Exploring Engineering Day

Engineers make our world a better place to live!

Dear Parents/Guardians/Teachers:

The School of Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (R.P.I.) invites parents/guardians and their children in grades 3 to 6 to attend **Exploring Engineering Day (EED)**. EED is a **FREE** half-day program that introduces children to the field of engineering through fun hands-on activities led by college students studying engineering. Girls and boys who enjoy solving puzzles are sure to enjoy this program while learning how engineers make our lives easier, safer, healthier, and fun!

Exploring Engineering Day will take place at R.P.I. in Troy, NY on Saturday, February 10, 2018. In the event that snow is forecasted, the program may be postponed to Saturday, February 24. **Families who want to participate in EED should plan to save both Saturday dates in their calendars.**

Register for Exploring Engineering Day 2018 at http://bit.ly/EED2018

Be sure to click the "Submit" key once you've completed the registration form, otherwise, we won't receive your responses!

If you have difficulty accessing the registration page or if you want to verify that your child is registered, please email Julie Granata at granaj3@rpi.edu or call Julie at 518-276-6203.

Registrations will remain open until November 30, 2017, but register early because the program fills quickly. An email will be sent out on December 4 letting everyone know if their child is confirmed to attend the program or if they are on a waiting list. More information about this is included on the registration form (URL provided above). Because program capacity is limited, we do not accept walk-ins.

The program is divided into two sessions, a morning session from 8:15 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. and an afternoon session from 12:45 to 4:40 p.m. There's a section on the form to reference the names of children from different families who want to be grouped together. Children involved in community programs, such as Scouts, will also be grouped together if the parent notes the group affiliation and requests their child to be included in that group.

Parents should complete registration forms for each of their own children and may reference the name of a friend or relative on their child's registration form. We'll assign friends/relatives who are referenced on a form to the same session group. Each session group is limited to 20 children and 20 parents (one parent per child). Two trained RPI college students will escort and chaperone each group and no fewer than 6 college students will lead and engage the children in four 30-minute hands-on, interactive activities.

We encourage parents to accompany their children to this program, yet we also understand that some parents work on week-ends and may not be available to accompany their child/children. While Parents/Guardians must register their own children and initial the registration form providing their permission for their children to attend the program, they may designate an adult chaperone (18 years or older) to accompany their child(ren) to the program.

If you have questions, please write to me at ruelb@rpi.edu or call me at 518-276-2618, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If I'm away from my desk, please leave me a voice message with a short message, including your first and last name, phone number, or your email address. Please speak slowly and spell your first and last name.

Hope you can join us for ***Exploring Engineering Day*** 2018!

Sincerely,

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