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## First of its kind Drone Summer Camp in Weslaco

(Weslaco, TX) Growing in popularity and gaining momentum at becoming an industry standard is the rise of the unmanned aircraft commonly known as drone technology.

The City of Weslaco and Weslaco's Economic Development Corporation announces its partnership with CODE RGV and the first of its kind in the Rio Grande Valley, Drone Summer Camp 2017.

"Within the last decade, I have seen drones evolve from secret military weaponry to the latest in front door package delivery services," says Marie McDermott, executive director for the EDC of Weslaco, "and we intend to work with our local school districts to help develop a marketable skill set in the emerging technology."

The three week course will take 80 students through a comprehensive curriculum including:

- an understanding of aeronautics
- the importance of current FAA safety regulations
- the complete piece by piece assembly of the drone
- beginner flight skills and flying activities
- and potential careers and future needs of drone technology

The summer camp program will be free for all Weslaco resident High School students.

Students will be enrolled on a first come-first serve basis. Registration begins May 15, 2017 for Weslaco student residents, and May 22, 2017 for all RGV students. Each session will accommodate 20 students.

June 5th - June 23rd:  
Session #1 and Session #2  
<https://rgvdronecamp01.eventbrite.com>  
<https://rgvdronecamp02.eventbrite.com>

July 31st - Aug 18th:  
Session #3 and Session #4  
<https://rgvdronecamp03.eventbrite.com>  
<https://rgvdronecamp04.eventbrite.com>

Drone Camp 2017 in the Rio Grande Valley, promises to spark a passion and drive to develop new and creative ways to use drones, develop skilled drone pilots, and stimulate Weslaco's growing economy.

For more information on Drone Camp 2017, contact the EDC office of Weslaco at 956-969-0838.