

October 2021

Dear Educator,

The enclosed flyer describes **College Days for Kids, an enrichment opportunity for talented sixth graders**. Close to 15,000 students have participated in this program since its inception in 1985. We hope to add your students to this growing list! Sessions fill up quickly and are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please direct the enclosed material to the appropriate teacher(s).

The purpose of College Days for Kids is to expose sixth graders to the offerings and resources of a university as well as to provide enrichment activities beyond the scope of the traditional classroom. Some participants have been formally identified as gifted; others have been selected to attend because of high interest or ability.

College Days for Kids invites students to visit the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus for one, two, or three Fridays in April/May from approximately 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. During each session, students are enrolled in three "college" classes, taught by university faculty and staff. Every effort is made to ensure that both the content and the teaching methods are appropriate for bright sixth graders. Student evaluations of the experience have always been very positive. Additionally, for the first time this year, we will also be offering **free teacher professional development workshops** during the time that students are in classes.

Due to popular demand, we will continue to provide three independent sessions for scheduling flexibility. However, to accommodate the diverse needs of students, teachers, and school districts, one session will be provided **virtually** this year, and the other two will be provided in the traditional **in-person** format. Schools have the opportunity to attend any combination of one, two, or three days. Dates for 2022 are:

**Session I: April 22 – VIRTUAL**

**Session II: April 29 – IN PERSON**

**Session III: May 6 – IN PERSON**

The cost per student is **\$50 for any one** session, **\$90 for any two** sessions, or **\$120 for all three** sessions. Program fees include meals, materials, a t-shirt, and backpack. *\*\*\*Note: For the virtual session, the meal fee will instead be used to ship materials, t-shirts, and backpacks to students.*

We are in the process of planning the College Days for Kids program, so if your school/district is interested in sending students to the program, please complete the pre-registration from as soon as possible. Sessions fill up quickly, so please give this form your prompt attention. **If we do not receive a response by Friday, November 19, no further information will be sent to your district.**

If you have questions about College Days for Kids, please contact UW-Stevens Point School of Education at [gifted@uwsp.edu](mailto:gifted@uwsp.edu) or (715) 346-2040. We hope you accept our invitation to participate in the program and look forward to seeing your students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Sincerely,  
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