**Advanced Video Games Camp** August 5-9. Are you interested in animation, computers, 3D virtual worlds, or video games? The Digital Convergence Lab is offering a one-week summer camp open to students ages 13 to adult. If you have dreamed about becoming a video game designer or have attended a Games Lab before, come back and expand your skills with professional game development tools such as Unity 3D and Sculptris. Call 815-753-0673 or e-mail aclick@niu.edu

**Introduction to Nanotechnology** August 5-9. This camp gives a broad overview of nanoscience/nanotechnology as a field with many career opportunities. Students will gain a comprehensive understanding through activities which introduce them to the unique properties of the nanoscale. Call 815-753-1220 or e-mail rajashankar@niu.edu

**Mathematics Bridge Program** August 12-16. The Summer Mathematics Bridge Program (SMBP) is designed to help incoming NIU freshmen engineering or engineering technology students improve their math placements so that they may progress more efficiently in their area of study. Call 815-753-3130 or e-mail fstclair@niu.edu

**ATHLETICS**

**Huskie Sports Camps**

Huskie athletic camps include athletic training, cheerleading, soccer, football, volleyball, and wrestling. Top collegiate coaches provide instruction to young athletes. Campers are grouped according to age and skill level and use NIU facilities.

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**STEM Career Exploration Camp**

July 28-August 2. STEM (STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) Careers Camp allows campers to explore career options in four STEM disciplines. Participants will select the track of their choice and will learn from NIU STEM faculty, meet with NIU Career Services staff as well as interact with local STEM professionals. Campers experience dorm life and evening activities are arranged. Call 815-753-0533 or e-mail jjbenson@niu.edu

**• Track 1: Health Careers**

Campers will explore what it takes to become physical therapists, clinical lab technicians, cancer researchers, audiologists, pharmacologists, biomedical engineers, doctors, nurses, and many other critical professionals. Along the way you will interact with the simulated patients in the nursing lab, peer at organisms through the microscopes in the clinical laboratory, and meet students and faculty in health-related STEM disciplines.

**• Track 2: Engineering Careers**

Campers will investigate scores of engineering and related careers. Throughout the week you will learn “lean manufacturing” techniques and compete to establish the most efficient assembly line, learn to solder and then complete your own electronic device to take home, participate in design and construction challenges, and visit our engineering labs.

**• Track 3: Green Careers**

Campers will connect with faculty and career professionals in green careers who will provide a preview of their everyday jobs. Monitor our environment, take trips to learn first-hand about alternative energy and environmental restoration, and network with environmental professionals in northern Illinois.

**• Track 4: Video Game Careers**

Campers interested in a video game designer career can sign up for the Video Game Design and Development track. During this camp you will learn about video game careers, examine popular video games, learn the essentials of game design, develop a game story, design a game interface, and much more!
Visit niu.edu/summercamps for camp registration. Both need-based and merit-based scholarships are available; please visit niu.edu/summercamps for additional information.

Elementary School (K-5)

Huskie Pup Camps Weekly summer sessions intended especially for youth ages 6-12. Campers will enjoy 9 awesome one-week sessions where they will learn while having fun. Campers can partake in our once a week field trips to see the sites including the zoo, children’s museum, and Hopkins Park. They'll learn about fitness, the great outdoors, science and technology, and so much more through art and crafts, games and activities. June 10 to August 8. Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Call 815-753-0231 or campusrecreation@niu.edu

Camp Invention June 17-21. Camp Invention’s new program, GEO-QUEST™, invites campers in grades 1-6 to join us on an international expedition, navigating perfect for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who can imagine a world where species adapt to living near people.

