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Welding Olympics Yuba College

There's no five-hour opening ceremony or primetime television coverage, but Yuba College's Weld Olympics is a fun, nontraditional way for students to get a taste of what it's like to weld outside of the classroom.

On Thursday, November 12 from 8am to 4pm, students from six local high schools (Lindhurst, Live Oak, Gridley, Pleasant Valley, East Nicolaus, and Wheatland) in the area and Yuba College welders will ban together for a day of training and situational welding.

Sponsored by Lincoln Electric Co., Weld Olympics is the brainchild of Yuba College Welding Instructor, Dan Turner.

"We're putting together situational based events versus the 'go weld this in a booth' type of thing. The purpose of Weld Olympics is to expose students to situations they might see out in the industry," Turner said.

This concept will involve students maneuvering through an obstacle course to weld in the horizontal, vertical, and overhead positions. They will be crawling through pipes, welding on I-beams and inside pipes. Local judges will award students Bronze, Silver or Gold medals based on the quality of their weld.

The Weld Olympics also incorporates training as well as hands on competition for students. The instructors and students are separated into groups according to their level, and provided training in the morning. The instructors receive information from Lincoln Electric about job opportunities for their students and what skills the welding industry would like to see from the students as they graduate and enter the workforce.

The presenters also meet with the students and let them know what employers are looking for in their employees. They discuss good work ethics and habits as well as tips on interviewing and resume writing.

About Yuba College:

Yuba College, located at 2088 North Beale Rd., Marysville, Ca, has been providing quality education to the residents of the Yuba-Sutter for over 80 years. There are more than 17,000 students enrolled every year at Yuba College, but the college boasts a small students-to-teacher ratio. The smaller class sizes signify more individual instruction attention from professors. *For more information about Yuba College, please visit the website at www.yccd.edu/yuba.*

Pictures from the 2008 Weld Olympics

