



STAMP CAMP USA PROGRAM HOSTING ADULT STAMP CAMP TRAINING WORKSHOP

Stamp Camp USA is pleased to announce an adult stamp camp training for interested adults in the Tioga County area. Philately can be the means to bring exciting and interesting ways to utilize talents that have been developed through life skills experiences. A collaborative education program that boosts skills and knowledge through the use of worldwide postage stamps, popular hands-on activities help campers of all ages learn stamp collecting basics with an emphasis on creative exhibiting through individual and team projects.

Stamp Camp USA is dedicated to providing valuable learning experiences to children and communities-at-large by not only inspiring self-directed learning, but also enriching how community members become engaged in projects which promote positive youth development and community networks. The Stamp Camp USA Program concept is easily integrated into existing community school, youth, and family program activities and can enhance learning using materials that are inexpensive and readily available to most.

First introduced in 1995 in the Northern Tioga School District, Stamp Camp USA now operates as national non-profit 501c3 educational organization. Partners include the United States Postal Service and the American Philatelic Society, as well as Penn State Cooperative Extension, Senior Corps of Pennsylvania, Scouting, Center for Independent Living, Head Start, and others. The Program has been certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for Act 48 continuing education credit and enhances multiple community environments, where children can succeed and improve important skills.

Thanks to a generous grant from North Forest Foundation, this adult stamp camp workshop has been scheduled for Friday, July 24, 2009. The workshop will be held at the Stamp Camp USA Headquarters Office, 117 Court Street, Suite A, Elkland, PA 16920, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. During this workshop, adults will learn to effectively begin a stamp collection or to enhance an existing one, while developing skills that will compliment sharing philatelic skills with interested children that they may be in a position to mentor. Participants will have a hands-on learning opportunity to experience actual camp functions, helping them envision how stamp collecting can best meet their respective needs.

As Stamp Camp USA continues its national expansion efforts, there are increased opportunities for area youth and adults to participate in national

contests, philatelic programs, and special projects that will not only enhance learning opportunities, but provide positive family and individual experiences as well. This year's national stamp show, sponsored by the American Philatelic Society, is being held in Pittsburgh, PA August 6-9th, serving as an ideal opportunity for families around the State to learn more about the many facets of stamp collecting and how versatile it can be educationally.

Advanced registration is required to attend the stamp camp adult workshop, and includes the Stamp Camp USA Planning Guide, all necessary workshop supplies, start-up materials, and lunch. Enrollment space is limited, so registration forms will be accepted on a first-come basis.

For additional information please contact Stamp Camp USA Executive Director, Cheryl Edgcomb, at (814) 258-5601, or by e-mail at sstampcampusa@stny.rr.com. Deadline for registration is July 18, 2009.