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Bead, Bevel and Brush: Third Annual Mind over Metal Welding Camp wraps successfully

Twelve youth from the High Level area celebrated their completion of the Mind over Metal Welding Camp at a luncheon and ceremony on Friday, August 17. Northern Lakes College (NLC), in partnership with the CWB Welding Foundation and Stelco, hosted the camp from August 13 – 17 at the NLC Campus in High Level.

Students learned the proper use of hand tools, the basics of Gas Metal Arc Welding, and safety procedures, including fire extinguisher training provided by the High Level Fire Department at the Fire Training Centre. Students completed four, take-home projects over the duration of the camp. The Mind over Metal Welding Camp was free to students, thanks to the generous sponsorship of the College's partners, the CWB Welding Foundation and Stelco.

"We hope that by sparking an interest in welding for kids at a grassroots level, we will be able to continue to address the employment needs for welders in the High Level region," comments Cody Vigeant, Programs and Communications Associate for the CWB Welding Foundation. "Institutions such as Northern Lakes College play a pivotal role in the success of our camps. Having an eager partner such as NLC to execute these camps helps the CWB Welding Foundation provide opportunity to kids who may not have the opportunity to experience welding in a safe, fun environment conducive to learning."

NLC Welding Instructor, Jody Rees, conveys, "The Mind over Metals Welding Camp was an excellent opportunity for the participants to engage in the welding trade. The kids were enthusiastic when it came time to explore the trade. All the kids involved had fun and enjoyed themselves."

"Partnership opportunities such as the Mind over Metal Welding Camp enable NLC to provide youth from our region with exposure to a trade. Mentorship, community development and youth empowerment are important aspects of such initiatives and the College is proud to host the Camp," states Melane LeBlanc, NLC Fund Development Manager.

This was the third annual offering of the Mind over Metal Welding Camp, with the one-week camp held in Wabasca in 2016 and High Prairie in 2017.



Photo: Students learn proper welding technique.

Northern Lakes College is a multi-campus college located in northern Alberta and is focused on providing relevant, quality programs through a distributed learning model, serving over 6,000 students annually. To meet regional needs, NLC offers a wide range of certificate and diploma programs in Business, Health Sciences and Allied Health, Human Services, Technology, Trades, University Studies, and Academic Upgrading. The College collaborates with Campus Alberta partners to offer degree completion opportunities throughout its service region, including a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Social Work. Northern Lakes College also provides a wide variety of professional accreditation and certificate programs through its Continuing Education and Corporate Training Department. Northern Lakes College houses the Woodland Operations Learning Foundation (WOLF) to provide Forestry and related post-secondary and professional development programs.

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