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## **College of the Desert Teaches Middle and High Schoolers about Coding, Cyber Security, Ethical Hacking, Robotics**

**What:** Local pre-college students from throughout the Coachella Valley attend two separate hands-on summer sessions at several College of the Desert locations:

- CODE sessions teach cyber security, computer coding and ethical hacking.
- Robotics sessions teach and enable the students to build their own robots.

The free CODE and Robotics sessions are among many examples of how College of the Desert works with its K-12 partners in the Coachella Valley to help young students learn more about finding their path to college and to introduce them to the possibilities of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) career.

### **Information about CODE sessions:**

**When:** CODE sessions run Monday through Thursday this week. About three dozen middle school students attend a morning session that runs from 9 a.m. to noon while high school students attend an afternoon session. The morning session is typically more entertaining visually than the afternoon session and Tuesday (June 26) morning is expected to be a very entertaining session.

**Where:** College of the Desert's Palm Desert Campus, 43-500 Monterey Ave.

**More Information:** The CODE sessions have been so popular that about 100 middle school students are on the waiting list. However, high school students can still sign up for the two-week session that starts July 23 at College of the Desert's Indio Campus, 45524 Oasis Street.

### **Information about Robotics sessions:**

**When and Where:** Weekly Robotics sessions run from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Wednesdays and Thursdays are the most visually entertaining.

- **This week:** Desert Hot Springs Campus at the Edward Wenzlaff Education Center, 11625 West Drive, Desert Hot Springs.
- **July 9-13:** Temporary Palm Springs Campus, 1300 E. Baristo Road.
- **July 16-20 and July 23-27:** PaCE (lower level inside Westfield Palm Desert), 72840 Highway 111, Suite C-101, Palm Desert.
- **July 30 to Aug. 3:** Indio Campus, 45524 Oasis St.

**How to cover:** If you're interested in covering the CODE and/or Robotics sessions, please reach out to James Meier via email at [JMeier@CollegeoftheDesert.edu](mailto:JMeier@CollegeoftheDesert.edu) or call him at (760) 848-8230 so he can help you out. These sessions are really educational and make for great fun stories.

**About College of the Desert:**

Established in 1958, College of the Desert (COD), located in Palm Desert, is an accredited community college serving eastern Riverside County, California. The College leads the region in providing quality, higher education, technical training and lifelong learning opportunities, in response to the dynamic needs of our diverse community. The College serves more than 15,000 each year and is the number one source of transfer students to California State University, San Bernardino's Palm Desert Campus. For more information, visit [www.collegeofthedesert.edu](http://www.collegeofthedesert.edu).

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