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From wind turbines to solar power and cool green technology for girls: Cap Region BOCES offers local teens hands-on, high-tech camps - tuition-free

From wind turbines and solar power to a cool green technology camp for girls, the Capital Region BOCES Career & Technical School (Career & Tech) is offering area teens three different, weeklong Career Pathways Summer Institute camps at the school's campuses in Albany (Colonie) and Schoharie. The camps are offered jointly with the Greater Capital Region Career Pathways Consortium, a partnership of several area BOCES and colleges.

Future Green: An Exploration of Green Energy Technologies will be offered at Career & Tech's campus on Watervliet-Shaker Road in Colonie from July 13-17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The camp is open to students entering 9th and 10th grades this fall.

Girls Going Green! will be held at Career & Tech's Schoharie campus on Route 30A just off I-88, from July 13-17, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The camp is open to young women entering 9th grade in the fall.

Green Power! will be offered from July 20-24, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Career & Tech Schoharie campus on Route 30A just off I-88. The camp is open to students entering 10th grade in the fall.

Tuition for the camps is free, but space is limited. Meal expenses and transportation are not provided. Information on all three camps is available at www.questar.org/summer09. Information on Future Green: An Exploration of Green Energy Technologies is also available from Tracy Gyoerkoe, Capital Region BOCES Career & Tech, (518) 862-4821, tgyoerk@gw.neric.org. Information on Girls Going Green! and Green Power! is available from Denise Capece, Capital Region BOCES Career & Tech, (518) 295-3036, dcapece@gw.neric.org.

At Future Green: An Exploration of Green Energy Technologies, students will learn how solar power, wind turbines and fuel cells have not only sparked new sources of energy, but also ignited environmentally friendly, fun and rewarding careers. Students will be exposed to a blend of new and emerging technologies through creative field trips and fun, hands-on activities including: constructing and racing a solar-powered car, creating a wind turbine and testing its power output, experimenting with fuel cells, and taking a field trip to a local power facility.

Who says a career in heavy equipment and building trades is just for guys? Construction is cool – it can be green, too! Girls Going Green! is for young women who are interested in exploring a non-traditional career that uses green technologies and advanced techniques. Hands-on activities will explore wind and solar power, our carbon footprint and the environment, and things we can do to make a difference. Girls Going Green! campers also will learn from instructors who are experienced women professionals and role models.

Young men and women signing up for Green Power! will quickly learn how a career in heavy equipment and construction can be environmentally friendly, fun and rewarding. Young men and women will learn through hands-on activities that explore wind and solar power, our carbon footprint and the environment, and things we can do to make a difference. Both the Green Power! and Girls Going Green! camps will feature "Your Role in the Green Environment," a program developed by the National Center for Construction Education and Research.

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With campuses in Albany (Colonie) and Schoharie, the Capital Region BOCES Career & Technical School provides more than 40 programs of study for high school and adult students living in Albany, Schoharie, Schenectady and southern Saratoga counties. The school is operated by the Capital Region Board of Cooperative Educational Service (BOCES).

The Greater Capital Region Career Pathways Consortium is a partnership between Capital Region BOCES, Questar III, SUNY Cobleskill, Columbia-Greene Community College, Hudson Valley Community College, Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES, Schenectady County Community College. The Consortium is developing new programs in green technologies, advanced manufacturing systems, nanotechnology and bioscience at both the high school and college levels. The Consortium is also working to improve the connection between other career and technical education programs taught at the high school level with degree programs offered at local colleges.

The Greater Capital Region Career Pathways Consortium along with its members advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers employment and educational opportunities without regard to gender, race, color, national origin or disability.