EXPANDING HORIZONS

APPLICATION

Are grade levels for the program the student's current grade, or the grade the student will be in next year?

The program grade level refers to the grade that the student will be in as of fall 2017.

What are the program requirements?

Students must have a minimum grade point average of a "B" (3.0 on 4.0 scale, or 80%) and any behavior marks noted should be positive or satisfactory. A report card from the 2016-2017 school year is required for consideration. If you are not sure if your child qualifies, please email their report card to youth@ucx.ucr.edu for review.

What is the refund policy for youth programs?

Refund requests for youth programs must be received at least 7 days before the course start date. All refund requests must be emailed to register@ucx.ucr.edu. Refund requests received after the deadline will not be granted.

PROGRAM

What are the qualifications of the instructors?

All Expanding Horizons and STEM Discovery instructors are credentialed teachers, and most are graduates from the UCR Graduate School of Education. Instructors for Tech UC are specialists currently working in the field.

Is lunch provided?

No. Students are required to bring a sack lunch and plenty of water. Students may also bring snacks. Food and beverages will not be provided and students will not be allowed to purchase lunch, nor will microwaves be available.

Is transportation provided?

No. Transportation is not provided by UCR Extension. Additionally, students must be signed in and out each day by an authorized adult.

What is the typical class size?

Average class size is 20 students. The maximum number of students per class is 25.

How early can I drop off and pick up my child each day?

Check-in opens 20 minutes before the program start time and concludes 15 minutes after the start time. For your child's safety, please do not drop off your child if UCR Staff is not present. Check-out will open from the program end time and will take place in your student's last class if the program is held at the UCR Extension Center, or in Parking Lot 5 if your student's program meets on the UCR main campus. If you will be more than 15 minutes late, please contact the Education office at 951-827-1032.

What if my child requires special accommodations?

Because the average length of the camp is 5-10 days, the pacing of instruction is quick. The courses are taught by credentialed teachers who are trained in diverse teaching strategies that address learning styles of all students.

COURSE SCHEDULES

What is my child's class schedule?

For Expanding Horizons and STEM Discovery, the time on the course schedules posted on our website are samples only. The exact times of each course and lunchtime may vary by a few minutes, however, the start and end times of the day are fixed.

How are my child's classes determined?

Students are split into random groups based on grade level, age and program. Student groups will rotate through their appropriate courses. Tech UC is the exception, as there is only one class for all students.

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How do I know what group my child will be in?

Groups will be announced at check-in on the first day, where the student and the parent will each receive a copy of the student's individualized schedule.

My child wants to be in the same group as his/her friend. Can this be done?

No. Groups are randomly assigned.

The schedule indicates there are guest speakers. What does this consist of?

Our guest speakers are volunteers who showcase real-world application of course material, present current research, or lead educational activities. Many of our speakers are UCR faculty, staff, or graduate students, but they could also be representatives of non-profit organizations, local celebrities, or others. If you are interested in being a guest speaker, please contact youth@ucx.ucr.edu.

SCHOLARSHIPS

What are the requirements to be considered for a scholarship?

To qualify, students must meet all program requirements and qualify for free or reduced lunch during the 2016-2017 school year.
For consideration, submit an application, report card, and verification of free or reduced lunch by June 1, 2017 to youth@ucx.ucr.edu.

How are scholarship recipients selected?

Scholarship recipients will be selected at random using a lottery system.

How many scholarships are awarded each year?

Funding for scholarships comes directly from our generous donors, so the amount we can award varies from year-to-year.

I am interested in donating a a scholarship. How do I go about this?

If you are interested in donating a full or partial scholarship, please contact youth@ucx.ucr.edu for further information.