



## SW/WC Service Cooperative 2011-2012 Student Enrichment Activities

### **We Help Students Discover Their Passion In Life!**

#### **\*\* Parent and School Related Events\*\***

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##### **Conference for Young Artists (individual students, grades K-8)**

*This conference nourishes students' creative and artistic talents by exposing them to a variety of visual and performing art forms. Students are inspired by the keynote presentation and then begin making their own works of art through hands-on classes such as drawing, Native American dance, media production, theatre, sculpture, papermaking, illustrating, origami, etc.*

Keynote speaker – **Shaun Hays, chalk artists**

**Time Period:** Early Bird Registration Deadline – October 4, 2011; Final Registration Deadline – October 11, 2011. Conference – November 2, 2011 in Marshall.



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##### **Conference for Young Writers (individual students, grades 3-8)**

*Through interaction with presenters, students explore their creativity and discover how to express their thoughts using written words. Students also learn that writing is an exciting skill that can open up a lifetime of opportunities. Classes feature speakers and hands-on activities related to journaling, poetry, script writing, news writing, comics, sports writing, writers block and more.*

Keynote speaker – **Rebecca Fjelland Davis, novelist, young adult and children's author**

**Time Period:** Early Bird Registration Deadline – November 22, 2011; Final Registration Deadline – November 29, 2011. Conference – January 5, 2012 in Marshall (snow date – January 6).



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##### **Creative Writing Contest (individual students, grades 3-12)**

*Is a future Pulitzer Prize winner sitting quietly in our region? Wouldn't it be a shame if they didn't have an opportunity to shine? This contest was established to encourage love of language and writing for all students and as a way to recognize and celebrate the region's talented young writers. Categories include: Fiction and Poetry for grades 3-12 and Creative Non-fiction for grades 5-12. Top place finishers will have their work published in an anthology.*

**Time Period:** Submission Deadline – January 24, 2012. Awards Ceremony - Sunday, April 15, 2012 in Marshall.



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##### **Science & Nature Conference (individual students, grades K-8)**

*What do you get when you combine the curious nature of students with cutting edge topics in science and technology? One of the largest and most popular science conferences for students in the country! Students explore the world around them through hands-on sessions that include archeology, minerals, motion control, engineering, reptiles, DNA, cryogenics, rockets, GPS, etc. Keynote Speaker – **Nature Adventures: Live!!! Terri Lawrenz & Todd Magnuson***

**Time Period:** Early Bird Registration Deadline – March 27, 2012; Final Registration Deadline – April 3, 2012. Conference – May 11, 2012 in Marshall.



#### **\*\*School Related Events\*\***

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##### **Children's Author & Illustrator Program (elementary schools)**

*Students in local elementary classrooms meet professional authors and illustrators who share their personal adventures of creating and publishing books. Energized students learn that having a book published is more than just a dream. During a typical day of residency (full or half day), the author/illustrator will give presentations to various groups and autograph books purchased by students and staff.*

Presenters: **Ryan Jacobson, Jill Kalz and Sheryl Peterson.**

**Time Period:** Early Bird Registration Deadline – November 1, 2011; Final Registration Deadline - November 8, 2011. Residencies will take place April 10-13 and April 23-27, 2012



### **Culinary Skills Challenge (individual teams of students, grades 9-12)**



The Annual Culinary Skills Challenge event features future chefs and food scientists showcasing their scientific and artistic creations during hands-on competitions and seminars. It is our most popular spectator event.

**Time Period:** Registration Deadline – March 23, 2012. Event – April 12, 2012 in Marshall (snow date-April 13). For more information: [www.lifetimeoflearning.com](http://www.lifetimeoflearning.com)

### **Junior High Knowledge Bowl® (teams of 6 students, grades 7-9)**

Are you smarter than a 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grader? You may not feel like it after you watch a round of a Junior High Knowledge Bowl competition. This academic contest encourages team members to work cooperatively to solve written and oral questions that test problem solving and critical thinking skills.

**Time Period:** Early Bird Registration Deadline – November 18, 2011; Final Registration Deadline – November 28, 2011. Invitationals - November/December 2011; Sub-Regional and Regional Events – December 2011 and January 2012.



### **Project Discovery (students with special needs, grades 9-12)**



Project Discovery puts students on the road to setting personal goals for meaningful careers and community life. This state-approved transition-disabled program allows students to discover their career interests and better understand their interpersonal, work and independent living skills. Students begin this journey at our state-of-the-art career and independent living skills assessment lab located at the SW/WC Service Cooperative's office in Marshall.

**Time Period:** September 2011 through May 2012

### **Senior High Knowledge Bowl® (teams of 5 students, grades 7-12)**

Senior High Knowledge Bowl is an interdisciplinary academic contest that combines intense competition with the incredible skill of knowledge recall. Through written and oral competition, young masterminds form teams and use brain power to challenge others in teamwork, problem solving, interpersonal, oral communication, memory and listening skills.

**Time Period:** Early Bird Registration Deadline – January 30, 2012; Final Registration Deadline – February 6, 2012. Invitationals – January/February 2012; Sub-Regional and Regional Events – March 2012; State Event – April 12-13, 2012.



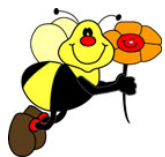
### **Southwest Minnesota Career Expo (high school sophomores, juniors)**



In this event, over 100 business, agency and education partners make the world of work come alive to help students experience the exciting education and career opportunities that exist in southwest Minnesota. Students compete in a Career Game show and spend time exploring high demand careers with industry experts in an interactive exhibit area.

**Time Period:** September 27, 2011 at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall; September 28, 2011 at Minnesota West Community & Technical College, Worthington.

### **Spelling Bee (individual students, grades 5-8)**



Need a personal spell checker? Push your computer aside and come see the region's preeminent spellers respond to the pressure of competition as they use their incredible spelling acumen and memory to dissect and spell some arduous words. This event motivates students to expand their vocabulary, spelling skills and their appreciation of the English language.

**Time Period:** Early Bird Registration Deadline - November 4, 2011; Final Registration Deadline – November 11, 2011. District Bee – January 2012; Regional Bee - February 14, 2012 (snow date – February 15); Multi-Region State Bee – March 1, 2012 (snow date – March 2) and National Bee - TBA.

For more information on student activities go to our website: [www.swsc.org/studentactivities](http://www.swsc.org/studentactivities) or contact:

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