

# Genius Labs @GMCC Digital Café



**We believe every young person has  
the capacity for "genius."**

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**Summer 2022**  
**July 11 - August 5, 2022**  
**10am - 2pm, Monday - Thursday**

Focused on the Studio Learning Approach, Genius Labs brings together technological access and youth-centered design to create opportunities that foster creativity, independence, critical thinking, and self-awareness. Genius Labs is a laboratory learning experience designed for middle school youth (rising 5, 6, 7 and 8 graders).

Our student-centered laboratory is designed by a collaborative team of experienced educators. The core beliefs driving the iterative design process are:

- Every young person has the capacity for genius
- All youth deserve access to high-quality educational methods and the latest technologies
- Health and well-being of the whole child (mental, physical, spiritual, intellectual) are critical to fostering healthy youth development
- Digital learning and preparing for the new school year through journaling exercises
- Participants will complete a plan for the next school year where they get the opportunity to set goals for how they plan to show up and show out academically for the next year.
- Completed COVID-19 vaccination and booster required.

# Summer 2022 Info

## Students:

Eligible youth must be Rising 5, 6, 7 and 8 graders ( students who are entering these grades fall of 2022) Admissions will be determined on a case-by-case basis with a focus on equity and prioritizing students who are excited about learning and motivated to gain new skills. We are particularly interested in students who live in the Lake Street Corridor ( Neighborhoods that are north and south of Lake Street bounded by Hennepin Ave. S and the Mississippi River.)

## Schedule:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Starting Monday, July 11, 2022
- Ending Thursday, August 5, 2022

9:30am - 10:00am Students start arriving @ Digital Café

10:00am - 10:30am Morning gathering

10:30am - 11:45 am Skill session #1

11:45am - 12:30pm Lunch conversation

12:30pm - 1:00pm Skill session #2

1:00pm - 1:30pm Personal project/studio time

1:30pm - 2pm Afternoon gathering

2:00pm - 2:30 pm Departure

\*Schedule is subject to change\*

## Additional Information:

- Legal guardians/parents are required to be an active participant in support of their child and this initiative. Once your child has been accepted into the initiative, we will reach out to you to discuss how best to accomplish this goal. The outcomes of this initiative is based in part of parent engagement and participation
- Youth and guardians will be required to sign a commitment agreement stating that youth are expected to commit to attending every scheduled session of their assigned cohort, except for circumstances of emergencies and illness.

**Accepting Applications: May15th to June 10th, 2022**

Applications will be processed on a rolling basis with notifications of acceptance starting June 1st

Questions? Call Ameen Hassan, 507-351-3116 or email [ahassan@gmcc.org](mailto:ahassan@gmcc.org)

# Application

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The following application is for the enrollment into Genius Labs @GMCC Digital Café. I understand that should we be accepted, we will be required to sign a commitment and liability form and provide medical and health information.

Please complete the application in full and submit to Ameen Hassan either electronically at [ahassan@gmcc.org](mailto:ahassan@gmcc.org), by mail at 1100 E Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55407, or call 507-351-3116 to schedule time to drop off at our office or to complete over the phone.

## Participation information:

Full Name	Preferred Name	Pronouns		
Street address	City	County	State	Zip
Phone number	Email address	Date of Birth		

## School Information:

School name	Age youth will be in 21-22 School year
City/ District	Grade youth will be in 21-22 school year

## Parent/ Legal Guardian information:

First Name	Last Name			
Street address (if different from participant)	City	County	State	Zip
Phone number	Email address			
Were you referred? If so by who?				

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**The following questions are for grant reporting and internal metric purposes only. Your specific personal information will not be shared outside of our organization.**

## Youth Race

Check all that apply:

- ☐ American Indian / Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian American
- ☐ Black / African
- ☐ Black / American
- ☐ Hispanic / Latino
- ☐ Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

## Parent/ Guardian Race

Check all that apply:

- ☐ American Indian / Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian American
- ☐ Black / African
- ☐ Black / American
- ☐ Hispanic / Latino
- ☐ Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

## Youth Vaccination Status:

\*proof of full vaccination status required for youth to participate and parents/guardians/family members to attend final open house event and admittance to the building.

- ☐ Fully Vaccinated
- ☐ Partially Vaccinated
- ☐ Not Vaccinated

## Parent/ Guardian Vaccination Status:

- ☐ Fully Vaccinated
- ☐ Partially Vaccinated
- ☐ Not Vaccinated

## Parent/ Guardian field of work or occupation:

\*Why are we asking? Part of the future plans for this programming is to engage mentors, parents, and volunteers to provide career and vocational opportunities and activities with the youth.

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## Have you or your youth ever been considered a refugee from any country?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

## Would you or your youth be considered an immigrant from any other country outside of the United States?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer



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## Questionnaire (to be completed by the applying youth)

Four words that describe you:

What are some of your favorite school-related activities?

What are some of your favorite math/science/arts/sports activities?

How important is technology in your day-to-day life? Why? Can you give examples?

