



Attention current 9th grade students:

Are you crazy about **computers**? Is reading **books** your bag? Is **math** magical (or sometimes maddening)? Do you just love learning??? Join us around the table this summer!

RAYMOND ROUNDTABLES 2019 is now open to students throughout the greater Raymond area. Reserve your spot for our summer academic enrichment opportunities today!

www.reachhighscholars.org

Read the following for more information, course descriptions and an application

Reach High Scholars Program
P.O. Box 982
Raymond, N.H. 03077



May 2, 2019

Dear Families of 7th, 8th, and 9th Grade Students:

It's that time of year again -- Raymond Roundtables, the Raymond-based summer academic enrichment program. The Reach High Scholars Program is excited to offer these classes and encourages all interested students to apply. Attached to this letter is a brief description of Raymond Roundtables and an Application, which includes a financial aid form for qualifying students.

This year RHSP will offer courses in Mathematics, Language Arts, and Computer Science. Your student will find these courses to be both engaging and challenging. At Roundtables we want students to learn that learning is fun! Students can opt to take more than one course, and they can return each summer. However, no experience is necessary to participate in any class.

Roundtables is the first step in a series of initiatives of the Reach High Scholars Program that are designed to inspire students to reach higher in their educational pursuits. Students can dare to be great, and Raymond Roundtables is a good first step. **For 7th & 8th grade students, Raymond Roundtables 2019 will meet mornings Thursday, July 11th – Friday, July 26th on weekdays. For 9th graders, classes begin on Wednesday, July 10th.**

Admissions offices at top colleges place a high value on summer learning experiences. More than 60 Roundtables alumni have gone on to prestigious summer boarding programs, including Exeter Summer at Phillips Exeter Academy, the Advanced Studies Program at St. Paul's School and Summer@Brown at Brown University, and then to top colleges. It is a record of which we are immensely proud.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions. I look forward to seeing your young readers, mathematicians, and computer scientists this summer.

Sincerely,

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Raymond Roundtables? What's That?

Raymond Roundtables is a summer academic enrichment program for rising 8th, 9th and 10th (current 7th, 8th, and 9th) graders in Raymond and nearby towns. The classes were developed for curious, motivated students who are interested in fun academic challenges. In 2016, the Reach High Scholars Program took over the direction of RR, which was operated during its first six years by Phillips Exeter Academy.

Taught at IHGMS by teachers from Raymond and PEA, Roundtables uses PEA's world-renowned Harkness Method, a student-centered seminar style of learning in which classes are conducted around a table, while the teacher guides and fosters discussion. The students learn to take responsibility for their education, to listen to each other, and to cultivate their own intellectual potential.

Classes are collaborative and student-led, so learning hinges on each student's commitment and enthusiasm. They meet mornings for 50 minutes on 12 consecutive weekdays in July. Enrollment is intentionally low so that each student receives individual attention and has an opportunity to contribute. There are approximately 12 students in each class, and many take more than one course.

This year there will be offerings in Language Arts, Computer Science, and Mathematics. Lang Arts involves reading and discussing novels, short stories, and/or poetry and contains a significant writing component. Computer Science, also using the Harkness Method, will invite students to solve problems with the computer as the primary tool. Math courses are open to students of all levels.

Who makes a good candidate for Roundtables? A student who wants to be there! A student who might enjoy a book club, a student who likes puzzles, a student looking for challenges and reaching high in their academic pursuits.

More than 275 students have participated in Raymond Roundtables.

For more information about the Reach High Scholars Program: www.reachhighscholars.org.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Raymond Roundtables 2019 will meet as follows:
 - Rising 10th grade (current 9th graders) will meet Wednesday, July 10 -- Friday, July 26.
 - Rising 8th and 9th grades (current 7th & 8th) will meet Thursday, July 11 -- Friday, July 26th.
 - RR will not meet on Saturdays or Sundays.
2. Classes will meet 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30 AM. Accepted students will receive a class schedule.
3. Rising 10th graders (current 9th graders) will enjoy a field trip to PEA on Friday, July 19th. This will be an extended day, as they will visit classes and tour the campus. More details to follow.
4. All students who participate will receive an invitation to join us for the RR19 graduation celebration on the evening of Friday, July 26th. Pizza, chocolate, and diplomas!
5. PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN INFO SESSION AT EPPING MIDDLE SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 AT 6:30 PM. Invitation included in this packet.

