

TECH CORPS expands summer offerings at Willow Hill Heritage & Renaissance Center

This summer, TECH CORPS will return to Portal with technology-based summer camps at the Willow Hill Heritage & Renaissance Center. Camps are available for students in 3rd through 8th grades and will be held in June. TECH CORPS will offer expanded programming this year with the introduction of IT On Ramp, a new two-week, full-day experience for 7th and 8th graders.

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TECH CORPS Techie Camp. | Photo Provided

TECH CORPS will expand its summer programming at [Willow Hill Heritage & Renaissance Center](#) (4235 Willow Hill Rd, Portal, GA 30450) with the launch of IT On Ramp (ITOR), a two-week, full-day experience new to Portal students. Our nationally recognized Techie Camp will continue to run again in Portal, serving students in grades 3–8 across two weeks of hands-on learning in June.

This new program builds on the foundation laid by TECH CORPS Techie Camps, offering students a next step to deepen their skills, strengthen their problem-solving, and better understand how their interests connect to future opportunities.

IT On Ramp provides the next step beyond introductory experiences, giving students the opportunity to build apps, explore cybersecurity, and design websites through hands-on, real-world projects that strengthen technical skills, deepen problem-solving, and connect learning to future technology careers.

Program and Camp Schedule & Eligibility

June 1–5, 9 am-3 pm

- *Tech Explorer (Grades 3–5)*
- *Tech Quest (Grades 6–8)*

June 8–12, 9 am-3 pm

- *Eco Ranger (Grades 3–5)*
- *Smart Cities (Grades 6–8)*

June 15-26, 9 am-4 pm

- *IT On ramp (Grades 7-8)*

Students must attend school in or live within Bulloch or Emanuel County to participate.

What Students Will Experience

Each Techie Camp engages students in active problem-solving, collaboration, and real-world applications of technology.

Tech Explorer (Grades 3–5)

Students will dive into coding adventures using a handheld micro:bit computer and complete interactive missions that build creativity, confidence, and foundational tech skills.

Tech Quest (Grades 6–8)

Students will tackle global-inspired technology challenges as they code, test, and improve solutions, unlocking virtual vaults along the way. Along the way, they will strengthen problem-solving skills, teamwork, and confidence.

Eco Ranger (Grades 3–5)

Students will investigate environmental challenges, including pollution and wildlife protection. They will collect and analyze data, test ideas, and design solutions that support their communities and protect the planet.

Smart Cities (Grades 6–8)

Students will design and prototype smart-city solutions using coding, sensors, and artificial intelligence. They will explore how technology can improve how communities function and grow.

Building Skills That Extend Beyond Summer

Techie Camps center on real-world problem-solving and student-driven discovery. Students design, test, and improve solutions, building confidence and gaining a clearer sense of how technology connects to their future.

“Techie Camps give students the opportunity to see themselves as creators of technology, not just consumers,” said **Lisa M. Chambers, CEO of TECH CORPS**. “When students work on real challenges, they build confidence, strengthen problem-solving skills, and begin to see what’s possible for their future.”

Marcala Moore, Program Expansion Manager at TECH CORPS, added, “We truly love working with students in Portal. Every summer, we see students grow their technical skills, gain confidence in creating with technology, and discover that they belong in these spaces. Many leave camp excited to keep learning, explore new tech opportunities, and even imagine themselves in future technology careers.”

Community Impact & Support

[The Nordson Corporation Foundation](#) has sponsored TECH CORPS Techie Camps in Portal since 2022, helping expand access to high-quality technology learning for local students.

To keep camps accessible while encouraging commitment, TECH CORPS requires a \$50 refundable deposit that covers both weeks of camp. Families receive the full refund when students attend and complete the program.

How to Register

Families can now visit techiecamp.org. Space is limited, and early enrollment is encouraged.

About TECH CORPS

TECH CORPS is a national nonprofit organization that expands access to the opportunities technology creates through hands-on, career-connected learning experiences.

TECH CORPS imagines a world where every student has the skills, confidence, and opportunity to build their own path to a successful future.

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