

WHY:

Because the camps are **FUN**—yeah!
And, in the process, kids will learn how to **THINK**!

Thinking is essential:

- for constructive communication
- for healthy mental & emotional development
- for dealing with the pressures of life
- for good judgment & for self-growth

Thinking is learning:

- to listen to each other
- to ask interesting questions
- how to make connections between ideas
- how to build on each other's ideas
- what reasons are and how to express them
- to think before you act



WHO: Dr. Susan Gardner (Dr. Sue), graduate of Oxford University, Philosophy Professor at Capilano University and Director of The Vancouver Institute of Philosophy for Children (www.vip4c.ca), and Arthur Wolf, doctoral researcher at UBC and Education Director at Think Fun, will supervise the construction of the philosophically-based programs, as well as their implementation. They will be assisted by Anastasia Anderson from the philosophy department at UFV who will also be present throughout the camp experience. Each camp team will consist of at least one graduate student, an undergraduate with extensive training in philosophy, and at least two volunteers, who have philosophical and/or early childhood education background. We will ensure that the ratio of counsellor/camper never falls below 1/7 campers.

WHEN

Camps 1: 2020, July 6-10
(9:00 – 4:00)

Camps 2: 2020, July 13-17
(9:00 – 4:00) Drop off from
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Pick up from 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

WHERE

University of the Fraser Valley
(North Gym) 33844 King Rd,
Abbotsford, BC V2S 7M7

For more: thinkingplayground.org



PRICE: \$250 to register for one week of camp; \$150 for subsequent registration (either second week for the same camper, or for sibling). \$295 for international students.

THINKING PLAYGROUND

SUMMER CAMPS

Do you want your child to have the 'thinking tools' to solve problems, make good decisions, confidently self-express, be open to exploring different ideas, and transform imagination into innovation?



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THE THINKING PLAYGROUND

is just what you have been looking for!

Online at www.thinkingplayground.org

SPACE AGENTS

Camp 1: Ages 6-9

How would you interact with an alien whose society holds different values than your own? After encountering a crash-landed alien, we will need to quickly figure that out! Throughout the week, we will explore such virtues as courage, forgiveness, altruism, and more! This will all be done through our work on building spaceship prototypes to aid our new visitor in his quest to return home, challenging ourselves with daring activities (would you eat a bug dipped in chocolate?), playing a week-long simulation game, and so much more. All the while, we will be inquiring about some big and enticing questions that are bound to grab your interest. This will be a week of fun and exploration that no earthling will want to miss!



METAMORPHS

Camp 1: Ages 10-13

How do you get out a Metamorphing Maze? If you would be able to change yourself into anything or anybody, what or who would it be? Maybe you think you will always be the same person? Well, think again! There is change all around us like we're in a Living Labyrinth! As a Metamorph, you will explore the change in and around you and meet some mysterious guests... Can machines metamorph into humans? Can you even change an empire? Can you magically change other people? Maybe other people secretly change you! We will be building, crafting, designing, dressing up, playing the Metamorphing boardgame and, of course, fun games inside and outside. Let's think together as we are all Metamorphs!



The University of the Fraser Valley, its philosophy department, its college of arts and the **Vancouver Institute of Philosophy For Children** (www.vip4c.ca) are joining forces to bring "fun" and "thinking" to youngsters in the Fraser Valley by putting on camps for each of the two weeks with carefully crafted curriculums and a unique pedagogical approach.



TRANSFORMERS

Camp 2: Ages 6-9

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be Transformed into an insect, a star or a famous person? Join the Transformers to crawl around new worlds, explore questions you have always wanted to ask and fly through exciting activities. We'll be exploring questions like what it means to transform, if you can transform into anything, what makes you transform and how you can transform the world around you. As a Transformer, you will be making your own masks, designing body parts, mud paintings and creating more amazing art and...playing exciting games! We will also have many surprises and mysterious guests as we investigate what it means to 'change'. So come and transform your way over here!



COSMIC QUESTIONERS

Camp 2: Ages 10-13

Have you ever thought about what it would be like if aliens came to earth, and if their values were vastly different from ours? If they acted in ways that we didn't like, should we try and change them, or shun them, or put them away somewhere? But wait! Lots of humans have very different values. How should we deal with them? These questions will become relevant this week as we meet crash-landed aliens! If their understanding of good behaviour is very different from ours, how can we create understanding? Through a wide variety of games and activities, we will explore these issues and inquire about a variety of virtues, such as courage, forgiveness, altruism, and more! This will be a week of fun and exploration that no earthling will want to miss!