UVI-CES 4-H Summer Academy 2012

The philosophy of the UVI-CES Summer Academy focuses on academic excellence and social/emotional development concentrating on the individual needs of the whole child. This six-week enrichment program for enthusiastic learners, ages 5-14, offers a wide range of courses and activities to enhance critical thinking skills, problem-solving techniques, and creativity. Our counselors are professional educators with experience at the elementary, junior high or high school levels. Participants will have the opportunity to better realize their potential by probing a wide variety of subjects; including visual arts, mathematics, science, reading, language arts, expository writing, and computer science. Additionally, depending upon the program selected and the age level, they will be able to select from various activities; including field trips and outdoor recreation, nutrition education, clothing construction, personal development and a youth entrepreneurial program known as Mini-Society®.

CLOVERBUDS
Ages: 5-6

CLOVERBUDS will experience fun, recreational, educational and motivational experiences that are age-appropriate. The Cloverbuds program is built around weekly themes; such as culture (includes traditional manners and etiquette), basic agriculture, sea environment, and other field trips and other special activities. Other camp activities include arts & crafts, sports, science, listening to cultural and educational music and stories, group play and some technology time in our computer lab.

Our dedicated and dynamic “Clover” counsellor team is ready to welcome your Cloverbuds to a great summer experience. Some of those activities include arts & crafts, sports, science, group play and time in our computer lab. Our dedicated and dynamic super counsellor team is ready to welcome your Super Kids to a great summer experience.

CULTURE/AGRICULTURE
Ages: 7-8

CULTURE/AGRICULTURE campers will step back to look forward. They will explore our rich and vibrant island culture and learn more about the events, people and places that make our island a wonderful place to live. Reflecting on our history as the “bread basket” of the Caribbean, the campers will become young agriculturists as they get down into the soil, and explore the art and science of agriculture, learn about cultural dances, music, history and other cultural trades or crafts. As a basic introduction to local historical and agricultural traditions, they will learn about local plants, trees, insects and their common names, uses or dangers.

Recognizing the growing importance of local food production and sustainability in improving the quality of our lives, our culture/agriculture will become young farmers, and cultural bearers. During their six weeks, they will learn about the island’s landscape from touring the hills to historical street and area names. Of course, they will also take field trips, have guest speakers, and other special activities. Even a St. John visit is possible so they can learn about its historical sites and cultural significance.

MINI-SOCIETY/CULTURE
Ages: 9-10

MINI-SOCIETY/CULTURE This unit will utilize a registered program entitled, Mini Society that will engage the campers in a hands-on creative, entrepreneurial venture. The campers will learn vocabulary used by the corporate world, and gain financial knowledge and insight to embark on the creation of their own government leaders, infrastructure, currency, and business. You accomplish your goals. You will learn the steps to building a successful business.

The goal of this program is to create budding entrepreneurs that will seek to become future business owners. As they learn about and visit different locations and offices, they will meet actual officials and others that make up the government and business world. They will also study various influences and traditional businesses that impact the community and discover how they can become stewards in various areas of public service including emerging occupations in Cultural-Tourism. A tour of Charlotte Amalie’s historic and business district will provide influences, shaping Virgin Islands’ culture. They will have a well-rounded experience. Love It! Plan It Do It!
SEWING/COOKING or TECHNOLOGY
Ages: 11-14

SEWING/COOKING will include fun activities for girls and boys. Campers will learn how to make two garments plus other projects using a sewing machine. Patterns, fabric, and sewing supplies will be provided. The campers will also learn the art of batik and tie dying.

During the cooking part of the camp, the campers will cook nutritious dishes. They will learn kitchen safety and sanitation, nutrition, how to measure ingredients correctly and different methods of food preparation.

TECHNOLOGY—Computer workshops will introduce campers to computers focusing on the internet and word processing techniques as effective tools for publishing as well as exposure to other new technology.

LOCATION(s): UVI Cooperative Extension Service
Gladys Abraham Elementary School
St. John (TBD)

Time: June 25—August 3, 2012
8:30 am to 2:30 pm
Monday—Friday

Cost: $250 per camper
$200 per each additional family member

Make money order payable to:
UVI-CES
First come! First served!

Birth certificate and immunization cards are required at registration!

Lunches provided by the Department of Education Child Nutrition Program

For more information, call 340-692-4087 or 340-693-1080 or 340-693-1078

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