

The **ULTIMATE**

PARENT'S GUIDE to

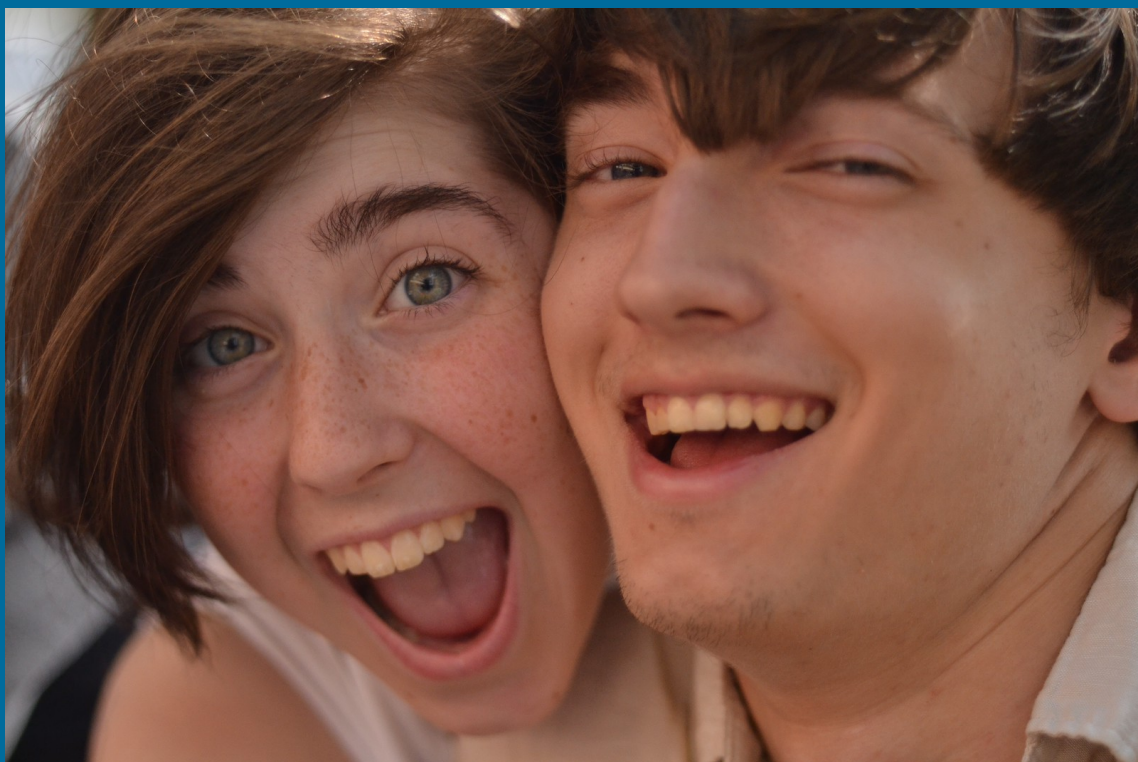
SummerTech





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Introduction

As the school year winds down and we pause to reflect on the diligent efforts behind us, the canvas of summer stretches out, ripe with potential. You might find yourself, as I often do, wondering: “What’s next?”

Being a parent myself, I deeply understand the challenges we face in crafting a memorable and enriching summer for our children. In this era, there’s an abundance of choices for summer activities, and deciding on the perfect one can seem overwhelming. How can we ensure our child will have fun, feel accepted, and learn something valuable?

Every child deserves a place that recognizes and nurtures their potential, just as we, their parents, do every day.

This is where SummerTech comes in. Our camp isn’t just about teaching coding, animation or 3D modeling; we equally emphasize leadership and personal development. Our commitment to holistic learning has distinguished us as the “gold standard” among tech camps a sentiment echoed by our peers, numerous parents, and some of the nation’s leading schools.

But, rather than ask you to take my word for it, I encourage you to delve deeper. Discover for yourself why so many families, year after year, entrust their children’s summers to SummerTech

If you have any questions or would just like to chat about our offerings, please give me a ring at (917) 674-6291. I genuinely look forward to the possibility of speaking with you.

