

BC3's 2019 Kids on Campus offers 104 camps

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Students are shown participating in LEGO Science, part of Butler County Community College's Kids on Campus summer enrichment program and in which they use science, technology, engineering and mathematics principles to discover force and gravity, in this July 2018 file photo. BC3's 2019 Kids on Campus program begins with an open house May 22.

(Butler, PA) Butler County Community College's 21st Kids on Campus summer enrichment program for students in grades kindergarten through 12 will feature a 10-year high of 68 new camps among its 104 selections and begins with an open house May 22.

Kids on Campus offers four-day camps – hands-on experiences in acting, arts and crafts, athletics, cooking, gardening, sewing, and science, technology, engineering and mathematics – from June 17 through Aug. 1 on BC3's main campus in Butler Township.

"We have classes in a wide variety of selections," said Eva Lowerre, BC3's Kids on Campus coordinator. "The students are building, creating, programming and exercising while they are on campus. Students come with friends, but most times make new friends while creating new things together in the classroom."

New four-day Best of Kids on Campus programs, for those through eighth grade, are scheduled from Aug. 5-8.

“Students will get a taste of the best parts about Kids on Campus,” Lowerre said. “Cooking, sports, technology, games and crafts ... every day will have a variety of different bests.”

Programs are divided among those in kindergarten and first grade, second through fourth grades, fifth through eighth grades, and ninth through 12th grades.

Among the new camps for students in grades 5-8 are those teaching the use of a sewing machine in DIY Sewing, Sewing I and Sewing II and, Lowerre said, “We have some great new cooking and baking classes including Your Bacon Me Hungry, Candy Shoppe and Soups and Sliders.”

Returning to the 2019 Kids on Campus lineup is Cubelets and EV3 Robotics, which, Lowerre said, “are a huge hit, especially when combined with LEGOS.”

A new floral academy, for those in grades 9-12 and in which students can gain initial skills for future employment, is set from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 24-27.

Students, Lowerre said, “can walk away with the knowledge to get a job within the field” of floral arrangements. “It’s job training.”

Floral Academy students will explore flower identification, design basics, one-sided arrangements, all-around centerpieces and water arrangements – and business and employment possibilities in a course taught by Vicki Beuth, an FTD master designer.

Morning camps are 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. Camp costs start at \$69 per student, which includes tuition and fees. Morning care is available from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. for \$28 weekly, and afternoon care, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for \$21 weekly.

Visitors can visit classrooms, learn more about programming and register at the open house from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. May 22 in the lobby of Succop Theater on BC3’s main campus. For more information or to request a registration form, call 724-287-8711 Ext. 8504.