

Worlds Unbound promotes world of science to eager young minds

by Jonathan Stone

A unique program hosted by UNB enables junior high school students the opportunity to have fun while being exposed to science.

Worlds Unbound is a nationwide science camp for students in grades four through eight, and UNB is the only university in Atlantic Canada which offers it.

College Hill Day Care promoting logo contest

The College Hill Day Care Board of Directors is holding a logo contest to raise money for the daycare's construction.

The logo should be simple enough for children at the daycare to copy and color. While designing the logo, contestants should also keep in mind the name of the daycare, College Hill Day Care Co-operative Ltd. Entries are encouraged from every one, including school children, art classes and graphic artists.

The working Committee's Board of Directors will choose the top three submissions, with the help of a graphic artist. The public will then have a chance to vote on the design they like best by putting a loonie toward it. Voting will take place at the Student Union Building and other locations on the UNB campus.

The winning logo will be chosen on April 9. This design will be the official logo for the daycare and will be displayed on company letterhead and the like.

There is no fee for entering the contest and submissions will be accepted until March 15. Submissions should be sent to: Kathy Edwards, 33 Marlow Rd., Fredericton NB, E3C 1M6.

In all, there are fifteen such camps across Canada, part of the Youth in Engineering and Science (YES) camps.

The difference here is that funding comes through the Chair of Women in Engineering, so an extra emphasis is put on attracting enrolment of which 50% are girls. As well, half of the instructors are female.

The instructors are all UNB science students and the camp is student run.

Jennifer Flanagan, the director, said the camp is not geared to the highly intellectual like other science camps.

"It's a non-exclusive camp. Our goal is to give students from less exposed areas a chance to be interested in science," she said, "The point is to expose kids to science and engineering in a fun sort of way, to show them the diversity of it."

So "hands-on" science learning is enabled through such aids as a working model of a life-size human

body, complete with detachable organs, or a cut-away of an eight cylinder engine block.

The young students become fully certified after attending, and receive a booklet of experiments they can perform at home.

There are also perks thrown in to attract girls. For instance, any boy who can sign up a girl gains automatic acceptance into the camp.

During the first six weeks of summer, the UNB instructors travel

the province to less opportune locales where science classes may not have the same calibre of resources found in urban areas.

Here they demonstrate through workshops how fun science can be, and attract keen young minds.

The camp can provide for as many as 40 students a week.

There is currently a need for five more students to work as instructors. Applications are available at the science library and the EUS office.

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