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MVC CAMP ADMINISTRATION CLASS TO HOST 17TH ANNUAL CAMP JFK FOR AREA YOUTH

2007 Camp set for April 13-15 at Knob Noster State Park.

Marshall, Mo. (January 31, 2007)—As the snow and ice blanket the ground, Missouri Valley College's Camp Administration class is focusing on the sunny days of April as they prepare for the 17th Annual Camp Just For Kids (JFK), which is scheduled for April 13-17 at the Knob Noster State Park.

MVC students organize and operate the entire Camp JFK program—from the planning and cooking to counseling and supervising of the campers. The MVC students are hard at work programming and raising the necessary funds to host this year's weekend adventure—an adventure that Tammy Harrelson, MVC human service education instructor and Camp JFK faculty adviser, says makes memories that last a lifetime.

"Camp JFK is a positive growth experience in all aspects," Harrelson said. "As a former counselor, I have watched campers grow and mature over the years. A highlight for me was watching the campers form new friendships over smores, and then five years later having those campers come up to me and say 'hey weren't you my counselor?'. Then we sit and tell stories of camp. Those lasting memories are why my students work so hard throughout the semester to organize camp."

Each year MVC students take on this project to provide fourth through sixth graders a viable option to experience the benefits of a social, physical, spiritual, and recreational resident camp, which would otherwise may not available. The Camp theme is "*Climbing to New Heights*" and the focus is to build each camper's self-esteem and healthy lifestyle while having fun in a safe environment.

MVC's Camp Administration students recently submitted a proposal to Dr. Earl Wellborn, MVC chief academic officer, to remove the ice from campus sidewalks. The college in return donated a scholarship contribution to Camp JFK for those youth who cannot financially afford the Camp.

Camp JFK 2007 will be held April 13-15, 2007 at Knob Noster State Park located just between Sedalia and Warrensburg, Mo.

More detailed information and registration materials will be delivered to area schools. For more information, contact harrelson@moval.edu or (660) 831-4207.

ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

Missouri Valley College is a liberal arts college that provides educational, social and cultural experiences in a decidedly Christian environment. Established in 1889, MVC offers 27 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 12 sports and 20 varsity teams. The liberal arts heritage focuses on scholarship, critical thinking and academic excellence to prepare students to become

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