*Sincerely,
Steven Fink,
Founder & CEO*

Why SummerTech?

It's a good question.

Over the past 23 years, we've been honing our answer to this very question.

SummerTech isn't just another tech camp; we're an experience, a community, a transformational journey. From our initial days, our commitment was unwavering: to stand out as the premier tech educators in the industry. Our expertise in the curriculum was unparalleled, our dedication unmatched.

However, as we delved deeper, we realized our students yearned for more than just coding knowledge. Beyond the algorithms and codes, they sought inspiration, a sense of belonging, and moments of sheer joy. They didn't just want to be trained; they wanted to be understood, mentored, and celebrated.

Thus, the SummerTech evolution began.

While we proudly maintain our reputation for having the industry's top-tier instructors, enrolling at SummerTech today is an invitation for your child to flourish. Not merely as a coder or a developer, but as an individual ready to make their mark in the world.



★ **We offer a 2:1 camper to teacher ratio.**

Did you realize that many summer camps maintain a student-to-teacher ratio of 20:1, and if you're lucky, 10:1? Picture yourself in the shoes of that instructor. How effectively could you cater to each camper's individual needs?

★ **We promote radical acceptance.**

We champion the uniqueness of every individual, encouraging campers to freely express themselves. Instead of seeking conformity, we embrace their authentic selves. It's in this space of authenticity that true growth and genuine enjoyment emerge.

★ **We create leaders.**

While your child may enter as a participant, they'll depart in a transformed role. At SummerTech, we weave leadership principles and opportunities throughout our program. This ensures that when they're poised to, they can transition from the screen's shadows, embracing the innate leader they've always been.

★ **We help your child learn.**

Many summer tech camps predominantly offer what's commonly termed "Edutainment" in the industry — a blend of education and entertainment. While it's attractively packaged, its educational depth can be limited. At SummerTech, we go beyond mere screen time. We're committed to genuine instruction. It's no surprise that several of the tech industry's luminaries initiated their journeys at SummerTech.

★ **We fast-track their education.**

Whether your child seeks pure enjoyment, a fresh experience, or aims to establish a cornerstone for a tech career, SummerTech provides the robust foundation they require to thrive in subsequent tech endeavors. Looking to ace AP exams? Bypass university-level courses? Distinguish themselves to prospective employers? SummerTech is the key.

Opting for SummerTech isn't merely selecting a summer camp; it's a lifelong investment in your child's future.



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

Every week, from Sunday through Friday, we offer unparalleled learning experiences for youngsters aged 10 to 17, all within a secure, supervised day or overnight setting.

Opting for a day camp?

No worries. Our adaptable timings accommodate both morning and evening routines, with early drop-offs and late pick-ups as standard!

Upon registration, we personalize the curriculum to fit your child's chosen course. Some campers opt for multiple weeks at SummerTech to master a specific domain like Animation, 3D Modeling, or Coding. Others switch their focus weekly.

Regardless of your duration with us, the complete SummerTech experience awaits, boasting an impressive **2:1 camper to teacher ratio** from the moment of your arrival.



Rest assured, every registered student enjoys unrestricted access to all available courses.

Courses

Every week, select from one of our four distinct courses, personalized just for you. Opting for an extended stay? Dive deep into a course over multiple weeks, and we'll continually build on your knowledge, ensuring fresh content without repetition. With SummerTech, the learning never stops!

We're also proud of our **1:1 student-to-computer** commitment. At SummerTech, your child is guaranteed dedicated access to the most up-to-date hardware and software.

Python

If you're just beginning your coding journey or haven't yet reached high school, **Python** is the perfect starting point. We'll introduce you to the fundamental programming concepts universally employed by coders, whether they're just starting out or are seasoned experts. [Read more](#)

Ages: 10 – 17 recommended

Java

Java is a widely embraced coding language in high schools, universities, and the professional realm. Our Java course offers an in-depth introduction to coding, priming high school students for AP Computer Science and their subsequent academic pursuits. [Read more](#)

Ages: 13 – 17 recommended

Animation

Many **Animation** courses can limit creativity, but not at SummerTech. We empower you with skills ranging from digital drawing to creating and animating your own films. The possibilities are endless, and we provide the tools and expertise to realize them, featuring the renowned, industry-standard

Toon Boom Harmony software!

