



ACTIVITIES

Opening doors to future opportunities for students with all learning abilities. Our enrichment conferences, competitions and programs are for K-12 students in our 18-county regions (regular education, students with special needs, gifted and talented, home school, etc.). You do not need to be an SWWC member to participate.

CONFERENCES:

YOUNG ARTISTS CONFERENCE



Unleash your creativity and ignite your imagination! This vibrant event invites students to dive into the world of art, where their hands and minds will craft extraordinary creations. Schools and parents bring students to this dynamic conference to explore diverse artistic worlds and inspire them to embark on exciting new adventures in which students will craft extraordinary creations. Get ready to experience the magic of creativity like never before! **Open to all students in grades K-8.**

Reg. Deadline:
Sep. 24, 2025

YOUNG WRITERS CONFERENCE



Students will join professional authors who teach them ways to enhance their stories. Whether students like to tell stories, write stories, act out stories, write poems, comic strips or even news articles, the presenters can help give tips and tricks on how to get started or improve their story. Students will have a chance to learn new writing styles and techniques and receive feedback on those writings from peers and professionals. **Open to students in grades 3-8.**

Reg. Deadline:
Nov. 25, 2025

SCIENCE & NATURE CONFERENCE



Get your students excited about science! Science gives an investigative way to find answers to questions we have as kids, so let's help our kids nurture their inner scientists. The Science & Nature Conference will provide inspiration for kids to develop skills needed to understand the world around them. These hands-on learning and demonstration sessions give students a chance to explore science in a way they may not have seen before. **Open to students in grades K-8.**

Reg. Deadline:
Apr. 7, 2026

COMPETITIONS:

FIRST TECH CHALLENGE



Students will learn computer science, engineering, manufacturing, teamwork, problem-solving, communications skills and more. This is part of an international robotics program that includes more than 6,400 teams globally. High Tech Kids, in partnership with FIRST, has been bringing FIRST Tech Challenge to Minnesota since 2013. **Open to students in grades 7-12.**

Reg. opens
Oct. 3, 2025

REGIONAL SPELLING BEE



Join and watch as students soar to new heights of confidence and academic excellence! This engaging event helps students expand their vocabulary, promote literacy, and sharpen their comprehension skills. Along the way, participants develop effective study habits and learn the value of working towards their goals. The Spelling Bee is more than just a competition – it's a celebration of knowledge and personal growth! **Open to students in grades 5-8.**

Reg. Deadline:
Nov. 20, 2025

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST



Entering a writing contest is a great way to showcase talents, skills and creativity. Students will have a chance to use a form of artistic expression and bring personality and flair to their work. Through their writings, they learn about themselves and their abilities as a writer. They will find that writing can open a lifetime of opportunities and skills they will need in life. **Open to students in grades K-8.**

Entry Deadline:
Jan. 16, 2026

CAREER EXPO CULINARY SKILLS COMPETITION KNOWLEDGE BOWL



LOCAL TALENT, SPEAKERS AND EXHIBITORS NEEDED

Throughout our events, we need specialists and talented people who are interested in using their skills to educate students! Our Career Expo and a few other events also accept exhibitors.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for various volunteers to help with all of our events to help make them possible. Let Andrea know if you are interested! Contact info below.



FOR EVENT
DETAILS &
DEADLINES:

