

# Summer Odyssey

## Admission Requirements

Students are selected based on academic performance and creativity. The admissions packet includes the application form (including standardized achievement scores for third grade and above), a teacher recommendation form, and a sample of student work such as creative writing, an art project, or a science experiment. All documents must be submitted before the application will be evaluated.

*Course selection is first come, first served.*

**Application Deadline:** The complete application packet must be postmarked no later than *Friday, May 15, 2009*. Program enrollment is limited.



## Fee

Total cost for Summer Odyssey \$370 (\$335 tuition plus a \$35 non-refundable registration fee). Optional after school program: \$165 for one week and \$300 for two weeks. Sibling discount available.

**Note:** *Make two separate payments:*

- 1) \$370 payable to Summer Odyssey
- 2) \$165 or \$300 payable to Dominican Athletic Program (MC/Visa accepted) for the optional afternoon activities program

Some financial aid assistance is available. Please request more information at 415-458-3712.

**Mail application packets to:**

Summer Odyssey  
Dominican University of California  
50 Acacia Avenue  
San Rafael, CA 94901

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## Faculty

Our talented and respected faculty were carefully selected from Marin County's most exceptional teachers. These dedicated teachers are experienced in their disciplines and understand the challenges and delights of educating and inspiring gifted and talented children.

## Class Size

Class size is limited and will vary according to activity. Each child will receive the individual attention and instruction to make this a memorable experience.

## Schedule

*Summer Odyssey* – A two-week program:  
July 20–July 31  
Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

*Optional Afterschool Program*

*Two One-Week Sessions:*

July 20–24; July 27–July 31

Daily from 12 noon–4 p.m.

(Lunch at Caleruega Dining Hall is included in the afternoon program.)

For further information, contact  
Summer Odyssey, 415-458-3712  
or [odyssey@dominican.edu](mailto:odyssey@dominican.edu)

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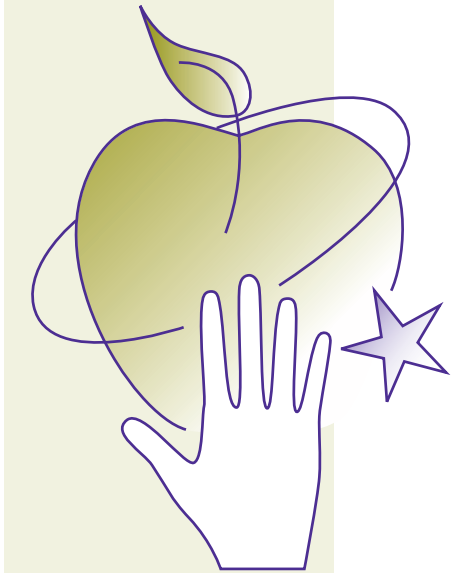
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# Summer Odyssey



July 20 - July 31  
2009

*A summer program  
for academically gifted  
and creatively talented  
children grades 2-9*

# Summer Odyssey:

Summer Odyssey at Dominican University of California is an innovative program designed specifically for academically gifted and creatively talented students—grades 2-9—from Marin's public and independent schools. Each course is age appropriate and curricula are activity based. Summer Odyssey will challenge the intellect, stretch the imagination, and embolden the talent of each child.

Summer Odyssey classes are conducted on the 80-acre Dominican campus in San Rafael. Classrooms are large and well-equipped. Teachers and students can take full advantage of the University's sylvan beauty for nature walks, outdoor adventures and contemplative moments. Participants will be selected on academic abilities, creativity, talent and a keen desire to explore and learn.

