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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SULLIVAN SUMMER OF EXCELLENCE

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's School of Adult and Continuing Education will offer eight classes at Powers Elementary School in Sullivan as part of its Summer of Excellence/College for Kids program.

Beginning June 19 through July 28 in Sullivan, students, ages 6-15, will be able to take a variety of classes, ranging from beginning newspaper reporting to science crafts for kids.

Forty-three other classes for ages two through adults will be offered on the EIU campus in Charleston from June 19 through July 27.

A number of partial scholarships are being provided through the Office of the Regional Superintendent of Schools for students attending school in Coles, Cumberland, Clark, Edgar, Moultrie and Shelby counties.

These are \$15 scholarships that may be applied to any of the courses offered. All scholarship requests are subject to approval and the availability of funds. General scholarships will be limited to one per family.

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The Summer of Excellence program is intended to provide children with an entertaining yet educational alternative during the summer months. Classes are small, allowing students to learn and explore a particular subject in a friendly, non-competitive atmosphere. Instructors are chosen for their interest and knowledge of subject matter and their ability to develop courses that stimulate and challenge participants.

Registration must be completed one week before the class begins. Registration forms must include the signature of a parent or guardian. Class fees range from \$40 to \$48.

For more information or to request a registration form, contact EIU's School of Adult and Continuing Education at (217) 581-5116.

The following classes will be offered in Sullivan:

- 1) **A Nose for News!**--(ages 9-13) 9 to 11 a.m., July 10-13; fee \$48. Instructors Debbie Gough and Terry Prasum will teach students the basics of newspaper reporting. Participants will meet reporters and visit a newspaper office.
- 2) **Circle of Life Skills!**--(ages 9-14) 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., June 19-22; fee \$48. Instructors Debbie Gough and Terry Prasum will help students develop life skills such as starting a savings and checking account, comparing prices, filling out an application and using the phone and newspaper. Computer as well as group activities will help students learn.
- 3) **Nature Crafts for Kids!**--(ages 7-11) 8 to 10 a.m., July 10-13;

fee \$40. Instructors Christine Grohler and Karen Harpster will help students explore the wonders of nature. Students will take a nature walk and collect things found in the wild for later craft use.

- 4) **Creepy Crawlies!**--(ages 7-11) 8 to 10 a.m., July 17-20; fee \$40. Instructors Christine Grohler and Karen Harpster show students how to make a critter cage and a wormery and talk about what insects are edible.
- 5) **Up, Up and Away!**--(ages 7 to 11) 10 a.m. to noon, July 17-20; fee \$40. Instructors Karen Harpster and Christine Grohler will show students how to soar this summer, by teaching them about the adventures of flight through hands-on activities.
- 6) **Habla Espanol!**--(ages 7-11) 10 a.m. to noon, July 10-13; fee \$40. Instructors Karen Harpster and Christine Grohler will take students on a tour of Mexico. Learn to speak Spanish and make instruments and crafts that are native to Mexico.
- 7) **Kids and Nature**--(ages 6-9) 9:30 to 11 a.m., July 17-21; fee \$40. Instructors Mary Ann Lilly and Sandy Stone will help students learn more about Mother Nature through daily treks, books, poetry and crafts.
- 8) **Science Crafts and Kids**--(ages 6-9) 9:30 to 11 a.m., July 24-28; fee \$40. Instructors Sandy Stone and Mary Ann Lilly will help students explore the earth, air, water and fire through crafts.