuing Education @ 618-536-7751
Challenge to Excellence Registration Form

Student Name ___________________________________________________

Date of Birth ____________________ Sex: M F (circle one)

Current Grade Level (circle one): 5 6 7 8 9 10

Street Address _____________________________________________________________

City _____________________________ State ___________ Zip Code _______

E-mail Address ___________________________________

Parent's Telephone ________________________________

School Name ______________________________________________________________

School Street Address ____________________________________________________________

City ________________________________ State __________    Zip Code  __________

IQ Score (if available) _____ %ile Test Name _______________________

Math Achievement Score _____ %ile Test Name __________________________

Language Arts Achievement Score _____ %ile Test Name ____________________

Circle One: Residential  Commuter

Signature of Gifted or Classroom Teacher: _________________________________________

Signature of Parent or Guardian:  ________________________________________________

Date __________________

Return to:  Challenge to Excellence
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     Mail Code 4610
     Southern Illinois University
     Carbondale, IL 62901-4610
     (618) 536-2441  (618) 453-4244 FAX
     johnm@siu.edu

If paying by credit card, please fill out the following:

Account #___________________________ Expiration Date ________________________

Name of Card (Print) __________________