

Mercer's Camp College

Camp College: A great place to be a kid

Whether it's the entire summer, a few weeks, or one day, imagine one site for your child's camp experience that offers athletics, the arts, intellectual challenges, and just plain fun. That place is Mercer County Community College, home to the very popular Camp College, Sports Camps, and Tomato Patch. Located on the beautiful West Windsor Campus, this 292-acre top-notch facility is located five miles south of Princeton, on Old Trenton Road, in West Windsor/Hamilton Townships, bordering Mercer County Park.

This well-recognized college has provided a safe, nurturing and fun environment for young people for more than two decades. A mature staff of top quality instructors, many of them teachers from the local area, college faculty and professionals in their field, all who enjoy working with children, share their specialties in a relaxed setting. More than 80 unique summer programs, full of variety and fun will be offered this summer for young people ages six and older. The camp season runs from June 16 to August 8. Extended hours and activities for before and after-care are available for working parents.

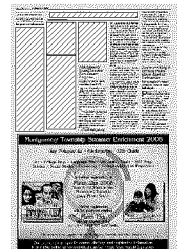
Camp College offers one three-week session, and one four-week session, Monday to Thursday, where campers, ages 6-12, develop a personalized "college style" schedule of six age-appropriate courses from more than 60 selections. Depending upon interest, selections include academics, art and crafts, music, dance, swim instruction, sports, writing for the camp newspaper and more. Optional Friday Fun Days offered at

an additional charge can extend the camp week.

Pre-Camp Week is scheduled for June 16-20 for girls and boys ages 6-13. This one-week camp, with one-day, three-day and five day options, will encourage kids to tap into their creative side, promote critical thinking skills and spark a spirit of adventure and fun. Activities include "Kids in the Kitchen," "Wild Thing," "Sensational Science," "Tails and Trails Wildlife Refuge," the "Franklin Institute" and "Summer Pool Party."

For more short-term options, consider a variety of one-week half-and full-day individually priced hands-on art, computer, culinary, science, sports camps, and recreational camps for youth, ages 6-17. Whether it's learning to create tasty goodies in the college's professional kitchen, creating digital photos and MPEG video clips, exploring marine biology at Sandy Hook, digging for fossils, acting and performing, or climbing to new heights, there's something for everyone. Middle-school students entering 7th or 8th grade can also participate in an accelerated three or four-week, half-day English, Math, or writing academic enrichment program.

Camp College will host an open house on Saturday, February 23, from noon to 2 p.m., at the Conference Center. Families can meet with the camp director, tour the facilities, and register for camp. Registration forms and detailed information about all of Mercer's summer camps are available on-line at www.mccc.edu/campcollege or call 609-570-3311 for a brochure.



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