## *Program Offerings Summer 2009*

### **Mona Lisa Smile** Entering grades 2-3-4



Calling all artists, scientists, and inventors as we guide you on a journey into the lives and creative minds of innovators such as Leonardo da Vinci, the original Renaissance man. In this class we will be infusing art, science, nature, and imagination into an adventure that will open up the senses and challenge students to see the world through new eyes. Students will explore inventions and expand upon ideas of their own. Through hands-on projects and the use of a variety of art mediums, students will learn about Visuvian man, Fibonacci patterns and numbers in nature, the illusive Mobius strip, and much more. Come with a colorful palate, sketch pad, and a paint brush in hand, ready to play, explore, and discover new worlds.

**Instructors: Beth Kraft and Libby Silvestri**

## A program committed to learning through creativity.

### **Showtime!** Entering grades 3-4-5



Do you love to act? This is your chance to shine! You'll learn all aspects of putting on a play as we take a script from the page to the stage. Learn how to audition well, how to memorize your lines easily, how to project and how to bring a scene to life. In addition to rehearsing scenes, we'll be busy making props and pulling together costumes. On our final day, your friends and family will gather in the audience. When the curtain goes up, it's showtime!

**Instructor: Nancy Wilson**

### **The Art of Problem Solving** Entering grades 4-5-6

Do you love a creative math challenge? We challenge you to use your brain power and your creativity to problem solve by creating spirographs, building models, manipulating tiles, experiencing pointillism, playing games, solving puzzles, and drawing geometric designs. These brain stretching activities will allow you to experience math like you have never experienced it before. Bring your skills of persuasion to explain how and why these puzzles work, after having stumped your friends and family! Warning: this is not your everyday math class!

**Instructor: Ruth Leader**

### **The Wonders and Magic of Spanish** Entering grades 3-4-5

Interested in the world around you? Are you fascinated by the history of foreign language? Learn Spanish as we explore the origins of many customs and traditions celebrated throughout the world. We will learn Spanish

and the history of the Spanish language through songs, stories, games, food, art activities, and cultural celebrations. In learning Spanish, we will make connections with other cultural traditions to appreciate the diversity of our world.

**Instructor: Norma Guerra-Shaner**

### **Yes...It IS Rocket Science** Entering grades 5-6-7

How would you like to build and launch a real rocket? From paper airplanes to plastic bottle rockets, you will learn the principles of flight and put them into action. When you've got it, you'll construct your own solid-fuel rockets from Estes kits and send them into space. You'll learn how to determine just how high your rocket could go, and the best way to bring it back. This class is always a real blast!

**Instructor: Ron Pembleton**

### **You Be the Judge!** Entering grades 6-7-8-9



How would you like to be lead counsel in the Big Bad Wolf's criminal trial? Did he eat the bacon or was he framed? Would you like to be the judge? Learn how a real criminal trial operates as we take famous "characters" to court. In this exciting simulation, students will form teams for both the prosecution and defense, act as presiding judges, witnesses and defendants, and serve on juries. Prosecutors and the defense will learn how to offer evidence and how to shape a good argument. Judges and jury will determine how to listen critically for the truth, and everyone will have loads of fun.

**Instructor: Kate McDougall**

### **Paint Like Picasso!** Entering grades 7-8-9

Ever want to create art in the style of an artistic genius? Have you ever wondered how Picasso created many of his famous prints? You will learn the basics of printmaking, starting with mono prints, color, and positive and negative space. Then you will learn how to plan and execute a linoleum reduction print. By the end, you will have artwork that you will be proud to display.

**Instructor: Jennifer Hirt**

### **Writing for the Silver Screen** Entering grades 6-7-8-9



Itching to become a famous screen writer? Are you interested in creating memorable characters and realistic dialogue? What makes certain scripts superior and others forgettable? Discover why some movies grab you from the opening scene, while others are so boring you demand a refund. Learn about dramatic structure, screenplay paradigm, and script format. Discover how to analyze both classic and contemporary films from a screenwriter's point of view. Who knows, this class may be the launching pad for your Hollywood screenwriting career. *Note: as part of the class we will view many scenes and scene sequences from a wide variety of G, PG, and PG-13 movies.*

**Instructor: Peter Gavin**