MSUB Extended Campus
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Chicks In Science 2015

2015 Chicks in Science (CIS) is a free event aimed at girls in grades 4-8. The event features a wide variety of professionals in STEM-related (science, technology, engineering and math) fields, as well as our own STEM Stars.

The first 700 girls through the doors will receive an awesome CIS bag! For more information on our 2015 CIS event, or to volunteer, visit msubillings.edu/chicks

Studying Little Things

The event opens this year on Friday at 7:00 pm in the MSUB Petro Theatre with an Astronomy slide talk entitled "Studying LITTLE THINGS". Dr. Diedre Hunter from the Lowell Observatory will not only give the talk, but be a STEM Star at CIS! Dr. Hunter's slide talk is free to the public. Learn about what Diedre likes to study, how she got involved in astronomy, and more. Everyone is welcome!

New this year is STEM Stars where girls can talk to profession women in STEM-related fields in small groups. Our STEM Stars include:

- Dr. Diedre Hunter, Lowell Observatory
- Christina Gomer: Environmental Specialist, U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation Great Plains Region
- Lisa Scott: STREAM Project Manager
- Dr. Katey Plymesser: Asst. Professor of Engineering, Biological and Physical Sciences Department at MSUB

Kids On Campus 2015

MSUB Extended Campus will be offering numerous summer camps for youth this year in grade school, junior high, and high school.

Kids on Campus: Students entering the 4th through 8th grades
I THINK Camps: Independent thinkers in 4th through 8th grade
Young Scholars Summer Series: High school aged students entering 9th through 12th grade

MSUB’s Kids on Campus, I THINK Camps, and the Young Scholars Summer Series are fun, safe, educational ways for youth and young adults to spend the summer months.

Why choose a summer program for your child?
- Programs take place on MSUB main campus, MSUB Extended Campus (downtown), or at City College, so students experience what it’s like to be on a college campus.
- All of our summer programs are taught by K-12 educators or MSUB faculty members. They are highly qualified, professional educators who are experts in their fields.
- Each program is geared toward specific ages that are educationally relevant; they are academics-based, but fun, so your children continue learning throughout the summer.

To learn more about the summer program, visit http://www.msubillings.edu/kids/

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Welcome!

Welcome to our quarterly newsletter. Much has been happening in Extended Campus over the last year. In this issue we will highlight some of the exciting new offerings as well as provide updates on some of your favorite programs.

In particular, we are pleased to be rolling out new graduate certificate programs, enhanced support services to assist you with conferences and special events, new programs related to workforce training and new pricing for professional development credit for educators.

We hope this publication along with our website and our social media sites, will keep you informed on the programs and services offered through Extended Campus.

Don’t forget to Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for the most current information on programs.

If you have questions or comments, please send them to ecsocialmedia@msubillings.edu.

Enjoy,

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Kevin Nemeth
Director

Certificate Programs

New this year! MSUB Extended Campus in conjunction with faculty from MSUB will provide two new, unique certificate programs beginning this summer.

A Certificate in Writing and Expository Writing will be offered this summer. This 9-credit course will focus on teaching writing and developing a culture of writing for dual credit. To learn more about this program, visit http://www.msubillings.edu/extendedcampus/Teaching-Writing.htm.

TESOL, Teaching English to Students of Other Languages, will also be available this year.

To learn more about this 12-credit certificate program, please contact Laura Gittings-Carlson at lgittingscarlson@msubillings.edu.

New this year!

Credit overlay is now only $99 at MSUB Extended Campus! In the past when we offered undergraduate or graduate level professional development credit, we charged a flat rate at $199/credit. MSUB Extended Campus has been able to lower our fees to only $99/credit.

What does this look like? If you take a course from MSUB Extended Campus, we will charge a workshop fee, depending upon the instructor and materials needed, and then the credit overlay amount of $99.

We can also provide the credit overlay for K-12 professional development credits that occur in your school or other agencies. There are a few rules, so call us to learn more.

