

# Career Tech Matters

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Later this year, every sophomore in Pickaway and Ross counties will visit Pickaway-Ross to determine if studying one of our career programs is right for them.



We also offer tours to a large number of eighth-grade students and, through the middle-school expansion, more students at younger ages are learning about Pickaway-Ross' programs.

So why stop there?

A LAMPS subcommittee on career exploration has created our first Career-Tech Kids Day, a half-day camp at which students in second through eighth grades can enjoy two or three 45-minute career sessions.

Cosmetology instructor Donna Patrick got the ball rolling last year by telling LAMPS about a similar event she helped coordinate at her former career center. The Career Discovery committee has spent time over the summer and early this year making the idea a reality.

Grace King spearheaded the event, reaching out to 4-H in both counties to partner with us.

Scheduled for 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, the sessions connect our labs to 4-H activities, such as Nailing It (Carpentry), Spa Day (Cosmetology), Forensics Force (Criminal Justice), Rubber Band Engineering (Engineering), Machining & Motors (Machining & Manufacturing and Outdoor Power Technologies) and First Aid (Medical Careers).

Other sessions include Fun with Flight, Photo Magic and Puppet Power.



Donna Patrick, left, and Grace King, have been working to create Career-Tech Kids Day since Donna brought the idea to LAMPS last year. The event will be held at Pickaway-Ross on Saturday, Nov. 19.

The commons will have tables set up with people available to promote Pickaway-Ross programs and 4-H and McDonald's has signed on as our sponsor to provide lunch for participants.

As you can imagine, the event will require help from many people in addition to those on the Career-Tech Kids committee. Student helpers – from labs, Student Council and Student Ambassadors – are also being recruited as volunteers.

If you'd like to volunteer to help a teacher run a session or be available in another capacity, please talk to Grace.

The initial response has been positive and included with this week's column is the flier for the event. Please print out one or two copies and share in your community – bank, church, library, grocery store and post office. When you see it posted on our Facebook and Twitter feeds, please share it, as well.

Let's work together to make this event a success.

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