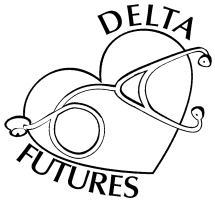


DELTA FUTURES

Summer 2007

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Hello! I hope you are enjoying your summer break and looking forward to an exciting school year this fall. Are you wondering what's exciting about the fall school semester? If so, I have an answer.

What: 2007 Fall Delta Futures Health Careers Camp

When: Friday, November 16th

& Saturday, November 17th

Where: Holmes County State Park in Durant, MS

Interested in attending the camp? Please fill out an application and send it to: **Agricultural Economics Department, Attn: Margaret Cotton & Sharon Polk, P.O. Box 5187, MSU, MS 39762.**

Applications will be available on the website and can be picked up at your school counselor's office starting August 31, 2007. **The deadline to submit an application is Friday, September 21, 2007 by 5:00 p.m.**

For more information and to download an application, please log on to www.msucare.com/health/deltafutures.

ATTENTION: ALL PARENTS.....



If your child has an interest in choosing a health care career, you can help him/her. Helpful Parent Tips can be found on our website located at

www.msucare.com/health/deltafutures.

2007 Spring Camp was a Success.....



Delta Futures hosted its 1st two-day camp at Camp Lake Stephens on April 20th and 21st. **The camp was fully funded by Delta Health**

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Eighty-one middle-school students participated in the two-day camp. Activities included four speaker presentations, several small group sessions, a tour of Oxford's Baptist Memorial Hospital and two service learning projects.

Speakers were Dr. Alfio Rausa of the Mississippi Department of Health, Ms. Rosalyn Smith-Howard of the Mississippi Hospital Association, Dr. Martha Catlette of Delta State University and Ms. Patti Livingston of Mississippi Delta Community College. A special appearance was made by "Howie the Hound" of the Mississippi Hospital Association.

Presentations were very informative and small group session topics included, "Understanding the Importance of Getting Along with Others", How to Recognize Your Strengths to Build Self-confidence", How to Deal with Constructive Criticism", "The Importance of Goal Setting and "Achievement", "How to Make Good Decisions", and "The Benefits of Making Healthy Lifestyle Choices". Participants were able to leave with a better understanding of health care careers and the need for health care professions in the Mississippi Delta.

To view the 2007 Spring Camp photos and slide show and a puzzle relating to health care, log on to www.msucare.com/health/deltafutures.



Essay Contest

Attention: All 2007 Spring Delta Futures Health Care Careers Camp Participants!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you.....

- Learned something about health care careers during the 2007 Spring Delta Futures Health Care Careers Camp
- Are considering choosing a career in one of the health care areas needed in the Mississippi Delta
- Interested in earning a great award for letting it be known

Now is your chance!!! Just submit a one page, double-spaced typed essay titled, *"Learning to Become a Leader in the Health Care Profession to Service the Health Care Needs of Residents in the Mississippi Delta"* to: **Agricultural Economics Department, Attn: Sharon Polk, P.O. Box 5187, MSU, MS 39762.**

Please include the following information:

- ❖ What you learned while attending camp
- ❖ What health care career you would like to choose
- ❖ What you've done since attending the camp that will help you achieve a health care career
- ❖ What healthy lifestyle changes you've made since attending camp

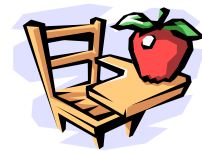
Essays will be judged on the following criteria.

- ❖ Organization/Structure
- ❖ Content/ Subject Matter
- ❖ Creativity
- ❖ Grammar (spelling, punctuation)
- ❖ Originality
- ❖ Subject/verb agreement

The winning essay writer will receive an award donated by Mississippi State University

Agricultural Economics Department. The winning essay will be featured on our website along with a picture of the writer receiving his/her award. *The deadline to submit an essay is Monday, July 30, 2007 by 5:00 p.m.*

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You



The Delta Futures staff would like to thank all school Counselors, Principals, Nurses, Career and Computer Discovery Instructors, Parents, local businesses, 4-H Agents & Associates, MSU Extension Service Agricultural Communications Department, 4-H Department, MSU Agricultural Economics Department, School of Human Science, and Transportation Department.

We would like to send special thanks to each volunteer chaperone and bus stop monitor listed below. Your willingness to volunteer was greatly appreciated. Again, thank you for supporting the Delta Futures Project.

- ❖ Ms. Rachel McCoy - O'Bannon High School
- ❖ Ms. Karissa Coleman - Lake Cormorant Middle School
- ❖ Mrs. Dawn Gainwell & Mr. Robert Gainwell - Woolfolk Middle School
- ❖ Ms. Latisha Jones - South Delta Middle School
- ❖ Mrs. Laura Zarandona - Chambers Middle School
- ❖ Ms. Rashondra Collier & Mrs. Ravonda Small

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