



The ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp (BHSSC) is a free, academic program which was started by The Harris Foundation. The foundation began in 1998 by Dr. Bernard Harris, Jr., the first African American astronaut, in order to invest in community-based initiatives to support education, health and wealth. The foundation takes an active role in shaping education in students in middle and high school through college. Because science, mathematics and engineering are critical to society's infrastructure for the 21st century, the Foundation works to preserve our future by making an investment in our youth today.

In 2007, The Harris Foundation teamed with the ExxonMobil Foundation to increase the impact and expand the reach of the program to twenty campuses across the United States. Northeastern University was one of the sites chosen to host a camp in order to support economically and/or socially disadvantaged students with limited opportunities within the Greater Boston area.

Northeastern's 2007 camp saw 39 students graduate the two-week FREE, residential program. Formal activities ran daily from 8:00-3:00 and recreational activities from 3:00 – 8:00. Formal activities exposed students to many different science disciplines from nanotechnology to biology to chemistry to engineering and more. Students built rockets and bridges, created polymers, and made their own lip balms and lotions. Recreational activities afforded students the opportunity to make new friends and challenge themselves at Thompson Island. Other field excursions included visits to the Museum of Science, George's Island and Blue Hill Observatory.

Through support from ExxonMobil, the Harris Foundation, Northeastern University College of Engineering and College of Arts and Sciences, Northeastern University will again provide a 2008 camp to rising 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders this summer, acquainting them with college life, exposing them to science careers, and expanding their knowledge in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Northeastern's dedication to encouraging industry-relevant experience along with classroom education, coupled with ExxonMobil and The Harris Foundation's vision, make this program a truly unique experience for all.

For more information, please visit [www.stem.neu.edu/bhssc.htm](http://www.stem.neu.edu/bhssc.htm).



Group shot



Making lip balm



Building structures



A visit to George's Island



Raft Rally with ExxonMobil

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