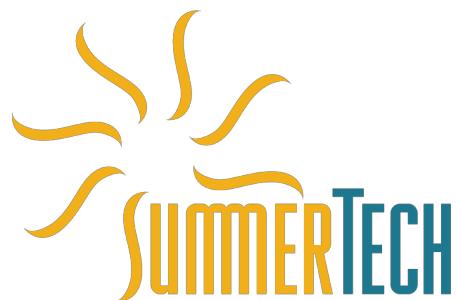


The **ULTIMATE**
PARENT'S GUIDE to
SummerTech



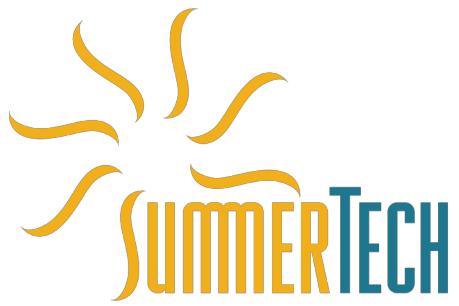


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Introduction

In just a few months, that final bell will ring and millions of kids – tripping over their own smiles – will pour out of school and into summer. As a parent pondering that same moment, you may be asking the same question millions of parents across the country are asking: “Now what?”

We get it. As parents, we know how stressful it can be to plan out your child’s summer. In today’s world, there are so many opportunities to choose from, which makes it even more daunting. How do you decide which opportunity is the best for your child? Will they have fun? Will they be accepted for who they are? Will they learn anything?

With all the options out there, your child deserves to go to a place that believes in them as much as you do.

That’s why, at SummerTech, we focus just as much on teaching leadership skills outdoors as we do on teaching kids how to code, animate or develop 3D models indoors. It’s just one of the many reasons why we’re known among our peers, parenting communities and the nation’s top universities as the “gold standard” of tech programs.

Don’t take our word for it, though. Keep reading and see why more and more parents and teens choose SummerTech over every other summer activity.

If by the end of reading this, you still have questions, pick up the phone and give me a call at (866) 814-8324. I’d love to hear from you.

*Sincerely,
Steven Fink,
Founder & CEO*

Why SummerTech?

It's a good question.

Thankfully, we've spent the past 17 years coming up with a *really* good answer.

SummerTech is unlike any other tech program out there because we're more than just a tech program. It wasn't always that way.

In the beginning, we were laser-focused on becoming the industry's best tech instructors. We knew the curriculum frontwards and backwards, but, at the end of the day, we found that even the most advanced and tech-savvy kids wanted more out of their summer. Who doesn't?

Yes, they wanted to learn how to code. But they also wanted a role model. They wanted to find their people, maybe for the first time. And they wanted to have FUN along the way.

That's when SummerTech became SummerTech.

Don't get me wrong. We still have the industry's best instructors. But when you sign up today, you're giving your child the opportunity to grow, not just as a coder or developer, but as a person.



Here are some other ways SummerTech stands out:

★ We offer a 3:1 techie to teacher ratio.

Did you know that most summer programs out there only offer a 20:1 or at best, a 10:1 student to teacher ratio? Imagine being that teacher. Could you even remember half of your students' names?

★ We personalize the experience just for your child.

Our approach centers around promoting personal growth while allowing kids to be comfortable in their own skin. We don't need your child to conform. We just need them to be themselves. That's where growth starts and the fun begins.

★ We create leaders.

Your child may come in as a participant, but that's not how they will leave. We incorporate leadership lessons and opportunities into everything we do at SummerTech so that when your child is ready, they can step out from behind the computer and start to become the leader they were all along.

★ We help your child learn.

Most summer technology programs out there only know how to teach sponsored curriculum known in the industry as "Edutainment". It's marketed well but it does very little when it comes to teaching your child. At SummerTech, we don't put your child in front of a screen and walk away. We teach. It's why many of the industry's leading tech workers all got their start with SummerTech.

★ We fast-track their education.

