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DeKalb, IL - Do you think your child is ready for college? Send them early to participate in the Green Apple Construction Camps with Lego and K'NEX in partnership with Northern Illinois University (NIU), College of Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming. NIU is taking applications now for the summer 2006 sessions that start as early as June 19.

Four camp sessions, each a week long, are offered throughout June and July for preschool through eighth grade children. Construction Camps with Lego and K'NEX are available during the weeks of June 19, June 26, July 24, and July 31.

Construction Camps with Lego and K'NEX offer a fun and educational experience through hands-on programs that let children explore the creative world of designing and building.

Camps available for preschool and kindergartners are as follows. All camps for preschool and kindergarten grade students meet 9-11 a.m. daily.

\*June 19-23 features Young Builders Camp. Young Builders Camp games focus on sequencing, number and letter recognition, vocabulary building, counting, and more while building everything from an apple to a zebra.

\*June 26-30 and July 31-August 4 features Young Builders Castle Camp. Young Builders Castle Camp lets children create the castle of their dreams. Build anything from Medieval Times to Hogwarts.

\*July 24-28 features Young Builders: Planes, Trains, and Automobiles Camp. Children explore their creative side as they build any moving thing their imagination can create.

Camps available for grades 1-3 are as follows. All camps for grades 1-3 students meet 9-11 a.m. daily.

\*June 19-23 features Space Camp.

\*June 26-30 features Mania Camp. This camp combines LEGO and KNEX elements with creative building techniques. Children will focus on modeling, architecture, engineering, and design activities.

\*July 24-28 features Cool Contraptions Camp. Children will invent moving contraptions such as vehicles, machines, pulleys, axels-anything to get the creative mind moving.

\*July 31-August 4 features Castle Camp. Children will build their own castle while also learning about the architecture and design. Children will explore castles from the past and present.

Camps available for grades 3-5 and 6-8 are as follows. Both grade divisions meet 1-4 p.m. daily.

\*June 19-23 features Space Camp. Children will build anything space-related at this camp, from a space station to a robotic arm. Children will also design and build a Moon Base.

\*June 26-30 features Coney Island Camp. Children will explore the fun and science of amusement park rides. Design and build a miniature golf course, Ferris wheel, or roller coaster.

\*July 24-28 features Inventions Camp. Solve problems and challenges through fun invention. A mix of practical science and invention help children tap into their design creativity and imagination.

\*July 31-August 4 features Chicago Cities Camp. Chicago Cities Camp blends history, aesthetics, structural engineering, and functionality in an engaging, exciting way. Learn about bridges, skyscrapers, towers, and more.

For information about registering for the Construction Camps with Lego and K'NEX, visit the Green Apple Camps website at [www.greenapplecamps.com](http://www.greenapplecamps.com), or call NIU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming at (815) 753-5200 or visit their website at [www.niu.edu/clasep](http://www.niu.edu/clasep).

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