

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: 2023, July 4-7 (9:00 – 4:00)
NOTE: Because of Canada Day UFV is closed on Monday. Thus camp 1 will be 4 days and not 5)

Camps 2: 2023, July 10-14 (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

MUTANT MINDERS Camp 1: Ages 6-9

Cowabunga! What fun we are going to have! So come out of your shells, Ninjas! See what the world looks like from a future far, far away only to bolt back to your own unique now. Zoom in, zoom out, zoom here, zoom there. Put on different goggles and teleport anywhere. Explore different galaxies of understanding using real time board games, stories, skits, and other fun activities. The Mutant Minders will develop skills to mutate reality just by looking at it. Inspection and investigation will lead to the transformation! But hold on. Isn't a Ninja someone who wears black, drops down from the ceiling and slices things up? Well, of course, but there are all kinds of ways that things can be sliced up. So slither hither, and join us for this exciting adventure.

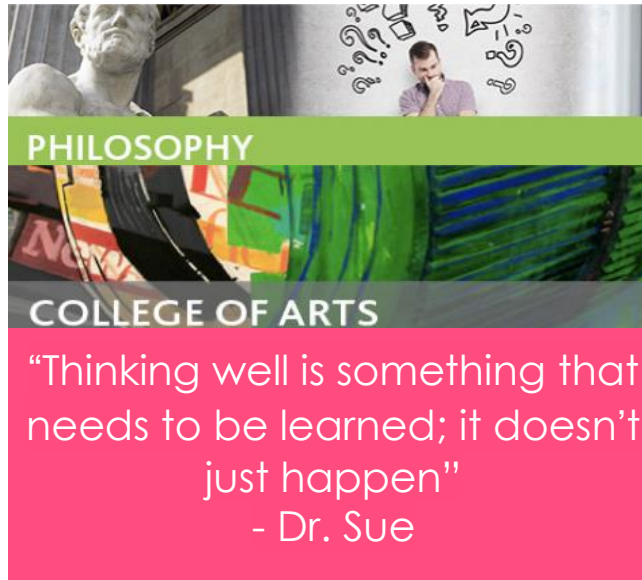


IMAGINATORS Camp 1: Ages 10-13

Join us to let your imagination run wild while we create and express ourselves in different ways. Explore what the art world might be telling us and what you can tell when you're in it. Can we express our emotions through art? How did artists throughout history teach us unique lesson through their art? Learn about art's persuasive power. Do movies motivate you? Do they make you feel emotions you didn't know you had? As an Imaginator, you will get to create your very own movie! Join us in exploring these questions through art projects, filmmaking, sculpting, fun and active games and so much more. No artistic experience or skill is needed. Just come with your imagination and we will have an exciting camp experience like no other!



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.



CREATIVE SPARKS Camp 2: Ages 6-9

Have you ever wondered what the world would be like if no one could speak: if you could only speak your mind or express your feelings through drawing, painting or dancing? What message do you think we send by how we decorate our rooms? What would anger look like if you painted it? Why is your favourite music your favourite? Can we tell stories through art? Can you, as a “Spark,” take the best photograph *ever*? Can you create a work of art using lego? Join us in exploring these sparkling mysteries through art projects, nature walks, telling stories, and more exciting games and adventures. Come and let your creative sparks fly as we dive into a world of creativity and expression!



SWITCHEROOS Camp 2: Ages 10-13

Have you ever felt that you expanded your mind by exploring novel and spellbinding ways of looking at things? Could a glimpse into your future give you a reason to change your decisions today? Have you ever felt like you didn't have the *whole* story or *full* picture of something? Maybe having a bigger perspective can give you the ability to navigate your swarming and transforming daily life. We think so! That's why it is time to learn how to SWITCH IT UP. In this year's camp, our SWITCHEROOS will travel to new lands and hunt for unfound treasures. They will expand their minds until they need an extra backpack to carry them in! Through board games, stories, and fun inside and outside activities, they will work on acquiring skills to recognize times to “switch it up.” Become a Switcheroo: you may find yourself switched up as well...or maybe up-switched!