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Campers at Coley Little STEM Camp learn to combat internet threats

The Coley Little STEM Camp opened its doors to the community Wednesday as it partnered with CenturyLink to host an internet safety workshop.

Taking place in the Rochelle Middle School media center, the workshop featured lessons for adults and children about the dangers of identity theft, computer viruses, phishing scams and cyber bullying.

"If you get an email from someone saying you've won \$1 million, it's probably best not to click it," Stephanie Cashwell, market development manager for CenturyLink, said. "Chances are it's probably a virus or some kind of malicious software."

Cashwell also taught the camp how to avoid being scammed and how to tell if their computer may have a virus.

"I thought it was very informative," said Bobbi Williams, 12. "Cyberbullying is a big thing now, and technology is a major thing in kids' lives."

CenturyLink is a sponsor of the Coley Little STEM Camp, providing tablets, backpacks and scholarships for students to attend.

"This is our second year supporting the camp," Cashwell said. "When they do camps like this it's a great chance to give back to the community."

"I enjoyed the presentation," said Jackie Brown, Lenoir County commissioner. "I was very impress with the things the students asked and with what they already knew."

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Stephanie Cashwell, CenturyLink marketing and development manager, awaits questions from children at the Coley Little STEM Camp workshop on internet safety Wednesday at Rochelle Middle School.

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