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EnergyVenture summer camp will explore career opportunities in the energy field

PASADENA, Texas – This summer, EnergyVenture, a summer camp for 7th, 8th and 9th grad students, will be held at community colleges in the Gulf Coast region. The camp focuses on the array of career opportunities that are available in the energy industry.

“This is a workforce initiative to fill the pipeline of workers needed in years to come at the energy companies in Houston and its surrounding area,” said Susan Muha, executive vice president of strategic and economic development at San Jacinto College. “The program is designed for young people to learn while having fun. They will perform lab experiments related to energy topics, win prizes for ‘best in class’ team efforts, take a behind the scene tour of an energy-related production facility, and interview recent college graduates who are working in the energy field.”

The concept for the camp came to fruition based on the State of Texas Industry Cluster Initiative Report and the East Harris County Manufacturing Association’s research. The study indicated there is a lack of awareness by young people of the good paying, high skill jobs that are available in the energy industry.

Young people will experience first-hand what the industry has to offer in terms of career paths. The likelihood of these individuals staying in the Gulf Coast region to meet the future employment demands is greater if they know they have good employment choices in Houston.

Camps are being held at San Jacinto College’s North, South and Central campuses in Houston and Pasadena June 15-19, June 22-26, July 6-10, July 13-17 and July 20-24.

In addition, Lee College in Baytown, Brazosport College in Lake Jackson and College of the Mainland in Texas City are also running EnergyVenture campus in June and July.

Camps run Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Daily lunch and snacks are provided.

The campus would not be possible without corporate support. Shell and ExxonMobil are Gold Sponsors of the camp. Full scholarships are available for a limited number of accepted students into the camp, a \$300 value. The student pays a \$30 registration fee and space is limited.

For information and to apply for a scholarship, please call the EnergyVenture hotline at 281-478-2772.

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