NEW GUIDELINES IN PLACE AT FULFORD CENTER

The health and safety of all members of our EGSC family and the community are extremely important. All of us are working hard to insure a healthy and safe environment. The Fulford Center will resume scheduling programs, meetings, and events as fall semester begins. Guiding principles established by the University System of Georgia, the Georgia Department of Public Health, and the Governor’s Office will be followed.

As of July 15, an appropriate face covering is required of all faculty, staff, students, and visitors to University System of Georgia (USG) institutions while inside campus facilities/buildings where six feet social distancing may not always be possible. Face covering use will be in addition to and is not a substitute for social distancing.

Signage will be in place to indicate entrance and exit points and sanitizer dispensers will be in several locations at the Center. Regular cleaning and sanitation will be completed each day.

We appreciate your cooperation as we work to keep everyone safe and look forward to seeing you soon!

LEAVE A LEGACY

Please consider the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center when you are honoring or memorializing family and friends through the East Georgia State College Foundation. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All gifts are tax deductible to the extent approved by law. Contact Elizabeth Gilmer at 289-2037 for more information.

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Message From The Director

Despite the anxiety COVID-19 has created, this is also an opportunity to experience what it really means to be a “community”. By that, I mean everyone looking out for one another. At the Fulford Center, we are doing our part to re-open, and we hope you will help us in this endeavor. We will be following very strict standards for sanitation and social distancing to keep visitors safe as we welcome you back. Signage has been added, equipment and furniture have been cleaned and moved to promote social distancing, and face coverings are required for all visitors. We ask you to use good judgment when attending Fulford Center events. For the well-being of everyone, please stay at home if you do not feel well or if you have a been around someone with illnesses.

We have missed you and are very excited to begin re-opening. We look forward to seeing you soon!
Camp Invention has, for many years, been a popular summer destination for young people in this area, as well as young people across the country. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Camp Invention Connect was created. A hybrid program offering both offline activities and optional online sessions, Camp Invention Connect enabled hands-on exploration by delivering a set of four activity kits, packed full of fun material, directly to each participant. This nationally recognized program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame® has been held at the Fulford Center for the past eight years. This year’s all-new, at-home edition was held the week of July 13-17.

Erin Youmans, MMGYSTC Coordinator, Macy Fagler, Swainsboro Primary first grade teacher, and Kim Hooks, MMGYSTC STEM Teacher served as coaches for the three groups of campers. Once again, Nordson Corporation very generously provided fifty-seven scholarships for the camp and has served as a corporate sponsor for many years.

Camp Invention challenges students to find their “inner inventor” by learning the process of innovation and promoting STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) learning. In addition, the camp builds confidence, leadership, perseverance, and problem-solving skills. In these unprecedented times, these lessons are even more valuable.

This year’s curriculum, ELEVATE, featured video challenges from Inventors Hall of Fame inductees encouraging students to be confident in their ideas and explore their ability to innovate. The hands-on modules included:

- **Camp Invention Flight Lab™**: Imaginations soared as the campers learned about flight with gliders, rockets, heli balls and hand-copters. They built a cityscape from upcycled materials, navigated planes through a storm and took apart a flight simulation robot.
- **Design Thinking Project™**: Campers learned the value of their creativity as they brought their biggest ideas to life. To become successful innovators, they created sketches, built prototypes, designed logos and learned how to pitch their invention while protecting their intellectual property.
- **Rescue Squad™**: Using teamwork and problem-solving skills, students protected the Earth’s ecosystems. Inspiring activities included creating pods to compete in zipline races, exploring energy conservation, eliminating pollution and helping wildlife in habitats across the country.
- **Camp Invention Champions™**: As students discovered the unseen inventors behind their favorite sports, they applied their own ingenuity. They traded inventor playing cards, created and played their own high-energy hover-ball games, and designed and built the ultimate sports complex.

Each year, Camp Invention serves 130,000 and partners with more than 1,800 schools and districts across the nation. East Georgia State College is proud to have hosted this outstanding STEM experience for students in our area since 2012.

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**AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE POSTPONED**

Because AARP does not currently offer its in-person driver safety courses, our August 22 training has been postponed until January, 2021. Individuals wishing to complete the course may do so online. For more information, visit https://www.aarp.org/

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**WELLNESS SERIES CONTINUES SEPTEMBER 22**

Our September session will be provided by East Georgia Health Care and Emanuel Medical Center, and the program will be Community Resources for Seniors. The session will provide important information about a variety of community-based programs and services that promote good health and independence for seniors.

The series is FREE and is made possible through a partnership with UGA Extension, Emanuel Medical Center, East Georgia Healthcare Center, East Georgia State College, Queensborough National Bank and Trust, and CarePartners. The session will begin at noon. Lunch, a presentation, and door prizes will be provided. Enrollment is limited to 20, and registration is required. If you have questions or would like to register, please give us a call at 289-2464. Social distancing guidelines will be followed, and participants are required to wear face coverings. We hope to see you September 22!