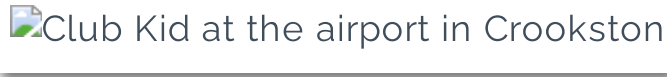


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Club Kid Takes Off at Crookston Airport

By Elizabeth Tollefson on Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Crookston Park and Recreation Club Kid summer immersion at the University of Minnesota Crookston continues for another year. Janessa Quanrud and Megan Luxford from the Center for Adult Learning on the Crookston campus have been working to arrange and organize activities/events on campus through July. These activities, in collaboration with  academic units and University partners, will engage and expose youth to a college experience and environment. On Thursday, June 11, Club Kid took place at the Crookston Airport.

Activities at the airport were led by Jake Canty, University of North Dakota (UND) Aerospace Crookston site manager and George Steensma, UND Aerospace Crookston flight instructor.

The students went through four stations during their time at the airport including:

The aircraft design and testing station allowed students to design and build aircrafts and test them in the wind tunnel. Adjustments were then made to balance their aircraft designs in an attempt to sustain level flight in the wind tunnel. The flight simulator gave students the chance to fly the Advanced Aviation Training Device, located at the joint UMC/UND Aerospace facility.

The Piper Warrior and Cub Crafters Top Cub static display stations gave students a brief overview of the Piper Warrior III and Top Cub, inside and out.

Kirby Newhouse, Supervisor of Club Kid, said "We are so thankful to our friends at UMC and the Crookston Airport, as well as the flight instructors who helped out yesterday! We appreciate them allowing us to interact with their special training equipment and planes, and for sharing their enthusiasm and passion for aviation with us!"

The tentatively scheduled upcoming Club Kid Activities are with Brian Follette on June 18; is natural resources day with Laura Bell on June 25; movie day on July 9; art day with Gary Stegman on July 16; bike day with Alison Agresta on July 23; and track and field day at Ed Widseth Field on July 30. All activities run from 1 to 5 p.m. and children should meet at the Peterson Gazebo on the University of Minnesota Crookston Campus Mall unless otherwise noted above.

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