



February 27, 2009

Dear Parents and Students:

I am writing about a unique and fun opportunity for you to attend the 14th Annual Health Careers Summer Camp sponsored by the Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) and Western Carolina University (WCU), the week of June **21-27, 2009**. The camp is open to rising seventh and eighth grade students for the 2009-2010 school year and rising ninth grade students who participated in the 2008 Summer Camp. The camp is designed to heighten awareness and provide students a variety of experiences about careers in healthcare. This opportunity also allows the student to discuss the classes they need to take in middle and high school, preparation for their college education and other enrichment programming. The cost to attend the camp is **sixty-five dollars (\$65)**, which includes a ten dollar (\$10) application fee. The application fee is refundable for students not selected to attend the camp. Students on free or reduced lunch may be eligible for a scholarship but are still required to send the ten dollar (\$10) application fee. **Make check or money order payable to MAHEC. No cash please.** If student is selected, the application fee will apply to the cost of the camp and a balance of fifty-five dollars (\$55) will be due upon acceptance.

Students will live on the campus of Western Carolina University (WCU) with nineteen (19) other students interested in careers in healthcare. Campers will participate in exciting activities such as tours of healthcare agencies, hospitals, career- oriented field trips, white water rafting, Cherokee Outdoor drama, as well as opportunities to talk with members of the health professions about their careers and how they reached their career goals. We have limited space; please complete the camp application as soon as possible. A brochure is enclosed with detailed information, including the selection criteria.

- To apply: download an application from <http://healthcamp.wcu.edu/> or contact the Office of Educational Outreach using the toll free number: (800) 928-4968 or (828) 227-7397.
- Give the Faculty recommendation form to a teacher or counselor that knows you well. The faculty member must sign the recommendation form, **verifying that you have a C+ or higher grade point average**. Include this recommendation in your application packet or ask the teacher/counselor to mail it to the address below. It's your responsibility to make sure the faculty member gets your recommendation completed.
- Send the **completed** application packet to: MAHEC/WCU Health Careers Summer Camp, Office of Educational Outreach, 138 Camp Building, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 28723. The **deadline** for the application is **March 27, 2009** at 5pm. Notification of selections will be made by **April 10, 2009**. Applications received after the deadline and incomplete applications will not be considered.

We hope that you are interested in this summer camp opportunity and look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to give us a call at 828-257-4479 or via email: jacquelyn.hallum@mahec.net or contact Bobby Hensley toll free at (800) 928-4968 or 828-227-7397 or via email: hensley@email.wcu.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Hallum'.

Jacquelyn Hallum, Director
Health Careers and Diversity Education

Enclosures: Camp brochure