

# Girls Learn Construction in UP Program

For the fifth year in a row, the University of Portland recently hosted a two-week program called the Building Girls Summer Camp, designed to expose middle and high school girls to the world of construction.

The camp for high school girls and middle school girls is operated by Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc.

"We focus on exposing girls to opportunities in the construction world," said Katie Hughes, Youth Programming Coordinator for Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. and 2002 UP alumna. "This camp is important for these girls because they can learn a trade, which they traditionally don't learn."

Camp participants learned teamwork to construct and paint two sheds, later donated to local community gardens. The instruction also included an overview of the construction industry, math lessons and field trips to rebuilding centers and stores.

Jillian Morehouse, 15, attended both the high school and the middle school camp sessions.

"I have always liked working with my hands, and my high school doesn't have a shop program," she said.

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Girls hammer out the beginnings of a shed at Building Girls Summer Camp, a University of Portland program that exposes girls to construction opportunities.

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. and the Building Girls Summer Camp, go to [tradeswomen.net](http://tradeswomen.net).

## International Scholars to Arrive

As part of a program to bring students from Central America and the Caribbean to the local area, Mount Hood Community College is seeking families that are interested in hosting an international visitor.

While studying environmental technology, Students of SEDD or Scholarship for Education and Economic Development live with host families and attend classes at MHCC for nine months.

More families are needed immediately to host 19 students that will soon be arriving this month from Dominican Republic,

El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico and Nicaragua.

"It's a great international experience that you can have right here in our own country," says Nikki Gillis, MHCC SEED program coordinator.

Many students return home to work as leaders in the environmental preservation and economic development of their communities.

If you are interested in hosting a student in your home, call Gillis at 503-491-7505. Host families receive a \$280 monthly stipend to help offset costs.

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