

## #MathJam17 Registration Planning Packet

Welcome to Project MEGSSS! This packet will help you plan your summer coursework. Use the course descriptions, schedule, tuition, and financial aid information to assist you with online registration. All registration will be online, via our website at [www.MEGSSS.org](http://www.MEGSSS.org). If you need registration assistance, please call our office at (314) 842-5968.

MathJam16 is offered in two-week sessions—one in June and a second in July:

- Session 1: June 12-23 at Nerinx Hall High School, 530 East Lockwood, Webster Groves
- Session 2: July 10-21 at DeSmet Jesuit High School, 233 N. New Ballas Road, Creve Coeur

Half-day options are available. Before and after care will be available, or select days or the whole session.

### Which classes should I take?

These courses are designed for students who are self-motivated and desire math challenge, not students looking for remediation.

A typical MathJam day for rising 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders consists of math enrichment in the morning, followed by “After” Math, an afternoon of fun that blends art and literature with math and science inspiration. MathJam for rising 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders is structured similarly, with morning courses designed to introduce the older students to topics not well covered in standard curricula. Some courses have prerequisites that limit participation to students who are qualified for the Elements program.

Please note that rising 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade students also have the option to test for entry into the Elements program, or may consider a week of Logic Bootcamp (for more information, see the summer registration packet for the Elements program, available online).

**Priority for the After Math afternoon enrichment course is given to students also enrolling for morning courses. You are welcome to register for After Math on a stand-alone basis, but you will be wait-listed for the course until April 14.**

***The following courses are available to qualified Elements students only, as they have prerequisites:***

- **Logic (Book 1, Chapter 2)** is a continuation of logic from the Introductory Summer (this is covered in the first year after-school program as well), and may be taken with any of the other courses, or as a standalone course. Students who take this course become eligible for the Introduction to Applied Digital Logic course in July or the following summer.
- **Introduction to Probability** and **Introduction to Number Theory** are recommended for all MEGSSS students, and both are part of the *Elements of Mathematics* (EM) curriculum. They are offered in June (morning) AND July (afternoon). If necessary, students may start in the first session and finish in the second, as long as they attend the classes in order (students needing this option should enroll for the June session and put a note in the registration as to their plans).
- **Introduction to Applied Digital Logic** is only offered in July to MEGSSS students who have completed the Introductory Summer program and Chapter 2 of Book 1 Logic.

We also recommend that MEGSSS students consider the two **Discrete Math** courses. They cover advanced topics in applied math, exploring new topics not addressed in the EM curriculum.

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# Course Descriptions

## 5th Grade Math Explorers, Mornings

Explorers will participate in a hands-on, activity-based exploration of geometry, as well as a problem-solving course that introduces students to the Papys mini-computer, the string game, and other interactive experiences designed to develop logic abilities and critical thinking skills. Teacher is IMACS-trained (Institute of Mathematics and Computer Science).

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (June), Mornings

### Puzzles and Programming

Logic puzzles, virtual robotics programming, and more—oh-my! These IMACS (Institute for Mathematics and Computer Science) courses will be taught by IMACS-trained teachers and are designed to keep kids working on logic skills, while dipping a toe into the world of real programming, using the language, Logo. Supply fee applies.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (July), Mornings

### Minecraft Design & Modding

Introduces students to design principles, both physical and digital. They will learn basic modding in Java to add elements to the game, along with architectural and structural principles. Students will be able to see their work in game and review each other's creations. Attention to detail is a benefit. Creativity is a must! Bring your own laptop or supply fee applies if you want to use ours.

## 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade (June), Mornings

### Get Ready for the Big One: Math Contest Preparation

Math competitions have become increasingly popular, especially at the middle school level. This class will develop and sharpen students' problem solving skills to the degree needed to be competitive in top math competitions such as MATHCOUNTS and the AMC 8. We'll cover interesting topics—number theory, algebra, sequences and series, probability, geometry, or word problems—with an emphasis on the fundamental principles necessary for efficient problem solving. Students will play math games that explore applied logic, set theory, and number theory concepts.

