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Anson County 4-H to Host Summer Adventure Camp

Many of the youth in the county have received brochures through their school in regards to the Summer Adventure Camp program coordinated by Anson County 4-H. This year's Summer Adventure Camp will bring more adventure, education, and fun activities than ever before! The dates and themes of the camps are listed below

- Week 1 "Cloverbud Camp" June 23-25, 5-8 years, \$30, Limit 20
- Week 2 "Health & Outdoor Fun" July 7-9, 9-12 years, \$30, Limit 25
- Week 3 "Day Camp @ Millstone 4-H Center" July 13-17, 9-14 years, \$100, Limit 25
- Week 4 "Cloverleaf Camp" July 22-24, 5-8 years, \$30, Limit 20
- Week 5 "4-H Teen Leadership" July 28-30, 9-15 years, \$40, Limit 25

All times of camps are from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Remember, you do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to participate in the summer fun programs. The cost for each week includes snacks, all supplies and cost of trips during that week.

Registration begins Tuesday, May 19 at 8:30 a.m. Don't wait too long to sign up for these programs, classes are limited and registering will be on a first come, first served basis. So start bringing forms in as soon as possible! Remember adults must come and register youth at the Extension Office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. If you have not seen a brochure or if you have questions about any of the weeks of camp, please call the Extension Office at 704-694-2915 for more details.

Wadesboro Community Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 19

On Tuesday, May 19 the First Baptist Church (Lee Avenue) in Wadesboro will host a Wadesboro Community Blood Drive, from 1:30 to 6 p.m. To schedule a life saving appointment please visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "Wadesboro Community."

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RCC Seeking Qualified Students for Energy Program

Sixteen Richmond Community College students enrolled in the Electric Utility Substation and Relay Technology (EUSRT) program recently had the opportunity to vie for seven summer internship spots with Duke Energy. Landing an internship with Duke Energy is a golden opportunity for these students. They will earn a base salary, and their housing is paid for if they have to relocate for the summer. These internships also position them for a job with the company upon graduation.

"Richmond Community College is offering a two-year degree program that is not being offered anywhere else in the country, and we are getting attention from companies in the utility industry as far away as Alaska that are interested in hiring our graduates," said Steve Lampley, lead instructor for the EUSRT program.

Municipal Light & Power of Anchorage sent Lampley an email last week looking for EUSRT graduates to fill a relay technician job opening. The salary for the position is \$100,380.

About the EUSRT Program Established in partnership between RCC and Duke Energy, the EUSRT program prepares students for careers in the electric utility industry and other industries that rely on complex control systems.

In the utility industry, entry level technicians with two- or four-year degrees in electronics engineering require five years of training to be capable of maintaining and supporting substations and the relay equipment associated with them. The EUSRT program, however, was crafted specifically to develop technicians with the training and skills to begin work immediately in the utility industry and cut the normal training time in half. Salaries for this two-year degree typically start around \$60,000 a year.

"We wanted to create a program that would provide people with sustainable 21st Century jobs," Dr. Dale McInnis, RCC president, said. "When the College recognized the power industry's need to train the next generation of utility workers to replace those approaching retirement age, we were on board to establish a program that would meet a demand and offer our students an opportunity for high skill, high wage jobs."

Duke Energy has been instrumental in the development of the EUSRT program at RCC, providing over a million dollars in funding and equipment since the program's inception in 2011. Doble Engineering Company has also been a key partner for the program through annual donations of test equipment and software. Other companies want on board as well. South Carolina Electric & Gas recently reached out to Lampley to donate recycled equipment to the program, as well as to inquire about hiring graduates.

Representatives from Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories based out of Washington State came to RCC to interview EUSRT students for technician positions at its Tampa location. Schweitzer is the premier global manufacturer of products and services for the protection, monitoring, control, automation and metering of electric power systems.

Ambitious Students Needed Thirteen students are graduating from the EUSRT program on May 16. All 13 have received job offers for positions paying \$29 to \$31 per hour. "This is a challenging program, and we need quality students with strong math and science skills who are going to be focused and work hard."

Lampley, a former senior engineering technical support specialist for Duke Energy, retired from a 42-year career in the utility industry.

Retiring the Bar High Students coming out of the EUSRT program at RCC are well prepared to work in this field, and companies are taking notice. "A company that interviewed one of our students for a job opening in Florida said the student demonstrated more technical knowledge than others they'd interviewed, including ones with -ear engineering degrees," Lampley said.

Lampley has also received positive feedback about his former students who are working in the industry. "One of the students from our first graduating class has been working for Duke Energy for a couple years now, and her supervisor recently said he would hire 10 more like her if he could," Lampley said.

Enrollment Information RCC is now accepting new students for its summer and fall semesters. New students can meet with an advisor and sign up for summer classes May 20 from 2:30 to 5:45 at RCC's main campus, 1042 W. Hamlet Ave., Hamlet. Registration for fall classes will be held June 25 and July 9 from 2:30 to 5:45 p.m. at the main campus.

To learn more about the EUSRT program at RCC, visit www.richmondcc.edu or call (910) 410-1700.

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This Week in Sports

Anson High School Athletic Director Terry Mabry has released the sports events scheduled for this week.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- AHS: Cheerleading Tryouts
- AMS: Baseball vs. TBA @ Home 4:00


*2nd Round of Playoffs

THURSDAY, MAY 14

- AHS: Cheerleading Tryouts

FRIDAY, MAY 15

- AHS: Cheerleading Tryouts



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