[Read more](#)

Ages: 10 – 17 recommended

3D Modeling

Discover the essentials of crafting digital **3D models** with the renowned software, **Blender**. From precise modeling to intricate texturing, sculpting, and animation, we impart both the creative and technical knowledge embraced by the globe's top art, engineering, and architectural firms. [Read more](#)

Ages: 10 – 17 recommended

Advanced Courses

At SummerTech we take our learning very seriously and offer courses that you will not find on our website. Courses like Unity **Game Design**, **Web Development**, or **App Development** are just a few paths you can take. You can't just sign up for these courses, but rather earn them by completing our foundational material. Our advanced courses are difficult and we want to make sure you're ready. That's our job!

Ages: 13 – 17 recommended

Difficulty: Advanced

Electives

Each day concludes with a dedicated slot for your child to delve into fresh interests. Beyond their primary class, campers select a weekly elective. These **Electives**, crafted and led by our instructors, often rotate, ensuring a diverse experience. From past sessions, here's a glimpse of the electives we've offered. At the start of every week, we unveil the available electives, and that's when you can make your choice. Always something exciting on the horizon! [Read more](#)

Select an elective that aligns with your interests. Interested in sampling another primary course? Opt for it as your elective. Every week, we present **Intro to Code**, **Intro to 3D Modeling**, and **Intro to Animation** for your consideration.

Looking for something different? While we can't tell you today what will be offered each week, but here is a sample of just some of the hundreds of electives created and taught at **SummerTech**.

Past courses have included:

- ★ Lambda Calculus
- ★ Improvisational Comedy
- ★ Film Study
- ★ Ukulele
- ★ German Longsword
- ★ Arts and Crafts
- ★ Magic: The Gathering
- ★ Game Design
- ★ Intro to Anime
- ★ Advanced Semiotic Constructions of Meaning 301: Baudrillard
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“Some of the best times of my life have been at SummerTech. Learning code and animation, meeting new friends, making crazy videos, taking improv classes, competing in the SummerTech Olympics, living in a dorm, playing in gaming tournaments. All this and it also helps you ace AP Computer Science!”

—Matt, alum

SummerTech Schedule

For Commuters

Commuters should arrive each Sunday at 2:30 PM to check in and get oriented. SummerTech begins at 3:00 PM with an opening ceremony, meetings with staff and campers, first class, fun and games. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM.

Commuters are welcome to stay as late as 9:00 PM for evening social activities which include our famous SummerTech events plus open gaming and outdoor events.

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 camper's accomplishments and achievements from that week. We strongly encourage parents and/or family members to attend! [Read more](#)

Overnighters

Overnighters arrive on Sunday at 2:00 PM to check in and get situated in their dorm rooms. From there we will give you a tour of our spaces and at 3:00 PM SummerTech begins with an opening ceremony, class and elective previews, course selection and every two weeks, gladiatorial combat. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM. [Read more](#)

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!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday: 2:00 PM to 6:00 (or as late as) 9:00 PM*

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 (or as late as) 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 a full dinner, evening gaming, and famous SummerTech events. There's no extra cost - this is our gift to you!

Evenings at SummerTech

Each night from the end of dinner to 9:00 PM, SummerTech instructors host evening activities that include gaming clinics, gaming tournaments, arts and crafts, trivia, live music, outdoor sports and more. What we've found over the years is that these "after hours" 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

Every day, we dedicate 90 minutes to outdoor activities, encouraging everyone to set aside their screens. This time is filled with lively recreational activities, creative drawing sessions, engaging music, spirited frisbee matches, and classic board games, among others.



“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 don't recommend it and we can't be 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 campers 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 indescribable out-of-the-box experiences.

Q: What is the food like at SummerTech?

A: It's pretty good! Like a college student, we eat our meals in the Purchase 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?

We would love to hear from you.



*Make this summer one you'll never forget.
Go with SummerTech.*

Register today at www.summertech.net

