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High Prairie, Alberta

Mind Over Metal Welding Camp celebrates a successful week

Northern Lakes College, in partnership with the Canadian Welding Association Foundation and Shell, celebrated the successful completion of the Mind Over Metal Welding Camp. This one-week camp for youth between the ages of 12 to 15 was held at the Northern Lakes College Mobile Trades Lab that was set up at the High Prairie campus.

The camp ran from July 17 - 21, 2017, and students learned about safety procedures in welding, proper use of hand and power tools, the basics of Gas Metal Arc Welding, and from guest speakers. Students created three different projects during the Mind Over Metal Welding Camp, which they brought home. The welding camp was free to students thanks to the generous donations of the College's partners: The Canadian Welding Association Foundation and Shell. The students celebrated the week on Friday with a luncheon and certificate award ceremony. They also had the opportunity to take their family and friends on a tour of the Northern Lakes College Mobile Trades Lab and showcase their projects.

Karen Lauck, mother of Waylon Lauck, said, "I am grateful this summer camp was held in High Prairie. When my son Waylon heard of the Mind Over Metal Welding Camp, he came home so excited that we signed him up right away. The welding camp has opened new doors for high school students like my son, and the opportunity will broaden their horizon regarding their career options in Trades. I am grateful to everyone involved who made this happen for youth. Great Initiative!"

Charlene Parker, Community Liaison for Shell said, "It is great to see the students' enthusiasm while presenting their final projects and hearing them speak about how they want to continue building their welding skillsets. The welding camp opens a lot of opportunities for students, and hopefully, this camp will inspire and encourage them to pursue a career in Trades. Shell is proud to be a sponsor of this initiative."



Student Waylon Lauck showcasing his Log & Axe Project

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