

The Packer Foundation Scholars Program

At

Aurora University and Fearn Elementary

2010 – 2011 School Year Enrichment Classes

for Youth grades PreK – 8th grade

Dear Parents,

I invite your family to join us this school year to awaken the excitement of learning. This is my fourteenth year as Director of the Scholars Program located at Aurora University and Fearn Elementary School with satellite classes with the West Aurora community.

I have a passion for education, foremost as a mother of three boys, as well as an educator in West Aurora School District #129. I am a Level I and II Gifted Certified by the State of Illinois, recently completed Gifted Education Seminar offered at the state level, as well as completed my Doctorate of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with my dissertation research in the area of gifted learners.

I often am asked by parents, “How do I know if my child is gifted?” If you are asking, they probably have skills that our program can enhance:

- High curiosity
- Love of learning
- More advanced than peers their age in any / all subject area

The State of Illinois and National Association Gifted Children define giftedness as: “...someone who shows, or has potential for showing, an exceptional level of performance in one or more areas of expression.”

All children are unique and parents are the ones that know their child best. The Scholars Program provides an avenue for teachers to share their love of learning with

these unique learners in the program. Gifts and talents are individual for each learner and we recognize that all talents are not always identifiable by formal evaluative methods, compounded by the unfortunate fact that schools gifted programs are no longer funded by the State of Illinois (recently noted gifted funding returned to \$0!). Our purpose is to encourage excellence and enrichment opportunities among all students. It is with parental support that our state legislation will make positive changes for our gifted and talented youth.

We all learn more when we are having fun. Inquiry and discovery are at the core of learning. We try to let students discover things on their own and then help them build on those discoveries by constructing their own meaning and understanding. Real learning comes from using the whole brain – seeing, hearing, touching and smelling in active hands-on participation. This is learning in The Scholars Program. I cordially invite you and your student to attend our Enrichment classes, Gifted Testing, Focused Family Field Trips, and / or Just for Adults series this school year and awaken the excitement for learning.

Dr. Ann Butcher



QUALITY MASTER TEACHERS: Outstanding educators make up our team of teachers.

Great teachers are the secret to great learning...we have the best.

Dr. Ann Butcher, B.A. Ed., M.A. Ed., EdD., Type 03, Type 75 and Gifted Certified

Steve Butcher, B.A. Ed., MAT Ed. – School Dist. # 129

Stefanie Frazier, B.A., M.A. ED

***Jann Hawkins, B.S. Ed., M.A. Ed., Gifted Endorsed – Sch. Dist. #204, State Math Award
Winning Teacher***

Stephanie Leo, B.A. Mass Communication, MAT—School District #129

Mary Sue Offutt, B.A. Ed. – Instructor at SciTech and Field Museum

Harry Patterson, B.A. Ed., M.S. Outdoor Education – Retired Teacher

Sandy Scott, B.A. Ed., M.S. Ed.—West Aurora High School Science

Dr. James Swedler, B.S., M.S. Ed., C.A.S., EdD - West Aurora High School Science

“You won’t find more qualified educators who are dedicated to children and learning.” –
Parent quote.

NO CANCELLATIONS!

NO MINIMUM ENROLLMENT NEEDED!

ALL CLASSES GUARANTEED TO MEET!

**Check us out on the web: <http://www.packerfoundation.org>
(Course descriptions and printable registration form)**

Please recycle this brochure – share with a friend.

Young Scholars Courses: School Year 2010-11

...REGISTRATION CRITERIA

To be formally admitted to the Packer Foundation Center for Applications-Based Learning Young Scholars Program, a student must be classified as a **kindergarten through eighth grader** and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Previous Participation in The Scholars Program
- Verbal Recommendation to parent from a principal, counselor, or teacher
- Enrollment in a Gifted Program

Preschool recommendation is based on preschool teacher's and/or parent recommendation

Questions regarding your child's eligibility? Contact Dr. Ann Butcher, Director of The Scholars Program by telephone: (630) 8GIFTED (844-3833); or by e-mail: abutcher@aurora.edu

