

Staten Island Academy

TAG Camp



July 14th - August 1st

Exercise Your Mind!

Welcome to TAG Camp

What is TAG Camp?

TAG Camp is the Talented and Gifted Summer Program at Staten Island Academy. TAG campers take part in three class offerings each day. Classes are interactive and designed to help bright students explore interesting subjects. Topics in the sciences, technology, math, humanities and the arts are explored in a deep, and creative way. In addition to the academic offerings, students have time each day to swim in our outdoor swimming pools, play on the fields or playground and participate in other regular day camp activities. TAG campers exhibit their talents in many ways. Some are gifted mathematicians and others are gifted readers or scientists. Research has shown that talented and gifted students benefit from being with other students who share their passion about, and interest in, learning.

Who is eligible for TAG Camp?

TAG Camp is open to students who have been designated as gifted and talented. This can be through teacher recommendations, report cards, and/or standardized testing. For standardized testing, a student must score in the 90th percentile in at least one subject area and/or must provide two letters of recommendation from their current teachers. Students who lack standardized test scores may submit report cards and two letters of recommendations.

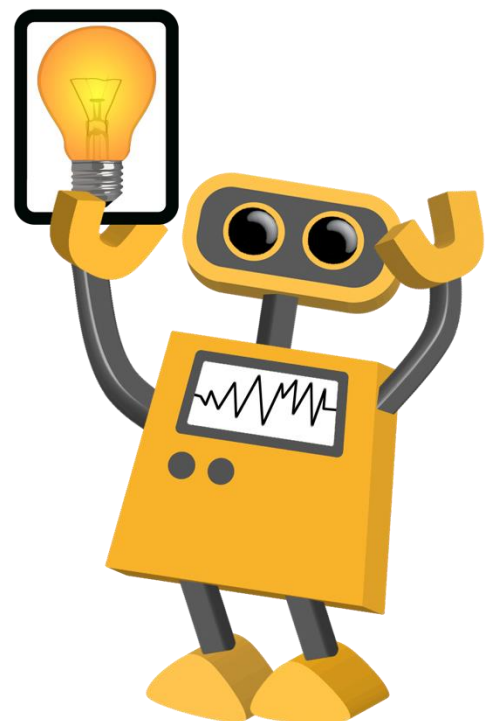
Students enrolled at Staten Island Academy do not have to submit these documents, their admission will be reviewed by school administrators! The camp is designed for students entering Grade 1 through Grade 7.

Payment Schedule:

Payment in full with all applications:

Early Bird (April 15th) \$2,100

Regular Rate (after April 15th) \$2,300



Woodworking and Craft Creations



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As they create unique projects, they'll gain a deeper understanding of craftsmanship while developing a lifelong, practical skill. Whether they're building their first masterpiece or discovering a new hobby, this class is the perfect way to get started!

OR

Read and Respond With Art



In this course, literacy will be combined with art. Students will have the opportunity to develop reading skills and be encouraged to develop their own creativity through art. Students will listen to a read aloud that will be tied to an art exploration activity as they strengthen their reading comprehension skills.



Animals Around the World

In this exciting hands-on class, campers will dive into the fascinating world of animals and their habitats! They'll get up close and personal with classroom creatures like hamsters, fish, turtles, snakes, salamanders, and lizards while learning about their diets, environments, and unique adaptations.

Beyond the classroom, campers will explore the natural history of animals from around the world and work together to design and build a model zoo that meets the needs of its diverse inhabitants. Get ready for an adventure in wildlife discovery!

OR

STEM Lab

Each week, campers will solve a given problem while learning to collaborate with each other. Each STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) challenge encourages creative thinking. The student engineers must use the available supplies while sticking to a budget for each STEM activity. These STEM projects are sure to keep young scientists engaged, learning, and well-prepared for the future.



Entering Grades 3-4

Sewing and Embroidery



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OR

Passport to the World!

In this course, students will experience a wondrous global journey around the world. They will gain knowledge of intriguing facts about countries including their geography, capital cities, flags, and even the dance of the region! Crafts and virtual tours of some of the most famous landmarks will add to the experience! What a wonderful way for children to encounter people and places from all over the world!



Music Composition Workshop (4-6)

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Bays, Beaches and the Deep

Blue Sea



Embark on an exciting journey beneath the waves! In this hands-on class, campers will investigate the fascinating world of marine ecosystems, from our local shorelines to the deep-sea trenches. Through engaging activities, they'll discover the life cycles, habitats, and adaptations of ocean creatures, build hydrometers to test salinity levels, and explore the unique food webs of kelp forests, hydrothermal vents, and coral reefs. Get ready to dive into an ocean of discovery!

