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Dear Guidance Counselor, Science and/or Information Technology Teacher:

We are writing to invite your school to participate in the summer 2012 *Be a Computer Scientist for a Week* event sponsored by McGill University's School of Computer Science. The week long event, directed towards students in grades 10 and 11, is scheduled to take place from July 9th to July 13th, 2012 and is free of charge (but there is limited enrollment).

The students will select between one of three camps that are conducted simultaneously:

- *AI and Robots in Space*
- *Game Programming Guru*
- *Medical Computing*

The intention is to get students interested in science and in particular computer science. The focus for this event will be the role of the computer scientist in real-life situations. The camp stresses group problem solving and team work.

This event is for students with high-grade standing. We ask that you identify the students that you deem most deserving and who meet the following criteria:

- strong math, science and other computer-related skills;
- able to work well with others;
- creative;
- interested in participating;
- available for the week.

Our preference is that you submit the applications of 3 female and 3 male students but we would be pleased to accept any number of applications. However, in the interest of encouraging women in the field of Computer Science, preference will be given to the school that submits an equal number of male and female applicants, as your student population warrants.

How you choose to select the best students we leave to your discretion. Our organizing committee will select students from the entries that we receive. Students will be asked to write a short paragraph on their application form giving the reason they wish to attend. Please return the application forms to the above address by May 16, 2012.

Although the language of instruction will be English, French-speaking lab assistants will be available for those who require assistance.

We would appreciate it if you would display the enclosed poster in a prominent area. Please write in your school's deadline where indicated. In addition, we are enclosing entry forms as well as a tentative schedule of activities. If you have any questions concerning this event please do not hesitate to contact the Chairman of the organizing committee, Joseph Vybihal, at the following email address: jvybihal@cs.mcgill.ca or visit our website at <http://summercamp.cs.mcgill.ca>.

We trust you will be interested to know that this will be the 8th year we will be holding this event. This activity has been received with great enthusiasm both from students and their parents. The School of Computer Science is pleased to provide this event to the next generation of university bound students.

Sincerely,

Joseph Vybihal
Summer Camp Director

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