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## **El Camino College presents STEM Conference for Young Scientists “Empowering the Next Generation in STEM”**

El Camino College will sponsor a STEM conference for students in grades five through nine. The event is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, January 31 in the college’s East Dining Room. Titled, “Empowering the Next Generation in STEM,” area youngsters interested in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) are encouraged to attend.

The conference will offer a variety of hands-on activities and seminars, with the goal of promoting the participation, retention, and advancement of STEM-oriented students.

Students attending the conference will have the chance to meet role models in STEM fields and learn about the various career opportunities in STEM.

Many hands-on activities and workshops are planned throughout the day, including hot air balloon design, crime scene investigation, an engineering design challenge, and the science of root beer! Parents also can participate in the workshop “From Student to Scientist: Paving the Way” to learn how to best prepare their child for a STEM education and career.

The El Camino College STEM Conference is sponsored by the El Camino College STEM program and Upper Hand to College, an organization that encourages girls to pursue higher education in STEM fields.

Entrance to the conference is \$10. Lunch is included and the registration deadline is January 23. To register, visit the STEM Conference Web page at <http://www.elcamino.edu/academics/stem/stemconf.asp>.

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