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**Exploring Your Child’s Strengths During the Summer Months**

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Do you have a “budding” artist, a future astronaut or maybe a chef “in the making” in your family? The summer months provide a great opportunity for parents to explore new areas of interest with their child(ren). State College Area School District (SCASD) Community Education offers a variety of enrichment courses, one or many of which may “peak” your child’s interest. Whether the focus is an individual art course (Watch Me Draw!, Painting, Printing, or Pottery, or Amazing Animal Art), Young Authors on Computer, or Young Chefs, all of these courses provide opportunities to expand your child’s horizons and learn some new skills during the summer months.

Summer program offerings for elementary youth include:

- Shorts & Sports program, with half and full day options, for grades 1-6, 16 enrichment courses are offered for grades 1-3 and 12 enrichment courses are offered for grades 4-6.
- Art in August – for grades K-5, weeklong intensive art camps are offered the weeks of August 10-14, August 17-21, and August 24-28. The first two weeks will be at Easterly Parkway and the last week at Fairmount Elementary.
- Galaxy Explorers – Space Camp, for grades 3-5, is offered in cooperation with the Federation of Galaxy Explorers. It will be held August 3-7, 8:00am-12noon and Moon Base I will be held at Mount Nittany School (MNMS). Most programs are set-up half or full day, with early arrival, late pick-up options, to meet the needs of working parents.

Popular middle school programs include:

- Moon Base I – Space Camp, for grades 6-8, is offered July 20-24, 8:00am-4:00pm, at MNMS.
- Wheel Throwing Pottery for Teens, for grades 6-12, is offered Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, July 20-31, 2:30-5:30pm, at Fairmount Avenue School.
- Watercolors in the Great Outdoors, for grades 7 & 8, is offered Monday through Friday, August 3-7, 10am-12:30pm, at MNMS.

Whether or not you have a “budding” artist, astronaut, or chef “in the making” in your home, the summer months provide a great opportunity for your child, who may be reluctant to try new things, to spend a week exploring some new topics. They’re all “hands-on and fun!”

For more information on Community Education’s Summer Program visit the district’s web site at: [www.scasd.org](http://www.scasd.org), then Community and Community Education.

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