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Dear Parents:

How exciting this upcoming school year is going to be! Your child has been selected to participate in a state-of-the-art information technology project funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) called Information Technology through Community-Based Natural Resource Program for Students and Teachers. It all starts this summer with a two-week workshop, the weeks of July 7 and July 14, on the University of Kentucky's campus. During those two weeks, your child will be learning about Geographic Information Systems software (GIS—we will be using ESRI software http://www.esri.com/getting_started/education/index.html) and 3-D modeling software (we will be using EON <http://www.e-onsoftware.com/>) and how to use them in classroom projects. He or she will be working alongside his or her teacher, instructors from the University of Kentucky, and the staff of the University of Kentucky Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment.

Although the teachers will be on campus four days each week, the students will only be at the University of Kentucky three days each week. During the week of July 7, students will be on campus Monday (7th), Tuesday (8th), and Wednesday (9th). During the week of July 14, students will be on campus Monday (14th), Tuesday (15th), and Wednesday (16th). We will start each day at 8:30a.m. and work until 7:00p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday the 9th and Wednesday the 16th, students will be released to go home for the week, please see the attached schedule for times. On Wednesday the 16th, all parents are invited to a dinner, from 5:30-7:00 in the E.S. Good Barn (on the corner of Farm Road and University Drive), to see and hear about some of the projects the students have been working on.

Instruction will take place on campus at the University of Kentucky, in the Barnhart, Whitehall Classroom and the Nursing Buildings. Meals will be eaten in the E.S. Good Barn, picnic places and locations near the classrooms.

All participants will be housed at the University Inn Motel-Suites at the corner of Nicholasville Road and Waller Avenue. Reservations have been made and the hotel is within walking distance to all classroom venues. All rooms will be double occupancy. Chaperones will monitor the halls during the nighttime hours to assure students are adhering to the set curfew. Contact information for the lodging is as follows:

University Inn Motel-Suites

1229 S. Limestone, Lexington, KY 40503 (859) 278-6625

<http://www.uinn.biz/>

The program will pay for all food and lodging. All meals will be provided, along with snacks. We will also have evening programming that might include a Legends baseball game or a trip to the Horse Park. All students will receive a stipend for each day they attend the program: middle school students will

receive \$25/day and high school students will receive \$50/day. Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from the University of Kentucky campus on Sunday, July 6th; Wednesday, July 9th; Sunday, July 13th; and Wednesday, July 16th.

Attached to this letter is a Consent to Medical Treatment Form, a Medical Insurance Information Form, a Medical Authorization Form, a Photo Release Form, an Internet Acceptable Use Agreement, an Acceptable Behavior Contract, a map to accompany directions to the University Inn, and a basic schedule of activities. Please fill out all forms completely and return the signed forms to your child's teacher with a copy of your insurance card. When filling out the Request for Excess Medical/Accident Insurance Form, please remember your Personal Health Insurance is primary. This form is for secondary insurance coverage that covers expenses not paid by your Personal Health Insurance Provider. In the case that your child does not have a Health Insurance Provider, this becomes Primary Health Insurance coverage while attending the University of Kentucky, Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment ITEST Workshop, July 6, 2008 through July 13, 2008.

We look forward to having your son and/or daughter at our program and on our campus. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to impact his or her education. If you have any questions, please contact me at 859-333-8248 or chanley@uky.edu or Kandris Goodwin at 859-519-8515 or Kandris.Wunderlich@uky.edu.

Sincerely,

Carol Hanley
Director, Education and Communications
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