

STEMKAMP

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics for Kids of Active Military Personnel

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District to Host Second STEMKAMP with Goshen Education Consulting

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Students at FNSBSD's 2021 STEMKAMP

This summer from July 25 to July 29, approximately 150 Fairbanks North Star Borough School District (FNSBSD) students will embark on a five-day STEM-focused summer camp. STEMKAMP (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics for Kids of Active Military Personnel) offers participating students in grades 3-8 fun, hands-on, immersive activities designed to help them explore a wide range of STEM-related careers. FNSBSD will be the seventh host of this summer's STEMKAMP, "New Frontiers in Space", where students will explore what life on another planet might look like.

In 2020, FNSBSD was selected as one of only ten districts nationwide to participate in STEMKAMP, a camp which focuses on bringing STEM-based activities to kids of active military personnel (KAMP). FNSBSD was invited to host STEMKAMP by Goshen Education Consulting, Inc. (Goshen), a prominent STEM educational evaluation and research center, who received a grant from the U.S. Department of Defense to fund the camps nationwide. Goshen selected FNSBSD based on its connection with families employed at Eielson Air Force Base.

Goshen partners with the Illinois Biotechnology Innovation Organization (iBIO), a nonprofit dedicated to inspiring the next generation of innovators and helping restore America's leadership in technology education. iBIO is responsible for creating the hands-on STEM-based camp activities for STEMKAMP which also encourages students to consider a future career in a STEM-related discipline.

As the largest employer of scientists and engineers in the world, the Department of Defense recognizes

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STEMKAMP - the spark that ignites a passion in students to pursue a STEM-related career

the importance of inspiring students to become STEM professionals. Goshen Education Consulting, along with iBIO, have created this program for third through eighth graders based on published research data that students who express an early interest in pursuing a STEM career are two to three times more likely to graduate with a STEM college degree.

Regarding the students at STEMKAMP, Shannon McWhorter, STEMKAMP Program Director, said, "Last year, 100% of FNSBSD parents agreed that STEMKAMP made their child feel more confident learning STEM disciplines. We love seeing the student's excitement for STEM grow each day of camp. STEMKAMP really is igniting a passion for STEM in our students!" The STEMKAMP summer enrichment program will impact up to 3,750 children in military families across the United States. STEMKAMP will also be held in Sparta, WI; Cibolo, TX; Greensboro, NC; Derby, KS; North Hanover, NJ; Mascoutah, IL; Yelm, WA; Grand Forks, ND; and Middletown, RI.

For more information about STEMKAMP, visit www.stemkamp.net or contact Shannon McWhorter, STEMKAMP Program Director, at shannon@gosheneducationconsulting.com.

About Goshen Education Consulting

Goshen Education Consulting (Goshen) is a STEM educational evaluation and research center located in Edwardsville, IL. Since its founding in 2009, Goshen has conducted more than 60 educational evaluation and research projects. Goshen specializes in educational data interpretation (evaluation, research, and analysis) for educational organizations in Illinois. Beyond program implementation, its consulting services range from external program evaluation and ad hoc report writing to dashboard development and at-risk student identification. Goshen Education Consulting instills the principles of integrity, locality, clarity, and continuity in its work, which are the keys to the success of a data partner.

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About iBIO

The Illinois Biotechnology Innovation Organization (iBIO) is a life sciences industry association that represents the nearly 88,000 life sciences employees at member companies, universities, service providers and venture firms. iBIO promotes the industry's value to the public and policymakers; connects innovators to investment and talent; stimulates collaboration and fosters the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs to transform patient lives through groundbreaking research and works to grow the Illinois economy.

iBIO EDUCATE delivers industry-led STEM programs for teachers and students, thereby inspiring the next generation of innovators and helping restore America's leadership in technology education. To learn more about iBIO and its programs, visit www.ibio.org.