The University of Iowa - College of Engineering
2016 Spring Break Pre-Engineering Camp
Parent Information

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Spring Break Pre-Engineering Camps strive to develop and enhance students’ problem solving and critical thinking skills, provide an opportunity for creative expression, and foster students’ curiosity about science and technology through fun-filled engineering projects. It is a hands-on, project-based program designed to engage, expose and inspire youth in Kindergarten and First Grade. The University of Iowa, College of Engineering will be offering the following pre-engineering camp:

Simple Machines (Grades K-1)
This program is designed to have a perfect mixture of fun and learning, using LEGO Simple Machines. Students will have the opportunity to discover basic physical science concepts such as gears, pulleys, levers, and wheels and axles; and discover their hidden talents as they design, and build their own creation.

PROGRAM DATES & TIME AND FEES
- DATE: March 14-18, 2016
- TIME: 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm
- FEE: $175.00/ session

PROGRAM LOCATION
The spring break pre-engineering camps will be held in classrooms within the Kirkwood Regional Center at the University of Iowa (2301 Oakdale Blvd, Coralville, IA) near the University of Iowa Oakdale Campus.

PROGRAM WITHDRAWAL AND REFUND POLICY
- If you would like to withdraw your child from a program they are already registered in, all requests should be made in writing by sending an email to k12-outreach@uiowa.edu prior to March 04, 2016.
- Program registrations are non-refundable after March 04, 2016.

WHAT TO BRING AND WHAT TO WEAR
Please dress your child appropriately, as sometimes a thin sweatshirt may be necessary.
- Students should wear closed-toe comfortable shoes.
- Please note all clothing should be labeled with student’s full name.

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF INFORMATION
Students may be dropped-off and picked-up in the main entrance lobby of the Kirkwood Regional Center at the University of Iowa. A Pre-Engineering Camps representative will be in the lobby to welcome students. There will be plenty of parking in front of the building.
- Students need to arrive no earlier than 8:55am (Morning) and 12:55pm (Afternoon).
- Students need to be picked-up no later than 12:10pm (Morning) and 4:10pm (Afternoon).
- We request a parent/guardian to sign-in and sign-out your child daily.
- If your child will be carpooling, please complete the carpooling form on the first day.
- Children not picked up 15 minutes after the end of the program without any notification, the UI police and the department of human services will be contacted for assistance.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

GOALS
Pre-Engineering Camps at the University of Iowa are designed to get children excited about science and technology, and:

- Teach the benefits of teamwork and valuable communication skills.
-Expose students to concepts of engineering, architecture, physics and mathematics.
-Develop and enhance students’ problem solving and critical thinking skills.
-Introduce basic design skills through a hands-on approach.

CAMP FORMAT

- Projects typically start with an introduction and short presentation followed by a design/building assignment.
- Students are introduced to engineering terminology that they are encouraged to use throughout the class when identifying pieces, posing questions, or assisting each other.
- Instructors and mentors circulate and assist the children in realizing their project goals.

CURRICULUM
The following concepts and key learning values will be covered in the program:

- Observing and investigating the operation of simple and compound machines found in everyday life: gears, wheels and axles, levers and pulleys.
- Following a design brief as part of the engineering design process.
- Investigating and working through observations, reasoning, predicting, reflecting and critical thinking.

PROJECT PICTURES

- At the end of each session, parents are invited to a ‘demonstration event’, where each student will have an opportunity to showcase their project.

PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS

- Scholarships will be awarded to families that need assistance and financial support for their child to attend this program. Please email Tracy Peterson, k12-outreach@uiowa.edu to request an application.

WAITLIST FOR PROGRAMS

- Once a session is filled, a waitlist for that session will be generated and kept updated internally.
- No deposit or payment is required until a space is offered to a student.
- Should a space become available, program staff will contact families on the waitlist.