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**Summer Academies will help guide teens to careers**

High school students can sign up now to spend part of the long, hot summer ahead having fun on the Sacramento State campus – and perhaps finding their passion and potential career.

The third annual Summer Academies for High School Students, a program of Sacramento State’s College of Continuing Education (CCE), offers nine weeklong courses for teenagers who have completed eighth grade. Classes are offered Monday through Friday in two sessions: June 23-27 and July 14-18.

“The summer academies provide Sacramento region high school-age youth the opportunity to explore future careers through hands-on, career-focused instruction,” says Katelyn Sandoval, associate director of CCE’s Academic Programs. “Our goal is to bring students onto the Sac State campus to encourage their higher education and career planning in a fun and interactive setting.”

Here’s a sampling of the experiences awaiting the students at the Summer Academies: building and programming a personal Boe-Bot robot; designing and building a bridge with Popsicle sticks and competing to see whose span carries the heaviest load; learning to use forensic biology to solve crime; gaining hands-on experience in fashion illustration; performing destructive testing in Santa Clara Hall’s materials lab; visiting the Hornet Racing shop; and touring the Wind Tunnel Facility.

Students who sign up for Theater and Performing Arts will hone their acting, singing and dancing skills, and those who spend a week in Health Careers 101 will explore a variety of fascinating health professions and earn their CPR certificate.

“The Summer Academies put area high school students in the same room as the faculty members they might take classes from as Sac State students,” says Rose Leigh Vines, director of the Summer Academies. “Our faculty does a great job of providing a window into the university experience for those students.”

Here is the lineup for the two-session 2014 Summer Academies:

**June 23-27**

- Health Careers 101: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Law Enforcement: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
• Introduction to Engineering and Robotics: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
• Fire Academy: 1-5 p.m.
• Get Bright with Biotech: The Biology of Glow: 1-5 p.m.

July 14-18
• Intermediate Engineering and Robotics: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
• Theater and Performing Arts: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
• Fashion Academy: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
• Forensics: 1-5 p.m.

The cost of each course is $255. Some require an additional materials fee, ranging from $15 to $130. To register, go to http://bit.ly/1hhO01N. Call (916) 278-4433, Ext. 2, to inquire about discounts for bundled courses. For more information, contact Liz Arellanes at (916) 278-6249 or arellanl@cce.csus.edu.

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