

Sutherland Middle School  
Gifted Education Services  
2016-2017

**Extracurricular Academic Activities**

(open to all students)

*Parents are notified via SMS Matters.*

*Students are notified via school announcements and flyers.*

**Robotics (FLL)**

*Fall, After school meetings (Note: Teams for this school year are already full.)*

First Lego League competition for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders

<http://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/fl>

*Spring, Before or after school meetings*

6<sup>th</sup> graders learn building and programming basics

**Film Club**

*Year long, Before or after school meetings*

8<sup>th</sup> graders write/film/edit film for the Virginia Film Festival

<http://virginiafilmfestival.org/yfa/>

*Spring, Before or after school meetings*

7<sup>th</sup> graders learn how to write, film, and edit a feature film

**Destination Imagination**

<https://www.destinationimagination.org/>

*Fall into early spring, Before or after school meetings*

- Teams of up to 7 students
- Parent volunteer coaches needed
- Promotes creative problem solving and teamwork
- Competition in February or March

**Writer's Eye Contest**

<http://www.virginia.edu/artmuseum/edu/k-12-programs/writers-eye/>

*Tentative field trip date September 30, Entries Due Dec. 2*

- Students take field trip to UVA Art Museum
- Write prose or poetry in response to selected art
- Students work outside of school with assistance as needed

**Sutherland Debate Team**

*Year long, Monday after school meetings*

- Run by UVA students from the Charlottesville Debate League
- Learn debate rules and procedures
- Participate in informal debate contests throughout year

### **Sutherland Chess Club (not definite)**

*Tentative plan for Fall, Tuesdays before school meetings*

Run by Mr. Szejniuk from Playing ACES

### **MathCounts**

<https://www.mathcounts.org/programs/competition-series>

*Fall and early spring, Tentative Wednesday after school meetings*

- Middle school competition held in February
- Student practice begins in fall
- Ten students will represent Sutherland

### **National History Day**

<https://nhd.org/>

*Fall and into spring, Meet during Chomp*

- Intensive research project
- Time outside of school required
- Theme: TAKING A STAND IN HISTORY
- Competition in spring

### **Piedmont Regional Science Fair**

<http://vprsf.org/>

*Fall and into spring, Meet during Chomp*

- Scientific and engineering projects allowed
- Time outside of school required
- Competition held at JPJA in spring

### **Spelling Bee and National Geography Bee**

Spelling Bee:

- Sutherland Bee is held in January during school
- County wide spelling bee is usually in February

Geography Bee:

- Sutherland Bee is held in January during school
- State Bee is held in April

### **CTY Talent Search**

- Center for Talented Youth at John Hopkins University
- Students may apply online at <http://www.cty.jhu.edu>
- If accepted, can register to take SAT or ACT tests
- Scores determine eligibility into John Hopkins programs