



News Release

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College For Kids Being Held at NMCC

Aroostook— Northern Maine Community College’s Continuing Education Division is hosting a new program, “*college 4 kids*,” on the NMCC campus to help middle-school students get a better understanding of what a college campus is like. The programs are designed to be fun, yet educational. Students will be exposed to college setting and feel more comfortable with preparing for college when they begin high school. The program is scheduled to run April 7 – April 11 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM each afternoon. Five different subjects, one each afternoon, will include topics on honing study skills, the geometry of origami, the fundamentals of playing the guitar, online safety and CPR. Students will also be able to receive a nationally-recognized certification if they choose to participate in the Friends & Family CPR course. The registration fee for each class is \$10, or all-for-one price of \$35 to register for all five.

“These students have little flexibility in their academic schedule until they reach high school and college. This allows students to mix and match the classes they’re interested in and be exposed to the learning environment provided at the college level,” Shawn Lahey from the Continuing Education Division explains. “We hope this opportunity will inspire students to think about their future options before they reach the high-school level. It can be stressful for a high-school student to decide on a career path and begin the college application process. This will allow them to get a feel for how things work and to start thinking about their future a little earlier.”

The Continuing Education Division has been working with Presque Isle Middle School, the Aroostook Band of Micmacs’ Education Department and Presque Isle Housing Authority to organize the communication to local students as well as to offer scholarships to students who meet the criteria.

“This is a great opportunity to expose younger kids to the college campus and to become comfortable and feel welcome on campus,” said Jennifer Trombley, Presque Isle Housing Authority Executive Director. “In addition, the planned courses offer a variety of skills and subjects that will also expand their horizons.” The Housing Authority has established a scholarship fund for the *college 4 kids* program and has offered to pay up to \$35 toward tuition for all qualifying public-housing students who would like to sign up for the program. The Aroostook Band of Micmacs’ Education Department has also established funding for tribal members who would like to participate in the program.

Students currently enrolled in grades 6, 7 and 8 from Aroostook County are welcome to attend. For more information or to register for the program, visit www.nmcc.edu or call (207)768-2849.

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