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FAIRFIELD COUNTY WORKFORCE CENTER TO HOST SUMMER EXPLORE CAREER CAMPS

[CARROLL, OH] - The Fairfield 33 Development Alliance and the Fairfield County Workforce Center will host Explore Career Camps this summer for Fairfield County students who will be in grades 6, 7, and 8 during the 2024-2025 academic year. These unique camps will introduce youth to one-week sessions to build interest in careers in engineering, healthcare, and construction.

In its third year, the Workforce Center Career Camps will be led by instructors from Hocking College, Ohio University-Lancaster, and Lancaster City Schools, with support from Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency and Pickerington Local Schools. There will be no fee or cost to the students participating in the camps – all are funded by the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance, the Fairfield County Commissioners, Lancaster City Schools, and a grant from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

“As Fairfield County continues to expand, so will the demand for a workforce skilled in manufacturing, and construction,” said Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development Director. “Our goal is to introduce and inspire interest in these fields. The Explore Career Camps provide hands-on experience for students to discover an affinity for things like engineering, building, and STEM-related fields. These camps are widely popular and fill up quickly – which is encouraging and exciting.”

The camps will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The final day will provide an opportunity for family members to visit the camp to see what their students have learned throughout the camp. The Totally Tech Bot camp is part of Senator Sharrod Brown’s Manufacturing Camps held throughout Ohio. This camp will teach robotics and other advanced manufacturing skills to students. The Healthcare Heroes Camp will introduce students to careers in healthcare in a fun setting. The Builders Camp gives students an opportunity for hands-on learning in basic carpentry and other skilled trades. And the All-Girls STEM camp encourages females to become involved in engineering.

Space for students in all the camps is limited and registration is required. For additional information, visit www.fairfieldcountyohioworkforcecenter.gov/career-camps.html.

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