

Intersession is a required component for the completion of the Gamble Montessori course of study. Students must earn 2 full credits of intersession, earning .25 in the fall grade-specific intersessions and .25 in the spring elective intersessions each year.

Please take the time to review this information as a family, and make the appropriate selection for your interests and means. Every effort will be made to place students in their first choice. Full payment assures placement in the intersession. When necessary, seniority will serve as a tiebreaker, given that younger students will have additional chances to get the intersession they desire.

Please ensure that the sign up paperwork is turned in to the front office with a deposit.

This booklet contains a guide to the many intersessions approved by the ILT and offered in the spring of the 2016-2017 school year.

The amount of independent transportation that students/parents must provide for each intersession is ranked on a scale from 0 cars (none) to 3 cars (a lot).

Spring Intersession Timeline for students:

5/24/2016 (Tues) – Students complete and turn in interest survey – this is NOT a sign up sheet.

8/1/2016 (Mon) – First day to pay deposit for intersession

12/1/2016 (Thurs) – Students commit with 50% down payment and sign-up sheet (found in the office)*^

12/2/2016 (Fri) – Students who have not committed to an intersession will be assigned to a local, low-cost intersession and will be obligated the fees for the course*

3/17/2017 (Fri) – Final intersession payments due

* after this date, students may not change the intersession they have chosen or been assigned to

^missed payments will result in exclusion from meetings and will result in mandatory placement in other intersessions

Note: Intersession leaders were encouraged to “round up” when estimating costs. Actual costs may be less, and the difference will be reflected in the final payment.

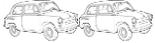
James N. Gamble Montessori High School

2016-2017 Spring Intersession Guide

“Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment.”
– Maria Montessori

Fantastic Female Fitness

Cost = \$60 Deposit = \$30, Students = 15 Girls,

Transportation = 

Ladies! Get fit and stop eating all that junk food. Sign up today to tone your muscles and learn how to eat nutritious foods. This is not a diet class! It is about having fun working out with low volume weights and exercises. Receive a Spring pass from our local YMCA. Guests will be Zumba/fitness instructors and nutritionists. We will also learn T'ai Chi and other unique ways to exercise. We will learn to prepare and sample nutritious meals. We will walk, talk and have fun. We will also do community service at local soup kitchens and the Free Store Food Bank. At the end of intersession you will present your favorite smoothie and tell how you will continue your fantastic female fitness regime. Pump It Up! Pump It Up! Pump It Up! One.... Two...Three....

Animal Rescue

Cost = \$120, Deposit = \$60, Students = 15,

Transportation = 

The purpose of this intersession is to learn to be aware of our surroundings and protect our animals, amphibians, plants, etc. To understand that every living thing in our world has a purpose and how it affects us when their gone. We will be working with animals, by going to the Ohio Alley Cat to do community service. Visits from Arrow Head Reptile Rescue, Wild Animal Rescue, Cool Critters, etc. Also several rescue organizations will talk about what they do to protect some endangered animals. We will have visitors to school to talk about rescuing animals. You be responsible for your own transportation.

STRAIGHT OUTTA GARDEN: Food and Sustainability

Cost = \$5, Deposit = \$5, Students = 15,

Transportation = 

Explore urban farms and learn about the negative impacts that our current food system has on people and on the Earth. Work with local farmers to make a difference in our community and a difference in your own life. Join this intersession and you can eat some food STRAIGHT OUTTA GARDEN.

Adventures in Dining and Cooking

Cost = \$175, Deposit = \$85, Students = 15,

Transportation = 

This intersession is for anyone who wants to try new foods and improve their cooking skills. It doesn't matter if you are an expert cook or a contestant on 'America's Worst Cooks,' come join us for two weeks of cooking and eating.! On this intersession we will volunteer at Ronald McDonald House and the FreeStore Foodbank; we'll try cuisines from other countries, cook and bake, take a candy making class, have a scavenger hunt at Jungle Jim's, and we'll even taste bugs! Academic work for this intersession will include readings and seminars, journals. This intersession happens off school grounds; students are responsible for their own transportation.

Rock Climbing: Theory and Practice

Cost = \$60, Deposit = \$30, Students = 15,

Transportation = 

Students will explore various techniques and approaches to climbing rock faces, including difficulty ratings, equipment, and climbing techniques. They will complete research on a related topic of their choice, while also engaging in practice by visiting local climbing gyms and a natural climbing site.

