

Techno Teens Gaming Camp July 6 – July 23, 2010

**Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh - Department of Education and Youth Development**

**For more information Contact: Lori Y. Rue at [lrue@ulpgh.org](mailto:lrue@ulpgh.org) or 412-227-4166**

## **APPLICATION PACKET - Cover**

Dear Student,

**Thank you for your interest in the 2010 Techno Teens (formerly DigiPen) Video Gaming Creation Camp!** Do you love playing video games? Have you ever wondered what it takes to actually make a video game? And did you know that many popular games and attractions have been developed right here in Pittsburgh?

Stop wondering - Techno Teens, a three-week summer camp, will let you discover what its like to be a video game developer by teaming up with other campers and working with local game-making professionals to create your own computer game. And you will get to see up close how real game studios do the same thing right here in your own city! Pittsburgh is a great city for video game development, and this camp is a great opportunity to learn about the local industry. At end of your learning adventure, your game will be published online for all your friends and family to play. How cool is that?!

This year, Techno Teens has been extended into a three week camp, running July 6 through July 23, 2010. Upon acceptance each camper will receive more details regarding the camp (location, time). To be considered for this year's camp you will need to submit the following information

- A completed application
- A copy of your most recent report card
- A completed questionnaire
- A signed copy of the Techno Teens 2010 Terms and Conditions
- A recommendation from a teacher or your guidance counselor

Please submit your application packet no later than **5:00 p.m. May 19, 2010**. You can mail or hand-deliver your information to

**Department of Education and Youth Development  
Techno Teens 2010 Video Gaming Creation Camp  
Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh  
610 Wood Street – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
Attention: Lori Y. Rue**

If you have any questions, please call my office at 412-227-4166 or email me at [lrue@ulpgh.org](mailto:lrue@ulpgh.org).

Thank you,  
Lori Y. Rue, Senior Program Manager  
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## APPLICATION PACKET – Page 1

**Please complete the entire application packet. Print Clearly. Applications are due May 19, 2010.**

### Student Information

First Name		Last Name	
Address 1			
Address 2			
City / Neighborhood		State (if not PA) and Zip Code	
Phone number	Cell phone number		Email address
School		Grade Level as of June 2010	
Gender	Age	Race	

### Parent / Guardian Contact Information

First Name		Last Name	
Daytime Phone number	Alternate or Cell phone number		Email address



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### Application Instructions

- The cost for Techno Teens has been underwritten through grants and generous in-kind donations – the dollar value is approximately \$1,200 per student. The Program is free to students who are accepted.
- Techno Teens is for students who will be entering the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades as of fall 2010 (not for students entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or for students who are graduating in June 2010).
- Transportation to and from the camp is not provided. Parents will need to provide transportation to and from the camp each day. Techno Teens is a day camp only. There are no overnight accommodations provided.
- All applications will be reviewed by a nominating committee. The following scoring criteria will be used:
  - Completed application (10 points)
  - A copy of applicant's most recent report card displaying required GPA, good behavior and attendance (20 points)
  - Questionnaire to judge commitment and ability (30 points)
  - Timely submission of application (5 points)
  - Qualifying age and grade level (5 points)
  - 2 Recommendations from teachers / counselor (30 points, 15 each)

### Attendance

Attendance is extremely important. Students enrolled in Techno Teens are expected to attend all sessions and arrive on time.

### Behavior

Techno Teens is a safe environment where all will be respected. Rules and regulations have been established to keep camp activities fun and beneficial for everyone. The Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, Inc. will not tolerate bullying, violence or threats of any kind. Rules and regulations will be reviewed in their entirety during orientation.

**By signing below, I acknowledge that my parent / guardian and I fully understand that by applying for Techno Teens 2010 Video Gaming Camp we agree to abide by the conditions outlined within this application.**

Student Signature	Parent/Guardian Signature
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**Note:** Upon acceptance into the camp, additional terms and conditions will be reviewed during orientation. These terms and conditions must be agreed upon prior to applicant's full acceptance into Techno Teens Camp.

Print Student Name:	School:
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### Questionnaire

*Use back of paper if you require more space for answers*

1. Why do you want to participate in this program?

Have you ever developed any kind of game (not just video)?

What ideas do you have for a video game?

2. Do you have any prior experience with video game design? If yes, please explain. (Please note that prior experience is not required.)

3. Please list any math, art or writing courses you have taken in high school.

4. What type of creative activities do you like?

5. What are your hobbies and interests outside of school?

6. Are you interested in pursuing a technology or computer related career? If so, what career?

7. What are your plans for the future?

8. Is there anything else you want to tell the committee about yourself?

Print Student Name:

School:



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