Whether your child is just out to have fun, try something new or lay the foundation for a future career in tech, SummerTech gives them the foundation they need to excel in future tech courses down the road. Want to fly through your AP tests? Test out of university level courses? Stand out to future employers? We can help.

When you choose SummerTech, you're not just choosing a summer program. You're choosing to invest in your child in ways that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.



SummerTech was a transformational journey for our daughter. The skills she learned about technology, teamwork, and leadership launched her career and succeed as a Mechanical Engineer in college. No matter what project she finds herself working on in her college courses, she always seems to be the “go to” person for coding!

— Steve Henderson, Dad

How it Works

Each week, from Sunday to Friday, we provide the industry's most advanced and innovative learning opportunities for youth ages 10 to 17 in the safety of a fully supervised day or overnight experience.

Are you a commuter?

No problem. Our flexible schedule will work for your morning or evening commutes.

Once you're registered, we begin to tailor the experience and curriculum for your child, based on the course they selected. Some techies choose to spend multiple weeks at SummerTech so they can become experts on a single topic such as Animation, 3D Modeling or Coding. Others like to stay and choose a new topic at the beginning of each week.

No matter how long your stay is, you'll get the full SummerTech experience. That includes a **1:3 teacher to techie ratio**, starting from the moment you arrive.



You can also have the peace of mind knowing that every registered student gets full access to every course available.

Courses

Each week, choose one of six different courses and our teachers will tailor it for you based on what interests you most. Want to stay for more than a week? We thought you might. Take a course for as many weeks as you want and we'll keep building on what you know without repeating any curriculum.

Another ratio we're proud of is our **1:1 student to computer ratio**. When you send your child to SummerTech, they will always have dedicated access to the latest hardware and software.

Python

If you're new to coding or not yet in high school, Python is the place to start. We'll teach you the basics of computer programming that are used by every coder in the industry, whether they're a novice or master coder.

Ages: 8 – 17 recommended

Difficulty: Beginner to Advanced

Programs we love: Python, Eclipse, Git

Java

Java is an extremely popular coding language in high schools, colleges, and the working world. Our Java class provides a comprehensive introduction to coding that prepares high school students for the AP Computer Science course and their future studies.

Ages: 11 – 17 recommended

Difficulty: Beginner to Advanced

Programs we love: Adobe Animate CC

Animation

Most animation courses stifle creativity. Not SummerTech. We teach you everything from how to draw on a computer to create and animate your own movies. The sky's the limit and we'll give you the skills and techniques to get there.

Ages: 8 – 17 recommended

Difficulty: Beginner to Advanced

Programs we love: Adobe Animate CC

3D Modeling

Learn the fundamentals of creating digital 3D models of real world objects. From modeling to basic texturing to sculpting and animation, we teach you the creative and technical principles that are used by the world's leading art, engineering and architectural companies.

Ages: 11 – 17 recommended

Difficulty: Beginner to Advanced

Programs we love: Blender

Web Development

When you learn web development at SummerTech, you'll leave with skills and knowledge you need to bring your code to life on the web. We teach you the basics (and advanced) of coding so you can start building apps and websites that can interact with their users via APIs.

Ages: 11 – 17 recommended

Difficulty: Beginner to Advanced

Programs we love: React, JavaScript, Bootstrap, Git

Web Design

Ready to learn how to design the websites of the future? We'll teach you everything you need to know about website design, layout and development so you can create fully responsive sites that work across desktop and mobile devices.

Ages: 8 – 17 recommended

Difficulty: Beginner to Advanced

Programs we love: HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap, Git

Electives

The last class of each day is dedicated to giving your child opportunities to explore new hobbies. Elective courses change weekly and are announced each Sunday.

Past courses have included:

- ★ Photography
- ★ Improvisational Comedy
- ★ Film Study
- ★ German Longsword
- ★ Arts and Crafts
- ★ Magic: The Gathering
- ★ Game Design
- ★ Intro to Anime
- ★ Advanced Semiotic Constructions of Meaning 301: Baudrillard By Way of Waluigi



“Some of the best times of my life have been at SummerTech. Learning code and Flash animation, meeting new friends, making crazy videos, taking improv classes, competing in the SummerTech Olympics, living in a dorm, playing in Wii tournaments. All this and it also helps you ace AP Computer Science!”

