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**RAMAPO EXPLORERS-STEM MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIC SUMMER
CAMP INFORMATION SESSIONS SLATED FOR APRIL, MAY**

(MAHWAH, NJ) - Ramapo College through its Center for Innovative and Professional Learning is holding Information Sessions for *Ramapo Explorers-STEM*, a summer academic camp focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) topics for middle school students who will be entering 7th and 8th grades in September. Students entering 6th grade may apply by special recommendation only.

Information sessions are scheduled in the Student Center Alumni Lounges, Room SC-138, on Tuesday, April 23, from 7 to 8 p.m., and Sunday, May 19, from 4 to 5 p.m. Wear comfortable walking shoes to view the facilities. Pre-registration is requested at: www.ramapo.edu/ramapocamps.

Focusing on hands-on learning while having fun, the *Ramapo Explorers-STEM* classes are taught by highly qualified certified middle school teachers supported by trained college-age counselors who are often teacher education majors. Held on the beautiful campus of Ramapo College of New Jersey in Mahwah, NJ, the program seeks to advance students' problem-solving, critical thinking and teamwork abilities that are a part of the new national Common Core Standards.

STEM topics covered in the full day program include Science Matters, Robotics Rumble, GPS: Geo Problem Solvers (math), and CSI: Crime Science Investigation. In addition, recreational time is provided in the middle of each day, with indoor and outdoor activities available such as basketball, sand volleyball, table tennis, air hockey and more.

The two-week Ramapo Explorers-STEM Middle School Academic Camp will be held Monday through Friday, July 8 to 19 with various daily program lengths available: full day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; half day from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m.; and individual class options. Early drop-off is offered from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. and late pick-up is available from 3 to 6 p.m.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.ramapo.edu/cipl/youth/academic-camp.html or call the Center for Innovative and Professional Learning at 201.684.7370.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth in the Best Regional Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes mistaken for a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,008 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers six graduate programs as well as articulated programs with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.

The Ramapo College of New Jersey Center for Innovative and Professional Learning (CIPL) supports postgraduate professional education, workforce development, and alternative learning. The Center also engages in internal and external educational partnerships to advance the College, and provides innovative continuous learning opportunities for community members of all ages.