

Exploring Engineering Day



Engineers make our world a better place to live!

Dear Parents/Guardians/Teachers:

The School of Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (R.P.I.) invites parents/guardians and their children in grades 3 to 6 to attend **Exploring Engineering Day (EED)**. EED is a **FREE** half-day program that introduces children to the field of engineering through fun hands-on activities led by college students studying engineering. Come learn about the exciting work that engineers do to make our lives easier, safer, healthier, and fun!

Exploring Engineering Day will take place at R.P.I. in Troy, NY on Saturday, February 18, 2017. In the case of snow, the program may be postponed to the following Saturday, February 25. **Families who want to participate in EED should plan to save both Saturday dates in their calendars.**

Register for Exploring Engineering Day 2017 at: <http://bit.ly/2dQtUrl>

Be sure to click the “submit” key once you’ve completed the registration form, or we won’t receive your responses.

If you have difficulty accessing the registration page or if you want to verify that your child is registered, please email me at ruelb@rpi.edu or call me at 518-276-2618.

Registration will be open until the program reaches capacity, but the program fills quickly, so register early. An email confirming your program registration will be sent to the parent/guardian who completed the registration form within 14 days after the submission of the online form. If you don’t receive an email within 14 days of attempting to register your child, check your spam and junk email filters. If you don’t hear from us, we did not receive your electronic form or your email address may have been misspelled on the form. A final letter with detailed driving directions, parking information, and other details will be sent to registered guests by email approximately three weeks before the event date.

The program is divided into two sessions, a morning session (primarily for boys) that runs from 8:15 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. and an afternoon session (primarily for girls) that runs from 12:45 to 4:40 p.m. The program content for boys and girls is the same. Parents who want sons and daughters to attend the program together may register their children for either the morning or the afternoon session. Morning and afternoon sessions will have a minimum of one co-ed group to allow sisters and brothers or male and female friends/relatives to participate in program activities together. There’s a place on the form to reference the names of children to be grouped together. Children involved in community programs such as the Scouts, Girls, Inc., 4th Family, or Boys and Girls Clubs will also be grouped together if these group affiliations are noted on the registration form.

Children from different families may also attend the program together and request assignment to the same group. Each parent must complete a separate registration form for each of their children and may reference the name of a friend or relative on their child’s registration form. We’ll assign referenced friends/relatives to the same session group. Each session group is limited to 20 children and 20 parents (one parent per child). Two RPI college students will escort and chaperone each group and no fewer than 6 college students will lead and engage the children in four 30-minute hands-on, interactive activities.

We encourage parents to accompany their children to this program, yet we also understand that some parents work on week-ends and may not be available to accompany their child/children. While Parents/Guardians must register their own children and initial the registration form providing their permission for their children to attend the program, they may designate an adult chaperone (18 years or older) to accompany their child(ren) to the program.

If you have questions, please write to me at ruelb@rpi.edu or call me at 518-276-2618, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. If I’m away from my desk, please leave me a voice message with a short message, including your first and last name, phone number, or your email address. Please speak slowly and spell your first and last name.

Looking forward to having you join us for **Exploring Engineering Day 2017!**

Sincerely,

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