<u>Class</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Bats, Owls, and Spiders	PreK - 2	10/16 ONLY	
China: Land of the Dragons	PreK - 2		3/20 ONLY
Mr. Wizard	PreK - 2	10/23 ONLY	
Primarily Science	PreK - 2	10/31 and 11/7 ONLY	
Brain Games	3rd - 5th	X	
Fun with French	3rd - 5th	X	X
Legos: How Things Work	3rd - 5th	X	X
Mr. Wizard	3rd - 5th	10/23 ONLY	
Outdoor Education	3rd - 5th		March 5th ONLY
Think Like a Scientist	3rd - 5th		2/27 and 3/6 ONLY
Ceramics	3rd - 8th	10/17 and 10/24 ONLY	
Physics and Chemistry	3rd - 8th	X	X
Video Journalism	3rd - 8th	X	
Blood and Guts	6th - 8th	X	X
Life of a Beekeeper	Family	10/16 ONLY	
TTCT Gifted Testing	K - Adult	10/23 ONLY	3/5 ONLY
ACT: EXPLORE TEST	3rd - 8th	10/23 ONLY	3/5 ONLY
Parent Forum	Adult	11/2 ONLY	3/8 ONLY

Pre-Scholars
(age 4/5 not attending kindergarten)

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 Tuition: \$20.00

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 Explore and learn about the people and the culture of China. Fly a fish kite. Construct the Great Wall of China with Legos. Discover the Dragon Dance. Tuition: \$20.00

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Early Elementary
(Gr. K - 2)

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Fall: October 17 – November 7th
Winter: February 27th – March 20th

Late Elementary
(Gr. 3 – 5)

Brain Games (Hawkins)

**FOUR Sundays, October 17, 24, 31, and November 7th:
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Fearn Elementary**

Come and enjoy a fun class, utilizing educational games that strengthen the brain and teach strategic Mathematic skills including logic, algebra, number sense, and spatial sense. These games foster skills that are imperative in math! Puzzles, problem solving, and sequential thinking will all be part of this class taught by former ICTM Middle School Educator of the Year!

Tuition: \$80.00

Ceramics (Patterson)

Sundays, October 17th and 24th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Fearn Elementary

Ceramics is hands-on (and messy!) fun! Join Mr. Patterson as he leads students through this earthly art exploration! Students will learn about the variety of clay forms from molds to free-form clay. They will form pieces from clay, paint the bisque, and take home several “works of art” from this engaging class.

Tuition: \$50.00

Fun with French (Frazier)

Sundays, October 17th and 24th 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. AND Saturday, October 23rd from 9 :00 a.m. - Noon at Fearn Elementary

OR Sundays, March 13th and 20th: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. AND Saturday, March 5th from 9:00 a.m. – Noon at Fearn Elementary

Students will learn how to incorporate acting skills while dialoging to meet and greet a new person and gain experiences of ordering food in a French café scene! This engaging class allows students to create using their artistic skills while learning vocabulary words, dancing, and singing key French phrases. Students will also learn about the French culture all while having “FUN WITH FRENCH”!

Tuition: \$70.00

Legos – How Things Work (Butcher)

**FOUR Sundays, October 17, 24, 31, and November 7th:
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Fearn Elementary OR FOUR Sundays,
February 27, March 6, 13, and 20th: 1:00 – 3:00 at Fearn Elementary: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Okay Lego lovers – this class is for you! Students will learn ‘how things work’ by using special Lego Technic kits to build working models of real-life machines, such as a washing machine, a sewing machine, and yes, even a robot! If you love Legos, you have to join this class! **Tuition:** \$80.00 or \$230.00 if purchasing the newest Lego kit to keep. Set contains 360

Blood and Guts (Scott) – NEW!

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Which is the most complex animal: Grasshopper, Clam, Frog, or Crayfish? Find out through hands-on inquiry where you will get to dissect several animals to study their increasing complexity. During these four sessions students will get to investigate the changes that occur from invertebrate to vertebrate animals while developing their dissection and microscope skills. Tuition: \$90.00

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Outdoor Education – Bringing the Outdoors / Inside (Patterson)- NEW!

