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is OK!**

**Miniature scholars take on Midwest City!**

**Summer 2011**

## **Rose State College Kids College**

This summer Traub Elementary School in Midwest City played host to 1400 of Oklahoma's youngest college students! The Rose State Community Learning Center hosts a summer long camp dedicated to exposing students to new and exciting careers in science, fashion design, and more!



*Speed Racers!*

### **Who?**

The Rose State Community Learning Center is dedicated to taking quality education beyond the walls of Rose State College. Holding true to their mission "to integrate the College with the community by providing non-credit educational opportunities that serve the entire family," the Rose State Community Learning Center offers fun learning activities to community members of all ages! With the help of college faculty, staff, volunteers and community partners Kids College is able to offer a variety of opportunities that show school-age children college can be exciting!

### **What?**

Educational Specialist, Taylor Crosser comments "I see students come into Kids College and transform from shy individuals to some of the most social kids!"

Crosser also believes that Kids College gives each student the opportunity to make the connection between lessons learned in school and how they apply to careers. Crosser is assisted by volunteers from the community and certified teachers from surrounding schools, "It's nice for the teachers to have the chance to teach lessons using non-traditional methods." Crosser refers to the engineering lesson taught using CO<sup>2</sup> Racing Cars or math and science lessons being taught by real Oklahoma Meteorologists using real tornado and storm footage! During an eight week camp students are given the opportunity to choose from hundreds of programs, hosted at Traub Elementary School!

## **FOCUS:**

To inspire children's lives by engaging them in a creative learning environment, while focusing on their intellectual and physical health.

## How?

**Racing Fun-** Using the expertise of Rose State faculty, students are able to explore the excitement of miniature race cars! Students are taught the mathematics of designing a race car, required to build a race car, and are then challenged to race them in a group competition!

**Creative Fun-** Design students are given the freedom to let their creative minds flow in a fun design courses – including fashion design! Students first begin brainstorming and creating a project and are then released to execute their design individually or as a team.

**Recreational Fun-** Students are encouraged to enroll in a fun, fast paced, activity. Kids College offers activities such as soccer, cheer, baseball, basketball, and Iron Kids, a fitness and nutrition program with group challenges and leadership games. Students are taught the basics of each sport, the importance of good sportsmanship, and teamwork.

## Win!

The Rose State Kids College offers more than just a safe place for students to spend their summers - Kids College gives each student the opportunity to discover and perfect their talents! Completing this program gives students the opportunity to develop into future leaders, who will impact the community!



## Creative Fun!



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## The Million Dollar Question...

Although, the Rose State Kids College serves over 1000 students a summer, Crosser would love to expand her reach to students beyond the summer months! Crosser comments “I would love to offer a program for students to use during school.” Crosser believes that creating a year long program could better benefit the students and offer more skill sets that could preparing them for the future. To learn more about Rose State Kids College contact:

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