

****Events Parents and Schools Register For****



Conference for Young Artists (grades K-8) www.swwc.org/ya

This vibrant event invites students to dive into the world of art, where their hands and minds will craft extraordinary creations. Come explore diverse artistic worlds and inspiration to embark on exciting new adventures in which students will craft extraordinary creations.

Keynote: Hector Curriel, Visual Artist

Online Registration Deadline: September 25, 2024

Conference Date/Location: October 30, 2024, at SMSU



Conference for Young Writers (grades 3-8) www.swwc.org/yw

This event is full of other young writers going on the same journey. Students will learn writing techniques that will help them become a better writer, poet, even a better storyteller. Learn how to make money by launching a writing career or getting writings published.

Keynote: El Holly, middle grade and young adult fantasy fiction author

Online Registration Deadline: November 26, 2024

Conference Date/Location: January 7, 2025 (snow date Jan. 8), at SMSU



Science & Nature Conference (grades K-8) www.swwc.org/sn

Students explode with excitement when they get a chance to learn about science. They will get to observe and experiment with astronomy, reptiles, bugs, engineering, polymer, physical and chemical reactions, electricity, nature and so much more.

Keynote: Dr. Tyonne Carter, America's Fun Science

Online Registration Deadline: April 8, 2025

Conference Date/Location: May 13, 2025, at SMSU



Creative Writing Contest (grades 3-12) www.swwc.org/cw

This contest gives students a chance to have their writing critiqued by college writing students and professors, with a chance to be recognized. It is a great way to showcase young talent and creativity. Categories include Fiction and Poetry for grades 3-12 and Creative Non-fiction for grades 5-12.

Guest Speaker: TBD

Submission Deadline: January 17, 2025

Recognition Ceremony/Location: Sunday, April 13, 2025, at SMSU



Culinary Skills Challenge (grades 9-12) www.swwc.org/culinary

Become the next Iron Chef. Some students will compete in a cooking competition showing off their cooking skills. Other students will compete and showcase their prize cake decorating, baking skills, menu design and knife skills. Other students will be learning in interactive cooking sessions.

Timeline: Registration Deadline – TBD

Event Date/Location: March/April TBD, Marshall



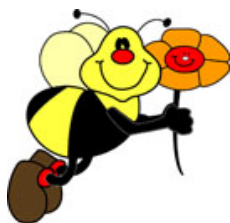
Digital Photography Contest (grades 9-12) www.swwc.org/photography

Some students will compete in a cooking competition showing off their cooking skills while others will compete and showcase their prize cake decorating, baking skills menu designs and knife skills. Those not competing will be learning in interactive cooking sessions.

Registration Deadline: TBD

Event Date/Location: Dec. 2024 (snow date: TBD), in Marshall

****Events Schools Register For****



Spelling Bee (grades 5-8) www.swwc.org/bee

This event motivates students to expand their vocabulary, spelling skills and appreciate the English language. It gives students the encouragement that builds confidence. They will compete for a spot at Nationals.

Registration Deadline: November 21, 2024

School District Bees: Nov. 2024 – Jan. 2025

Regional Bee: February 18, 2025 (snow date–Feb. 19)

National Bee: May 27-30, 2025, in National Harbor Maryland



First Tech Challenge (grades 7-12) www.swwc.org/FTC

helps students learn computer science, engineering, manufacturing, teamwork, problem solving, communications skills and more. Teams can be formed by Homeschool associations, 4 H groups, scouts, just a group of friends, etc. Grant funding is available for new and existing teams.

Registration Deadline: Wave #1: Oct 4-9; Wave #2: Oct 11-16; Wave #3: Oct 18, 2024

Regional Event: January 11, 2025 at SMSU



Junior High Knowledge Bowl (grades 7-9) www.swwc.org/KB

This academic contest encourages team members to work cooperatively to solve written and oral questions that test problem solving and critical thinking skills.

Registration Deadline: December 2024

Sub-Regional and Regional Events: December 2024 & January 2025



Senior High Knowledge Bowl (grades 7-12) www.swwc.org/KB

SHKB 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.

Registration Deadline: February 2025

Sub-Regional and Regional Events: February/March 2025

State Event/Location: April 10-11, 2025, in Brainerd



Southwest Minnesota Career Expo (grades 10-11) www.swwc.org/careerexpo

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, take a college tour and spend time exploring high demand careers with industry experts in an interactive exhibit area.

Marshall Event: September 24, 2024, at SMSU

Worthington Event: September 25, 2024, at Minnesota West



Major Madness (grades 11-12) www.swwc.org/majormadness

This event allows current and recently transitioned EL, BIPOC and first-generation juniors and seniors to learn about career and academic opportunities available after high school. Students hear professionals and college students from diverse backgrounds talk about their career and academic experiences.

Worthington Event: November 7, 2024, at Minnesota West

Marshall Event: November 8, 2024, at SMSU

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

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