

WHY:

Because the camps are **FUN**—yay!
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 (ufv.ca/cp4c) 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: 2022, July 4-8 (9:00 – 4:00)

Camps 2: 2022, July 11-15 (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(s)). \$295 for international students.

THINKING

PLAYGROUND

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

VOYAGEURS Camp 1: Ages 6-9

In this exciting week, our fearless Voyageurs will sail into the world of Ancient Greece! Join the crew of a ship and set off into a mystical world of troublesome gods and tantalizing treasure! On our epic journey, we will meet characters suffering from jealousy, deception, and misfortune. Our heroic campers will work together to navigate these obstacles, experimenting with reasoning tools as they overcome each challenge! Join us for a week of exciting games and mythical mayhem as we compete for Olympic medals and decorate our own paddles (a necessity for any high seas adventure).

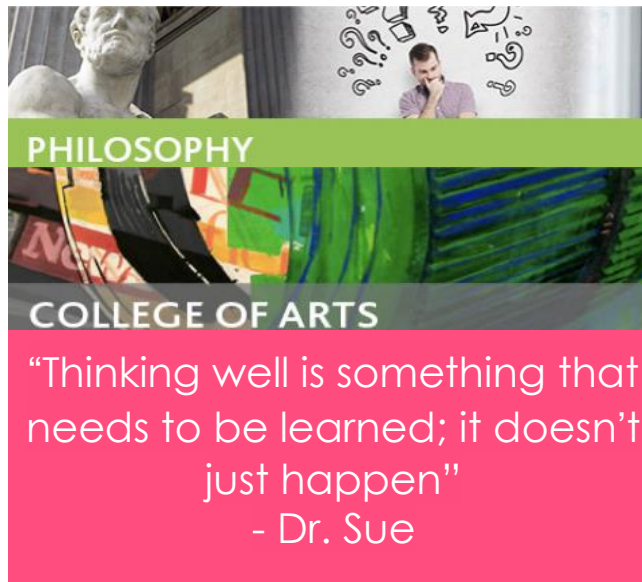


XPLORERS Camp 1: Ages 10-13

Join our Project X team as we blast off to a galaxy far away! Your mission is to explore and create the future of human civilization. We will meet new life forms that may be helpful or dangerous and we'll work together to decide whether these distant worlds are really that different from our own. We'll be playing and thinking critically together during live-action adventures inside and outside, doing art projects, music, games, and a lot more fun! Get ready for the time of your life! This exciting mission is yours, should you choose to accept it!



The University of the Fraser Valley 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 curricula and a unique pedagogical approach.



PODS AND SQUADS Camp 2: Ages 6-9

Explore imaginary lands, meet funny and unusual creatures, and encounter new civilizations. Our Pods and Squads team will be playing and thinking together in a world that is ours to discover! We'll investigate issues like difference, tolerance, and sharing. Create our own cardboard city and look to defend or conquer other cities, build trade routes, and make our very own pod flag. Will you use your new-found superpowers to find the answer to a mystery, or trade and share your way to solutions? Join Pods and Squads for the best week of your life!



NAVIGATORS Camp 2: Ages 10-13

As powerful gods and mysterious creatures throw endless trials and barriers into our path, Navigator campers will use their critical thinking skills to emerge victorious! Working together, we will sail across treacherous seas, discovering new lands filled with mischievous creatures, impressive gods, and daunting monsters. Along the way we will grapple with the perils of luck and misfortune, the pitfalls of jealousy and the cunning nature of deception. Join us for activities like competing in the Olympic games, outwitting the cunning Sphinx, and leaving it all up to chance in the chaotic utopia of Atlantis!