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SRNS Sponsors “iTEAMS” for High Tech Summer Fun

Students from multiple local school systems enjoy innovative summer camp

AIKEN, S.C. – July 26, 2013 – Due to funding provided by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) 100 rising seventh and eighth grade students from Allendale, Bamberg and Barnwell Counties are participating in this year’s iTEAMS (“Innovation, Technology & Entrepreneurship Among Middle Schoolers”) summer camp.

The SRNS contribution financially supports the on-going iTEAMS partnership between the South Carolina Governor’s School for Science & Mathematics and the University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie campus where the event is being held.

These students experience the adventure of innovation, technology and entrepreneurship through three hands-on, team-based challenges: Creating video games, mobile apps and developing cyber security.

“The goal is to inspire these students to pursue studies related to computer science, technology and business. The objective being to channel them toward careers in these fields,” said Dwayne Wilson, SRNS President & CEO.

The projects emphasize career exploration, “tech-talk” language building discussions, access to mentors to lead each team to success and a variety of memorable experiences.



Camp instructor Ayrielle Sanders (center) works with a team of students as they develop a cyber security project during this year’s iTEAMS summer camp funded by SRNS for students from Allendale, Bamberg and Barnwell Counties.

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In 2012, nearly 80 percent of camp participants said they now plan to pursue a career in the fields of science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

iTEAMS campers are selected based on personal essays, teacher recommendations and a demonstrated interest in computer science, technology or entrepreneurship.

“There is no cost to the students. Costs associated with camper transportation and lunch are included within the \$41,400 provided by SRNS,” said Candice Dermody, SRNS Manager, Education Outreach and Talent Management. “For many of these children, it’s the highlight of their summer.”

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, is a Fluor led company whose members are Fluor Federal Services, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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