

Student Enrichment Activities - 2021-2022

We Help Students Discover Interests!

**** Parent and School Related Events****

Conference for Young Writers (for students in grades 3-12)

Students will discover how creative their imaginations can be. They will learn writing is an exciting skill that can open a lifetime of opportunities for them. Knowledgeable presenters will teach them writing techniques on how to express their thoughts using written words.



Timeline: Online Registration Deadline – September 28, 2021

Conference Date – October 27, 2021 at SMSU



Conference for Young Artists (for students in grades K-8)

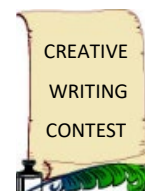
This conference helps enhance students' creative and artistic talents by exposing them to a variety of art topics in hopes to spark interests or open doors to potential higher education and career opportunities. Students are inspired by the talented presenters who can teach in the area of art.

Timeline: Online Registration Deadline – December 7, 2021

Conference Date – January 6, 2022 (snow date Jan. 7) at SMSU

Creative Writing Contest (for students in grades 3-12)

This contest was established to encourage the love of language and writing for all students. This is a great way to recognize and celebrate this region's young talented writers. Categories include Fiction and Poetry for grades 3-12 and Creative Non-fiction for grades 5-12. Top three place winners will receive awards and have their work published in an anthology.



Timeline: Submission Deadline – January 14, 2022

Awards Ceremony - Sunday, April 24, 2022 at SMSU



Science & Nature Conference (for students in grades K-8)

This conference provides students a unique opportunity to explore a variety of science related subjects. Students explore the world around them through hands-on sessions taught by presenters who work or teach in the area of science or technology.

Timeline: Online Registration Deadline – April 12, 2022

Conference Date – May 10, 2022 at SMSU

****School Related Events****

Spelling Bee (individual students, grades 5-8)

This event motivates students to expand their vocabulary, spelling skills and appreciate the English language. By participating in this competition, it gives students the encouragement that builds confidence.

Timeline: Registration Deadline – November 4, 2021

School District Bees–Dec. – Jan. 2022; Regional Bee–February 1, 2022 (snow date–Feb. 2);

Multi-Region State Bee–February 22, 2022 (snow date Feb. 23) and National Bee – May 2022





Culinary Skills Challenge (individuals or teams of students, grades 9-12)

The Schwan's Culinary Skills Challenge features future chefs and food scientists showcase their scientific and artistic creations during hands-on competitions and seminars. The event is held in conjunction with SMSU's Culinary Department. It is our most popular spectator event.

Timeline: Registration Deadline – March 16, 2021

Event – March 30, 2021 at SMSU (snow date – March 31, 2021)

For more information: www.swwc.org/culinary

Digital Photography Contest (individual students, grades 9-12)

Say Cheese! You never know what you will get when you put a camera in the hands of a student, but typically, the result is a shot that will make you look at an ordinary object in a new way. This competition offers students an opportunity to showcase their creativity and photography skills. Students also attend a workshop by a local, professional photographer.



Timeline: Registration Deadline – December 1, 2021

Event – December 10, 2021 in Marshall

For more information: www.swwc.org/photography



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

Are you smarter than a 7th, 8th or 9th 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.

Timeline: Registration Deadline – December 7, 2020

Sub-Regional and Regional Events – December 2021 & January 2022.

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 SWWC Service Cooperative's office in Marshall.



Timeline: September 2021 through May 2022.



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 brainpower to challenge others in teamwork, problem solving, interpersonal, oral communication, memory and listening skills.

Timeline: Registration Deadline – February 10, 2021.

Sub-Regional and Regional Events – Feb/March 2022, State Event – April 8-9, 2021.

Southwest Minnesota Career Expo (high school sophomores, juniors)

In this event, over 100 businesses, 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, take a college tour and spend time exploring high demand careers with industry experts in an interactive exhibit area.



Timeline: September 28, 2021 at Minnesota West Community & Technical College, Worthington;

September 29, 2021 at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall

For more information: www.swwc.org/careerexpo

For more information on student activities go to our website: www.swwc.org/studentactivities

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