Select all of the following you use or own:

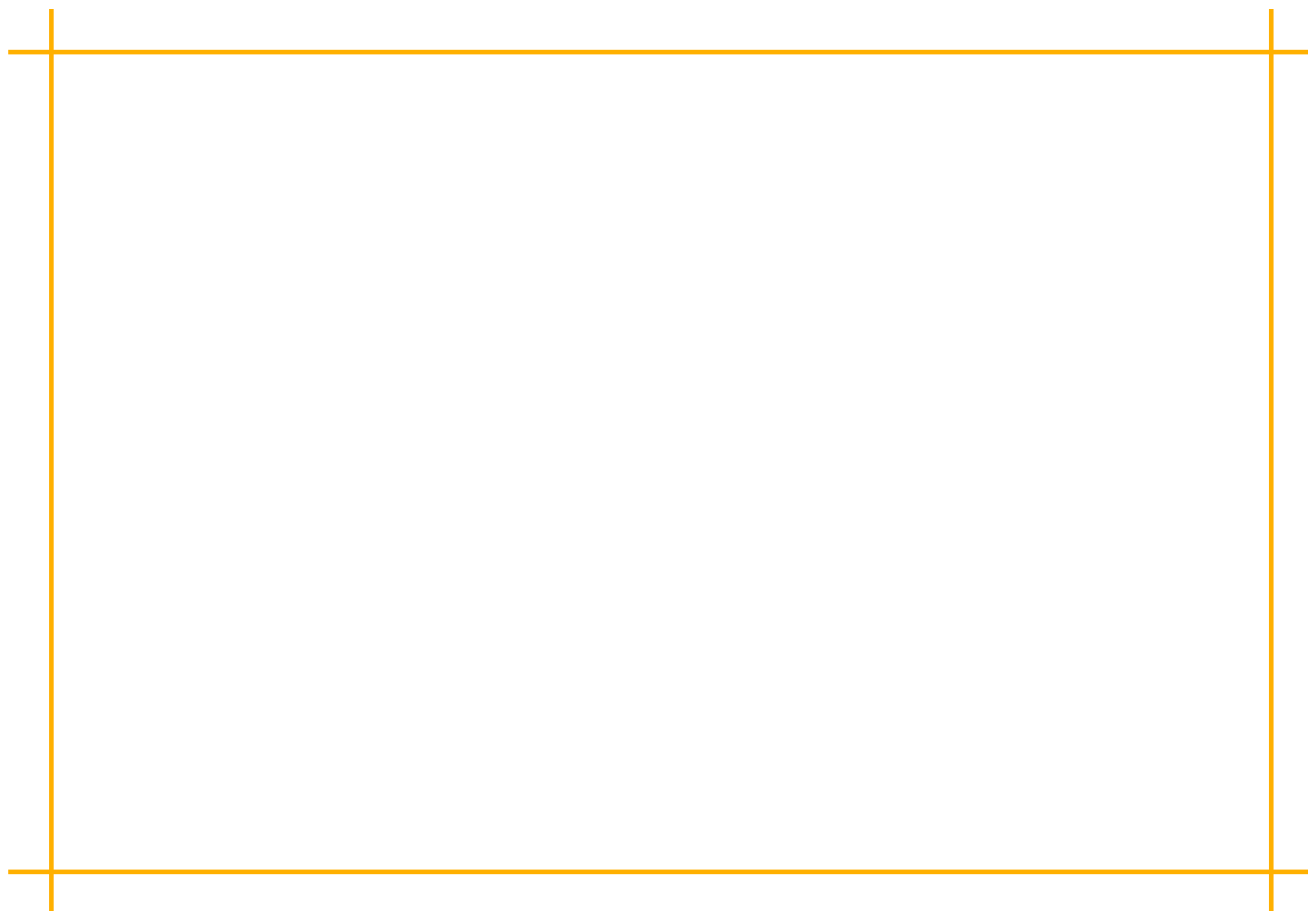
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ipad or Tablet        | <input type="checkbox"/> Used | <input type="checkbox"/> Owned |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Used | <input type="checkbox"/> Owned |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-cell phone camera |                               |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Technology:     | _____                         |                                |

Tell us something else about yourself that you would like for us to know:

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In the box below, draw yourself:



Other comments, information, or additional message?

# Commitment Form

Genius Labs @ GMCC Digital Café enrollment requires all guardians and youth to sign a commitment form. Your acceptance of enrollment requires that youth attend all course sessions (unless dealing with an emergency). Genius Labs is not casual drop-off child care arrangement.

This form must be completed upon acceptance into the Genius Labs program and prior to or on the first day of the enrolled session.

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby commit that \_\_\_\_\_ will  
Guardian's Name Youth's Name

attend Genius Labs @ GMCC Digital Café each day of the applicable enrolled session. If my youth (due to medical emergency, family emergency, bereavement, or unforeseen circumstances) cannot attend, I will contact Ameen Hassan (Initiative Logistics Manager) at [ahassan@gmcc.org](mailto:ahassan@gmcc.org) or call 507-351-3116 as soon as I am able when an unexpected absence may occur.

I understand that by not following the above outlined commitment, the enrollment of my youth in the Digital Café or Tech Teens may be revoked.

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Print Guardian's Name

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Sign Guardian's Name

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Print Youth's Name

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Date