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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Offers a Variety of Academic and Athletic Summer Camps for Area Youth

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas - Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi faculty and staff will hold day, evening and overnight summer camps for area youth beginning Monday, May 24. Camp dates and information are:

**Monday, May 24, through Friday, May 28** – The Department of Music will hold its second Suzuki Camp for Suzuki Book 1 and II students ages 4-11 currently playing the violin, viola or cello from Monday, May 24, through Friday, May 28, from 4:30-6:45 p.m. in the Center for the Arts. The camp focuses on aural sensitivity and recognition so that children can learn to play the music they hear. Classes in group lessons, music appreciation, orchestra, and master class will be offered. At the end of the camp, students will give a concert to show their newly acquired skills, and will experience music-making with Texas A&M-Corpus Christi faculty and outstanding area music artists and educators. Registration deadline is Friday, May 21. The cost is $75 per child; $50 each additional child per family. The camp T-shirt is included. For more information, call Olivia Ross at 361.825.3756; or e-mail Olivia.ross@tamucc.edu.

**Tuesday, June 1, through Friday, June 4** – The Department of Art will hold a summer camp for high school students from Tuesday, June 1, through Friday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Center for the Arts. The camp led by University faculty and graduate students will provide participants an opportunity to create artwork in the various studios. The camp is free. Registration is limited to 15. For more information, call Joe Peña at 361.825.2386; or e-mail joe.pena@tamucc.edu.

**Tuesday, June 1, through Friday, June 4, and Monday, July 5, through Thursday, July 8** – Islander volleyball will hold two sessions of a new VolleyTots camp for boys

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and girls ages 5-9 from Tuesday, June 1, through Friday, June 4, from 4:30-5:45 p.m. and from Monday, July 5, through Thursday, July 8, from noon to 1:45 p.m. in the Moody Sustainers Field House. The camp will provide an introduction to beginning volleyball skills and focus on general fitness, hand-eye coordination, core strength and agility. This camp uses a specially-made ball for elementary school-age children so there is no fear of being hit with volleyball. The camp will feature a very small player-to-coach ratio. Space is limited. The cost is $90 which includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, call Tony Graystone at 361.825.3232; e-mail Anthony.graystone@tamucc.edu; or go to www.IslanderVolleyballCamps.com.

Tuesday, June 1, through Friday, June 4, and Monday, July 12, through Thursday, July 15 – Islander volleyball will hold two sessions of a new VolleyKids camp for boys and girls ages 7-9 from Tuesday, June 1, through Friday, June 4, from 6-7:45 p.m. and from Monday, July 12, through Thursday, July 15, from noon to 1:45 p.m. in the Moody Sustainers Field House. The VolleyKids camp will build on the same concepts introduced in the VolleyTots camp. VolleyKids will spend more time developing volleyball specific skills and learning teamwork skills. This camp will continue to work on the same principals of general fitness, hand-eye coordination, core strength and agility. Campers are strongly encouraged to enroll in a VolleyTots clinic before attending VolleyKids. Space is limited. The cost is $90 which includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, call Tony Graystone at 361.825.3232; e-mail Anthony.graystone@tamucc.edu; or go to www.IslanderVolleyballCamps.com.

Monday, June 7, through Thursday, June 10 – Islander Girls’ Basketball will hold a summer day camp for girls in grades three through 12 from Monday, June 7, through Thursday, June 10, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Moody Sustainers Field House. Campers will learn skills from Islander coaches and current Islander players. The cost is $130 per camper; $105 with a friend (includes a camp T-shirt and basketball). A $50 deposit is due by Monday, May 31. After the deadline, the cost is $140 per person. For more information, call Geoff Grawn at 361.825.3691; e-mail geoff.grawn@tamucc.edu; or view the camp application at www.GoIslanders.com.

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Monday, June 7, through Friday, June 11 – The Department of Music will hold its Islander Band Camp for junior high and high school students from Monday, June 7, through Thursday, June 10, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Center for the Arts. An end-of-camp concert will be presented at 5 p.m. Friday, June 11, in the Performing Arts Center. The camp is open to all junior high and high school students with at least one year’s experience on their instrument. Auditions for skills placement will be held on the morning of the first day of camp. Students should bring audition music that best shows their skills and musicianship. Registration through Monday, May 17, is $295 for resident campers (covers room, meals, and tuition) and $200 for commuter campers (camp tuition only). Commuters may bring their meals or purchase meals at University Center Commons. Resident registration deadline is Friday, May 21. For more information, call Olivia Ross at 361.825.3726; e-mail Olivia.ross@tamucc.edu; or view the camp application at http://cla.tamucc.edu/music/camps/bandcamp.html.

