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Laurier Faculty of Education camps help kids LEAP into learning

WATERLOO – The Laurier Enriched Academic Program (LEAP), a series of enrichment camps designed to challenge gifted students, is hosting an open house Saturday, Feb. 27 to show campers' families all of the wonderful projects they have been working on.

The open house also gives students and families a chance to preview some of LEAP's other enrichment camps, which begin again this summer in two weeklong sessions starting in July.

"LEAP is for students who seek to gain more from their academic experience," says Colleen Willard-Holt, dean of the Faculty of Education and creator of LEAP. "The camps focus on highly engaging content and are taught in an interactive way, which stimulates students to use their higher-order thinking skills."

Since Jan. 23, over 50 students from Grades 1 to 8 have been participating in the Saturday morning camps, which include programs such as The Wonderful World of Reptiles, Amazing Structures, Super Science and Video Game Programming.

Campers have created video games, built structures with unconventional materials, completed science experiments with surprising effects, and looked at the world of reptiles from a new perspective.

The open house takes place Saturday, Feb. 27 at 11 a.m. on the third floor of Laurier's Bricker Academic Building. Members of the media are welcome to attend and speak with students about their experience.

Registration for LEAP's summer enrichment camps, with programs about nature, cartooning, science, music, art and more, begins March 5. Visit www.wlu.ca/leap for more information.

Please note: the Faculty of Education LEAP camps are not affiliated with the Laurier Student Leadership Centre's (SLC) LEAP program. The SLC program stands for "Leadership Experience Action Progress" and is designed for incoming first-year students.