OR

Wonderful Worlds of Wizards



If you are a muggle who is fascinated by Harry Potter, then you will want to join in for this wizardly adventure! Students will have an opportunity to be sorted into the houses of Hogwarts, as well as, enjoy character studies, role play, games and crafts to name a few of the activities offered. It is recommended that the students read *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* prior to TAG, in order to get the most from this experience.

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Campers will have the opportunity to develop foundational art skills and techniques, including drawing, painting, and printmaking. In the first two weeks, campers will engage in directed projects that help build their skills, while week three will allow for more creative freedom with choice-based activities. During week three, students can choose their preferred medium and subject matter to explore. This class is designed to encourage creativity, artistic expression, and the confidence to experiment with different art forms.



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Cooking Basics



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OR

Theater (Entering Grades 3-7)

Lights, camera, action! Students will work over the three-week period on a multi-age production. Students will create scenes and some ensemble work. In the process, students will develop acting skills, diction, and stage presence.



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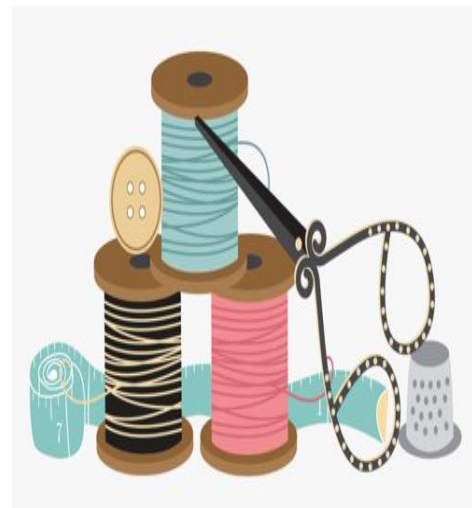


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It's a Big World (6-8)

Embark on an exciting journey through time at our talented and gifted camp, where campers will explore the geological history of Earth and the evolution of life! In this hands-on course, students will dive into lab activities that bring Earth's processes to life—modeling plate tectonics, earthquakes, and volcanoes to understand the planet's physical development. They'll also explore fossil evidence, simulate natural selection, and observe modern animals to uncover the fascinating story of evolution. Get ready for an adventure of discovery that blends science, nature, and the mysteries of our planet's past!



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Application Form

Student's Name: First		Middle	Last	
Student's Home: Street Address		City	State	Zip
Home Phone () -	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Student's Date of Birth	Age/Grade at the time of the program	
Student lives with (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Emergency Contact Person	Emergency Number () -	
Parent #1 Name: First (Mrs. Ms. Mr. Dr.)		Last	Occupation	
E-Mail		Cell Phone () -	Work Phone () -	
Parent #2 Name: First (Mrs. Ms. Mr. Dr.)		Last	Occupation	
E-Mail		Cell Phone () -	Work Phone () -	
Student's Current School		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Parochial <input type="checkbox"/> Independent		
School Address		City	State	Zip
School Principal:		G and T Teacher:	Current Teacher:	

If this is your first year with the TAG camp, you are required to include documentation of program eligibility. Please check the item(s) below enclosed to verify your eligibility.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Staten Island Academy student | <input type="checkbox"/> Standardized Test Scores |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Talent Search participation | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter confirming participation in local Gifted Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Recommendation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): |

If you have attended the TAG camp previously, please list the last year attended: _____

Please indicate how you first learned about TAG:

- Teacher/Counselor TAG camp student Web Advertisement News Article Mailing Other

If a TAG camp family referred you to our program, please provide their name: _____

Course Preferences: Please circle your choices. You will choose 1 course per block. Courses are first come first serve, if your first choice for a course is closed, your child will be placed in the other course listed.

