

# McFarland School District Advanced Learner Services Newsletter

March, 2020



## Summer Opportunities!!



A complete list of summer opportunities is now available. It is available here and on the [McFarland District Website](#). Why summer activities? Summer is the time you can follow your heart and do the things you love. It's important for everyone to be able to follow their passion. When you engage in activities you enjoy, you meet other people who also like to do the things you do. These can start life long friendships. Take a look and spend time doing something that makes you happy!!

### Stuck at home?

*Virtual Learning is just a click away!*  
New York's Metropolitan Opera will be offering free digital shows every night at 7:30 p.m. from March 16 - March 22.

**Virtual Museums tours:**

- [British Museum](#), London, England
- [Guggenheim Museum](#), New York
- [National Gallery of Art](#) Washington DC
- [Musée d'Orsay](#), Paris, France
- [National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art](#), Seoul, Korea
- [Pergamon Museum](#), Berlin, Germany

- [Rijksmuseum](#), Amsterdam, Netherlands
- [Van Gogh Museum](#), Amsterdam
- [The J. Paul Getty Museum](#), Los Angeles
- [Uffizi Gallery](#), Florence, Italy
- [Museum of Art](#), São Paulo, Brazil
- [The Louvre](#), Paris, France
- [Google Arts & Culture's collection of museums](#) offers more virtual tours
- [Milwaukee Public Museum Collection Highlights](#)
- [National Museum of Natural History](#)
- [A Bird's Eye view of the Shedd Aquarium](#)



WATG

**Annual Conference**

**October 18, 19, & 20**

**Hands On, Minds On!**

*Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells*

**NEW THIS YEAR!**

**Sunday October 18:** Teen Conference \$60  
[Arduino](#) will offer the workshop. 9:00 - 12:00  
*You do not need to purchase the kit to participate.*

**Parent Sessions \$60**

Monday October 19: Keynote Marcia Gentry  
Tuesday October 20: Keynote Brian Housand

**More to Come!**

<http://www.watg.org/annual-conference.html>



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### Create a Logo for the WATG conference!

"Image" the theme

**Hands On, Minds On!**

- Enter the [Logo Contest](#) and The design should:
- Convey the conference theme: "Hands On, Minds On"
- Be no larger than 4" x 4"
- Be created in black and white
- Be reproducible in different sizes
- Be original ideas free-hand or electronically produced.
- Submit jpg file to [watg@watg.org](mailto:watg@watg.org)
- DEADLINE is April 1st

**Hey Juniors!!**

Now is a REALLY good time to explore college and university website. Take their virtual tour. Check out the community. Look at their degree options. Decide which one(s) you would like to visit. NOW is the time to look!!



**SOAR Camp** (Summer Opportunity with Advanced Rigor) is a work of the heart by folks who deeply enjoy working with and providing opportunities for gifted youth. This one of a kind camp is located in Northern Wisconsin. Campers delight in the opportunities for cabin life, campfires, cookouts, camp games, swimming, and canoeing all embedded into experiences with STEM, writing, history, creative expression, and the arts. Throughout the week the campers will have self-advocacy and leadership training as well as team building opportunities. Campers build lasting friendships with kids who are "just like them". There are counselors in every cabin, camp staff, volunteer teachers and school counselors as well as on-site experts in varying fields. Registration is open now! There is space for 40 campers for grades 6-8 and 20 campers for grades 3-5. Spots are filling quickly! Detailed information and registration forms can be found [Here](#). If you have any questions, contact Cathy Schmit at 715-612-8105.

**\$\$\$ Scholarships are available \$\$\$**

for summer programs. The Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted (WATG) has summer camp scholarships with an application deadline of April 15th. The link is here: [WATG Scholarships](#)



**Congressional Award For young people age 13.5 through age 24.**

Participants earn Bronze, Silver, and Gold Certificates and Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medals. Each level involves setting goals in four program areas; Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration. Earning the Award is a fun and interesting way to get more involved in something you already enjoy or something you'd like to try for the first time. You move at your own pace, on your own or with your friends. This is not an award for past accomplishments. Instead, you are honored for achieving your own challenging goals. Begin the journey [here](#)



**Gifted and Talented Educator License**  
*Revised course of study is now available from UW\_Whitewater.*

They have revised the course of study for a license in Gifted and Talented Education (they still call it that whereas we call it Advanced Learner Education) It is just three 3-credit courses for the extended teacher license. One additional 3-credit course qualifies you for the Program Coordinator License. All courses are completely online so there is no need to travel to Whitewater (or another site). The first of the three courses will begin this summer. The second is offered in the fall semester and the final will run in the spring semester. They need a minimum of 15 people to run this course of study. Deadline to register is June 15. You need a teaching license in order to qualify for this course of study. More information can be found here: [Gifted and Talented Education Licenses](#)



***Stay connected!***

\* [Join the Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted \(WATG\)](#) to receive the monthly newsletter and other updates.

\* [Join the Gifted List Serve:](#)

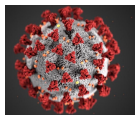
WISGIFT-L is designed for discussion of issues related to gifted children in Wisconsin. It is a cooperative project between UW-Whitewater and WATG. It is an unmoderated list, which means that anyone who cares to subscribe may post a message. Messages are not screen. You must subscribe to the list in order to send messages to it. on Send a message to:

[lyris@listmanager.uww.edu](mailto:lyris@listmanager.uww.edu)

In the body of the message, type: SUBSCRIBE WISGIFT-L

Leave the subject line blank, and don't include your signature

You will receive a welcome message from UW-Whitewater confirming your subscription.



**Stay Healthy!!\***



\*Wash Hands--keep hands away from your face

\*Disinfect surfaces      \*Practice social distancing

Have you heard that heat could kill COVID-19? This is a false claim.

[Here's the real story from Snopes.](#) Have you heard any other false claims?



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Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

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*Need more Information regarding [Gifted Programming in the McFarland School District?](#) Check out our website at <https://www.mcfarland.k12.wi.us/families/AdvLearner.cfm>*

### **Advanced Learner Services Staff**

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*\*Call the coordinator first if you have questions. Kitty has returned as the interim coordinator for the remainder of the school year. She will be in the district one day/week but is available to answer questions.*