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Surry County Schools Hosted STEM Camps to Spark Summer Learning

Surry County Schools' teachers and students were actively pursuing their STEM passions during the summer months of June and July participating in a variety of summer camps and enrichment opportunities. Mr. Jeff Edwards, Science/STEM Coordinator for the Surry County Schools Science Institute shared, "During the summer STEM camp programs, 47 elementary students learned about the engineering design process, while 40 middle school students took part in a Jr. Camp Med and Agriculture Camp. Another 27 middle schoolers attended LEGO Robotics Camp for a total of 114 summer camp participants."

The four summer STEM Camps were offered to students at no cost to them or their families. Transportation was provided free of charge and students enjoyed a hot, healthy lunch each day provided by School Nutrition.

The Elementary STEM Camp featured fun-filled days of hands-on learning and exploration of science, technology, and the engineering design process. It is also designed to help students think about how STEM impacts their daily lives.

The Jr. Camp Med program focused on the opportunity to visit the PA-Center, Anatomy Laboratory, and Virtual Reality Cate Laboratory Departments at High Point University's Congdon School of Health Sciences. Jr. Camp Med is designed to identify, recruit and prepare students for careers in the health professions by offering special presentations, tours, and observations in the field.

The Agriculture Camp program was a collaboration between high school Ag Teachers and the Surry County Cooperative Extension Service. Student leaders from the high schools served as Jr. Leaders for this program. Participants learned farming and agricultural techniques, as well as career opportunities across Surry County in the field of agricultural science through field trips and experiential learning activities.

Middle schoolers also participated in Lego Robotics Camp. The Lego Robotics Camp hosted 24 students who designed, built, and programmed robots using LEGO's most advanced and latest robotics technology, MINDSTORMS® EV3. EV3 features student-friendly graphical programming language so students can immediately begin simple robotics programming and then advance into more complex mathematical algorithms.