Exploring STEM through Art June 23-28. Create, make, and invent! Take your creations to the next level by investigating the science behind making cool. Call 815-753-0533 or e-mail jbenson@niu.edu

Exploring STEM through Nature June 23-28. Get ready to get down and dirty while exploring natural habitats on the NIU campus and at the Alton Prairie (just 10 miles from the NIU campus). Campers will learn about habitat restoration, plant and animal identification, and how different species adapt to living near people. Call 815-753-0533 or e-mail jbenson@niu.edu

“Just for Girls” Game Camp June 24-28. Are you interested in animation, computers, 3D virtual worlds, or video games? Join us this summer at Video Games Camp Just for Girls, where we have hard fun! Female students entering 5th - 9th grade will explore popular video games, meet women who develop games, and improvisation exercises. Call 815-753-1450 or e-mail dbooth@niu.edu

Green Energy July 7-12. This residential camp on NIU’s campus is perfect for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who can imagine a world where we spend less than $1 per day on energy. Participants will explore wind farm technology and work with model homes which are powered by solar voltaic cells and a wind turbine generator. Call 815-753-1220 or e-mail rajashankar@niu.edu

Theatre Arts Camp Junior July 7-12. Campers enjoy a week packed with theatre activities which include production rehearsals, daily workshops, acting classes, theatre games, and improvisation exercises. Call 815-753-1450 or e-mail dbooth@niu.edu

Co-ed Virtual World Camp July 15-19 and July 22-26. Are you interested in animation, computers, 3D virtual worlds, or video games? Join us for the 5th annual Games Camp where we have “hard fun” for students entering 5th-9th grade. Each week will focus on a totally different technology, so that students can sign up for either week or both weeks. Call 815-753-0673 or e-mail aclick@niu.edu

Engineering Amusement July 21-26. Campers will design various amusement park activities such as roller coasters, learn how engineers optimize traffic flow, investigate food safety, and concoct their own treats. Call 815-753-0533 or email jbenson@niu.edu

Creative Writing Day Camp July 29- August 2. Campers will develop their skills in writing fiction and poetry and explore other forms of creative writing, such as flash fiction, screenwriting, and copywriting. Call 815-753-5200 or e-mail LASEP@niu.edu

High School (9-12)

Creative Writing June 16-21. Campers will develop their skills in writing poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction. Journals, free-writing, guided writing, structured exercises, and revision strategies are all part of the week’s activities. Call 815-753-5200 or e-mail LASEP@niu.edu

Global Leadership and Philanthropy June 16-21. Camp will develop your understanding of the world, help strengthen your personal skills, and challenge you to work with others in a variety of creative activities involving leadership, global issues and philanthropy. Call 815-753-5200 or email LASEP@niu.edu

Film June 23-28. Campers will work with experienced media producers, camera operators and directors while learning all about digital film making from script to screen. By the end of the camp, each camper will have their own group-produced movie. Call 815-753-5200 or e-mail LASEP@niu.edu

Speech June 23-28. Develop and enhance your knowledge in a specific area of speech by selecting or writing speeches, honing research skills, memorizing pieces, and practicing the art of effective delivery. Call 815-753-5200 or e-mail LASEP@niu.edu

LGBTQA Leadership and Activism July 7-12. Camp curriculum will combine a foundation of history, legal rights, and practical skills to be a leader. This camp will provide NU faculty guidance and stuff and student perspectives on becoming more active in the movement towards equality. Call 815-753-5200 or email LASEP@niu.edu

Math July 7-12. Experience the stunning spectrum of mathematics from algebra to calculus and beyond. Show off your skills with fractions, graphs, statistics, and other concepts. Call 815-753-5200 or email LASEP@niu.edu

Jazz July 14-19. This exciting camp is for enthusiastic jazz musicians of all skill levels who want to focus on a creative approach to improvisation and ensemble playing. Call 815-753-1450 or e-mail dbooth@niu.edu

Journalism July 14-19. Campers will learn what it takes to be a working journalist by generating story ideas, assigning stories, reporting, writing stories, shooting photos, editing, writing headlines, and laying out the stories in an in-camp newspaper and website. Call 815-753-5200 or email LASEP@niu.edu

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Visual Arts July 14-19. Serious high school artists are invited to participate in exciting, diverse, and creative art experiences at the Visual Arts Camp. Campers are encouraged to be innovative as they experiment with new materials, techniques, and ideas while producing portfolio-quality work in a university environment. Call 815-753-1450 or e-mail dbooth@niu.edu