



Summer Programs Information Session

What Should I look for in Summer Programs?

- What do you think? What are the signs of a good summer program?

What makes a good summer program?

- **Classes:** You should be learning about something interesting to you, and building important skills. Being different from school classes can be a good thing!
- **Community:** Go to a program where you will be comfortable pushing yourself to grow.
- **Location:** Summer programs may or may not be residential.

Application Advice

- Programs either have a fixed application deadline, or “rolling admissions,” meaning they take applications until their program is full.
- Apply as soon as possible!
 - The application will probably involve getting letters of recommendation, as well as doing some writing of your own. The sooner you start, the better your chances of getting in.
- Apply for financial aid.
 - Most programs are not free, but many have financial aid available to make attending possible no matter your situation.
- Talk to BEAM!
 - We can provide letters of recommendation and review your applications.

Specific Programs

- There are three summer programs that we recommend for current middle school students: CTY, MathPath, and the LA Math Circle Summer Program.

CTY

- Wide variety of classes – take either more advanced classes or learn about a new topic.
- Admissions require a standardized test – PSAT or SCAT – and we can help you take the SCAT in January if you sign up now.
- Application deadline is January 25th.

MathPath

- A next step into advanced, proof-based math.
- The application includes the admissions quiz, available now!
- Start working on quiz now, apply ASAP – they have rolling admissions, we recommend submitting by mid-January.

LA Math Circle

- Non-residential math camp focused more on problem solving.
- Application happens in May with an admissions challenge.
- If you attend the summer camp, you may get invited to attend Sunday sessions at UCLA.

Other Programs

- There are other shorter programs that we don't specifically recommend because we haven't had students attend them, but think should be great!
 - CS@SC is a 1-week non-residential camp teaching computer science at USC
 - Energy of STEM is a 6-day non-residential camp introducing a variety of STEM ideas held at USC
 - More programs may be announced later in the year

Q & A Session

- What do you want to know?