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## Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools and Eagle Builders launch hands-on construction camp for high school students

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools is pleased to announce a new partnership with Eagle Builders to launch an immersive, five-day exploratory camp designed for high school students interested in construction and engineering. This unique program, hosted at Eagle Builders, a renowned leader in the prefabricated concrete industry, offers students hands-on experience in foundational construction skills and concrete component building.

The camp provides students with the rare opportunity to work alongside industry professionals, gaining invaluable insights and practical skills that can serve as a foundation for careers in construction and engineering. Through real-world applications, teamwork, and problem-solving activities, participants will explore multiple disciplines within the field, preparing them for the high-demand industries of tomorrow.

Program highlights include:

- **Hands-on Learning:** Direct experience in forming and constructing concrete components.
- **Exposure to Multiple Disciplines:** A broad look at various aspects of construction and engineering.
- **Real-World Applications:** Training focused on skills used daily in the industry.
- **Teamwork and Problem Solving:** Emphasis on collaboration and critical thinking.

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“We are excited to offer students this unique chance to explore careers in construction and engineering with one of the industry’s leaders,” said Tracey Millar, Career Pathway Coordinator at Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools. “This partnership with Eagle Builders aligns with our commitment to providing practical, career-focused learning experiences for our students.”

"We are thrilled to partner with Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools on this initiative, which reflects our dedication at Eagle Builders to supporting and enriching our local communities. By offering hands-on experiences through this camp, we aim to equip students with foundational skills, spark interest in the trades, and open doors to potential career paths in construction. Our goal is to inspire and empower students, allowing them to explore the rewarding opportunities available in the construction industry, all while building strong connections within the community that contribute to a thriving, skilled local workforce," said Amie Grootjes, Human Resources with Eagle Builders.

“We are excited to provide our students with real-world opportunities to explore potential careers in construction and engineering. This partnership reflects our commitment to helping students discover their strengths and passions in fields where they can build fulfilling careers. We’re grateful to Eagle Builders for opening their doors to make this a reality,” said Murray Hollman, Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools Board Chair.

This camp represents the shared commitment of Red Deer Catholic Schools and Eagle Builders to prepare students for successful futures in in-demand fields, offering a platform for young learners to discover potential career pathways and develop their skills in a supportive, real-world environment.

*Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 9,600 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 950 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.*

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