

GEAR UP Mississippi (MS) Summer Academies 2010

GEAR UP MS will fund five academic along with enrichment focused summer academies during the summer of 2010. The academies will promote early awareness about the need to plan for college both academically and financially. The summer academies will include 8 to 10 days of stimulating and rigorous learning opportunities for participants. All academies are residential and free for all *rising 9th GEAR UP MS participants*.

Each academy will include both cultural enrichment activities and college admission components. Participants will be exposed to day long activities as well as supervised nightly social activities. The summer academies will provide participants with activities that will focus on areas such as team building exercises, scavenger hunts, nature trail walks, and athletic contests. Field trips, cultural excursions, and extra-curricula activities are just few of the features of the following academies.

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<p>Alcorn State University</p> <p><i>Contact Person:</i></p> <p>Dr. Edward Vaughn 601-877-6226 elvaughn@alcorn.edu</p>	<p>The College of Excellence at Alcorn State University will host the <i>S.T.A.R.S. (Scientific Tools and Analytics Research Skills Academy)</i>. This academy will introduce participants to scientific investigations, problem solving and inquiry based processes commonly employed in Biology. The participants will develop and strengthen their leadership skills. They will have an opportunity to gain an early awareness of the requirements for obtaining a degree in the Sciences.</p>	<p><u>Two Sessions:</u></p> <p><u>Session One:</u></p> <p>June 6-June 18</p> <p><u>Session Two:</u></p> <p>June 20-July 2</p> <p>* Participants will be selected to attend either session 1 or session 2 <u>ONLY</u>.</p>
<p>University of Mississippi</p> <p><i>Contact Persons:</i></p> <p>Mr. Jason Wilkins or Mr. Justin Phillips 662-915-1535 umsummer@olemiss.edu</p>	<p>The Division of Outreach and Continuing Education at the University of Mississippi presents the <i>GEAR UP MS Summer College Exploration and Math Academy</i>. This academy has two primary goals. The first goal is to provide supplemental instruction in mathematics in an effort to improve basic math skills. The second goal is to provide participants an opportunity to prepare for post secondary education. The participants will also attend on campus events such as Shakespeare Festival and the Summer Concert Series. Participants will also use the campus recreational facilities such as the natatorium and intramural fields along with the opportunity to visit off campus sites in Oxford.</p>	<p><u>Two Sessions:</u></p> <p><u>Session One:</u></p> <p>May 30-June 12</p> <p><u>Session Two:</u></p> <p>June 13-June 26</p> <p>* Participants will be selected to attend either session 1 or session 2 <u>ONLY</u>.</p>

<p>Mississippi Museum of Natural Science</p> <p><i>Contact Persons:</i></p> <p>Ms. Christie Baker 601-270-2740 Crystie1@gmail.com</p> <p>or</p> <p>Ms. Angel Rohnke 601-354-7303</p>	<p>The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science and the University of Southern Mississippi will host <i>Discover Mississippi</i>. This academy will focus on encouraging participants to enjoy science and to inspire participants to attend college. It will provide participants an opportunity to enjoy Mississippi's incredible diversity of wildlife and habitats. Campus participants will gain an understanding of the realistic expectations for being successful in college. Participants will engage in various hands on activities and hopefully leave the academy with an appreciation for Mississippi's wildlife and career opportunities.</p>	<p><u>One Session:</u></p> <p>June 19-26</p>
<p>Mississippi Valley State University</p> <p><i>Contact Person:</i></p> <p>Dr. Louis J. Hall 662-254-3654 ljhall@mvsu.edu</p>	<p>The Office of Sponsored programs at Mississippi Valley State University presents the <i>Green Academy</i>. This academy will focus on promoting environmentally friendly habits and enhancing participants' academic performance in the sciences and on state assessments. Participants will be exposed to the university's own green fuels lab. The academy will also feature lectures by green energy leaders from Mississippi and campus staffers involved in the university's own <i>Go Green</i> campaign. Participants will also design and enact a student-led recycling project in which they will collect recyclable goods.</p>	<p><u>One Session:</u></p> <p>June 14-23</p>
<p>University of Southern Mississippi</p> <p><i>Contact Person:</i></p> <p>Ms. Cynthia Littlejohn 601-266-5796 Cynthia.Littlejohn@usm.edu</p>	<p>The University of Southern Mississippi will host the <i>Survivor: Biology Academy</i>. This academy will focus on preparing participants for Mississippi's Biology I Subject Area Test. The academic program will feature highly interactive indoor and outdoor lab-based activities tailored toward participants who have a keen interest in biology. This academy is based on features from the reality hit show <i>Survivor</i>. Participants will work in teams with each activity culminating in a friendly competition.</p>	<p><u>One Session:</u></p> <p>June 13-20</p>