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FAIRFIELD COUNTY WORKFORCE CENTER TO HOST FREE EXPLORE CAREER CAMPS

[CARROLL, OH] - The Fairfield 33 Development Alliance and the Fairfield County Workforce Center are thrilled for the return of Explore Career Camps this summer, free of charge for Fairfield County students who will be in grades 6, 7, and 8 during the 2025-2026 academic year. These unique camps will introduce youth to one-week sessions designed to build interest in careers in advanced manufacturing, healthcare, and construction.

In its fourth 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 ASCENT. 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, and Lancaster City Schools.

“We continue to be amazed at the popularity of these unique camps,” said Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development Director. “Our goal is to introduce and inspire interest in future careers by providing hands-on experiences in engineering, building, and STEM-related fields. But these experiences deliver even more than skills and insight; students are having a blast while engaging, creating, and making friends.”

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 from their involvement. The Totally Tech Bot 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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