

Merit Newsletter — Week of June 15, 2026

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Elementary (K-5)

Math

Beast Academy Live Online Classes

Art of Problem Solving (AoPS)

Beast Academy by Art of Problem Solving (AoPS) offers live online classes for advanced elementary students (grades 2-5, levels 2-5). Enrollment is ongoing with rolling admission, costing \$945 per semester.

Who's eligible: Beast Academy Levels 2-5 (ages 7-13), designed for advanced and gifted learners.

How to enroll: Online registration; requires internet access and a device. Classes use Beast Academy Guide and Practice books.

Source: <https://beastacademy.com/>

Register: <https://beastacademy.com/classes/online>

Math

Beast Academy Online

AoPS Incorporated (Art of Problem Solving)

A comprehensive and advanced online math curriculum for elementary students (ages 6-13) designed to foster a deep understanding of mathematics. Offers access to all online levels (1-5).

Who's eligible: Ages 6-13 (Levels 1-5 cover K-5 equivalent).

How to enroll: Purchase an online subscription. A placement test is recommended to select the starting level.

Source: <https://beastacademy.com/online>

Register: <https://beastacademy.com/enroll/online>

Math Writing

Ivy Bridge Academy's 2026 Summer Camp Math & Writing

Ivy Bridge Academy

Ivy Bridge Academy offers in-person summer math and writing camps for students in grades 2-8 at their Georgia campuses. Sessions run weekly from June 1 to July 31, 2026, with a cost of \$400 for full-day weekly sessions.

Who's eligible: Grades 2-8.

How to enroll: Complete the online registration form.

Source: <https://ivydebate.com/summer-camps/>

Register: <https://johnscreek.ivydebate.com/register-online/>

Math

Continental Mathematics League (CML)

Continental Mathematics League, Inc.

The Continental Mathematics League (CML) offers problem-solving meets for students in grades 2-12, with specific programs for grades 2-5. The 2026-2027 school year programs are open for registration, costing \$90 per team for Grades 2 and 3.

Who's eligible: Grades 2-12; for K-5, specifically grades 2-5 in Pythagorean or Euclidean divisions.

How to enroll: Schools, homeschool organizers, or math team advisors register students.

Source: <https://www.cmleague.com/>

Register: <https://www.cmleague.com/product-category/cml/>

Science Coding & CS

Camp Invention® 2026

National Inventors Hall of Fame®

Camp Invention® 2026 offers hands-on STEM adventures nationwide for students entering grades K-6 during Summer 2026. Organized by the National Inventors Hall of Fame®, it focuses on innovation and problem-solving.

Who's eligible: Students entering grades K-6 nationwide.

How to enroll: Online registration required.

Source: <https://www.invent.org/program-search/camp-invention/>

Science

Mad Science of Colorado Summer Camps

Mad Science of Colorado

Mad Science of Colorado provides K-5 science camps in the Denver area throughout Summer and Fall 2026, featuring hands-on projects in engineering, chemistry, biology, and physics. Camp dates and registration deadlines vary by specific location and camp.

Who's eligible: Students in grades K-5 in the Denver, CO area.

How to enroll: Online registration through partner recreation center websites.

Source: <https://colorado.madscience.org/parents-camps.aspx>

Math

Brighterly Online Math Program

Brighterly

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Who's eligible: K-12.

How to enroll: Arrange a free call or sign up for a demo class.

Source: <https://brighterly.com/>

Science

Coding & CS

Club SciKidz Summer Camps

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Week-long science and technology-themed summer camps for students in grades K-8 offered by Club SciKidz, with numerous franchise locations across the United States providing hands-on activities.

Who's eligible: Students in grades K-8.

How to enroll: Registration is managed through individual franchise websites.

Source: <https://www.clubscikidz.com/>

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How to enroll: Registration and a materials kit will be provided.

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How to enroll: Registration with payment plans available. Early registration discounts may be offered.

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Destination Imagination (DI) Challenge Experience - Scientific Challenge

Destination Imagination, Inc.

A project-based, team competition with a strong STEAM focus, including a Scientific Challenge suitable for elementary students, hosted by Destination Imagination, Inc. for the 2026-2027 season.

