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“I CAN MAKE IT!” CAMP & “GATEWAY ACADEMY” PROGRAM

JACKSON, Michigan – The Enterprise Group of Jackson is proud to announce The Academy for Manufacturing Careers in partnership with Jackson Area Manufacturers Association and the Jackson Intermediate School District will be offering, “*I CAN MAKE IT!*” Camp for current 4th, 5th and 6th graders and the “*GATEWAY ACADEMY*” Program for those entering 7th and 8th grade. Both camps are weeklong, overnight camps held at Camp McGregor on Crispell Lake July 14-18, 2008. Both camps run concurrently.

Through a grant from the SME Education Foundation we have expanded the “*I CAN MAKE IT!*” Camp to include the “*GATWEAY ACADEMY*”. The Gateway Academy is a joint program of the SME Education Foundation and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) to respond to the urgent need for skilled manufacturing workers. Starting the investment in students at an early age helps to ensure a source of skilled workers for decades to come. Campers will spend the week using their math, science and technology skills to design, build and test various fun projects and take part in recreational activities. Projects include robotic vehicles, benches, horseshoe coat hangers, towers, etc.

Cost for “I Can Make It!” Camp is \$150. Costs include breakfast, lunch, dinner, all snacks and materials for projects. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Soltis at The Academy for Manufacturing Careers at 517-782-8268 or by email at susan@enterprisegroup.org

