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MAGIC Camp Shows Girls New Career Opportunities

Wichita – High school girls attending the weeklong MAGIC summer camp in Wichita, beginning June 19, will learn some new tricks about career opportunities in numerous construction and transportation fields.

MAGIC (Mentoring a Girl in Construction) introduces high school girls age 14 or older to trade skill occupations such as carpentry, safety, electrical and highway construction and gives them a chance to learn from women already succeeding in these jobs. The event runs from Monday until Friday, June 19 – 23, and is sponsored by the City of Wichita and Kansas Department of Transportation.

“It’s important to show young women who will soon be entering the work force these job opportunities in previously non-traditional fields,” said KDOT Civil Rights Administrator Doria Watson. “This camp gives students self-confidence as they explore new career possibilities they may not have considered before.”

Students will visit places such as Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport, Wichita City Hall, National Center for Aviation Training, The Home Depot, MARK Arts Center, Wichita Area Technical College, Westar Energy, Wichita Transit, Wichita State University’s GoCreate and Dondlinger Construction Co. They will participate in hands-on training and basic construction as well as learn about safety and various modes of transportation.

“These activities help students build leadership and team-oriented skills as they discover occupational options they may not otherwise have had a chance to learn about,” Watson said.

A total of 24 high school girls from Wichita and surrounding areas are taking part in the MAGIC camp.

Contractors assisting with the camp include Cornejo & Sons, Dondlinger Construction, Eby Construction, Knowles Building, Maintenance & Renovation, and Zernco, Inc. Other sponsors include Heartland Wichita Black Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Women in Construction, Chick-fil-A, Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen, and T.O.P.S. Taste of Philadelphia Style.

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