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Switzerland County Technology and Education Center Partners with Eleven Fifty Academy and TechPoint Foundation for “Cool Coding Awareness Week” in Switzerland County

Switzerland County has been selected as a site for Eleven Fifty Academy’s “Cool Coding Awareness Week”. The hosts for the week are the Switzerland County Technology and Education Center and the Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation.

Eleven Fifty Academy has created a comprehensive education pathway program that starts with a weeklong blitz called Cool Coding Awareness Week which delivers age-appropriate content to students in the Switzerland County School Corporation. The week concludes with Eleven Fifty Academy’s “Introduction to Coding” course, which imparts basic, introductory-level knowledge of computer coding.

Fostering students’ coding knowledge and growing their coding interests, Eleven Fifty Academy exists to help close the nation’s growing technology skills gap by creating an ecosystem of coding talent that benefits the individual, their employer and their community.

Indiana has documented evidence of a 50% increase in demand for software and application developers. This trend continues to increase as coding skills needed by employers is growing. Nationally, 6 out of 10 new jobs in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are being created in computer coding.

The Introduction to Coding course will be held at the Switzerland County Technology and Education Center, 708 W. Seminary Street, Vevay on Saturday, Oct. 8 and Sunday, October 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thanks to the generosity of the Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation, the course is free to Switzerland County residents. Others are welcome to register for the course for a fee of \$175. This course normally costs \$400 when offered by the Eleven Fifty Academy. A light continental breakfast, refreshments, and lunch will be provided to participants. Seating is limited. To register for this course, email mbusch@switzerlandusa.com or call 812-427-4475, and provide your name, phone number, and email address.

About Eleven Fifty Academy: Eleven Fifty Academy is a nonprofit organization that offers a variety of mobile, web and professional courses through immersive learning at subsidized rates, made possible through partnerships, corporate and individual donations. Headquartered in award-winning Carmel, Indiana, Eleven Fifty Academy provides the best possible training experience while consistently accelerating the learning curve for people of all ages and skill sets. The mission of Eleven Fifty Academy

is to build an ecosystem of coding talent that financially benefits the individual, their employer and their community. For more information, please visit elevenfifty.org/outreach

About Switzerland County Technology and Education Center: The Switzerland County Technology and Education Center opened in 2012 to provide adult classroom facilities for educational providers. Co-located with the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service and two county government agencies, the TEC Center hosts on-going basic adult education courses, Ivy Tech Community College Courses, a WorkOne office one day each week, and assistance for adults looking to begin or resume post-high school educational initiatives.

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