	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3
Course Choices Grades 1-2	Passport to the World OR Stretch, Breathe, Shine!	Read and Respond with Art! OR Woodworking	Animals Around the World OR STEM Lab
Course Choices Grades 3-4	Passport to the World OR Music Composition (4-6) OR Sewing and Embroidery	Woodworking OR Bays, Beaches and the Deep Blue Sea (3-5) OR Wonderful World of Wizards (4-6)	Animals Around the World OR Cooking Basics OR Creative Expressions: Exploring 2D Art (4-6) OR Theater (3-8)
Course Choices Grades 5-6	Woodworking OR Music Composition OR Sewing and Embroidery OR It's a Big World	Knitting and Crochet OR Wonderful World of Wizards OR Bays, Beaches and the Deep Blue Sea (3-5)	Cooking Basics OR Creative Expressions: Exploring 2D Art OR Theater
Course Choices Grades 7-8	Woodworking OR Music Composition OR Sewing and Embroidery OR It's a Big World	Knitting and Crochet OR Creative Expressions: Exploring 2D Art	Cooking Basics OR Theater

For the Student:

I understand that, as a participant in Talented and Gifted Camp (TAG), I have the responsibility to work to the best of my ability in all of my classes; to conduct myself appropriately and follow all rules, regulations and policies of the TAG program; to support the efforts of the TAG faculty and staff, and participants, to preserve the cleanliness and beauty of the campus, to respect the property of others, and to respect the rights and privileges of all TAG students, faculty, staff, and others in the campus community. I understand that failure to comply with the above statement may lead to program dismissal.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

For the Parent or Guardian

Please check the “yes” box where permission is given or the “no” box where permission is not given. I hereby grant permission for my child, while attending the Talented and Gifted Camp to:

- Yes No Leave campus for approved field trips (when a trip is authorized for a particular course).
- Yes No Change courses on his/her daily schedule without confirming the change with parent or guardian.
- Yes No Provide quotes; participate in TAG pictures, and in photographic images that may be used in TAG literature, press releases and/or the SIA/ TAG website.
- Yes No Receive selected materials about other educational opportunities from organizations sanctioned by TAG.

Authorization for Medical Treatment:

This is to authorize the physicians and nursing staff of the Talented and Gifted camp and/or Emergency Room physicians (and any consultants that they deem necessary) of nearby (or the most appropriate) hospital to render necessary medical care and medications to my child, (name of child) _____. In the event of an emergency, and if I cannot be reached, I consent to allow physicians of the infirmary of the TAG site, physicians on the active staff of the nearby (or most appropriate) hospital, or other physicians or hospital (as the case may be) to perform any emergency treatment, including surgery, requiring the use of local or general anesthetic. This authorization shall be in effect as long as my child is a student at the Talented and Gifted Camp. Furthermore, I, the undersigned, will assume responsibility for all medical costs, incurred by my child, not covered by my medical insurance.

Release of Claims Against the Program:

I unconditionally release the TAG program from any claims for damage, injury, loss or expense of any sort incurred directly or indirectly in conjunction with the participation of my child in the program unless the loss is caused by the gross negligence of TAG.

It is the responsibility of each applicant to adhere to the payment schedule in order to maintain his/her enrollment status in the TAG program.

I have read the TAG program announcement and application pages including the paragraph signed by my child (above). I have read and understand the refund policy as stated within the TAG brochure. I understand that it is my responsibility to meet all financial obligations of the TAG program. I understand that I am responsible for the cost of repairing or replacing any property that my child damages while on campus. I understand that if my child fails to follow TAG program rules and regulations, he/she may be dismissed from the program without refund and may be subject to disqualification from attendance at future sessions of Talented and Gifted Camp.

I/we certify the above information is complete and correct. I/we understand that any misrepresentation may result in the expulsion of the applicant from the program. I/we acknowledge that terms and conditions in this brochure constitute part of my agreement with TAG, including sections concerning responsibility, health, refunds, changes in dates, accommodations, courses and billing of the options selected above. I have read the brochure and agree to TAG policies and procedures. This agreement will be effective when my application is accepted by TAG and shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York, without regard to New York conflict of laws rules.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Admission to the Talented and Gifted camp programs is on a rolling, first-come first-served basis for qualified students. Applications are accepted and processed upon receipt. Admission to the 2025 Talented and Gifted program shall be granted or denied at the sole discretion of SIA/TAG. Applications will be accepted only if space is available. The \$2,100 Early Bird Payment must be paid in full by April 15, 2025 with your application. Cost of \$2,300 after April 15, 2025

- Payment Options: Check (Please make payable to Staten Island Academy) Money order enclosed for \$ _____
- Please charge my credit card for \$ _____ Visa or MasterCard

Phone number for Credit Card information: _____

Cardholder’s name (please print): _____

Mail application and payment to: Staten Island Academy-Talented and Gifted Camp, 715 Todt Hill Road, Staten Island, NY 10304.

Approximately two weeks are required to review application materials to determine student eligibility. An acceptance letter will be sent to the student upon completion of this review.

Signature: _____ Date: _____