

FLORIDA GEAR UP FOR NIMS presents

Trojan Explorers

6th Grade AVID Summer Academy

NIMS



TROJANS

REGISTRATION PACKET

**Complete & return registration forms by
Friday, May 22, 2015**

Program Schedule (Daily Monday-Thursday):

8:00am-8:30am-Breakfast

8:30am-9:00am-Personal Enrichment

9:00am-2:00pm-Academic Enrichment

6/15/15-6/26/15

Field Trip Fridays!

Rising 6th Graders Only!





Dear NIMS M.S. Parent/Guardian:

Florida's Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) consistently provides opportunities for students to have access to college readiness skills in middle and high schools as they prepare for post-secondary education.

Throughout the school year, GEAR UP provides educational trips, simulation activities and other innovative interactions to students in designated middle and high schools across the state of Florida, which includes tutoring, college tours, academic advising, leadership mentoring, credit retrieval and much more!

This Summer we are thrilled to provide a project-based learning (PBL) program, **Trojan Explorers: 6th Grade AVID Summer Academy**, that is designed to ensure that rising 6th graders have the basic skills and knowledge needed to be successful in all aspects of Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and AVID with a fun twist. In addition, this program will reinforce students to the AVID/WICOR strategies that are used across content areas during the regular school day. Students will gain knowledge and skills through Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization and Reading (WICOR) as well as the basic 21st Century Skills Knowledge, Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking and Creativity (K4C).

We are **only accepting sixty rising 6th grade students** for participation in our program. Please make sure to sign and complete all the documents in this packet to secure your child's participation. Students will be accepted into the *Trojan Explorers: 6th Grade AVID Summer Academy* program on a first-come first-serve basis and must be enrolled for the 2015-2016 school year.

We are excited that you are considering enrolling your child into the **Trojan Explorers: 6th Grade AVID Academy sponsored by GEAR UP**. Our staff has prepared interactive and informative thematically based projects that will help your child master school-wide goals and objectives. Every enrichment course your child will participate in this summer is designed to ensure the steps of succeeding and excelling in middle school and beyond!

Your next steps are to:

- ✓ Complete this packet
- ✓ Return the completed packet by Friday, May 22th, 2015 to the NMS front office or directly to the GEAR UP Coach, Ms. Woods-Roberts

Again, we are excited to have your child participate in the Trojan Explorers: 6th Grade Summer Academy and we look forward to a great project-based experience!

Best Regards,

Ms. Woods-Roberts,
GEAR UP Coach



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Academic Enrichment Courses:

➤ **Language Arts**

Read and Write like a Trojan.

In conjunction with Language Arts Florida Standards (LAFS), students will receive hands-on instruction in a rigorous, yet engaging manner. Instructors will develop project-based and/or service learning experience. Instructors will incorporate, but are not limited to the following: creative writing, reading exercises, literature research, and informational text exploration. Analyzing, synthesizing, applying and inferring in connection with appropriate grade level topics will allow students to increase critical thinking skills all the while gaining knowledge

➤ **Mathematics**

Count like a Trojan.

Utilizing the Mathematics Florida Standards (MAFS), instructors will facilitate student collaboration and interaction with relevant math manipulatives and other hands-on stimulants to reinforce standards and objectives taught during the regular school day. Instructors will develop systematic projects that connect with unit topics and program themes. Students will gain further insight on how math, and all of its components, connects with career choices and everyday living.

➤ **Science**

Experiment like a Trojan.

Referencing the Science Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (SNGSSS), instructors will expound on school day topics in a fun and engaging project-based manner. Students will increase scientific vocabulary and make connections with hands-on activities that range across varied scientific topics. Students will also replicate various forms of mass and matter to experience relevant assimilation in a creative manner. Instructors will integrate the use of technology to further reinforce scientific standards and goals.

➤ **Social Studies**

Explore like a Trojan.

In conjunction with the Social Studies Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (SSNGSSS) and the assigned quarterly theme, each group will create several projects that connect to the social and cultural world around them. Instructors will utilize research databases and various sources to promote synchronous and asynchronous experience. Students will interact with challenging text and visual literacy pieces to further promote critical thinking and reinforce standards and objectives addressed during the regular school day.



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Personal Enrichment Component(s):

➤ *Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)*

WICORize like a Trojan.

In conjunction with the all Florida State AVID Standards directly connected to all academic content areas ranging from Language Arts to Mathematics, and several hidden/soft skills, students will utilize several technology suites to support the associated tasks set forth by the appropriate AVID Weeks-at-a-glance. Students will interact with a host of Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading strategies to support their awareness and application of interchangeable skills.

