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Deadline nearing for Fox Cities businesses to secure booth at Chamber career expo Volunteers also need for event!

FOX CITIES, Wis. (Feb. 8, 2022) – Friday, Feb. 11 is the deadline for Fox Cities businesses to register for a booth at the Fox Cities Chamber's annual career expo. The Future Fox Cities Career Expo is slated for March 8-9, 2022 at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center, 355 W. Lawrence Street, Appleton, for 8th- through 12th-grade students from around the Fox Cities.

"The career expo provides an excellent opportunity for Fox Cities businesses to connect with our future workforce," said Sharla Jens, VP Employer and Talent Development. "Now is the perfect time for companies to meet with these students, be a resource and have those conversations, to help fill your pipeline for future workers."

The Chamber has more than 2,000 students and 50 businesses registered for the event. The first day, March 8, will be open to 8th-grade students only. Students receive information on career opportunities, how to prepare for a career with high school coursework, and other engaging and interactive experiences with regional employers. The second day, March 9, is targeted toward high-school students and provides information on job shadowing, informational interviews, classroom visits, company tours, internships, summer employment, part-time employment, youth apprenticeships, and more.

New this year is a partnership with Junior Achievement, which provides career exploration lesson plans for 8th grade students, as well as activities for teachers to assist them in their preparation.

Visit our web site for more details on the expo and for registration links: <u>Fox Cities Chamber of</u> <u>Commerce - Future Fox Cities Career Expo</u>, or email Sharla Jens at <u>sjens@foxcitieschamber.com</u>.

The Chamber is also seeking volunteers to help out in several areas during the Career Expo:

- Ushering students
- Vendor Assistance
- Lunch delivery
- Bus coordination
- Hallway monitoring



Additionally, they need volunteers to go into local 8th grade classrooms the week of Feb. 21-25 and teach a Junior Achievement session. Volunteers will be given all of the materials needed to facilitate the 45-minute lesson. Topics covered are Elevator Pitch, Informational Interviews, and Event Resources.

Help the next generation explore future career opportunities in the Fox Cities! If interested, in volunteering, email <u>mhaen@foxcitieschamber.com</u>

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About Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce

The Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce captures the energy of one of Wisconsin's most dynamic regions and transforms it into innovative programs and services championing employers, economic development, and quality of life in the counties of Outagamie, Calumet, and the northern portion of Winnebago. For more information, visit <u>www.foxcitieschamber.com</u>.