Every few years K-12 educators must take professional development courses to help with their licensure. MSUB Extended Campus and the MCIE at MSUB offers programs that can help. Throughout the year, courses are offered on a wide-array of subjects. Don’t see what you need? Let us know what programs you would like to see in the future. Contact Laura Gittings-Carlson, Continuing Education Program Developer at lgittingscarlson@msubillings.edu.
Non-Profit Board Training—June 6

Watch for information on MSU Billings Nonprofit Board Training scheduled for Saturday June 6th.

The Training will be led by local professionals and provide nonprofit board members, potential board members, and nonprofit staff members new to working with boards with training on the role and responsibilities of board members.

The training will provide participants with tools for being an effective board member and providing leadership and direction for nonprofit organizations.

The training is based on the fundamentals of nonprofits governance concepts including board structure, financial and legal oversight, strategic planning and program evaluation.

For additional information please contact John Walsh at 406 896-5872 or by email at jwalsh@msubillings.edu

Conferences and Special Events

Coordinate, develop, and execute workshops, conferences, special events, meetings, and downtown rental space. The following is a list of some of the services provided to groups or organizations interested in Conference and Special Event Services:

- Planning and Event Development
- Budget Development
- Marketing
- Registration
- Materials and Supplies Management
- Speaker/Presenter Support/IT Support
- Facilities/Catering Management
- Providing Academic credit or CEUs
- On-site Management
- Post-Event Services

In addition to our spaces that are for rent, MSUB Extended Campus has a division of Conference and Special Event Services that works with conference coordinators to plan, coordinate, and execute events and conferences.

Our exceptional team can work out every detail, provide expert advice, and offer helpful suggestions — working with our clients to fine tune their event.

Contact Briane Kruckenberg for more information briane.kruckenberg@msubillings.edu

Strawberry Festival 2015

Strawberry Festival is a celebration of all that is Spring into Summer and is sponsored by the Billings DBA. It happens in Downtown Billings at SkyPoint and beyond. MSUB Extended Campus Kids Zone will be up and running from late morning until approximately 2 pm. Various non-profits like the Center for Children and Families, Wise Wonders (Billings children’s museum) and the YMCA will be there in addition to MSUB Extended Campus staff, students, and faculty to face paint, and provide kids of all ages with a variety of kid-friendly strawberry-related arts and crafts.

Spend the day downtown at Strawberry Festival: start the day with a Pancake Breakfast at 7:30 am. Then, starting at 8:00 am, shop over 100 Arts, Crafts, Food, and Cool Stuff Booths! And don’t forget to stay for the making and cutting of the gigantic Strawberry Shortcake! To learn more, visit http://www.msubillings.edu/extendedcampus/Community_Events.htm.

We offer a spectrum of premium services, and are happy to tailor our support to match the needs of your group, as well as your budget.
MSUB Extended Campus offers a variety of online non-credit career education programs in partnership with World Education.

Sign up today for Event Management and Design, Introduction to Grant Research and Writing, Management for High Technology Professionals, and much more.

Over 70 certificates can be earned in Business, Healthcare and Fitness, Hospitality and Gaming, IT and Software Development, Sustainability, Media and Design, and Skilled Trades.

Specific information on each course can be found at http://msub.worldeducation.net/

Paralegal Certificate Courses
Sign up today to register for Westlaw’s Paralegal Certificate Course© offered through Montana State University Billings.

Courses begin May 4 and extend through June 19th. The next Advanced Paralegal Certificate Course also begins on May 4th http://www.msubillings.edu/extendedcampus/ParalegalCourse.htm

The U.S. Department of Labor projects that the paralegal profession will grow from 2010 to 2020 by 18% and the

Paralegal education courses we offer provide students with an affordable, flexible, and effective path to becoming a paralegal.

The program is streamlined to provide education in the most employable and demanding areas of the law, while still offering the essential paralegal courses of study. Certificates may be earned in as little as 7 weeks.

For additional information please contact John Walsh at 406 896-5872 or by email at jwalsh@msubillings.edu

Certified Professional Trainer
MSUB Billings in partnership with the World Instructor Training School will be offering training in becoming a Certified Professional Trainer.

Face to face instruction will be provided and include lab activities and an internship. Watch for Registration information and our Orientation session on Saturday September 26th.

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