

Appalachian offers Challenging Weekend for Middle and High-School Students

Written by Submitted

Wednesday, 19 October 2011 11:18

On Saturday, November 5, and Sunday, November 6, Appalachian State University will offer academically gifted students in 7th – 12th grade a challenging learning experience through the Mountaineer Student Enrichment Program. In this weekend of creative and interactive learning activities, students will enroll in one class and explore in-depth material typically not included in school curricula. For the Fall MSEP, students can explore one of three classes. In “Getting Social with Social Media”, students will explore identity in online spaces, creating imaginary characters and living out their lives online for a day. This team will also invent a model community for a made-up social network, considering what makes online communities meaningful, valuable, and sustainable.

In “Writing in Nature”, students will explore how published writers approach nature writing. This group will be experimenting with different forms such as odes, or subjects, such as an animal’s world through the animal’s eyes or a story focusing on experiences with earth, air, fire and water. At the end of the workshop selected works will be put into a group publication.

In the third module, “Earth-shaking Science”, students will study two 6.7 magnitude earthquakes that caused billions in damage but had dramatically different death tolls. How could the death toll be 57 in one case while the second earthquake killed 5,100 people? This class will examine solutions as students learn what causes earthquakes, what causes the damage during earthquakes, and how cities can prepare for these earth-shaking events.

The MSEP program is open to all current 7th-12th graders who have been identified as academically gifted by local school criteria. The \$265 tuition covers housing, food, and all course activities, and the deadline to register is October 28th. Complete information is available at <http://www.camps.appstate.edu/academic/scholar.php> or you may call Mike Duus at 828-262-3045.