

It's that time of year! Marathon Petroleum Corporation (MPC) is once again partnering with Ohio Northern University (ONU) to sponsor the Engineering Explorers program. During these unprecedented times, we believe that it is important to continue to invest in our communities and encourage young adults to reach their full potential. We want to continue to deliver challenging and rewarding activities that inspire our Explorers to pursue exciting careers in the STEM fields. We will continue to have monthly events throughout the 2020-2021 school year. In order to prioritize the safety of our explorers we are planning on hosting virtual events where students can partake in the hands-on activities from the safety of their homes. We will follow all guidance from our community leaders and keep you updated as things evolve. All high school students in the area are encouraged to participate. Feel free to pass this information along to anyone else who you think might be interested!

Students may register for the 2020-2021 Engineering Explorers program at the kickoff meeting on Thursday, September 17th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the MPC's Findlay Campus (539 South Main Street, Findlay OH). We will be meeting at the outside picnic tables in the Marathon Greenspace (across from Wilson's). Please bring a facemask to the event. If you cannot attend you may mail in registration and check to Exploring, 2100 Broad Ave, Findlay, Oh 45840.

The cost to participate in this year's program is \$53. Checks can be made out to Black Swamp Area Council. Cash is also accepted. We also ask that participants fill out the attached youth application form. Participants under 18 years old must have a parent's signature. Students 18 years of age or will be turning 18 before 12/31/20 will need to complete an adult application and online youth protection training. Forms can be filled out by hand and brought to the kickoff or electronically and emailed to Julie Kolodziej JuKolodziej@marathonpetroleum.com. Details regarding each month's event will be sent out to everyone on the distribution list. Please contact Julie if you would like to be added to the distribution list or with questions regarding the programs, registration requirements, or volunteer opportunities.

Unfortunately, there will not be a formal activity for this year's kickoff event, so feel free to stop by anytime within the hour to meet our volunteer leaders, drop off your registration form and fee, and ask questions about the upcoming year. We are excited to meet all the students and to hear about what you hope to learn about engineering. Parents are welcome to accompany the students. For more information visit http://www.blackswampbsa.org/3502

We hope to see you there, feel free to tell a friend!

Sincerely, *Julie Kolodzie j*

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