Monday, June 7, and Wednesday, July 28 – The Texas A&M-Corpus Christi baseball staff will hold two one-day Showcase Camps for all rising ninth to 12th graders on Monday, June 7, and Wednesday, July 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chapman Field. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Camp participants will be able to showcase their skills in front of the Islander coaching staff. The cost for each camp is $90 and includes an evaluation from the coaches. For more information, call Marty Smith at 361.446.9231; or e-mail marty.smith@tamucc.edu. Online registration is available at www.IslanderBaseballCamps.com.

Tuesday, June 8, through Thursday, June 10 – The Islanders Softball Program will hold its summer camp for girls ages 6-18 from Tuesday, June 8, through Thursday, June 10, at Chapman Field. Check-in is from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday at Camden Miramar and the camp will begin at 1 p.m. The second and third day of camp will start at 9 a.m., and the last day of camp will end at noon. The camp is taught by Head Coach Jake Schumann, the Islanders coaching staff and current and former members of the softball team. The camp, which will feature instruction in all aspects of the game,
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includes programs for advanced players, intermediate ages, and younger players with less experience). Group discounts are available. The cost is $350 for resident campers; $300 for area commuter campers; and includes a camp T-shirt, food and awards. For more information, call Teresa Flores at 361.728.4202; e-mail teresa.flores@tamucc.edu; or view the camp application at www.islanderssoftballcamps.com.

**Tuesday, June 8, through Friday, June 11, and Monday, July 12, through Thursday, July 15** – The Islander baseball coaching staff will hold two skills camps for boys in grades eight and below from Tuesday, June 8, through Friday, June 11, and from Monday, July 12, through Thursday, July 15. Each session is from 9 a.m. to noon at Chapman Field. The camp is for beginners and experienced players. Participants will be introduced to the skills of every defensive position and hitting and team drills. The cost is $90. For more information, call Marty Smith at 361.446.9231; e-mail marty.smith@tamucc.edu; or register online at www.IslanderBaseballCamps.com.

**Monday, June 14, through Friday, June 25, and Monday, July 12, through Friday, July 30** – Recreational Sports will hold two Islander Recreational Camps for children ages 6-12 from Monday, June 14, through Friday, June 25, and from Monday, July 12, through Friday, July 30. Campers will have the opportunity to utilize the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Recreational Sports facilities and enjoy activities administered by trained counselors. The sessions will include activities such as team sports, cooperative games, arts and crafts and pool activities. A snack will be provided each day, but campers will need to bring their own lunch. The cost is $140 for the June session and $210 for the July session. Space is limited to 50 campers. For more information, call L. R. Heffernan at 361.825.2313; or e-mail Lawrence.heffernan@tamucc.edu.

**Monday, June 14, through Friday, June 25** – The Department of English will host its 21st annual Young Authors’ Camp for elementary students in grades three through five from Monday, June 14, through Friday, June 25, from 8:30-11:45 a.m. in the Early Childhood Development Center. The camp, which will include nature walks and visits with poets and artists, provides students with opportunities to expand their interest in writing and to experience writing as a fun and creative opportunity for self-expression. 

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and communication. Each young author will receive camp material, a T-shirt, and a camp anthology. Registration is $175 through Monday, May 31. Scholarships are available for students who qualify for their school’s free or reduced lunch programs. For more information, call Dr. Chuck Etheridge at 361.825.5755; e-mail charles.etheridge@tamucc.edu; or view camp application at http://cla.tamucc.edu/english/writingcamp/index.html.

Monday, June 14, through Friday, June 18, and Monday, June 21, through Friday, June 25 – The Perry Clark Basketball Camp will have two sessions for boys ages 8-18 from Monday, June 14, through Friday, June 18, and from Monday, June 21, through Friday, June 25. The camp is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Moody Sustainers Field House. The cost of the camp is $175. The cost will be $150 for those who register early. For more information or to register, call the men’s basketball office at 361.825.3417.