—Matt, alum

Tuition

Day Program

The tuition for commuters at any of our campus locations is \$1,300 per week.

This includes everything listed below:

- Personalized Instruction
(including 1:3 Teacher to Participant Ratio)
- Technology and Instructional Materials
- Lunch and Dinner
- SummerTech T-Shirt
- Recreational Activities
- Complete Supervision

Overnight Program

The tuition for overnighters is \$1,900 per week. This includes everything listed above in addition to breakfast, campus housing, 24-hour supervision and bog upkeep.

Deposit

A \$500 non-refundable deposit is required for each participant for each week they stay at SummerTech. This deposit goes toward your full tuition payment. The full balance must be received no later than May 1st. We do not prorate fees for those who leave early.

Refunds

If you're unable to attend, you can send in a written request and we will process it once we receive your approval. If a participant withdraws after May 1st, you are eligible for a 50% refund. Those who withdraw after the beginning of their session or those who are dismissed for disciplinary reasons will not receive a refund.

SummerTech Schedule

For Commuters

Commuters can arrive on Sunday at 2:30 PM to check in and get oriented. SummerTech begins at 3:00 PM with an opening ceremony, class and elective previews, course selection and every two weeks, gladiatorial combat. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM.

Commuters are welcome to stay as late as 9:00 PM for evening social activities which include Digital and Cardboard gaming.

Monday through Friday commuters can be dropped off as early as 8:00 AM. Classes kick-off at 9:00 AM but many usually enjoy arriving early so they can squeeze in some extra free time.

SummerTech officially ends at 2:00 PM each Friday with a closing ceremony where we honor each techie's accomplishments and achievements from that week. We strongly encourage parents and/or family members to attend!

For Overnighters

Overnighters arrive on Sunday at 2:00 PM to check in and get oriented. SummerTech begins at 3:00 PM with an opening ceremony, class and elective previews, course selection and every two weeks, gladiatorial combat. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM.

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Weekly SummerTech Hours

Sunday: 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM*

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

*We invite you to stay as late as 9:00 PM from Sunday through Thursday for games and fun social activities.

Evenings at SummerTech

Each night from 6:00 to 9:00 PM, SummerTech instructors host evening activities that include gaming clinics (where staff provide tutorials to some of their favorite games), gaming tournaments, arts and crafts, trivia, live music, sports (not just e-sports!) and more. What we've found over the years is that these "afterhours" at SummerTech become some of the most meaningful and transformational moments. It's where lifelong friendships are formed. If your child is able to attend, we highly encourage it. It's a blast!

Sports and Recreation

We include two hours of outdoor activities each day where we put away the screens and challenge ourselves to games of dodgeball, drawing, music, frisbee, board games and more.



“SummerTech changed my son's life and gave him focus and direction. It fueled the flames of my son's passion for computers and gaming. My son found himself, his passion and lifelong friends at SummerTech. The best program ever for techie kids!”

—Judy, Mom

F.A.Q.'s

Q: Can my child bring their own computer?

A: SummerTech provides each child with a dedicated computer along with the latest hardware and software available so that you won't have to worry about bringing your own computer. That said, we won't keep you from bringing your own tech but we are not responsible for any personal items that are lost, stolen or damaged.

Q: How important is it for my child to stay until 9:00 PM each night?

A: SummerTech is nonstop fun and learning, so, by 5:00 PM, we understand if kids want to go home and rest. But for those interested, SummerTech after-hours provide some of the week's best opportunities for your children to let loose, have fun and participate in instructor-led activities that range from gaming tournaments to talent shows to trivia.

Q: What is the food like at SummerTech?

A: It's good! We eat our meals in the college dining facilities which offer them a wide variety of hearty, nutritious meals. On Sunday night, we have a traditional pizza dinner together, but, otherwise, your child is able to eat their favorite meal.

*Still have questions?
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