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Girls GETT into trades, tech at SIAST

Summer camp teaches students about alternative career choices

Prince Albert, July 13, 2007 – Grade 7 and 8 students from local schools have been participating in a week-long camp at SIAST Woodland Campus. Girls Exploring Trades and Technology (GETT) camps introduce girls to industrial trades and technical career choices. They are being held at SIAST campuses across Saskatchewan this summer.

SIAST Woodland Campus GETT coordinator Connie Wells says, "We're hoping to inspire these young girls by introducing them to women who are actively involved in trades and technology careers." She adds, "There is very little opportunity for exposure to these careers and many are fearful of entering these industries. Through GETT camps we address these challenges and show young women that they can excel in these fields."

SIAST Woodland Campus GETT campers were taught carpentry, plumbing and computer design software skills as they created and assembled go-carts. The camp also reinforces the importance of course choices such as science, math and industrial arts at the high school level.

The GETT camp wrapped up with a barbecue and a fun competition in which the girls raced their go-karts. The girls were recognized for their achievements at a short awards ceremony.

SIAST is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. More than 12,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than 28,000 individual course registrations. It operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince

Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

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