



Return this application with your \$45 non-refundable application fee by June 15 to: Dr. Trudi Nelson, School of Education, The University of South Dakota, 414 East Clark Street, Vermillion, SD 57069-2390

APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Gender Male Female

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Adult t-shirt size XS S M L XL XXL

Phone _____ E-mail (please include) _____

School _____ Grade entering _____

Does your school have a gifted program? Yes No Are you a New Camper Returning Camper



The University of South Dakota

My \$45 non-refundable application fee is enclosed. Make checks or money orders payable to The University of South Dakota.



A few favorite classes of 2010 included:

- cake decorating
- chess
- graffiti art
- shakespeare
- eyeballs
- forensic science
- science of hot air ballooning
- emergency medicine
- fencing, acting
- floral arrangement
- stage combat
- sign language
- math
- computer animation
- calligraphy
- political science



*Refuse to be average.
Let you heart soar as high as it will.
—A.W. Tozer*



**TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL
SOUTH DAKOTA
GOVERNOR'S CAMP
2011**

An unforgettable learning experience for gifted youth

July 24–29, 2011

**Dr. Trudi Nelson, Director
Gifted Programs**

 The University of South Dakota
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

SOUTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR'S CAMP 2011

July 24 — 29, 2011

Dr. Trudi Nelson, Director

Dr. Bruce Milne and Dr. Carole Kasen, Founders

Dr. Tim Duggan, Past Director

The mission of the South Dakota Governor's Camp is to provide an optimum learning experience for gifted children in a safe and supportive environment.

The camp is sponsored by the School of Education of The University of South Dakota and the South Dakota Department of Education, endorsed by the Governor of South Dakota.

A summer adventure for gifted students, grades 7, 8 or 9 as of the fall of 2011, featuring academic experiences with USD faculty and trained staff.

PROGRAM INCLUDES

1. Food and dormitory lodging
2. Team-building activities
3. Educational exploratory sessions
4. Primary focus follow-up project sessions
5. Evening elective recreational activities
6. Competitive team festival
7. Twenty-third Annual Ambassadors of Excellence Performance.
8. Camper showcase: culminating demonstration and performance events
9. Camp closing ceremonies and awards

OPENING CEREMONIES

The opening ceremonies will take place following the 5 p.m. picnic, Sunday evening, July 24 at approximately 7 p.m.

CLOSING CEREMONIES

The closing ceremonies will take place following lunch on Friday, July 29. Camp will end at 3 p.m.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

An application fee of \$45 (not refundable if the student is selected for attendance) must accompany the application form and must be received by **June 15, 2011**. The cost of the camp is **\$395 per camper**, which includes the application fee; balance to be paid at the time of arrival at the camp, **July 24, 2011**. Registration fee will cover all meals, housing, recreation, instructional materials and limited insurance. Transportation costs are not included. Please make checks payable to **The University of South Dakota**. First time applicants need to have a recommendation form completed by a school official in order to be selected for camp, available online or by request.

FOLLOW-UP REGISTRATION

Applicants selected for Camp will receive an advance registration form which must be returned for scheduling. Final registration will be held at the Camp on Sunday, July 24 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the **COMMONS in the Mickelson/Beede Dorms** on the USD campus.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Campers will work with gifted specialists completing graduate training. Adults will supervise dormitories and all camp activities. Ambassadors of Excellence alumni, The University of South Dakota Honors Program students, and pre-service teachers will serve as team leaders.

Creative activities, not generally provided in the schools, are emphasized. More than 100 students will be selected from 50 or more communities.

Over 4,500 students from more than 100 different communities have participated in the Governor's Camp since it was started in 1984. The SD Governor's Camp is maintained with the tuition fees paid by the campers. Some communities, schools and organizations fund scholarships to the camp each year. Check with your school regarding these opportunities.

Further information on the 28th Annual South Dakota Governor's Camp can be obtained from:

Dr. Trudi Nelson
605-677-6479 or e-mail: trudi.nelson@usd.edu
Governors Camp Office: 605-677-6488
www.usd.edu/education/gifted-camp

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Art
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Technology
Creative & Technical Writing
Cultural Diversity
Foreign Languages
History
Literature
Mathematics
Music
Physical Science
Theatre
Web Design & Virtual Communities

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Creative Problem Solving
Decision Making
Critical Thinking
Cultural Awareness
Research Skills
Social Skills
Team Building
Technological Skills
Writing & Speaking Skills

OPTIONAL CAMPUS TOURS MAY INCLUDE

I.D. Weeks Library
National Music Museum
Neuharth Media Center
Old Main
Oscar Howe Gallery
Shakespeare Garden
W.H. Over State Museum

PLUS RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES

If you are a person with a disability and need a special accommodation to fully participate, please contact Disability Services at 605-677-6389 48 hours before the event.