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Girls GETT ready, GETT set, GETT going

SIAS Palliser GETT Camp concludes with go-kart race

Moose Jaw, July 13, 2007 – The parking lot at SIAS Palliser Campus was transformed into a go-kart race track today. In the end, everyone came out on top.

The races were the finale of the SIAS Palliser GETT (Girls Exploring Trades and Technology) Camp. The camp allows a group of 10 girls to participate in a number of hands-on activities, including carpentry, computer design and various other trades and technology programs. The girls were introduced to women who are actively engaged in trade and tech occupations, developed an awareness of the importance of course choices in high school, and completed their go-karts as a shop project.

Trisha Jattansingh, the SIAS Palliser GETT Camp coordinator, is pleased with the results of the camp. "GETT camp was a great success this year. The girls had the opportunity to change spark plugs with a female automotive service technician as well as meet many women working for the City of Moose Jaw as engineers, pipefitters and truck drivers. We hope that by introducing them to women who are actively involved in trades and technology careers we have shown them that young women can excel in these fields."

The go-kart project served to familiarize the participants with the technical components of computer design and construction. "The activity promotes physical fitness, motor coordination and logistics of human body mechanics, such as leverage and weight displacement, plus the girls have fun designing and building them," said Jattansingh.

The GETT Camp concluded with a barbecue and a fun competition in which the participants raced the go-karts they designed and built during the camp. Immediately following the races, participants were recognized for their achievements at a short awards ceremony.

SIAS Palliser's GETT Camp is one of several being organized at SIAS campuses across the province this summer.

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