*The first part of most classes will feature a math topic in the context of math contest-type problems. The second part will consist of math games. In the first and last class, we will have a simulated math contest and measure our improvement.*

## Discrete Math: Lost in the Matrix

Sport statisticians, economic planners, and environmental biologists are among the diverse groups of people who use the mathematics of matrices to help them manage data and make predictions. This course will look at matrix operations as a tool to manage data and introduce students to graphing calculators. We'll look at several mathematical models and try our hand at predicting the future! There will be a brief introduction to game theory and strategy for all those gamers out there.

*Class time will be divided into teacher presentations, class discussions, and guided problem sets. Students will have the opportunity to do some independent research on a topic of their choice. There will be a small amount of homework and a final exam. Supply fee applies.*

## 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade (July), Mornings

### Why Bother with Graphs? (Discrete Math)

Cartographers, city planners, and business leaders are among the diverse groups of people using the mathematics of graph theory to help them color a map, efficiently employ snowplows on city streets, or plan projects. Students will discover Euler, Hamiltonian circuits, and all kinds of trees (not the green ones)!

*This is an introductory class, and class time will be divided into teacher presentations, class discussions, and textbook-guided problem sets. There will be a small amount of daily homework and a final, graded exam. The only pre-requisite is a love of solving puzzles and problems.*

### Reflecting on Symmetry: Geometry

Perhaps the most important theorem a high school student encounters in mathematics is the Perpendicular Bisector Theorem (PBT). At some deep level, this theorem is about symmetry, and that will be the topic of this course. We will examine symmetry through a series of hands-on activities culminating with the PBT and then see what lies beyond. We will develop PBT through constructions, paper folding, and geometric software; we will explore transformations including reflections, rotations, and translations.

We will also study symmetry in art, architecture and biology. Coordinate geometry is an important place to apply what we have learned drawing pictures to an analytical setting.

*There will be some homework but no final exam.*

## Course Descriptions (continued)

### **After Math: A Mash-Up of Science, Literature, Art, and Math**

Each day, we will explore a different concept, such as motion, leverage, patterns, or size, through several different disciplines. How does an artist convey motion? What is the mathematical interpretation of a lever? What patterns do you see in music? What large and small objects do you see in science? Come spend the afternoon with exciting and creative teachers who will help you jam with ideas from a variety of entirely different perspectives!

*Priority registration for students registering in at least one other course; stand-alone registrations will be waitlisted. We are planning three levels of After Math programming: 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grades.*

### **The following courses are designated for students who have qualified for and previously participated in the Elements Summer and/or After-School Program:**

#### **Introduction to Probability (EM Book 0-8)**

Have you ever wondered how people predict the weather or how you can predict your winnings (or losses) in a game of chance? We will study one-, two-, and multi-stage random experiments such as tossing a coin or die, drawing different colored balls out of boxes, spinning a spinner, games of chance, the product rule, counting subsets, determining whether a toss or drawing is fair, etc.

*Students need a good working knowledge of fractions or at least a good knowledge of using a calculator to do arithmetic with fractions. Homework load will be medium to light, and there will be a final.*

#### **Introduction to Number Theory (EM Book 0-9)**

Numbers can be fascinating. This course will investigate some of the most intriguing and timeless questions in the field of number theory. We'll learn about prime and composite numbers, factoring, number bases other than ten, and will examine elegant ideas such as the Sieve of Eratosthenes and the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic.

