Harrisburg Middle School Students to Experience College Life at “Ship Trip”

SHIPPENSBURG, Pa. – Seventh and eighth graders from the Harrisburg Public School District will be able to experience what college life is like when the Shippensburg University Honors Program hosts “Ship Trip” on Saturday, November 20.

Ship Trip is a semiannual program that brings middle school students from the Harrisburg area to Shippensburg University for a day of fun, educational workshops and an introduction to college life. This year’s experience will be held from 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Shippen Hall 224.

“Ship Trip opens the minds of students to the possibility of pursuing a college education after graduating from high school,” Honors sophomore and co-chair of Ship Trip’s organizational committee Miranda Aaron said. “We hope students are inspired as they get a glimpse at college life through their experiences and interactions with Shippensburg students.”

The middle school students will participate in three courses of their choice taught by Honors students. The theme for this year’s Ship Trip is “A Glance into the Pages of the Future.” The related courses offered this year include “The Remarkable Rainforest,” a look into what the rainforest is like; “Beam Me Up Shippy,” a course about the electromagnetic spectrum; and “Psyched About Psychology,” a very brief introduction to the field. Each 45-minute class will provide students with hands-on activities to get the students engaged in the material.

The students will also enjoy lunch at a university dining hall, take a tour of the campus, and have opportunities to ask Honors students questions about their college experiences. For more information about Ship Trip, please contact Honors Program director Dr. Kim Klein at kmklei@ship.edu or 717-477-1604.

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