Saturday, March 5th only from 9:00 a.m. – Noon at Fearn Elementary

Study will include worms, birds, and weather permitting a hike. This class will allow you to get to know the world around you! Tuition: \$30.00

Physics and Chemistry I (Swedler)

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Explore atoms, Quarks, how Fermi Lab works, and make three different SLIMES! Learn about atoms and Light Day, Chemistry with Sound Day, as well as explore on Spy Day as Dr. Swedler emerges his students in hands-on experimentations. Tuition: \$80.00

Think Like a Scientist (Patterson)

Sundays, February 27th and March 6th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Fearn Elementary

Inquiry, discovery, hands-on activities. Awaken the scientist in you with Mr. Patterson in this new interactive science class. Mr. Patterson has received awards for his teaching skills and creative works with children. Tuition: \$40.00

Video Journalism (Leo) - NEW!

**FOUR Sundays, October 17, 24, 31, and November 7th:
1:00—3:00 p.m. at Fearn Elementary**

Do you want to become current with the latest technology? This class will talk about social networks like Facebook, Twitter, My Space, as well as how to use You Tube appropriately. Students will learn to create a music video with audio, including shooting the video, putting it on the computer, and editing the movie. Students will also learn about Skype. Maximum 10 students! Tuition: \$80.00

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Middle School
(Gr. 6 – 8)

Life of a Beekeeper (Patterson)

Saturday, October 16th only – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at Patterson’s Bee Farm in North Aurora

Families join Mr. Patterson, local beekeeper tells about his hobby – Beekeeping! Have you ever wondered where the bees go in the winter? Did you know that there is a bee that can’t sting you? How about the difference between those pesky wasps and bees? Come join Mr. Patterson for this great family event. Parent / Child adventure open to all ages! Each family will get a jar of fresh honey! Tuition: Adult + 1 child is \$20.00 (additional family member = \$5.00) (Limit first 12 families)

For any adult who cares about bright kids- offered to parents and educators of gifted children, while you are waiting for your scholar

Parent Forum - Sunday, November 2nd or March 8th from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. - Dr. Ann Butcher, Director of the Scholars Program and Julie Esparza, West Aurora School District #129 Gifted Coordinator will facilitate a discussion with participants about gifted education, local ideas, and resources. Please join Ann and Julie to dialogue ideas that benefit your child in their educational journey. If you have joined us in the past, every session is new with the unique participants, please join us again. Cost: \$5.00 – please register on your child’s form you interest in attending to allow us to prepare handouts for all.

Gifted Testing -

Torrance Test of Creative Thinking (TTCT)

Saturday, October 23rd or Saturday, March 5th from 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. at Fearn Elementary in North Aurora Kindergarten and up

The Torrance Test of Creative Thinking (TTCT) is recommended as a true test of giftedness, less limiting than the standard IQ test. The results may be useful for:

- *Helping you understand your child’s particular talents
- *Potential placement in gifted programs
- *As a possible basis for individualized/differentiated instruction
- *Assisting you in discussions with your child’s teacher

The results are generated by an independent testing service and will be mailed to your home within 3 - 6 weeks of the testing date. The results will be a narrative including raw scores, national percentiles, standard scores, a creativity index, and a criterion referenced checklist of creative strengths. **Tuition: \$50.00**

ACT EXPLORE Test (used in the Midwest Academic Talent Search)

Saturday, October 23rd or March 5th from 9:00 a.m. – Noon at Fearn Elementary in North Aurora

Prerequisite:

Students in grades 3 – 9th grade can qualify for the Explore test

Score ≥ 185 in Reading or Math on the ISAT test
and / or

- Have a composite score or sub-score on a nationally normed standardized achievement, aptitude, or abilities test, such as Terra Nova
- >97% for 3rd grade
>95% for 4th – 9th grade
and / or
Qualify for your school gifted program
and/or
- Nomination by parent or teacher. Students nominate should:
- Demonstrate advanced aptitude in verbal or mathematical reasoning
- Consistently perform in the top 5% of their grade
- Perform exceptionally well in academically demanding course work in school

Regularly seek more challenging academic experiences

The EXPLORE test was originally developed for 8th grade students to measure educational achievement in English, mathematics, reading, and science. It is currently used by many high schools as an entrance exam. It is a four section (30 min. each) multiple choice test. The English measures understanding of the standard written English and rhetorical skills. The Mathematics measures mathematical reasoning. The Reading measures reading comprehension and the Science measures scientific reasoning skills.

