

15-week science program for students

Are you a high school student who is interested in learning more about science? Would you like to add a great experience onto your college resume while having a great time?

High school students interested in science may apply for the Youth Science Institute (YSI) program by Dec. 30. This afterschool program is offered on Wednesdays from 4-6pm at the Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences in Incline Village beginning Jan. 27 and running through May 26.

UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center and Space Science for Schools will be hosting the third annual Youth Science Institute. This 15-week program is for students in grades 9-11 who have an interest in exploring different scientific disciplines.

Students will conduct science experiments and activities including stream monitoring, fish dissection, earth science geology hikes, astrobiology, biochemistry, green building demonstrations, lake science on the UC Davis Research Vessel John Le Conte and more.

The students will not only gain knowledge and skills in various scientific fields and work with scientists, but will receive opportunities for paid internships, fulfill community service hours, and receive letters of recommendation.

Eligible students for the 2010 program will be in grades 9, 10, and 11, return a completed application, have a minimum GPA of 3.0, and have a commitment to the program. All applicants will go through an interview and accepted students will need to pay tuition of \$250. Many students in past years have been able to receive both partial and full scholarships.

Send applications or questions to Megan Farka at mjfarka@ucdavis.edu or (775) 881.7560, ext. 7483.

Additional details and the application are available at http://terc.ucdavis.edu/education_outreach/educationprograms/youthscienceinstitute.html.