

Online School Registration for MiCareerQuest Northeast Event Now Open

Registration is now open for MiCareerQuest™ Northeast, the largest hands-on career exploration experience for middle-high school students ever planned for northeast Michigan.

Over 1,200 students from Alpena, Alcona, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Otsego, Oscoda, and Presque Isle counties (and surrounding areas) are expected to attend the May 28th event being held at the Industrial Arts Institute in Onaway, MI. Students will interact with representatives from more than 50 companies and organizations. A broad range of in-demand occupations will be showcased in the event's four career quadrants: Construction, Healthcare, Manufacturing, and Technology.

The school registration link can be found on the Michigan Works! Northeast website: www.DiscoverNortheastMichigan.org/MiCareerQuest.asp. Students grades 6-12 are invited to the event. The school registration period will close on April 1st, or when all the available student slots are filled. It is anticipated that registration will fill up fast, so schools are advised to register early.

During the registration process, schools will select their time slot preference: 9-10:30am, 10:50am-12:20pm, or 12:40-2:10pm. Those schools traveling farthest from the event will be given priority for the 10:50am-12:20pm session. Initial registration will be limited to 50 students per school, to ensure all schools have a chance to send students, but will open to allow more per school after the first few weeks of registration. Event organizers urge schools to register as quickly as possible. Home schooled students who are interested in participating should contact their local school district.

School districts that may need financial assistance for bus transportation should contact Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium.

"We can only accommodate so many students in one day, but we want to make sure that all schools who want to participate in MiCareerQuest Northeast be given a chance to attend," said Alicia Wallace, Marketing Manager of Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium. "So the earlier you commit to sending your students to the event, the better!"

MiCareerQuest is unlike anything most students have experienced before. At MiCareerQuest, students will explore four industry quadrants and get to touch/feel/use actual tools, machines, and materials that they'd encounter during a day working in that industry. Exhibits will include hands-on interaction with construction equipment, manufacturing equipment, medical equipment, computer technology, and more. In addition to interactive exhibits, students will have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with experts from the region's high-demand occupations, learning not only what to expect in a standard "day on the job", but also learning about the many opportunities available for good careers in northeast Michigan.

For more information on sponsorships and exhibit opportunities, contact Alicia Wallace at (989)733-8548 x1109 or via email, wallacea@nemcworks.org.

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