Monday, June 14, through Friday, June 18 – The Department of English will host its 21st annual Young Authors’ Camp for middle school students in grades six through eight from Monday, June 14, through Friday, June 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Early Childhood Development Center. The camp, which will include nature walks and visits with poets and artists, provides students with opportunities to expand their interest in writing and to experience writing as a fun and creative opportunity for self-expression and communication. Registration is $140 through Monday, May 31. Each young author will receive camp material, a T-shirt, and a camp anthology. Scholarships are available for students who qualify for their school’s free or reduced lunch programs. For more information, call Dr. Chuck Etheridge at 361.825.5755; e-mail charles.etheridge@tamucc.edu; or view camp application at http://cla.tamucc.edu/english/writingcamp/index.html.

Monday, June 14, through Friday, June 25 – The Art Museum of South Texas will hold a “Take a Line for a Walk” drawing, digital photography and performance summer camp for children ages 5-12 from Monday, June 14, through Friday, June 25, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Museum, 1902 N. Shoreline Blvd. The cost is $260 for members and $290 for non-members. Childcare, before and after camp, is available for an additional cost.
Monday, June 21, through Friday, June 25 – The Department of English will host its first Writers’ Island Workshop for high school students from Monday, June 21, through Friday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Corpus Christi Hall. The workshop is designed to provide high school writers with opportunities to expand their interest in writing and to experience a professional style writer’s workshop. The camp staff consists of a team of University professors, high school teachers, and University students. The cost for the camp is $140. Each author will receive camp material and a T-shirt. Scholarships are available for students who qualify for their school’s free or reduced lunch programs. For more information, call Dr. Chuck Etheridge at 361.825.5755; e-mail charles.etheridge@tamucc.edu; or visit the camp Web site at http://cla.tamucc.edu/english/writingcamp/index.html.

Monday, June 21, through Thursday, June 24, and Monday, July 19, through July 22 – The Islander baseball coaching staff will hold two competition camps for boys in grades eight and below from Monday, June 21, through Thursday, June 24, and from Monday, July 19, through Thursday, July 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chapman Field. The full-day camps for both beginners and experienced players are designed to increase game knowledge, improve a player's ability to participate, give the coaching staff an opportunity to instruct individual players on the skills it takes to be a better baseball player, and provide a full week of games and scrimmages. The cost is $175. For more information, call Marty Smith at 361.446.9231; e-mail marty.smith@tamucc.edu; or register online at www.IslanderBaseballCamps.com.

Monday, July 5, through Friday, July 9 – The Art Museum of South Texas will hold a “Rhythm in Layers” collage, paper sculpture and improvisation summer camp for children ages 5-12 from Monday, July 5, through Friday, July 9, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Museum, 1902 N. Shoreline Blvd. The cost is $130 for members and $145 for non-members. Childcare, before and after camp, is available for an additional fee. For more information, call 361.825.3504; or e-mail artmuseum@tamucc.edu.

Tuesday, July 6, through Thursday, July 8 – Islander volleyball will hold a
setter/libero camp for middle and high school students from Tuesday, July 6, through Thursday, July 8, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Moody Sustainers Field House. The camp will emphasize body position, footwork patterns, passing and digging techniques, platform control and serve receive. Additional training will include back row attacks, setting and jump serving. Registration is $115 before Monday, June 21. After the deadline, registration is $130. For more information, call Tony Graystone at 361.825.3232; e-mail Anthony.graystone@tamucc.edu; or go to www.IslanderVolleyballCamps.com.

Tuesday, July 6, through Thursday, July 8 – Islander volleyball will hold a hitter/blocker camp for middle and high school students from Tuesday, July 6, through Thursday, July 8, from 2-5 p.m. at the Moody Sustainers Field House. The camp will emphasize the technique of the approach and arm swing, and the execution of play sets. Campers will improve arm swing, timing and approach mechanics, and work with setters to develop shots and learn to score more points. Additional training will include transitioning from defense, blocking and serve receive, jump serving and out-of-system play. Registration is $115 through Monday, June 21. After the deadline, registration is $130. For more information, call Tony Graystone at 361.825.3232; e-mail Anthony.graystone@tamucc.edu; or go to www.IslanderVolleyballCamps.com.

Monday, July 12, through Thursday, July 15 – Islander volleyball will hold a middle school skills camp for athletes entering sixth through eighth grade from Monday, July 12, through Thursday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Moody Sustainers Field House. Campers will be evaluated and placed with other players of similar age and ability. Registration is $130 through Monday, June 21. After the deadline, registration is $145. For more information, contact Tony Graystone at 361.825.3232; e-mail Anthony.graystone@tamucc.edu; or go to www.IslanderVolleyballCamps.com.

