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GEAR UP SWV Announces 2025 Summer Camps - Registration Opens March 17

Athens, W.Va. – GEAR UP Southern West Virginia (GEAR UP SWV) is excited to announce its 2025 summer camps, designed to provide cohort students with enriching experiences exploring careers, develop new skills, and staying engaged during the summer months. These camps are free for GEAR UP SWV students. Registration opens this Monday, March 17, 2025, and families are encouraged to sign up early as space is limited.

Who Can Attend?

All students in the eighth and ninth grade during the 2024-2025 school year who attend public schools in Mercer, Monroe, Raleigh, Summers, or Wyoming counties are part of the GEAR UP SWV cohort and eligible to participate in these exciting camps.

In 2025 GEAR UP SWV students have several summer camp opportunities to choose from, hosted at Concord University, New River CTC, and WVU Tech!

- **Vital Path**
- **WV Adventure**
- **All Torqued Up**
- **Sewing with Fire**
- **Innovators of Tomorrow**
- **Summer (Cool) Academy (overnight)**
- **STEM Academy (overnight)**

Overnight and day camps are available with topics ranging from robotics to health care. Check out a full list of camps and how to register on the [GEAR UP SWV website](http://www.concord.edu/GEARUP).

Important Details:

- Registration opens March 17, 2025.
- The deadline for applications is June 2, 2025.
- Space is limited, so families are encouraged to register early.

For more information or to register, visit www.concord.edu/GEARUP.

About GEAR UP SWV Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federal grant program funded by the US Department of Education. GEAR UP is designed to increase the number of students prepared to enter and succeed in training after high school graduation. GEAR UP SWV is a partnership grant of Concord University partnering with New River Community and Technical College, community organizations, business partners, and schools in Mercer, Monroe, Raleigh, Summers, and Wyoming Counties. The program serves students in the classes of 2028 and 2029, following them from 6th grade through their first year of postsecondary education.