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South Pacific will be performed by teens this summer, using the stage and costumes of the pros.



GOING PRO
 From new tech to new swings, summer camps can up your child's game no matter what he or she loves to do.



According to Karen Thurm Safran, vice president of marketing and business development, there will be over 1 million available jobs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics by the year 2020. "We show kids firsthand how to turn an interest into a college degree and career," says Safran. \$829-\$3,799, 888.709.8324, idtech.com

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FOR A SUMMER OF EXPLORATION AND AWE, ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN AN ELITE CAMP THAT PAIRS KIDS WITH PROFESSIONAL ACTORS, ARTISTS, ATHLETES AND EVEN TECH-HEADS.

By Wendy Altschuler

SUMMER STOCK

For your star-struck teen, Light Opera Works is offering an audition-only chance to be in the Broadway classic *South Pacific*. For 2 1/2 weeks, students ages 13 to 18 will use the rehearsal space; work with a director, choreographer and music director; learn about sets, sound and music; and get an insider's theatrical education. Rehearsals begin July 29 at the Light Opera Works rehearsal center in Wilmette, and the Aug. 17, 7:30PM performance is on the same professional set as the Light Opera Works adult production of *South Pacific*. "The experience that Light Opera Works offered was invaluable to me as a young actor," says New Trier High School rising junior Jacob Shaw. "From the insights shared by guest artists to the one-on-one workshops to the end product, complete with the beautifully set stage, authentic costumes and professional crew." \$1,250 per student, \$50 audition fee, 847.920.5360, lightoperaworks.com

GEEK OUT

For the kid who'd like to play video games all summer, iD Tech gives kids ages 7 to 18 the chance to code apps, design video games, engineer robots, model 3-D animations and even create wearable electronics. The tech-savvy staff who lead these multiple-day, weeklong or overnight programs at Lake Forest College make sure it's fun while also encouraging problem-solving skills, creative and critical thinking, and small-group collaboration (so everyone gets involved).

CLOWNING AROUND

The Actors Gymnasium, located in Evanston at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, offers two circus and performing-arts summer-camp sessions for kids ages 9 to 15 and a summer intensive for teens 16-plus. Founded by second-generation circus performer Sylvia Hernandez-DiStasi, the school's mission is to teach you to fly—physically as well as creatively. Your future Cirque du Soleil star will participate in circus, drama and movement training while learning how to juggle, tumble, dance and fly. \$1,180 per session, \$2,275 for both sessions, 847.328.2795, actorsgymnasium.org

HOME RUN

Major League Baseball great Jim Thome will be a featured guest at the White Sox Silver Slugger Camp scheduled for July 6 to 9 in Winnetka and July 21 to 24 in Lisle. Kids ages 8 to 12 will learn the hitting techniques that propelled his 22-year career. The four-day camp has three instructional days that cover fundamental techniques, and one thrilling day at U.S. Cellular Field that includes Q&A sessions with White Sox broadcaster E. J. "Big Boy" Farmer as well as a current White Sox player and coach, and the opportunity to observe White Sox batting practice (normally closed to public viewing). Participants receive two tickets for the evening's ballgame and also a Jim Thome White Sox T-shirt, a Bulls/Sox Academy hat and \$200 ticket vouchers for a future home game. \$2,630.324.8221, bullsoxacademy.com



FLYING HIGH
 The summer sessions at The Actors Gymnasium conclude with a performance of breathtaking tricks and acrobatics.