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Girls GETT trades and tech options at SIAST

SIAST Woodland Campus GETT Camp concludes with go-kart race

July 15, 2011 – Grade 7 and 8 students from local schools have been participating in a week-long camp at SIAST Woodland Campus. Girls Exploring Trades and Technology (GETT) camps introduce girls to industrial trades and technical career choices.

“The girls had the opportunity to meet a number of great role models, women who work as electricians, welders and carpenters. Getting to see real women who do these jobs each day is an important part of letting these young women know that these careers are excellent opportunities for women!” says GETT Camp coordinator Crystal Stadnyk.

GETT campers at SIAST Woodland Campus were taught carpentry and computer design software skills as they created and assembled go-karts. The camp also reinforces the importance of course choices such as science, math and industrial arts at the high school level. The girls also had a chance to try out some electronics skills as they soldered together a circuit board to create a solar-charged night light.

The GETT camp wrapped up with a barbecue and a fun competition in which the girls raced their go-karts. The girls were recognized for their achievements at an awards ceremony.

SIAST is Saskatchewan’s primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. More than 15,000 students were enrolled in SIAST programs in the most recent academic year; additionally, the organization drew almost 25,000 individual course registrations. Through program and course registrations, SIAST served almost 26,000 distinct students with programs that touch every sector of the economy. SIAST operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

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