

University Offers Fourth Year Of 'College For Kids'

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HARRISONBURG - In the coming months, area middle school students will get a little taste of college life during James Madison University's College for Kids.

The enrichment program for children in grades five through eight, will be from 9 a.m. to noon each Saturday from Jan. 24 to Feb. 28 at Memorial Hall, the old Harrisonburg High School at 395 S. High St.

The deadline to register for the program is Dec. 12. The fee is \$120 per student from participating school divisions - Harrisonburg and Rockingham, Page and Shenandoah counties - and \$180 per student from other schools.

This is the fourth year JMU has held its College for Kids, but only the second in which it has offered such a wide selection of programs, said Sarah MacDonald, outreach coordinator for JMU Outreach and Engagement.

"It's a fabulous opportunity to partner with local school divisions," MacDonald said. "And the kids, they love it."

This year, children can choose from Lego robotics, digital storytelling, art and the ancient world, visualize/visual eyes, famous artists, video game design and production, steel drums, a taste of world languages, the play's the thing, or future filmmakers of America.

Students go to the same class throughout the six-week program and work with JMU faculty and graduate students as well as experts in the community to build skills in their subject area.

At the end of the program, classes will hold graduation ceremonies, including performances and displays detailing what the students learned, MacDonald said.

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