

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 Anastasia Anderson, director of the Centre for Philosophy for Children at UFV will supervise the construction of the philosophically-based programs, as well as their implementation. They 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 1/6 campers.

WHEN

Camps 1: 2021, August 23-27
(9:00 – 4:00)

Camps 2: 2021, August 30 – Sept 3
(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
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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?



then

**THE THINKING PLAYGROUND
is just what you have been
looking for!**

Online at www.thinkingplayground.org

Question Questors Camp 1: Ages 6-9

Your quest, if you choose to accept it, will be to travel through a magical world of fantasy and mystery to reach the ultimate answers! Along the way, you will be challenged with games of wit, tests of strength, and puzzling questions. Can you summon a creature out of ooze to be your minion? Can you outrun and outsmart goblins? Will you uncover the unknown and question what it means to be brave? Will you make friends with new creatures, or can you not trust them? These are but some of the adventures you will encounter! So come join us for these large outdoor games, custom board games, costume designing, and much more! We and your fellow Questors are waiting for you.

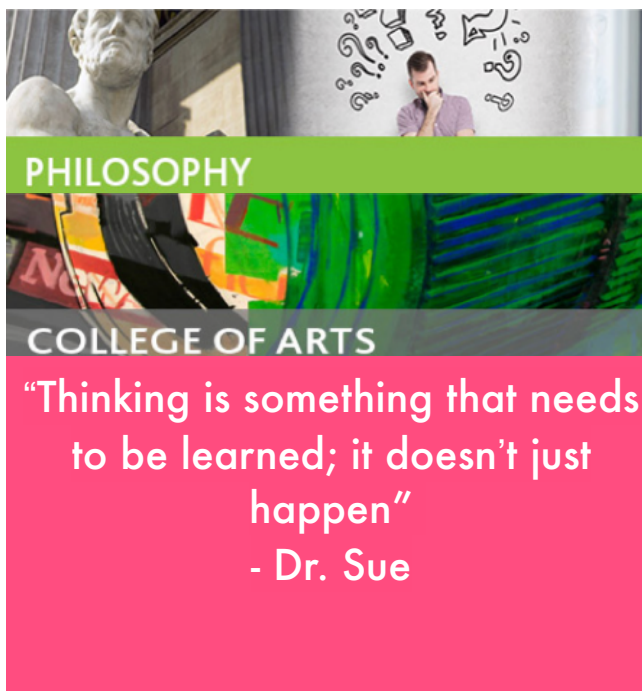


METAMORPHS Camp 1: Ages 10-13

How would you change if you had to *live* your video game character? Would you change your perspective if you were the defense or prosecution team in a court case? Imagine walking into a Time Machine and walking out the other side 70 years older! What if you had the opportunity to add cybernetic augmentations to your brain and body? In this year's Metamorph camp, campers will engage in enormously fun activities which will immerse them in aspects of change. From our live action role playing DND game to the trial of Changeling, a wicked character exposing Metamorphs to different kinds of change, to arts and crafts and outdoor games, even a battle-rap competition! Come and Metamorph with us; we will create a memory that will never change.



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

Imagine what the world would look like if you were the age of a grandparent! Perhaps you have always wondered what it would be like to be a lion or a frog. Imagine learning new evidence in a courtroom that transforms your perspective! Join the Transformers to explore the world and answer your most curious questions in totally new ways! With all our fun activities, campers will get to transform into crazy creatures, explore their own fantasy world, and show off their creativity in musical games, art projects, and theatre performances, as well as transform into energy-makers as we play our outdoor games. Join us as we embark on a jam-packed quest to investigate how to transform “thinking” into the most fun ever (!) at The Thinking Playground.



Wonder Wizards Camp 2: Ages 10-13

Hello, Wizards! Prepare to enter a world of fantasy full of frightful goblins, courageous knights, towering giants and fiery dragons! In Wizards of Wonder, campers travel through a fictional world on a quest to seek wisdom. This camp investigates questions around what it means to be a hero, the way in which we treat those who are different from us, what makes a true friend, and most importantly, what a good life looks like. Activities include energetic field games, custom designed board games, lego villages, innovative crafts, and entertaining outside presentations. Come join us and your fellow Wizards this August for a truly unforgettable Thinking Playground adventure!