

# **Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

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## **MEDIA ALERT**

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**\*\*\*\*\*PHOTO/MEDIA OPPORTUNITY\*\*\*\*\***

**WHO: High school students in the Governor's Academy for Teaching Excellence (GATE) Summer Education Program**

**WHAT: Float-a-Boat Activity**

**WHEN: Thursday, July 23, from 2:30-3:30 p.m.**

**WHERE: Moody Sustainers Field House Pool at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi**

## **Summer GATE Program Students to Launch Manned Boats Constructed Entirely of Cardboard and Duct Tape**

**Exercise at Moody Sustainers pool tests concepts of buoyancy, floatation**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Groups of students participating in the GATE Summer

Education Program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will attempt to sail a

teammate across a swimming pool in boats constructed of cardboard and duct tape during

a "Float-a-Boat" activity on Thursday, July 23, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Moody

Sustainers Field House Pool.

The team-building exercise is one of many activities designed to challenge the more than 50 high school students from across the state taking part in the three-week Governor's Academy for Teaching Excellence (GATE) program for students who are interested in teaching careers in mathematics and/or science at the elementary or secondary levels. The "Float-a-Boat" exercise tests the concepts of buoyancy and floatation as they relate to transportation.

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