

BLACKHAWK HOSTS CAMP FOR CAREER EXPLORATION

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JANESVILLE - Young students can explore potential fields of employment with a summer camp being offered this summer at Blackhawk Technical College.

The Skills Today Careers for Tomorrow summer camps will give incoming seventh-10th graders hands on learning experiences, community enrichment manager Kerry Osmond said. Though Blackhawk has done similar camps in the past, this is the first year the college has offered these four structured camps.

"It can introduce a child to all the hot careers out there...and give the child the chance to explore different options," Osmond said.

Each camp will have 12 students in them, offering them more individualized learning, Osmond said.

Here are the four camps, all of which run 1-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday:

- **Exploratory Camp-** This camp offers students the chance to explore a variety of different fields, such as public safety, culinary arts, health sciences and manufacturing. Students will tour the Rock County Sheriff's Office and Frito Lay in Beloit. This camp will be held at Blackhawk's central campus in Janesville. The camp runs July 10-14.
- **Manufacturing: Nuts and Bolts Camp-** This camp allows students to explore different careers with Computer Numerical Control (CNC) manufacturing. Osmond said students will learn about various design skills necessary to create items along with the specialized machinery needed to create a product. Campers will tour SSI Technologies and Dollar General. This camp will be held at the Advanced Manufacturing Training Center in Milton and will run from July 17-21.
- **Culinary: Bon Appetit! Camp-** This course teaches basic skills in food preparation for various occasions. It also teaches campers about what it takes to make cooking a career option, and the students will be able to eat what they create. Campers also will tour Bushell and Peck and the Beloit Club. This camp will be held at Blackhawk's central campus in Janesville from July 24-28.
- **Game Designing/Coding Camp-** Students will learn about developing their skills while discovering all of career opportunities in the field of game design and coding. The students will be taking a trip to Comply 365 in Beloit. The camp meets July 31-Aug. 4 at the Advanced Training Center in Milton.

The culinary and game design camps are already full, but as of noon on Friday there are still spots available in the exploratory and manufacturing camps. A limited number of scholarships are available to those who qualify. With the number of students interested in the camps, Osmond said the college already has made plans to expand the camps next year.

Each camp costs \$50, and families may register their students at <http://bit.ly/2t3KfOY>. For more information on the camp, email Osmond at Kosmond1@blackhawk.edu.