



Take *Charge* of your **FUTURE**

... A career exploration for youth

Frequently Asked Questions

For Parents:

WHAT is *Take CHARGE of Your Future*?

This is an FREE event for youth to explore various career options and to make connections between educational opportunities and achievement of career goals. By meeting successful professionals, your child will gain invaluable information about the pathway to achieving a career in their chosen field.

WHO should come to the event?

This event is targeted at 7th and 8th grade students in Vacaville, but is open to all. Slightly younger and older students will also benefit from this event.

WHEN is the event?

Take CHARGE of Your Future will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the Ulatis Community Center from 10 am - 2 pm.

Do we have to stay the entire time?

NO! It will only take about 1 - 2 hours to complete the event. Youth will be given a passport and some sample questions to assist them at the various career booths. You should plan to arrive before 1 pm to allow your child to visit with several career professionals.

Do we need to bring anything to the event?

Yes, your child should complete the Career Interest Survey before they come to the event. The survey results will guide them as they select career professionals to interview.

If my child has not completed the Career Interest Survey, can they still attend?

Yes, we will have copies of the survey for them to complete at the event.

Can I attend the event with my child?

ABSOLUTELY! You play a vital role in your child's career goals. There will be resources available for you about local High School programs, scholarships and financial planning for post-secondary training and education.

WHY is the event held on a Saturday?

There are three main reasons:

1. Business volunteers - to achieve a one on one communication between youth and professional working in the career field (NOT representatives) we hold the event on a non-standard workday.
2. Parent involvement -- parents are encouraged to attend with their child and a non-standard workday enables more parents to attend.
3. Expanding educational opportunities -- by providing this event outside of the traditional school day, we expand student learning without impacting classroom instructional time.

Who is sponsoring the event?

The event is being sponsored by the Vacaville Youth Roundtable. This is a group of City, business, religious and educational leaders that come together monthly to share information and resources about local youth activities. We feel that school courses are often irrelevant if youth don't have a destination. This event will provide possible destinations - jobs, careers, education/training opportunities and community involvement.

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