Monday, July 12, through Thursday, July 15 – Islander volleyball will hold a High School Skills Camp from Monday, July 12, through Thursday, July 15, from 2-5 p.m. at the Moody Sustainers Field House. Islander coaching staff and players will teach sessions on individual skill training, transition skill training with other positions and competitive

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Games. Campers will also interact with current Islander student athletes and have the opportunity to learn what it takes to become a college volleyball player. Registration is $130 through Monday, June 21. After the deadline, registration is $145. For more information, contact Tony Graystone at 361.825.3232; e-mail Anthony.graystone@tamucc.edu; or go to www.IslanderVolleyballCamps.com.

Monday, July 12, through Thursday, July 15 – Islander volleyball will hold a High School Skills Camp from Monday, July 12, through Thursday, July 15, from 2-5 p.m. at the Moody Sustainers Field House. Islander coaching staff and players will teach sessions on individual skill training, transition skill training with other positions and competitive games. Campers will also interact with current Islander student-athletes and have the opportunity to learn what it takes to become a college volleyball player. Registration is $130 through Monday, June 21. After the deadline, registration is $145. For more information, call Tony Graystone at 361.825.3232; e-mail Anthony.graystone@tamucc.edu; or go to www.IslanderVolleyballCamps.com.

Monday, July 12, through Friday, July 16 – The Art Museum of South Texas will hold a “So Complementary” painting, music and pantomime summer camp for children ages 5-12 from Monday, July 12, through Friday, July 16, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Museum, 1902 N. Shoreline Blvd. The cost is $130 for members and $145 for non-members. Childcare, before and after camp, is available for an additional fee. For more information, call 361.825.3504; or e-mail artmuseum@tamucc.edu.

Thursday, July 15, through Sunday, July 18 – The Islander Cross Country Camp for middle and high school boys and girls will be held from Thursday, July 15, at noon through Sunday, July 18, at noon on the University campus. The camp is for both experienced and novice runners. Campers will learn the latest in running and training techniques, hydration, running footwear, analysis of form, pre-racing strategies and post-race evaluation. The cost is $300 for overnight campers; $150 for day campers with a $75 deposit by Sunday, July 4. A $50 late fee will be charged for all entries received after Sunday, July 4. Group discounts are available. Registration includes a room for overnight campers, meals and a T-shirt. For more information, call Shawn Flanagan at

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Monday, July 19, through Friday, July 23 – The Art Museum of South Texas will hold its “Young at Art” mini art camp children ages 2-5 from Monday, July 19, through Friday, July 23, at the Museum, 1902 N. Shoreline Blvd. Each camp session consists of its own special art project, featured story, and creative dance and/or drama activities. Sessions for ages 2 and 3 are held from 9–10:30 a.m. each day, while sessions for ages 4 and 5 are held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A parent or adult must accompany each child. Individual sessions are $15 each for Museum members and $25 for non-members. Children who are signed up for the whole week will receive a set of Art Museum art cards. Those signed up for the Monday clay session must also take the Wednesday and Friday classes. The Art Museum is affiliated with Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. For more information, call the Museum at 361.825.3504; or e-mail artmuseum@tamucc.edu.

Monday, July 26, through Friday, July 30 – The Office of Community Outreach will hold its Lego Battle Bot Camp for children ages 9–12 from Monday, July 26, through Friday, July 30, from 9 a.m. to noon in the University Center. Students will learn to design and build motorized battle cars and other vehicles using advanced LEGO parts and pieces. Through principles of simple and complex machines, gearing and mechanical advantage, students then try to flip, push, or smash their opponents’ battle vehicles. Registration deadline is Friday, June 25. The cost is $185. For more information, call Joe Miller at 361.825.5967; or e-mail joseph.miller@tamucc.edu.

Monday, July 26, through Friday, Aug. 6 – The Art Museum of South Texas will hold an “I’m a Little Teapot” ceramics, handmade paper and live performance summer camp for children ages 5-12 from Monday, July 26, through Friday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Antonio E. Garcia Arts & Education Center, 2021 Agnes St. The cost is $260 for members and $290 for non-members. Childcare, before and after camp, is available for an additional fee. For more information, call 361.825.3504; or e-mail artmuseum@tamucc.edu.