Community and Stewardship

Cost = \$60, Deposit = \$30, Students = 15,

Transportation = 

MUST BE 16+ YEARS OLD

The organizations we have worked with in the past are Habitat for Humanity where we helped in the remodeling of a local Westwood home. We also visit local homeless shelters to serve people that may be hungry for a good home cooked. We typically arrive early to prepare a thoughtful, nutritious and delicious meal to hungry members of our community. Other places we may serve: Peaslee Neighborhood Center, Gamble Gardens, Ronald McDonald House, Seven Hills Neighborhood House, and the Mayerson Jewish Community Center among other possibilities.

Science Field Studies

Cost = \$60, Deposit = \$30, Students = 15,

Transportation = 

During the 2 weeks, the students will explore science outside the classroom. They will learn how to be scientists on expedition. These students will create a documentary to share with other students and teachers. The first few day will be spent watching scientific exploration and learning how they are done. We will be going to the following areas: Cincinnati Zoo, GE Aviation, Newport Aquarium, Ohio River Study, University of Cincinnati Science Research Facilities.

Sports of All Sorts

Cost = \$150, Deposit = \$75, Students = 15,

Transportation = 

During this 2 week spring intersession we will be working hard to understand and experience various sports that might be uncommon, overlooked, or played more frequently in other parts of the world. We will be taking time to understand how each sport is played, the rules and regulations, its origin, how each sport impacts people and culture, and then take time to experience playing each sport as a community. Some examples of sports that might be covered include: (sports are subject to change) paintball, water polo, swimming, cycling, kayaking, sumo, dodgeball, ultimate frisbee, jousting, rock climbing, lacrosse, cricket, karate, croquet, etc.

Local College Tours

Cost = \$60 , Deposit = none – bring \$6 each day of intersession, Students = 15,

Transportation = 

AVAILABLE FOR GRADES 9-11

Students will spend the 2 weeks visiting local colleges. They will have the opportunity to tour each campus and visit various campus sites. We will complete daily reflections to see what the students liked and disliked about each campus. Also, students will complete surveys at the beginning of Intersession to determine what they would like to see and learn about at each campus. The purpose of this Intersession is for students to have the opportunity to visit local colleges to learn more about the programs offered and the campus in general.

Art Investigations: Cincinnati

Cost = \$225, Deposit = \$110, Students = 15,

Transportation = 

This art intersession will explore the amazing artistic resources of Cincinnati! Our group will travel to different locations in the city, either to participate in the artwork yourself, (glassblowing, figure drawing, jewelry making,) or to actively engage as a viewer to learn from the artists and artwork, (Contemporary Art Center, 21C Hotel, Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park). This intersession is all about learning more of the Cincinnati art scene! The cost for this intersession is high because of the fees for these unique experiences and the materials. Transportation is also very high **each day** to get to all of the different locations around town. I urge students to have a high interest in learning more about art and not being afraid to try new and difficult things.

Blues, Jazz, and the Black Experience: A Tour of New Orleans

Cost = \$800, Deposit = \$400, Students = 30,

Transportation = 

Blues and Jazz music are the roots of much of the popular music that exists today. Within these uniquely American music genres, however, exists a patchwork of stories and struggles underlying the typical 20th Century Southern Black experience. Through Blues and Jazz, oppressed people found their voices - their sadness, their joy, and their soul. The popularity of these music genres is not just an acknowledgment of talented Black musicians, but their continued influence on today's music represents a legitimization of the Black experience.

Join us on a tour of the South to study the history and cultural relevance of this music.

Puzzles & Games

Cost = \$60, Deposit = \$30, Students = 30,

Transportation = 

Students will learn and study the history behind popular board and card games. We will study game design and game theory for different types of games. Students will also learn and practice strategies for a number of types of puzzles, and learn to make their own for others to solve.

Sports Management

Cost = \$60, Deposit = \$30, Students = 15,

Transportation = 

We will cover everything you need to know about coaching a team and running an entire athletic program from high school, to college, all the way to the pros.

Peace and Justice

Cost = \$5, Deposit = \$5, Students = 15,

Transportation = 

Consider this your training in vocal advocacy. We will have speakers from several local organizations that work with citizens returning from prison and currently in prison, dismantle the school to prison pipeline, and protect the rights of people experiencing homelessness. We'll be engaged in local service projects as well. We will also hold Gamble's fourth annual Shantytown experience during one memorable overnight to bring awareness to the societal problem that is homelessness. Be prepared for an experience that will change the way you look at your fellow man and woman.