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Applications to Camp Invention, Marine Science Academy continue to be accepted

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Students interested in taking part in summer science activities are urged to apply quickly. The Carteret County Public School System will offer two programs this summer designed to provide students hands-on inquiry based science experiences.

The Brad Sneeden Marine Science Academy is for rising seventh, eighth and ninth graders. Camp Invention is designed for rising first through sixth graders.

The Brad Sneeden Marine Science Academy will be a fast-paced, week-long day camp and will take place June 15-19, 2009. The theme for this year's Academy is careers. The Academy will be limited to 50 students from the Carteret County Public School System and five students from the Craven County Public School System. All applicants must be entering seventh, eighth or ninth grade in the fall of 2009. Students who took part in the Academy last year are not eligible to apply this year.

Academy students will be active every day and will be involved in hands-on activities such as trawling from a boat, conducting field research on a barrier island, learning about aquaculture and setting up experiments. Students will also work with remotely operated vehicles, dissections, GPS systems and technology. While all these activities are taking place, students will learn about and observe the many careers in the marine sciences.

The Marine Science Academy is an exciting science opportunity that was created by a group of Carteret County science teachers working with the late superintendent Brad Sneeden. The agenda will focus on the rich marine science community in Carteret County and will involve area scientists and scientific institutions

Each day at the Academy will begin at 8 a.m. and end by 5 p.m. The home base for the Academy will be Carteret Community College; however, most days will be spent in outdoor activities at Cape Lookout National Seashore, Shackleford Banks and the NC Aquarium, as well as in science laboratories and waterways across the county.

Applications for the Academy are due April 24, 2009. The tuition for Carteret Marine Science Academy is \$175. A limited number of partial scholarships are available. Applications are available in middle school offices throughout Carteret County and online at www.carteretcountyschools.org. The partial scholarship information is on the application form.

Camp Invention is a nationally recognized program that has been active for the last 19 years. The program hires local teachers to provide the instruction. It is a week-long program that will promote creativity, teamwork, inventive-thinking skills and science literacy.

Camp Invention will take place at two locations in the county this summer. Any Carteret County Public School System student is eligible to attend any of the two sessions, regardless of where they live, or one student could attend both of the sessions by attending one each week.

One camp will take place June 15-19, 2009, at Morehead City Primary School.

Another camp will take place June 22-26, 2009, at both Beaufort Elementary School. Each day will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m.

Applications for Camp Invention are due May 29, 2009. The cost of Camp Invention is \$205 per student. A limited number of partial scholarships are available for students. Applications and scholarship information is available online at www.cartercountyschools.org.