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# **ELP EXPRESSIONS**

ELP Motto: Discovery through Depth and Complexity

#### This issue of the ELP Newsletter focuses on summer enrichment opportunities to keep gifted and talented students engaged in learning!

Listed below are some free, low cost, and discounted ideas of things to do in Salt Lake City. Check out the website, 25 FREE things to do in Salt Lake City—Tips for Family Trips, at https://tipsforfamilytrips.com/utah/ free-things-to-do-in-salt-lake-city/.



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### **ELP Quotation**

"Did you ever stop to think, and forget to start again?" A. A. Milne

## Youth Academy of Excellence camps are

designed for bright and motivated students; those in gifted and talented programs are especially encouraged to enroll. Camps are small and curriculum is fast paced. Participants will work with their peers in small group discussions, multimedia presentations, experiments, and field trips. This experience can give students a preview of college life and a chance to engage with their peers. Additional details can be found at: https:// continue.utah.edu/youth/yae



#### Updates to ELP for the 2018-2019 school year:

The Salt Lake City School District has seen declining enrollment and difficult decisions had to be made to reduce staff throughout the district. One of those reductions in staff affects the ELP program. The superintendent announced that the **Emerson ELP/IP/DLI** program will begin in 1st grade. Hawthorne and Whittier will house eligible gifted students entering Kindergarten. The district is looking at many options to meet the needs of all gifted students who reside within the district boundaries. The ELP office appreciates the concerns expressed through emails, phone calls, and visits. We will work with the Advisory Council to continue to meet the needs of gifted and talented students.

NAGC (the National Association for Gifted Children) has posted great ideas for students to be actively engaged and continue learning over the summer. "Games and toys provide a way for children to explore different ways of thinking, moving, and interacting with friends and family members. Unfortunately, it can be difficult to find the perfect item for your child because the manufacturers' recommended ages is often not correct for gifted children. Additionally, games that look exciting from the box, can be repetitive after one playing." Check out the list of *Mensa Select Games* with descriptions of how to play the game, number of players, and appropriate age range. Access the information at nagc.org, Information and Publications...For Parents...Planning for Summer. Enjoy!