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**A Glance into Youth Summer Camps**

DOVER- The kids walking on Delaware Technical & Community College's Terry Campus this summer may be a bit younger than the usual college crowd. That is because the sports fields and buildings are filled with kids ages 6-13 for this year's Youth Summer Camps, now in full swing.

The camps will welcome enrollment until Aug. 3, just before the last week of camps that end Aug. 10. According to College Vice President and Campus Director Daniel L. Simpson, the camps are a perfect way to end summer boredom.

"The kids get a chance to learn things they don't usually learn in a new setting and have fun at the same time," Simpson said.

The students in the Cookin' Kids Camp gain hands on experience in the campus's state-of-the-art professional kitchen. Each class begins with an emphasis on the importance of hygiene as students habitually clean their hands and food before cooking.

On one recent hazy summer day, the young chefs chatted while confidently slicing fruit with plastic knives to add to yogurt and ice to make smoothies. Afterward they all enjoyed the fruits of their labor, quite literally, as they consumed their creations.

During this type of activity kids develop a new skill and even gain confidence, leaving with the satisfaction of knowing they created something from just a few simple ingredients.

“And we make everything from scratch,” Mary Savino, 10, of Middletown pointed out with each child around her nodding their heads in clear agreement.

Cheryl Brennan of Dover, a second year culinary arts student at the Terry Campus, led the camp in simple instructions and supervision while allowing them the freedom to complete each task on their own.

When asked, Stephen Campbell, 12, of Dover recited from memory the instructions of how to make home-made ice cream, his favorite camp recipe. Campbell, like many other campers, is enrolled in multiple camps this summer. He said he is looking forward to Outdoor Games, Rockin’ Rockets and Gone Fishing.

The Terry Campus has enrolled over one thousand children in the Youth Summer Camps this year, about 25 percent more enrollments than last year. The most popular camps include Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Camp, Babysitting, Survivor Camp and Cookin’ Kids.

Many camps, such as Gone Fishing, soccer and lacrosse camps encourage exercise and time spent outdoors.

Dennis Szymanski, the Terry Campus women’s varsity soccer coach and leader of the youth soccer camp, agreed the outdoor scrimmages help to make children more active.

“Most of all, camp is all about having fun,” Szymanski said.

For more information about the Youth Summer Camps or to find out information about other youth programs on the Terry Campus, please call the Corporate and Community Programs Division at 302-857-1400 and visit [www.dtcc.edu/terry/camps](http://www.dtcc.edu/terry/camps).