



## UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO · YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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**Summer 2026: June 29 – July 24**

The Young Scholars Program (YSP) summer math camp for mathematically talented Chicago area students will take place at the University of Chicago from June 29 through July 24, 2026, (with no classes on Friday, July 3). The program began in the summer of 1988 under Paul J. Sally Jr. and Diane Herrmann in order to further Paul's vision of teaching young talented students some "real" mathematics, and it continues to honor that vision and serves a diverse group of students.

The aim of the program is to strengthen the participants' mathematical powers through a deep experience in mathematical thought and effort. Our intention is to broaden and enrich the students' understanding of mathematics rather than to accelerate them through the standard high school curriculum.

The first day of the program will be Monday, June 29, during which students will take a diagnostic exam. **Students must be able to attend all four weeks of the program.** The program will meet Monday through Friday from 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. (except on Fridays when the program will end at 12:00 noon). Please note that there will be no classes on July 3 in observance of Independence Day. The sessions will resume on Monday, July 6.

The mathematical content of the program for Summer 2026 will be topics in **Number Theory**. Mornings are lecture-based classes. Afterward, the students divide into small groups, with each group conducted by a seminar leader who will discuss homework problems and the ideas underlying the day's lectures. Students have an hour break for lunch. Parents/Guardians are responsible for all meals, transportation, and lodging. Students are also encouraged to bring water bottles and snacks.

YSP is generously supported from various sources, but these do not cover the full cost of the program. We have instituted a tiered participation fee based on household income. **Please note that ability to pay does not affect the application process in any way. Financial assistance is available to qualifying students.** The participation fees are as follows:

| Household Income        | Participation Fee                  |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| > \$150,000/year        | \$1,000                            |
| \$75,000-\$150,000/year | \$600                              |
| <\$75,000/year          | \$250 (Scholarships are available) |

**We cannot provide assistance with lodging, transportation, and meals. Space in the program is extremely limited. Because of the highly competitive nature of the program, if you are offered admission into the program and accept, then you must be able to attend all meetings for all four weeks.** If there is any reason for a possible absence, we must be informed upon acceptance of admission.

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