



Frequently Asked Questions

How much will this camp cost?

The LA GEAR UP Explorers Camps are offered to students in any of the LA GEAR UP schools in Louisiana at **no charge**. Selected participants will be provided with transportation to camp by bus and will be transported home again at the conclusion of the camp. The bus will pick your child up at a school within the district where they attend school. Participating students will stay in a dormitory on campus while attending the camp. Meal cards will be provided that will give each participant three all-you-can-eat meals per day. Activity fees are included as part of the camp, so your child will only need to bring money that they choose to spend for souvenirs, etc. Snacks will also be provided throughout the camp. Participation in this program will involve no out-of-pocket expenses for your family.

Will my child be safe?

The safety of your child while in our care is of paramount importance to us, and every effort has been made to ensure his/her safety. Carefully selected camp counselors have been hired for each camp. Your child will be assigned to one of these counselors who will stay with your child 24 hours per day while at camp. Each counselor will be assigned only five or six students. In addition, while in the dorm, a Resident Advisor (RA) is assigned to each floor to monitor dorm activity. We have hired an additional night monitor to provide an extra layer of security. Project staff, including university faculty and staff, will be on duty from 7:00 AM until 10:00 PM, and available by phone 24 hours per day. Again, our counselors will be with your child 24 hours per day. By signing the application form, you are giving our staff authorization to provide emergency medical services in the event of injury or illness during the camp. In the event of injury, Camp Insurance provided through the project will pay for necessary medical care. **In the event of illness, however, YOU will be responsible for expenses incurred for medical care.**

University campuses are patrolled 24 hours per day by university police departments, and campus-wide video cameras are monitored continuously by police. **Your child's safety will be our primary concern while they are attending camp.**

Quick Facts

- **Please note: We make room assignments as applications are processed. Room assignments are final and can not be changed.**
- Round trip transportation by bus or van will be provided to all participants.
- Buses will pick up on Sunday and return the following Saturday. A detailed schedule will be provided upon acceptance.

Please call Glenn Beer at **1-800-795-1475** if you have any other questions or e-mail at gbeer@latech.edu



Application for Admission to 2009 LA GEAR UP Explorers Camps

Turning in your signature forms and applying online by April 30, 2009 is strongly recommended. No applications or paperwork will be accepted past May 15, 2009.

Dear Parent/Guardian;

Your child is applying for admission to the LA GEAR UP Explorers Camps. These are one-week residential programs that will be held on the campus of four Louisiana colleges and universities throughout the state. A brochure is available from the school that describes each camp in detail. There are a limited number of slots available for participation in these projects. Your child **must** complete the attached application form, write responses to the questions in section III of the application form, and complete the attached recommendation form signed by three references. In addition, it is required that you complete this portion of the application and return it with the other parts of the application to Louisiana Tech University by the **May 15, 2009** deadline. If you have any questions about this project, please feel free to call the camp office at 1-800-795-1475.

Glenn Beer, Director
Summer/Academic Year Learning Projects

Kerry Davidson
LA GEAR UP Project Director

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Child's name: _____ Relationship: _____

Please provide any information about allergies or other special needs of your child that we need to be aware of (medications, etc.)

By signing below, you are certifying that you are the legal parent/guardian of the child whose name appears above and that you give your permission for that child to attend the LA GEAR UP Explorers Camps. You also agree to allow project staff to photograph your child while participating in camp activities for publication in newspapers, newsletters, web sites, and other publications related to this project. In addition, you give your permission for camp staff to obtain medical attention for your child in the event of illness or injury. It is understood that should it be necessary for your child to be removed from camp for violation of camp rules, **you will be responsible for picking up your child at the camp or otherwise arranging for their return home.** Please sign the attached waiver as well.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date