

1096-97-1176 **Sam Vandervelde*** (svandervelde@stlawu.edu). *Why MathPath Works.*

MathPath bills itself as an advanced summer camp for students age 11 to 14 who show high promise and love mathematics. Since its inception in 2002 MathPath has more than doubled in size to reach a stable population of 100 students, who tell us that “It’s like being part of a giant, fun, smart family for a month. It’s the best month I have over the summer.” The speaker, who has taught at MathPath since 2006 and who recently became a member of the board, will identify aspects of the program—some obvious and some less apparent—that have contributed to the success of MathPath over the years. (Received September 13, 2013)