This test allows those students who score at the top of their class to demonstrate specific strengths and weaknesses on their academic journey. It is advantageous to have students take prior to their 8th grade year. Review of test taking strategies will be done prior to test administration by Dr. Butcher. **Tuition: \$50.00**

Plan Ahead: The Scholars Program Summer session: July 18 – 29, 2011

Register EARLY to help ensure that the classes are not cancelled. Register EARLY and encourage your friends to do the same! Thank You!!!

The Scholars Program is sponsored by the Packer Foundation Center for Applications Based Learning, a not-for-profit charitable Illinois Corporation created to promote and expand science and technology education at all levels.



The Scholars Program
 Center for Applications-Based Learning
Registration Form
 Dr. Ann Butcher, Director

Student's Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____
 Grade Level (Fall '10): _____ Birth Date: _____
 School: _____ City / State: _____
 Private / Public School Dist. #: _____ Home Schooled _____
 Student's Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 E-mail Address: _____
 Home Phone: () _____
 Mother's Name (Please Print): _____ Day Phone _____
 Father's Name (Please Print): _____ Day Phone _____
 Special Medical Concerns: _____
 Who referred you to us? (Please specify name): _____

I grant permission to participate in The Scholars Program, its related field trips, and permission to take and use photographs to promote The Scholars Program.

Parent Signature _____

YOUNG SCHOLARS GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM:

Course Title: _____ *Dates:* _____ *Tuition:* _____
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Gifted Testing (circle test) TTCT or EXPLORE *Tuition:* _____
Just for Adults Series (circle day) 11/2 or 3/8: Parent Forum *Cost: \$5/per* _____
Scholars T-Shirt (optional) Size: _____ (\$10 / ea.) *T-shirt:* _____
Total Amount: \$ _____

Payment Method:

_____ Check enclosed, made payable to: **The Center for Applications-Based Learning**
WE ACCEPT VISA and MASTERCARD! (Charge will be from "Packer Foundation")
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 Cardholder Signature _____
 Printed Name _____

Cancellation Policy: The Scholars Program reserves the right to withdraw a program because of unforeseen circumstances or insufficient enrollment. If a program is withdrawn, participants are notified and fees are refunded.

Refund Policy: No class refunds after registration deadline: October 1st, 2010 (fall); February 15th, 2011 (winter)- Register early!

Return form and payment to:

The Scholars Program, 347 South Gladstone Ave., Aurora, IL 60506-4829
New Fax: (630)844-8385
Questions? Call (630) 8GIFTED (844-3833)
E-mail Dr. Ann Butcher, Director: abutcher@aurora.edu

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Aurora, IL 60506-4892

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Enrichment Program especially for:



Dedicated to enriching the opportunities and excellence of our gifted and talented youth!



Parent's comments about The Scholars Program:

"The teachers are great. My daughter was so excited about learning, she taught me things!"

"I like that my child is valued for his differences here!"

"Fun learning with diversified materials and exposure and interaction with other bright minds."

"The program provides a great opportunity for small, hands on classes where my children can be with other gifted children."

Directions to Fearn Elementary School:

From East: Take I-88 to Orchard Rd. Exit. Take Orchard Rd. north to Oak St.. Drive east on Oak St.. to White Oak. Turn North (left) on White Oak, second stop sign is Hawksley Drive, turn left follow signs to Fearn Elementary School.

From West: Take Rt. 47 to Galena Blvd. To Orchard Road. Turn north (left) on Orchard- Take Orchard Rd. north to Oak St.. Drive east on Oak St.. to White Oak. Turn North (left) on White Oak, second stop sign is Hawksley Drive, turn left, follow signs to Fearn Elementary School..

From North: Take Randall Road south to Oak Street in North Aurora, turn right on Oak Street to White Oak. Turn right on White Oak, second stop sign is Hawksley Drive, turn left, follow signs to Fearn Elementary School..

From South: Take Rt. 30 to Orchard Road (heading north) then follow until you reach Oak Street in North Aurora. Turn right on Oak Street. Drive east on Oak St.. to White Oak. Turn North (left) on White Oak, second stop sign is Hawksley Drive, turn left, follow signs to Fearn Elementary School.