

BC3 adds 49 new camps for Kids on Campus

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(Butler, PA) Nearly half of Butler County Community College's 105 summer enrichment programs in 2017 are new, and the most popular are expected to be those that make science fun, says Eva Lowerre, coordinator of BC3's Kids on Campus.

"It's all hands-on," Lowerre says. "Students are actually doing everything. So they are the ones who are actually making everything happen."

Among the 49 new camps are those in which young students can perform outdoor geology experiments, and slightly older students can build catapults, bridges and towers using ordinary supplies and the principles of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Students in grades 5-8 can learn how to create mini-movies with LEGOS and clay as the performers, and those in grades 6-12 can learn how to make from scratch and program a robot to complete a series of challenges.

At least 200 students attend a camp in each of the six weeks Kids on Campus operates, Lowerre says.

The four-day camps, for those in kindergarten through 12th grade, run from June 26 through Aug. 10.

"Children have so much fun that they almost don't want to leave at the end of the day," says Lowerre, BC3's Kids on Campus coordinator since 2009.

An open house for Kids on Campus will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. May 31 in the lobby of the Succop Theater on BC3's main campus.

All camps but one will be held from 9 a.m. to noon or from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and range in cost from \$69 to \$89 per week. A prep camp for the SAT, held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in mid-July, costs \$169.

Morning care is available from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. for an additional \$28 per week; and afternoon care, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., for an additional \$21 per week.

"Students have so much fun and the day goes fast," Lowerre says. "Kids will meet so many new kids from other schools."

Kids on Campus topics range from "Bubble Blast" – for kindergarteners and first-graders who will learn to make their own bubble solution and bubble snakes – to geometry prep, algebra prep and creative writing for older students.

For more information, visit bc3.edu/koc.