➤ *Field Experience Fridays*

The Florida Aquarium-June 19, 2015 5:30am-11:00pm
 701 Channelside Drive
 Tampa, FL 33602
<http://www.flaquarium.org/>

Wonderworks Orlando-June 26, 2015 6:00am-11:00pm
 9067 International Drive
 Orlando, FL 32819
<http://www.wonderworksonline.com/orlando/>

Program Schedule:

Period:	Time:	Group 1:	Group 2:	Group 3:	Group 4:
Arrival	8:00am-8:30am	Breakfast (Optional)	Breakfast (Optional)	Breakfast (Optional)	Breakfast (Optional)
Check-in	8:30am-9:00am	Personal Enrichment	Personal Enrichment	Personal Enrichment	Personal Enrichment
1 st Period	9:00am-9:52am	Language Arts	Science	Math	Social Studies
2 nd Period	9:54am-10:46am	AVID	Language Arts	Science	Math
3 rd Period	10:48am-11:40am	Social Studies	AVID	Language Arts	Science
Lunch/	11:42am-12:08pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
4 th Period	12:10pm-1:02pm	Math	Social Studies	AVID	Language Arts
5 th Period	1:04pm-1:58pm	Science	Math	Social Studies	AVID
Dismissal	1:58pm-2:00pm	Announcements/ Dismissal	Announcements/ Dismissal	Announcements/ Dismissal	Announcements/ Dismissal



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REGISTRATION FORM

ALL PARTS OF THIS PACKET MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE R. FRANK NIMS MIDDLE SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE IN ORDER FOR A SPOT TO BE RESERVED IN YOUR CHILD'S NAME. ENROLLMENT IN THE **ABSOLUTELY FREE** PROGRAM IS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.

Please print clearly; retain previous pages for your records.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Address: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____

Directions for 2:00pm dismissal (transportation WILL NOT be provided):

Parent Phone Number: Home (_____) _____

Cell (_____) _____

Student: Cell (_____) _____



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MEDICAL INFORMATION

Emergency Contacts:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Home Phone: (____) _____ Parent Cell: (____) _____

Parent Work: (____) _____

Emergency Contact Name (other than parent/guardian listed above):

Name: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Medical History:

Does the Participant have medical insurance? ___Yes ___No

If yes, name of insurance plan: _____

Policy or member number: _____

Does the Participant have a personal physician you wish to have called in an emergency?

___Yes ___No If yes, name of physician: _____

Physician phone number: _____

Physician address: _____

List any current medical conditions: _____

List any histories of medical condition:

List any **Medication(s)** Participant is presently taking, including dosage and time:

List any **Medication(s)** Participant must have or might need in case of an emergency:

Is the Participant allergic to any foods/medications? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please list all food(s) and/or medication(s): _____

In the event of an **emergency**:

1. The Participant, together with his/her Medical Information and LCS Activity Participation Form, will be transported to the nearest hospital or health care facility; and
2. The Participant's parent/guardian will be notified.

In the event of **illness**:

1. The Participant's parent/guardian will be notified;
2. A parent/guardian will take the Participant home



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BEHAVIOR POLICY CONTRACT

The Student commits to put forth great effort to:

- Successfully complete the GEAR UP TROJAN EXPLORERS Summer Academy 2015
- Attend every day of the program without tardiness
- Participate enthusiastically in all program activities
- Demonstrate a high level of citizenship throughout the program

I understand and will abide by the rules in accordance with Leon County Schools Code of Conduct. Furthermore, I understand that participation in the TROJAN EXPLORERS: 6th GRADE SUMMER ACADEMY is a privilege that should be taken advantage of and my behavior will reflect that which is required in an academic environment. Disregard of procedures and regulations will result in immediate reprimand and possible expulsion from the program.

I have read the above information and agree to participate in Trojan Explorers 6TH Grade Summer Academy

Participant Name (Print)	Participant Signature	Date
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The Parent/Guardian commits to put forth great effort to:

- Provide transportation from the program
- Support the Participant’s goal to successfully complete the Trojan Explorers Academy

I understand that Participant dress and behavior must be in accordance with Leon County Schools/R. Frank Nims Code of Conduct. Furthermore, I understand participation in the program is a privilege that should be taken advantage of and I will encourage my child’s behavior to reflect that which is required in an academic environment. I also understand that blatant disregard of procedures and regulations will result in my child’s immediate reprimand and possible expulsion from the program.

I have read the above information and agree to commit to the Trojan Explorers 6th Grade Summer Academy.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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LIABILITY WAIVER FORM AND IDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

A. I hereby register my child for and commit to their participation in the GEAR UP Trojan Explorers: 6th Grade Summer Academy from **6/15/15-6/26/15**. I further agree to the terms of this Release and Indemnification Agreement.

B. The undersigned releases from all liability, and indemnity and hold harmless Tallahassee Community College, Florida Department of Education and R Frank Nims Middle High and any employee, agent or representative thereof from any and all liability, actions, causes of actions, claims, judgments, costs or expenses, arising out of or in any way related to injury, illness, death or loss incurred by the participant while participating in or traveling to or from this activity.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL CONTAINED IN THIS AGREEMENT

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Name (Please Print)

Parent's Signature and Date

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GEAR UP TROJAN EXPLORERS SUMMER ACADEMY 2015
MEDIA RELEASE

Participant Name: _____ Grade: _____

During our Summer Academy, we may take pictures or videotape students during the various activities that they may participate in and publish the information on the school's website, Tallahassee Community College's GEAR UP website or in monthly newsletters. In addition, we are sometimes asked to take part in local publicity releases by way of publishing pictures, newspaper articles, television and radio ads. If you do or do not want your child's picture or name to be used in such publicity releases, please indicate your desire below.

_____ I hereby grant the NMS GEAR UP Trojan Explorers full and absolute permission and all rights to copyright, publish, display, and use for any legal purpose or all photographs, together with descriptive text or statements, in which I or my property or my child appear.

_____ I do **NOT** authorize the NMS GEAR UP Trojan Explorers to use any written or visual materials that may pertain to my child.

Parent Name (Please Print)

Parent Signature

Date

