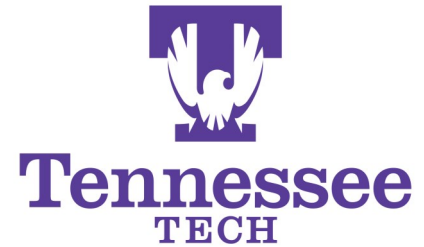


MPS-PS News



TENNESSEE TECH GRADUATION CEREMONY, HOOPER EBLIN CENTER

The Spring 2018 Commencement Ceremony takes place on Saturday, May 5th at the Hooper Eblin Center beginning at 9:30am. We are proud to celebrate all students earning a degree at Tech. Most importantly, we are **EXCITED** for the students graduating with the Public Safety concentration of the MPS degree. Your determination and grit has earned you the privilege of being one of the roughly 10% of Tennesseans aged 25-64 with a graduate/professional degree. We are proud of your accomplishment, appreciate your hard work, and look forward to cheering for each of you as you walk across the stage in a few weeks!

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THE WALL THAT HEALS APR 19TH—APR 22ND

The Wall That Heals is a 375-foot replica of the Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. Designed to travel to communities across the United States, Cookeville is pleased to welcome this powerful exhibit April 19th through the 22nd. Located at 497 Whiteaker Spring Road, the 4-day exhibit will be open 24 hours a day. If you are in the area, please take a moment to stop by and see this amazing tribute to those who served in Vietnam. For more information visit: <https://visitcookevilletn.com/wall-heals-o>



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Wall That Heals
- Application Deadline 4/16
- Local Family Friendly Events this Summer
- Ode to Tennessee Parks

LOCAL, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS ALL ARE WELCOME!

Celebration of Craft

Join the Craft Center on Saturday, April 7th for the Celebration of Craft open-house event. Enjoy the facilities and grounds while experiencing a fun, educational and entertaining day.

Live music, craft demonstrations, kid's hands-on craft activities, exhibitions, gallery discounts, and more! This event is free and open to the public. We hope to see you there!

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.tntech.edu/craftcenter/specialevents/>

STEM Around the World

Where in the world will you be on April 14th? Join us for a STEM Safari with global flair! Children and families will play STEM games from around the world, go on a Google Earth scavenger hunt, and connect STEM concepts to world landmarks.

Where? Ray Morris Hall—STEM Center Lobby; When? April 14th from 9:00am to noon. Cost? Reservations are required but the event is free!

For more information, please visit: <https://www.tntech.edu/stem/safari-saturdays>

SPRING 2018 APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 16TH!!

Our next cohort of students begins in May. Join us! There's still time to apply!

If you know anyone interested in getting an MPS Public Safety concentration, please remind them that the deadline to apply is April 16th with all supporting documents submitted by April 20th. Be sure to check with your department/agency about tuition assistance.

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

- Registration for summer begins at the end of March. Please be on the lookout for emails regarding registration from Tara. As a reminder, pay no attention to the mass student registration emails.
- Celebrate Earth Day on Sunday, April 22nd!
- Spring courses end on May 4th. Enjoy your week off!
- Spring 2018 graduation is Saturday, May 5th.
- Summer courses begin on Saturday, May 12th.
- All administrative offices will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.
- Graduation applications for summer degree conferrals are due by June 11th .
- All administrative offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.



FUN, FAMILY FRIENDLY SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN COOKEVILLE

SLIDECKVL! (formerly Slide the City)

SlideCKVL! (presented by Nissan of Cookeville) is an exciting 1,000 foot slip and slide down Broad Street. All you need to bring is you and your swimsuit! Pricing is \$10 for 2 trips down the slide on any day, \$20 for 5 trips down the slide on any day, and \$25 for unlimited trips down the slide on both days. No inner tube, no problem! You will receive one free custom inner tube with each ticket package purchased. In addition to the slide, there will be music, dancing, food, drinks, and select items for purchase. When? June 30th and July 1st. Tickets are on sale now, or can be purchased at the event. For more information call 931-528-1313 or visit <https://us.eventbu.com/cookeville/slideckvl-cookeville-s-downtown-water-slide-june-30-july-1-nissan-of-ckvl/4599117>.

MOVIES IN THE PARK!

Each summer Dogwood Park hosts the annual Movies in the Park event. During the month of June, enjoy family friendly movies at the Dogwood Performance Pavilion every Friday. All movies begin at dusk and admission is free! For more information go to: <http://www.cookeville-tn.gov/ls/dppavilion/>.

WE TWEET!

TTU Public Safety Concentration has a presence on Facebook and Twitter. We try to share and post from agencies and departments around the state and nation as it applies to public safety. We are happy to share upcoming events and important information for the public good.

Follow us on twitter:

@TTUPubSafetyMPS

Facebook:

tntechmpspubliksafety

Let us know what you are doing and we will share if we can.

#WingsUp

#TechYeah





SPOTLIGHT OF MPS-PUBLIC SAFETY: TENNESSEE STATE PARKS

I had the pleasure of working an event at Fall Creek Falls Inn, Restaurant, and Conference Center in February. Having never been there before, I was inspired by the beauty of this park. Sadly, the inn, restaurant, and conference center are slated for demolition in just a few weeks. The park and cabins will still be open and available so please keep visiting!

The following is dedicated to the employees at Fall Creek Falls, and all the superb individuals who make our state park system one of the best there is to visit. Your dedication to service is appreciated.



Ode to Tennessee Parks

When do you know that the Universe is great?
When you walk through the parks of our beautiful state.
The greenery, flowers, animals, and creeks,
The waterfalls, trails, and animals with beaks.
The sunrises, sunsets, the boating, and fishing,
It's everything you didn't know your life was missing.

Open all year – winter, spring, summer, fall,
Take your family, pack a lunch, and remember how small,
The problems of your life often happen to be
When surrounded by nature and its majesty.
The glory of the sky, the water, the mountains and trees
The calming of your cluttered mind when surrounded by these.

There are 56 parks in this great state of ours,
Experience the tranquility in weeks, days, or hours
Of your senses and soul, the cleansing of fears,
At a place that has been and will be here for years.
Appreciate the grandeur only parks can provide,
All in the great state in which you reside!

If you are ever in the Cookeville area, don't forget to stop by for a visit. We are located in the Volpe Library , Room 113.

—TLP