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Press Release

TechCamps Summer Programs

TechReach Computer Program at NCEC/KDNA Computer Center

Granger, WA July 24, 2009: For the third year Northwest Communities' Education Center/KDNA is hosting TechREACH from Puget Sound Center. TechCamps Northwest targets groups that are statistically underrepresented in **science**, **technology**, **engineering**, **and mathematics (STEM)** including females, minorities, and low-income youth. The digital divide, that gap between those with access to technology and those without access to technology, is a driving force behind the mission of the Diversity in Technology Group at the Puget Sound Center. TechREACH is part of Communities' Connect Network, which is a state-wide network of community technology organizations.

The TechCamps started June 22nd at the NCEC/KDNA Computer Technology Center and will run till August 14th. The summer computer program is targeting middle schools students, boys and girls from the Sunnyside and Granger School District. This year the students are learning about Robotics. About 50 students will be participating in hands-on, innovative curriculum.

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