

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: 2024, July 2-5 (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: 2024, July 08-12 (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: Please see registration form.

THE 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

WONDERKIDS Camp 1: Ages 6-9

Welcome to a realm where capes and wisdom join to create an extraordinary experience for your junior heroes. Of course, every hero needs a super identity! Our camp combines creativity with character-building through hero-themed arts and crafts. From designing emblems and capes to crafting heroic accessories, campers will bring their imaginative visions to life, reinforcing the power of self-expression. Filled with team-building activities, scavenger hunts, outdoor challenges and role-playing games, it will keep the spirit of adventure alive, fostering a sense of responsibility and comradery. At the end of this epic journey, your wonder-kids will graduate with newfound wisdom, enhanced problem-solving skills, and a superhero spirit that will stay with them forever. It's time to unleash the extraordinary!



FREEDOM FIGHTERS Camp 1: Ages 10-13

Join Freedom Fighters this summer as we travel the seven seas, loot treasures, and live in a world of complete Freedom! Or so we think... Through various crafts, activities, and games, our Freedom Fighters will embark on journeys to navigate the choppy waters of liberty. This will be accomplished through activities like designing your own crew society and rules, building ships to add to your fleet, and quests to find treasure and protect what your crew has found, and much more! Join us at this year's Freedom Fighters camp for a week of fun, games, and exploration into what it means to be free.



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.



“Thinking well is something that needs to be learned; it doesn't just happen”
- Dr. Sue

PIRATE REBELS Camp 2: Ages 6-9

It's a race against time and every person for themselves to find the ultimate treasure! This week, pirate rebels will learn the ways of the sea, and from none better than Captain Featherhead and his trusty mates! Pirates make their own rules and live by their own codes! How would you live your life on the vast horizons of the seven seas? How do we navigate through the seas of possibilities and through the oceans of freedom? Wait—is that really freedom? Well, what is freedom? That is the core question that pirate rebels will try to answer—in between craft making, outdoor activities, and custom designed board games. Come join us and your fellow rebels for a liberating experience!



MIND MARVELS Camp 2: Ages 10-13

Embark on a thrilling adventure of the mind where superheroes meet philosophy! From heroic obstacle courses to mind-bending problems, our campers will discover their inner strength while developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Campers will get to create their very own superhero personas, complete with unique backstories and superpowers. This imaginative exercise fosters self-expression and encourages teamwork as they form alliances with fellow heroes and discover creative uses for their powers. Great power comes with great responsibility! In our immersive role-playing games, the super campers will decide the fate of the world, tackle tricky problems, and save those in trouble. Join us for a superpowered summer where kids don't just wear capes – they discover the hero within!