

BC3's Kids on Campus turns 20 with 61 new camps

May 22 open house set before summer of hands-on, imagination-inspiring experiences

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Children work with pulleys and design a crane in this 2017 file photo from Butler County Community College's Kids on Campus. The 2018 summer enrichment program features 96 camps, 61 of them new, and begins its 20th year on June 18.

(Butler, PA) Butler County Community College's Kids on Campus summer enrichment program celebrates its 20th anniversary in June with 61 new camps and with the most selections for those in Grades 2 to 8 since 2009, coordinator Eva Lowerre says.

Ninety-six four-day camps – hands-on experiences that hold imaginations in acting, arts and crafts, athletics, cooking, gardening, sewing, and science, technology, engineering and mathematics -- are scheduled from June 18 to Aug. 2 on BC3's main campus in Butler Township.

Kids on Campus sessions are divided among those in kindergarten and first grade, second through fourth grades and fifth through eighth grades. Morning camps will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and separate afternoon camps, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

Children can bring a packed lunch or purchase lunch daily for \$6 at the Pioneer Café on campus if attending morning and afternoon camps.

Teens on Campus, for those in Grades 6 to 12 and with camps titled "STEM Event for Girls," "SAT Prep," "Intro to Photography," "STEM Event for Boys" and "Fondant Cake" will be held June 18-July 19.

Camp costs start at \$69, plus a \$2 registration fee per student. Morning care is available from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. for \$28 per week, and afternoon care, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for \$21 per week.

Among the new camps for those in Grades 2 to 8 is "Flying Technologies," in which children can learn about aeronautical engineering and design flying machines; "Cubelets," in which students discover how programmed blocks work together in a series of challenges; and "Breakfast Club," which teaches students about basic cooking techniques and how to follow recipes to make morning favorites.

"Many parents will have their children take a nice mix of camps," Lowerre said. "Some are academic-based, but some are sports or fine arts-based so the children can get a well-rounded summer. We have something for everyone."

The all-new "Cubelets and EV3 Robotics," "Fairy Garden" and "NASA Challenge" camps join favorites from 2017 that include "Total Gym," "Act One" and "Watercolor."

"These camps keep the children's mind working, which will carry over to the next school year," Lowerre said. "They are not just playing a video game or watching television. They will be learning, experiencing hands-on activities, forming friendships and having fun."

Visitors can tour BC3's campus, visit classrooms, learn more about programming and register by attending an open house from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. May 22 in the Succop Theater lobby, Lowerre said.

For more information or to request a registration form, call 724-287-8711 Ext. 8504.