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Reporters and editors: A complete schedule of Tech Camp is available to download here: <http://www.ceps.unh.edu/outreach/techcamp.html>. To attend a Tech Camp session, contact contact Michele Munson, Camp Director at 603-731-1087 or michelemun@comcast.net or Mimi Winder at 603-862-0718 or mimi.winder@unh.edu Camp closes July 31st with a barbeque for campers, parents and sponsors at 11:30 a.m. and team presentations at 1 p.m.

DURHAM, N.H. - For the next two weeks, the halls and labs of Kingsbury Hall at the University of New Hampshire will be abuzz with robots, rocketry, and race cars, as future engineers and scientists get hands-on experience at UNH's annual Tech Camp.

Now in its second year, Tech Camp introduces junior and senior high school students to the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and math) with projects and presentations by UNH faculty and people in industry. This week (July 20 - 24, 2009), 33 campers entering grades seven through 10 get an overview of science and engineering with projects and field trips. Next week (July 27 - 31, 2009), 37 campers entering grades nine and 10, some of them Tech Camp alumni, delve into greater depth on projects in rocketry, energy, robotics, or biomedical engineering.

Each Friday (July 24 and July 31), students present their work in poster sessions or Power Point presentations. Campers, who hail primarily from New Hampshire and New England, choose either a day camp or residential option.

"Tech Camp helps fill the STEM pipeline with future scientists and engineers by showing these young people how interesting and valuable this work can be," says says Robert Henry, associate dean for the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences.

Tech Camp is sponsored by the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences and the Leitzel Center at UNH.

The University of New Hampshire, founded in 1866, is a world-class public research university with the feel of a New England liberal arts college. A land, sea, space-grant and community-engaged university, UNH is the state's flagship public institution, enrolling 11,800 undergraduate and 2,400 graduate students.

