

Blue Ridge Community College

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On Friday, Blue Ridge Community College will host “Green Works: Exploring Best Practices and Careers in Sustainability and the Environment.” This dynamic event will focus on providing environmental and sustainability information to community members, businesses, high school students, and college students. Participants will learn about careers in environment and sustainability, and educational pathways to green jobs. The event is free and will be held in the Blue Ridge Conference Hall on the Henderson County Campus. For more information, contact James Hutcherson at (828) 694-1837 or jamesh@blueridge.edu.

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Area high school students have a unique opportunity to enroll in a summer “camp” experience this week that has nothing do with being outdoors or navigating nature trails. Camp TECHhead at Blue Ridge Community College is an “advanced manufacturing camp” for high school students. It focuses on hands-on activities, dialogue with area manufacturing professionals, career information and field trips to local companies. This camp teaches these students about advanced manufacturing and what is happening in local industries. In addition to hands-on activities, they will be taking tours of area industries including the BMW plant in Spartanburg.

Nationwide, this initiative is called STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. There is a huge push right now to expose students to the possibility of careers in this field, and that is really what we’re focusing on with this camp.

Kevin Willsie, engineer and Camp TECHhead facilitator, will help the students understand concepts like lean manufacturing.

Camp TECHhead will be held June 27 through June 30 at Blue Ridge Community College Henderson County Campus.

Applications are available on the TECHhead website at <http://bit.ly/hJZsWp>. Applications should be returned to your high school’s guidance counselor. For more information, contact your high school counselor or Shanda Bedoian at Blue Ridge Community College at shandab@blueridge.edu or (828) 694-1756.

