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ORONO, Maine – Laptop computers are arriving in middle schools around the state, and the University of Maine is offering a summer experience to get teachers, students and parents off and running with the Maine Technology Initiative this fall. Camp Laptop is seeking adventurers eager to explore the possibilities and challenges of teaching and learning with technology.

Sponsored by the UMaine College of Education and Human Development, the day camp will engage participants in learning the basics and potential of the laptops from technical skills and available software to visualizing concepts and creating and solving real-world problems. Two sessions of the camp will be offered – July 23-26 and Aug. 2-5.

The camp is designed for seventh and eighth grade teachers and students, and is appropriate for grade five-nine students and educators, and for parents who want to learn more about laptop technology and how it can enrich instruction and increase home-school communication. Another goal of the camp to prepare teachers and students for needed leadership roles based on their abilities to troubleshoot, problem solve and creatively apply concepts and curriculum.

Teams of teachers, students and parents are encouraged, and individual participation is welcome. Directed by Ed Brazee, professor of middle level education, and Jim Chiavacci, instructional technologist, Camp Laptop instructors will emphasize collaborative hands-on learning and time to become familiar and confident as campers explore Apple iBook operation and software.

The camp fee of $350 per person covers the four days of intensive development, workshops, materials, lunches and snacks. For more information and registration forms, contact the UMaine College of Education and Human Development, (207) 581-2412; or e-mail cindy.lane@umit.maine.edu.

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