Deadline: Jul 14, 2026

Who's eligible: Teams of students guided by an adult Team Manager. Suitable for elementary students.

How to enroll: Registration for a Team Number. Early bird registration available until July 14, 2026.

Source: <https://www.destinationimagination.org/challenge-program/>

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Deadline: Oct 31, 2026

Who's eligible: Division E is for students in grades 4-6. Some local organizations may include Grade 3.

How to enroll: Registration by a school or a team leader/coach.

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Deadline: Jan 31, 2027

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How to enroll: Students can sign up individually for online qualifiers or participate through their school for in-person contests.

Source: <https://mathleague.org/>

Math

Math Kangaroo USA

Math Kangaroo USA, Inc.

Math Kangaroo USA is an international math competition for grades K-12, promoting problem-solving and logical reasoning. It's administered in-person and online.

Deadline: Dec 31, 2026

Who's eligible: All K-12 students residing in the USA or its territories. Kindergarten students take the Grade 1 test (must be able to read independently).

How to enroll: Registration through a Math Kangaroo center (in-person or online) or a virtual center.

Source: <https://mathkangaroo.org/>

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Math

Science

Camp Khan Kids

Khan Academy

Camp Khan Kids is a free, virtual summer camp by Khan Academy offering themed activities blending app adventures with hands-on fun for early learners. It runs for four weeks with new adventures launching weekly.

Who's eligible: Children ages 2-8.

How to enroll: Sign up for email notifications and download the free Khan Academy Kids app.

Source: <https://www.khanacademy.org/kids/resources/camp-khan-kids-2026>

Robotics Science

FIRST® LEGO® League - BIOGLOW™ (2026-2027 Season)

FIRST LEGO League

A global robotics program for ages 6-10 (grades 2-5) focused on STEM learning, teamwork, and problem-solving, exploring the world's ecosystems and biodiversity using LEGO technology.

Who's eligible: Ages 6-10 (typically grades 2-5); requires team formation with adult mentors.

How to enroll: Registration, team formation, adult mentors/coaches, generally requires a LEGO robot kit.

Source: <https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/fli>

Science Robotics

Camp Invention® 2026 - Spark Program

Camp Invention

A summer STEM camp for students in grades K-6 that focuses on hands-on exploration, problem-solving, and STEM concepts. The 2026 "Spark" program includes activities like robotics, entrepreneurship, and rocket building. Registration is open with early bird discounts available.

Who's eligible: Grades K-6

How to enroll: Registration, payment (with potential early bird discounts)

Source: <https://www.invent.org/save/camp>

Middle (6-8)

Science Robotics

Talcott Mountain Science Center - Summer of STEM Adventures

Talcott Mountain Science Center

Week-long day camps for rising K-8 students during Summer 2026, focusing on hands-on STEM activities in areas like robotics, astronomy, and artificial intelligence for grades 6-8.

Who's eligible: Students registering for the grade they will be entering for the 2026-2027 school year, with specific programs for grades 6-8.

How to enroll: Online registration.

Source: <https://www.tmsc.org/summer-of-stem-adventures>

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Science

Robotics

Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge (JIC)

Society for Science

The nation's premier STEM research competition for middle school students (grades 6-8), organized by Society for Science. Requires prior competition at a local/regional science fair.

Deadline: Jun 30, 2026

Who's eligible: Students in grades 6-8 who place in the top 10% at a Society for Science-affiliated local or regional science fair.

How to enroll: Nomination from a local/regional science fair and online application.

Source: <https://www.societyforscience.org/jic>

Math

PROMYS Pathways Summer Program

PROMYS

A free, four-week mathematical exploration program at Boston University for motivated Massachusetts students (8th grade/high school) with limited access to math enrichment.

Who's eligible: Motivated students who reside in Massachusetts full-time and are in the eighth grade or high school.

How to enroll: Availability for the entire program duration.

Source: <https://promys.org/our-programs/promys-pathways/>

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Who's eligible: All United States middle and high school students.

How to enroll: Online submission of carefully written justifications.

Source: <https://www.usamts.org/>

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How to enroll: Registration, payment (with potential early bird discounts)

Source: <https://www.invent.org/save/camp>

Science

Math

National Science Bowl® for Middle School

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

A national academic competition for middle school students (grades 6-8) covering science and math topics in a fast-paced question-and-answer format. Teams compete regionally, with winners advancing to the National Finals.