**Reach High Scholars Program
Raymond Roundtables 2019 Application**

Please include all information on both pages and print clearly.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

Preferred

Grade in School (in May 2019): _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Home Address: _____

Street Address

Apt. Number

Town/ZIP

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone: _____

Home

Mobile

Email: _____

Parent/ Guardian Information:

Father/Stepfather/Guardian's Name: _____

Last

First

MI

Home Address (if different from applicant's): _____

Phone: _____

Home

Mobile

Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother/Stepmother/Guardian's Name: _____

Last

First

MI

Home Address (if different from applicant's): _____

Phone: _____

Home

Mobile

Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Who has legal custody of the applicant: _____

Please check the course(s) the Applicant wishes to take: ☐ Lang Arts ☐ Comp Sci ☐ Math

In what level math class are you currently enrolled? _____

Do you have experience with computers? Y N If yes, which programs?

Essay: Write an essay of not more than one page (double-spaced) about why you want to participate in Raymond Roundtables. Please attach to this application.

Fees: The fees for Raymond Roundtables are as follows: 1 course: \$225; 2 courses: \$400; 3 courses = \$550 (a saving of \$125!)

Financial Aid: Reduced prices are available, based on household income. For applicants desiring financial aid, please indicate:

- (i) your total annual household income for 2018 (before deduction for taxes, Social Security, insurance or other items): \$ _____;
- (ii) the number of persons in your household: _____.

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Annual Income</u>	
1	\$22,311	\$15,678
2	\$30,044	\$21,112
3	\$37,777	\$26,546
4	\$45,510	\$31,980
5	\$53,243	\$37,414
6	\$60,976	\$42,848
7	\$68,709	\$48,282
8	\$76,442	\$53,716
Each additional	\$7,733	\$5,434
<u>Fee per Course:</u>	One Course:	\$90 \$25
	Two Courses:	\$160 \$45
	Three Courses:	\$220 \$60

Please complete this form and the essay and return it to your school's front office by Wednesday, May 29th. Once accepted, payment is due by June 10th. Checks should be made payable to Reach High Scholars Program and delivered to your school's front office or mailed to: RHSP, P.O. Box 982, Raymond 03077.

By signing this Application, you agree that the school can provide a transcript of the Applicant's grades to assess the Applicant's suitability for Raymond Roundtables.

Signature: Please sign below to complete your application.

(parent's signature) (date) (student's signature) (date)

Course Descriptions for Rising 10th Graders
Raymond Roundtables Summer 2019
Wednesday, July 10 – Friday, July 26

Language Arts

This course will be anchored in a rigorous and in-depth reading of various works of short fiction and/or poetry. Students will build upon skills of literary analysis by practicing close reading and paying careful attention to theme, symbol, motif, characterization, conflict, and narrative structure.

In reading and discussing a diverse body of literature, students will utilize the Harkness method to develop their skills in student-centered discussion. Much of the class will be dedicated to considering how effective learners conduct themselves during rigorous discussions as they explore a text, listen to one another, and build upon contributions of classmates--all with the aim of creating and sustaining a diverse community of learners.

Students are expected to keep up with the reading schedule and come to class with questions and observations that drive discussion. In this course students will engage with literature both individually and collaboratively in a community of caring readers who are passionate about written works and are eager to tackle difficult (and sometimes unanswerable) questions about literature, the purpose of storytelling, and the way we interact with the world around us.

Please note: For Rising 10th Graders there is a field trip to Phillips Exeter Academy on Friday, July 19th. While there, students will visit 2 classes (hosted by current Exeter Summer students), attend a schoolwide assembly, and tour the campus. Lunch will be provided at no extra charge.

--- Please see other side for other course offerings ---

**Course Descriptions for Rising 10th Graders
Raymond Roundtables Summer 2019
July 11-26, 2019**

**Computer Science
Instructor: Mr. Sean Campbell**

At its core, computer science is about solving problems with the computer as the primary tool for doing so. These computer science courses focus on how to transform ideas into working programs. Students will use various programming strategies, tools, and languages to create software of their own!

Through hands on activities, these courses will provide an introduction to computer science and computational thinking. We will work both around the Harkness table and on school computers. Students of all skill levels are welcome and encouraged to join! We will work collaboratively throughout the program, either in small groups or in full-class discussion. Each course culminates in a multi-day project where students are tasked with using everything they have learned in order to solve a creative programming challenge.

**Mathematics
Instructor: Ms. Dale Braile**

In math classes at Raymond Roundtables, students may be asked to solve types of problems that they have not seen before. In order to accomplish this, students will be encouraged to work together, pooling their mathematical knowledge in order to come up with creative ways of approaching problems. The specific topics encountered will depend on the grade level of the students in the class. They could include pre-algebra, algebra, geometry, statistics, and logic. At all grade levels, the goal will be to make learning math a fun, collaborative, and creative process.

Save the Date: All students participating in RR19 (and their families) will receive an invitation to a Graduation Celebration on the evening of July 26th. Hope you can join us!

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