Registration open for summer youth programs

HOLYOKE – Registration is open for 2024 Summer Youth Programs at Holyoke Community College.

Starting July 8 and running through August 16, HCC will offer 16 week-long summer programs in person on campus and many more online, for youth aged 8 to 17 interested in baking, cooking, computers, and sports.

For more than 40 years, HCC has offered challenging, summer education activities for youth, providing early opportunities for students to experience a college environment guided and encouraged by experienced professionals.

HCC’s 2024 on-campus summer youth programs run Monday through Friday for one week, some for a full day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and others for a half day, either 9 a.m. to noon, or 1 to 4 p.m.

All in-person programs will be held on the main HCC campus, 303 Homestead Ave., except for cooking and baking classes, which are held at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St.

July 8-12:
Bake With Me (ages 11-14). Students will learn the art of creating tasty baked goods, pastries, and concoctions, from traditional bread baking to beautiful showpieces, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ($399)

Summer Fun in the Kitchen with Chef Birchall (ages 11-14): Iconic summer dishes and an eclectic variety of seasonal meals will be featured as students prepare lunch for themselves and their fellow students, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ($399)

July 15-19:
Bake With Me (ages 11-14), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ($399)
Summer Fun in the Kitchen with Chef Birchall (ages 11-14), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ($399)

July 22-26:
All Spiced Up, Cooking with Anjula (ages 9-14). Join Anjula Kanoujia from India House restaurant in Northampton and learn how to play with Indian spices while creating some of her favorite summer dishes, all with a Desi twist, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ($399)
Culinary Summer Fun with Chef Tracy (ages 9-14). Learn new kitchen skills from Chef Tracy Carter as she creates some amazing culinary delights this summer, with a different focus each day: Pizza Party, Baking Basics, Breakfast for Champions, Tastes of Summer, Chopped Junior, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ($399)

ROBLOX Coders: Learn how to build 3D models and create an adventure in your ROBLOX world. Bring characters to life with unique animations you design, 9 a.m. to noon for ages 8-10; 1 to 4 p.m. for ages 11-14, ($199)

July 29-Aug. 2:
Youth Soccer Clinic (ages 8-17): A comprehensive soccer clinic for young athletes taught by Rob Galazka, head coach of the HCC women’s soccer team with assistance from top college soccer players, stressing basic and advanced skills with plenty of one-on-one instruction, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ($299)

Make Your First Video Game: Go beyond the limitations of the traditional 2D game design and create an immersive 3D world. Students will learn the physics behind 3D games, explore beginner event scripting, level design, controlling the flow of gameplay, and storytelling, 9 a.m. to noon for ages 8-10; 1 to 4 p.m. for ages 11-14, ($199)

Aug. 5-9:
Youth Baseball Clinic (ages 8-17): This fun-filled, challenging program emphasizes fundamental skills and baseball knowledge while building self-confidence and developing every player’s ability to play more competitively, taught by head HCC baseball coach Ryan Magni, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., ($299)

Minecraft Modders: Customize your own Minecraft world: Learn scripting and logic statements to create a wide variety of new elements, gameplay mechanics, and world-generating mods to change the way you play Minecraft, 9 a.m. to noon for ages 8-10; 1 to 4 p.m. for ages 11-14, ($299)

Aug. 12-16:
Code Breakers: Learn the basics of coding languages like HTML, JavaScript, and CSS through a series of web projects and design challenges each day and be on your way to becoming the next tech star, 9 a.m. to noon for ages 8-10, 1 to 4 p.m. for ages 11-14 ($199)

HCC also offers additional online-only versions of ROBLOX Coders, Video Game design, Minecraft Modders, and Code Breakers, and many other technology-based classes through its partner, Black Rocket.

To register for in-person or online Summer Youth Program classes, please go to: hcc.edu/summer-youth.