Deadline: Oct 01, 2026

Who's eligible: Middle school students (grades 6, 7, or 8) enrolled in the team's school. Teams of 4 or 5 students with a coach.

How to enroll: Schools pre-register one team online through the designated portal. All team members must attend the same school.

Source: <https://science.osti.gov/wdts/nsb>

Register: <https://apps.ora.gov/nsb-coach/PreRegistration/Dashboard>

Science Civics & History

eCYBERMISSION

Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP)

A free, virtual STEM competition for middle school students (grades 6-9) to identify and solve community problems using science or engineering. Teams work online to submit projects for state, regional, and national awards.

Deadline: Feb 24, 2027

Who's eligible: Rising 6th through 9th grade students in the U.S. and DoDEA schools worldwide.

How to enroll: Students form teams (2-4 members) and register online with an adult Team Advisor. They select a community problem to investigate or solve and submit a Mission Folder online.

Source: <https://www.ecybermission.com>

Register: <https://www.ecybermission.com/register>

High (9-12)

Math

Math Madness

AreteLabs and American Mathematics Competitions (AMC)

Math Madness is a 100% online team-based math competition for high school students (grades 9-12) organized by AreteLabs and AMC. Practice rounds run from September 27 to October 3, 2026, with league rounds starting October 4. The final registration deadline is October 31, 2026.

Deadline: Oct 31, 2026

Who's eligible: High school students (grades 9-12). Minimum of 5 students per team.

How to enroll: Team registration required.

Source: <https://arete.com/math-madness>

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Math

HCSSiM (Hampshire College Summer Studies in Mathematics)

Hampshire College

HCSSiM is a six-week residential summer program at Hampshire College for mathematically talented high school students, providing an immersive experience in advanced mathematics and problem-solving skills.

Who's eligible: High school students with a strong interest and talent in mathematics, usually after completing 10th or 11th grade.

How to enroll: Application, problem set, recommendations, and transcript.

Source: <https://www.hcssim.org/>

Register: <https://www.hcssim.org/apply/>

Math

MathILy (Mathematics Intensive with Levity)

Canisius College (hosts at Bryn Mawr College)

MathILy is a rigorous five-week residential summer program at Bryn Mawr College for high school students interested in advanced, proof-based mathematics, focusing on inquiry-based learning and mathematical writing.

Who's eligible: High school students with a strong interest in mathematics, typically rising juniors and seniors.

How to enroll: Application form, qualifying quiz, teacher recommendation, and essays.

Source: <https://www.mathily.org/>

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Math

Mandelbrot Competition

The Mandelbrot Competition

The Mandelbrot Competition is a high school mathematics competition with five rounds held throughout the school year, featuring short-answer questions on non-calculus topics. Annual competition implies Fall 2026 registration opening.

Who's eligible: Students who have not yet graduated from high school. Open to public, private, and homeschool groups in the United States.

How to enroll: Participation through schools or homeschool groups; scores submitted online by a coordinator.

Source: <https://mandelbrot.org/>

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All ages

Science Robotics

Little Beakers Science Lab for Kids

Little Beakers Science Lab for Kids

Hands-on science camps for children aged 5+ covering diverse scientific interests like astronomy, chemistry, engineering, robotics, and biology through daily experiments.

Who's eligible: Children ages 5+.

How to enroll: Online registration and reservation.

Source: <https://www.littlebeakers.com/>

Science Math

Davidson Young Scholars Program

Davidson Institute

A free, ongoing fellowship program for profoundly gifted students across the United States, providing academic enrichment opportunities and community support in various subjects, including science.

Deadline: Nov 20, 2026

Who's eligible: Profoundly or exceptionally gifted students (typically scoring in the 99.9th percentile on IQ or achievement tests). Applicants must provide a valid testing report and a recommender who can speak to their academic and intellectual abilities.

How to enroll: Complete an online application, which includes preparing application materials such as a valid testing report and providing details for a recommender.

Source: <https://www.davidsongifted.org>

Register: <https://www.davidsongifted.org/admissions/young-scholars/how-to-apply>