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Girls GETT a taste of trades, technology at SIAST *SIAST Wascana GETT Camp concludes with go-kart race*

Regina, July 18, 2008 – Grade 7 and 8 students from local schools have been participating in a week-long camp at SIAST Wascana 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.

“The girls had the opportunity to conduct soil sampling with Kim Wonderlich from Saskatchewan Environment as well as do machining with Marral Thomson from Brandt Engineered Products and handle a fire hose with Marianne Boychuk from the Regina Fire Service. By introducing participants to women who are actively involved in trades and technology careers, hopes are to show that young women can excel in these fields,” says Executive Director of Saskatchewan Women in Technology and Trade (WITT), Valerie Overend.

GETT campers at SIAST Wascana Campus were taught axel building, carpentry and computer design software skills as they created and assembled go-karts. 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. Almost 12,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than 29,000 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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