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High school students will compete in RCC Build-A-Thon

High school students from throughout the Rogue Valley will demonstrate their construction skills when they compete at the Rogue Community College Build-A-Thon 2010.

Scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 23, the event will be held at the RCC Table Rock Campus, 7800 Pacific Ave, White City. The RCC Construction Technology Department hosts the event, which gives high school construction students a real-world building experience.

Working in teams, students will read blueprints and select the necessary materials to complete a project. They will compete with peers, earning awards and prizes for building a quality product on budget and on schedule. Experts from the construction industry will inspect and grade their work.

Thanks to local business donations, prizes will be awarded to the winning teams, and every participant will go home with a tool or other gift. The RCC student chapter of Associated General Contractors also has invited middle school students to the build-a-thon and will direct them as they build a project at the event.

Build-A-Thon is a combined effort of the RCC Construction Technology program, the RCC Early College Credit program, and high school construction technology programs. Donations of funds, time and other support is provided by the Associated General Contractors Oregon Columbia Chapter and the Homebuilders Association of Jackson County.

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