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College of the Desert offers free Summer Robotics Camp for Coachella Valley middle school students

PALM DESERT, CA — As part of its ongoing efforts to help younger students find the path to college that's right for them, College of the Desert is offering middle school students free weeklong robotics camps this summer at its Desert Hot Springs, Indio and Mecca/Thermal campuses. The camps also will be held at College of the Desert's PaCE location inside Westfield Palm Desert.

The seven sessions, which teach students entering the sixth, seventh and eighth grades how to build robots, accompany another college effort this summer to introduce students to possible STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) careers and pathways. The two-week CODE programs – the second of which runs Mondays through Thursdays beginning July 31 at the college's Indio Campus – teach middle school students about cyber security, computer coding, ethical hacking and virtual reality.

What: Middle school students learn how to build and use robots. The sessions are very visual. The free camps also include daily snacks and a T-shirt. Registration is limited to one 1-week session per student.

When: 8 a.m. to Noon Mondays through Fridays beginning July 10.

Where:

- Two weeklong sessions will be held from July 10 to July 21 at the college's PaCE location inside the Westfield Palm Desert mall. These sessions are full and have a waitlist.
- Two weeklong sessions run from July 24 to Aug. 4 at our Desert Hot Springs Campus. There are still openings for those who want to attend.
- A final weeklong session goes Aug. 7-11 at the Indio Campus. It also has a waitlist. It'll be the first time the Robotic Camp has been held in Indio.
- Two weeklong sessions were held at our Mecca/Thermal Campus June 12-23.

How to cover: If you're interested in coming over to the PaCE location to cover a session this week, please reach out to James Meier via email at JMeier@collegeofthedesert.edu or call him at (760) 773-2589.

For more information or to register for the Robotics Camps:

<https://codpace.asapconnected.com/Courses.aspx?CourseGroupID=16590>

About College of the Desert:

Established in 1958, College of the Desert (COD), located in Palm Desert, is an accredited community college serving eastern Riverside County, California. The College leads the region in providing quality, higher education, technical training and lifelong learning opportunities, in response to the dynamic needs of our diverse community. The College serves more than 14,000 credit and 1,000 non-credit students each year and is the number one source of transfer students to California State University, San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus. For more information, visit www.collegeofthedesert.edu.

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