



EX.I.T.E. Camp 2010

In collaboration with IBM and PACER's Simon Technology Center

- Who?** Middle-school girls with disabilities who are entering grades six through nine during the 2010–2011 school year are encouraged to apply. Previous EX.I.T.E. campers may apply, but priority is given to new campers.
- What?** Students will complete experiments and receive hands-on experiences in topics relating to science, technology, engineering, and math. Campers come to understand how fun these subjects can be and many make friendships that last beyond the summer!
- When?**
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| Thursday, Aug. 5: Opening Ceremony | 4 to 5 p.m. |
| Monday, Aug. 9: Camp Day | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Aug. 11: Camp Day | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. |
| Friday, Aug. 13: Camp Day | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Aug. 17: Camp Day | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. |
| Thursday, Aug. 19: Tour IBM | 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. |
| Thursday, Aug. 19: Closing Ceremony | 4 to 5 p.m. |
- Where?** PACER Center
8161 Normandale Blvd., Bloomington, MN 55437
- How much is it?** It's free! Just arrange for transportation and bring a box lunch each day.
- How do I apply?** Applications are available by calling PACER Center at 952-838-9000 or visiting www.PACER.org/stc/exite/Camp.asp online.
- By when?** Applications are due **May 1, 2010.**
- Learn more!** Look through photos, quotes, and descriptions from the 2009 EX.I.T.E. Camp on the Web at www.PACER.org/stc/exite/campphotogallery.asp or call Meghan Kunz in the Simon Technology Center at 952-838-9000.



Dear Parents and Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in an exciting learning experience for your daughter! EX.I.T.E. (EXploring Interests in Technology and Engineering) Camp is a fun, dynamic educational program that provides 30 middle-school girls with disabilities hands-on training, mentors, and a field trip to the IBM plant in Rochester, Minn.

The goal is to give each camper the chance to focus her abilities using science, technology, engineering, and math. Girls are most likely to deviate from these areas during middle-school, and the camp encourages girls to continue with these subjects and discover the range of opportunities available to them. In addition to gaining an interest in science, past campers have made new friends and had great experiences as well.

EX.I.T.E. Camp is free, but girls must apply to participate. Girls with any disabilities are welcome, and accommodations will be made if requested. If you have questions, please contact me at stc@PACER.org or 952-838-9000.

Camp applications are due **May 1, 2010**. Notification of acceptance will be mailed the beginning of June.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Meghan Kunz
EX.I.T.E. Camp Coordinator
PACER Center



Application Information

To have your daughter considered for the camp, please complete the following forms:

1. Parent information sheet
2. Permission slip
3. Applicant information sheet with detailed health needs
4. Disability information sheet
5. Personal response, completed by camper

Return all materials by **May 1, 2010**, to PACER Center, Attn: Meghan Kunz, EX.I.T.E. Camp, 8161 Normandale Blvd., Bloomington, MN 55437. Notification of acceptance will be mailed the beginning of June.

Parent Information

Parents Names _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Additional contact information _____

How did you hear about EX.I.T.E. Camp? _____

Permission Slip

I give my daughter _____ permission to participate in the 2010 PACER/IBM EX.I.T.E. Camp. I will provide transportation to and from the EX.I.T.E. Camp at PACER each day: Aug. 5, (evening only), and Aug. 9, 11, 13, 17, and 19.

Parent/Guardian Signature*

Date

If my daughter is accepted, I also give her permission to travel in the care of the PACER/IBM EX.I.T.E. Camp on Aug. 19, to and from the IBM facility in Rochester, Minn. I understand that my daughter will need to be at PACER Center at 7:45 a.m. and will return by 4 p.m., at which time the closing ceremony will begin.

Parent/Guardian Signature*

Date

*If you submit this form electronically, please type your name in the space indicated. This will be accepted as your signature and will indicate your agreement to the terms above.



Applicant Information

Applicant Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Birth date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Age _____

2010-11 school year: Grade _____ School _____

T-Shirt Size (adult sizes) _____

Yes, I can attend all six days of the EX.I.T.E. Camp, including opening day of Aug. 5, (evening only), and Aug. 9, 11, 13, 17, and 19. (It is mandatory that you attend all sessions.)

I have attended an EX.I.T.E. camp in the past. Year attended _____

Priority is given to 30 new qualifying campers on a first come, first serve basis. Previous campers who apply will be entered into a drawing for remaining spaces if available.

Health Information

I take medications during the day and will need help with them during the camp. (Please list the medications, doses, and times needed.)

Medication Name	Dose	Time

I am required to take medications on an emergency only basis and may need help with them with during the camp. (Please list the medications, doses, and reasons for the medication.)

Medication Name	Dose	Reason

I do not take any medications during the day that I need help with during the camp.



Disability Information Sheet

1. Applicant name _____

2. List all disabilities _____

3. The applicant...(please check the appropriate box)

uses a mobility device (i.e., power wheelchair, manual wheelchair, walker).

Please list _____

needs assistance pushing a wheelchair. Please explain _____

has a service animal that will be attending camp. Please explain _____

Other _____

4. Will a personal care attendant (PCA) or another person accompany your daughter to camp?

(Please note: **PACER is unable to provide PCAs or assist with activities of daily living such as toileting, eating, or transferring.**)

Yes. The PCA's name is _____

No, but my daughter will need assistance with _____

No. My daughter does not have a PCA or need assistance.

5. Please tell us about your daughter's communication abilities.

Is your daughter nonverbal? _____

Does she use a communication device? _____

If yes, what type? _____

Is she able to comprehend what is said? _____

Is she able to read? _____

Is she able to write? _____

6. Does your daughter have a hearing impairment? _____

Is a sign language interpreter required? _____

If yes, please describe (ESE, ASL): _____

Does your daughter have a cochlear implant or use a hearing aid that would be affected by exposure to static electricity or splashing water? _____

7. Does your daughter have a visual impairment? _____

If yes, please describe: _____



8. If your daughter uses assistive technology or computer adaptations (i.e., trackball, alternate keyboard, touch window, software, etc.), please list: _____
9. Briefly describe how your daughter learns best: _____

10. Please share any behavior management information that may help us. _____

11. Is there any other information that would help us accommodate your daughter? _____

Personal Response

The personal response is an opportunity for each applicant to discuss her personal goals and creative ideas. Please take the time to have your daughter respond to the following questions:

Why would you like to attend EX.I.T.E. camp?

If you were to invent something that would make life easier or more enjoyable for you or a member of your family, what would it be and how would it work?

Responses can be any length and in any format: drawn, written (an essay or bullet points, for example), videotaped, recorded, or generated using the tools listed below.

If you wish to generate your response using technology you could use; PowerPoint, create a wiki blog, or web site, make an electronic poster on glogster edu (<http://edu.glogster.com>), or create a smilebox with your response on www.smilebox.com.

Your daughter may have assistance in completing this portion, but the idea must come from her. Please attach a separate sheet if needed.