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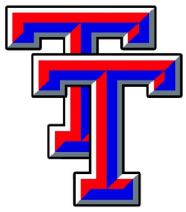
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Parents of Gifted and Talented Students,

Listed below is information concerning special opportunities available. These activities are optional but could be beneficial for your student. Resources and contact information are provided.

Special Opportunities for GT Students	
Name of activity	Resources and Contact Information
Credit by Exam (CBE) <i>Available through Region 3 ESC (summer only)</i>	See school counselor <a href="https://tea.texas.gov/academics/learning-support-and-programs/credit-by-examination">https://tea.texas.gov/academics/learning-support-and-programs/credit-by-examination</a>
Texas Association of Gifted and Talented <i>Scholarships for GT Summer Camps; applications open in January</i>	<a href="https://www.txgifted.org/scholarships">https://www.txgifted.org/scholarships</a>
GT Enrichment and Summer Programs <i>Links to several camps and opportunities throughout Texas and the United States</i>	<a href="https://www.txgifted.org/k-12-program-listing">https://www.txgifted.org/k-12-program-listing</a>
Texas Brigades Summer Camp <i>Summer camp focused on developing leadership skills and knowledge of wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship, with a focus on conservation</i> Ages 13-17	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C3m7lQ_NQJ8wMK06Fku7u7LFE9MDZ7rYR/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C3m7lQ_NQJ8wMK06Fku7u7LFE9MDZ7rYR/view?usp=sharing</a>
Texas A&M STEM Camps <i>Day camps and overnight camps available depending on age</i> Grades 2-12	<a href="https://aggiestem.tamu.edu/">https://aggiestem.tamu.edu/</a>





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AIM HIGH Flight Academy, US Air Force Program (ages 16-18) <i>Applications open in October</i>	<a href="https://www.recruiting.af.mil/About-Us/aim-High-Flight-Academy/">https://www.recruiting.af.mil/About-Us/aim-High-Flight-Academy/</a>
Destination Imagination <i>Various team competitions and non-competitive activities focused on STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Mathematics) and development of the creative process</i> Grades PK-12	<a href="https://www.destinationimagination.org/">https://www.destinationimagination.org/</a>
Math League <i>Local, state, and national competitions</i> Elementary, Intermediate, and High School competitions available	<a href="https://mathleague.org/">https://mathleague.org/</a>
National Inventors Hall of Fame <i>Various educational programs in STEM</i> Grades K-12	<a href="https://www.invent.org/">https://www.invent.org/</a>
Tidehaven ISD Academic UIL Contests <i>Various academic contests available; contact your campus for more information</i>	Kim Philyaw - Markham Elementary <a href="mailto:kphilyaw@tidehavenisd.com">kphilyaw@tidehavenisd.com</a> Cassie Hackfeld - Blessing Elementary <a href="mailto:chackfeld@tidehavenisd.com">chackfeld@tidehavenisd.com</a> Ashley Rowland - Tidehaven Intermediate <a href="mailto:arowland@tidehavenisd.com">arowland@tidehavenisd.com</a> Evy Yoxtheimer - Tidehaven High School <a href="mailto:eyoxtheimer@tidehavenisd.com">eyoxtheimer@tidehavenisd.com</a>
Matagorda County Soil and Water Conservation District Contests <i>Offered each fall semester; more information at each campus</i>	Matagorda County SWCD #316 979-245-1138 ext 3 <a href="mailto:matagordacounty@swcd.texas.gov">matagordacounty@swcd.texas.gov</a> <a href="https://matagordacountyswcd.com/">https://matagordacountyswcd.com/</a>
VFW Contests - Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen <i>Scholarship opportunity due October 31</i> Grades 9-12	<a href="https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships">https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships</a>





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Baylor TIP "Super Saturdays" <i>Saturday academies organized by the Baylor Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development</i> Grades 1-12	<a href="https://gifted.soe.baylor.edu/events">https://gifted.soe.baylor.edu/events</a>
Lonestar Leadership Academy <i>Overnight Camps focused on learning and leadership development, while visiting historical sites of Texas</i> Grades 3-8	<a href="https://educationinaction.org/lone-star-leadership-academy">https://educationinaction.org/lone-star-leadership-academy</a>
City by the Sea Museum <i>Historical exhibits in Palacios, Texas</i>	<a href="https://citybytheseamuseum.org/">https://citybytheseamuseum.org/</a> 401 Commerce St., Palacios (361) 972-1148
Matagorda County Museum and Children's Museum <i>Historical exhibits and children's museum in Bay City, Texas</i>	<a href="https://matagordacounty-museum.org/">https://matagordacounty-museum.org/</a> 2100 Ave. F, Bay City (979) 245-7502

