

Newsletter April 2025

## Upcoming Classes and Workshops

To learn more or to enroll, please visit [wp.missouristate.edu/Workforce](http://wp.missouristate.edu/Workforce)



### Amateur Radio Workshop

April 12, 9am - 12pm | Cost: \$0

Amateur Radio is an entertaining hobby and a necessary service. With an amateur radio you can reach out to a diverse group of people around the world and even into space. Amateur radio is also a means of communication during emergencies or natural disasters.



### FAA Part 107 Drone Test Prep

April 21-23, 5:30pm - 8:30pm | Cost: \$150

Learn about airspace, aeronautical charts, weather, Meteorological Terminal Aviation Routine Weather Reports (METARs), aircraft loading, airport operations, judgment and decision-making, radio communications and more, all of which are included in the remote pilot certification exam.

## Upcoming Events

### Summer Scholars

Missouri State University-West Plains (MSU-WP) will offer two Summer Scholars Academy camps this June, providing hands-on STEAM learning opportunities for students.

- High School Camp (Grades 9-12): June 9-11
- Middle School Camp (Grades 5-8): June 24-28

Students will explore subjects like robotics, nursing, video game design, engineering, biology, and the arts, guided by educators and industry professionals.

Cost: \$100 for the first student, \$75 for each additional family member.

Register at: [WP.MissouriState.edu/Workforce](http://WP.MissouriState.edu/Workforce).



“The Office of Workforce Development and Community Education looks forward to working with our community, businesses, and industry leaders.”

## Connect with Workforce Development & Community Education!

At Missouri State University-West Plains, we're passionate about building a stronger workforce and empowering our community. Through **industry partnerships**, **hands-on training**, and **career-focused education**, we help students and job seekers develop the skills they need to succeed.

We invite schools, businesses, and community organizations to engage with us! Whether it's through campus tours, school visits, industry roundtables, or customized training opportunities, we're here to collaborate and support your workforce needs. Let's work together to bridge the gap between education and employment.

Interested in scheduling a visit or learning more? Contact us at [WPWorkforce@MissouriState.edu](mailto:WPWorkforce@MissouriState.edu) and let's start the conversation!



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