*Homework load will be medium to light, and there will be a final.*

#### **Logic Book 1, Chapter 2**

Pre-requisite: *Successful completion of first Elements summer (Logic Book 1, Chapter 1). Note that this chapter is covered in the first year after-school program. Students should bring their Book 1 textbooks to the first class.*

This course continues logic from the introductory summer, Book 1, Introductory Logic. Students learn the rule of inference (modus ponens) upon which all of our formal proofs will be built, along with many subroutines to shorten our proofs. They will continue to use the tautologies explored in Chapter 1. Students will develop an imaginary "machine" to check proofs for accuracy and validity. If time allows, they may learn one or two more sophisticated proof methods: the Deduction Theorem and Indirect Inference.

*Homework load will be medium to heavy. This course will complete the necessary prerequisites for the Digital Logic course so students may take that course in the July session or next summer. There will be homework and a final exam.*

#### **Introduction to Applied Digital Logic, 3 Hours**

Pre-requisite: *Operational Systems (Book 0-1) and at least Chapter 2 of Logic Book 1*

Digital circuits are found in watches, calculators, video games, computers, and thousands of other devices. Smart circuits are present in virtually all aspects of our lives, and their presence is increasing rapidly, making digital electronics an important area of study for a prospective career in engineering.

Students will study the applications of electronic logic circuits and apply Boolean logic to the solution of problems. They will learn about the basics of digital electronics, number systems, logic gates, Boolean algebra, circuit design, flip-flops, counters, & state machines.

*There will be homework, but no final exam. A supply fee applies.*

## Registration and Payment

### When should I register?

We recommend early registration to hold your seat in a class, especially if you prefer the half-day option. A \$15 late fee will apply after May 15.

Unless you have applied for financial aid, your seat can only be held once full payment is received. When applying for financial aid (this does not include students applying through the educator-directed scholarship program), you must pay a refundable \$25 fee to hold your seat. This payment will be refunded if financial accommodations offered are insufficient to meet your needs. *For more information on financial aid, see below.*

Payment may be made online during online registration or by check made payable to Project MEGSSS to the address below. Late registration fees apply after Monday, May 15. Fifty percent of tuition payments are refundable if a withdrawal form is submitted online before April 14, 2017. After April 14, there are no refunds for summer tuition unless a course is cancelled. Please do not ask us to make an exception. If a course is not large enough to justify the class, we will contact you on or before April 29 to reschedule or to arrange a refund.

### Summer 2017 MathJam Tuition

Session 1 or 2, Full Day Day (8:30 AM – 3:45 PM)	\$600
Half Day (2-90 minute courses), Mornings	\$350
90 Minute Course (stand-alone)	\$175
After Math Afternoons (12:30 – 3:45 PM)	\$350

#### Additional Items:

- Late registrations, \$15 (after May 16)
- Supply fee (if applicable), \$25 per course
- Before Care (7:30 – 8:30 AM), \$80 for 10 days or \$10 per day
- After Care (4:00 – 5:30 PM), \$140 for 10 days or \$15 per day
- Both Before and After Care, \$200 total for 10 days
- Late fees are assessed at a rate of \$15/hour

### Financial Aid Options

Project MEGSSS offers two financial aid programs, shown below. We encourage applications before the extended deadline of Monday, May 5, 2017. Decisions will be made prior to May 12. You may apply for financial aid online at [www.MEGSSS.org/financial-aid-application](http://www.MEGSSS.org/financial-aid-application). All applicants must register for courses, or the application will be denied. Please direct questions about financial aid to [nomination@megsss.org](mailto:nomination@megsss.org).

1. Families who are eligible for federal lunch programs are eligible for our educator-directed scholarship that streamlines the application process. In 2017, students in districts where all receive federal lunch programs must also meet an income test.
2. For all others, submission of the most recent federal tax return is required for this process.

### Discounts (choose one; does not apply to financial aid recipients):

**Early Registration Discount**, \$30 on full day registration—before March 30.

**Friends & Family Discount**, \$15 refund per individuals that are registered within 30 days of one another—apply by emailing [nomination@megsss.org](mailto:nomination@megsss.org) with names of family members/friends registered.

### Pay online during registration, or mail payments to:

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