



Where Kids' Ideas Take Flight

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Afterschool Activities for 2011 Now Include Time Travel

G-tec Kids launches unique program for Westchester's kids

(New Rochelle, September 12, 2011) [G-tec Kids](#), Westchester County's premier afterschool enrichment program for gifted and talented children, is giving up to 12 children, in 2nd through 5th grades, a chance to become [Time Travelers](#). Through a series of hands-on activities in New Rochelle, kids will experience history through the eyes and hands of people who lived over the course of 30+ centuries.

Many of Westchester's gifted and talented school children ([up to 6% of the population](#)) are bored within days of the start of the school year. The G-tec Kids curriculum provides these students with additional stimulation, creative outlets, and like-minded friends.

"Parents of gifted kids throughout Westchester have been enrolling their children in G-tec Kids for 30 years," says Andi Stix, the program's founder and creator. "We're a great extension of the school curriculum – especially for those kids with great imaginations and thirst for knowledge. Some of our kids have gone on to do amazing things in the arts, sciences, industry, and non-profit worlds. This new program combines history with fun, modern-day techniques for learning."

In Time Travelers, children are magically transformed from judges in Hammurabi's court into Egyptians using hieroglyphics or designing a statue of an ancient god. Past and present collide as they become forensic scientists and use CAT scans of a mummy to determine the cause of death. They'll engineer Ancient China's Great Wall, make Rangoli India rugs, dive below the Mediterranean Sea in search of Ancient Greece artifacts, build an Ancient Roman arched bridge, fashion a coat of arms during Medieval Times, become Leonardo da Vinci during the Renaissance, and lastly, design and build an explorer's ship during the Age of Exploration.

...All this fun and learning, yet they're still home in time for dinner!

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About G-tec Kids

For nearly 30 years, G-tec Kids' four year creative arts and sciences program has been captivating inquisitive 2nd to 5th graders with a curriculum that ranges from prehistoric times to the year 3000. At G-tec, children are exposed to hands-on, real life experiences that enhance their innovative and critical thinking, problem posing, and problem solving skills, so their cognitive strengths of higher-level thinking are tapped. The program has been the recipient of national and NY State awards and its founder, Dr. Andi Stix received the Educator of the Year award from AGATE: The Advocacy Board for Gifted and Talented Education for the State of New York in 2000. She is an adjunct professor and specializes in constructivist education.

G-tec Awards:

- National Assoc. of Gifted Children: Outstanding Curriculum Development
- New York State Council for the Social Studies: Program of Excellence
- Middle States Council for the Social Studies: Program of Excellence
- AGATE: Educator of the Year

