SWWC

STUDENT ENRICHMENT



ACTIVITIES

Creating Pathways for Future Opportunities: We aim to open doors for students of all learning abilities. Our enrichment conferences, competitions, and programs cater to K-12 students across our 18-county regions, including those in regular education, special needs, gifted and talented, and home school settings. Participation is open to everyone; you do not need to be a member of SWWC to join.

CONFERENCES:

YOUNG ARTISTS CONFERENCE

OCT 29

Reg. Deadline: Sep. 23, 2026

This conference invites young artists to explore the endless possibilities of art through hands-on, interactive sessions led by talented artists, educators, and creative professionals. Students will experiment with a variety of artistic techniques, discover ways to express themselves, and create unique artwork while building confidence and having fun. This event is open to all students in grades K to 8.

YOUNG WRITERS CONFERENCE

JAN 5

Reg. Deadline: Nov. 24, 2026

Students will have the opportunity to collaborate with professional authors who will guide them in improving their storytelling abilities, learn how to create characters and develop settings. They will explore new writing styles and techniques while also receiving valuable feedback from both peers and experienced professionals. This program is available for students in grades 3 to 8.

SCIENCE & NATURE CONFERENCE

MAY 11

Reg. Deadline: Apr. 6, 2027

Science is all about asking questions, making discoveries, and exploring the world around us. Every great scientist starts with curiosity—and this conference is designed to spark that curiosity in every student! Through interactive activities, students will explore nature and engineering to chemistry, animals, and more, there's something to inspire every young scientist. This event is open to students in grades K to 8.

FOR EVENT DETAILS & DEADLINES:

SCAN ME

SOUTHWEST WEST CENTRAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE

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COMPETITIONS:

FIRST TECH CHALLENGE

DEC 5

Reg. opens Oct. 2026

Discover the exciting world of robotics! Students in grades 7–12 will develop valuable skills in computer science, engineering, manufacturing, teamwork, problem-solving, communication, and innovation while designing, building, and competing with robots. They will gain hands-on experience, tackle real-world challenges, and prepare for future careers in STEM.

REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

FEB 9

Reg. Deadline: Nov. 19, 2026

Build your vocabulary, strengthen your reading skills, and challenge your mind in this interactive event! Students will enhance their literacy and reading comprehension while developing effective study habits, critical thinking skills, and the confidence to set goals and achieve them. This opportunity is open to students in grades 5–8.

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

APR 18

Entry Deadline: Jan. 15, 2027

Showcase your creativity and let your voice shine! Entering this contest is a fun way to express yourself, develop your writing skills, and share your imagination with others. Whether you love telling stories, writing poetry, or crafting creative pieces, this contest is your chance to shine. This contest is open to students in grades 3-12.

MORE EVENTS

CAREER EXPO

CULINARY SKILLS COMPETITION

KNOWLEDGE BOWL

LOCAL TALENT, SPEAKERS AND EXHIBITORS NEEDED

Throughout our events, we need passionate and talented people who are interested in using their skills to educate students!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for various volunteers to help at all of our events. Let Andrea know if you are interested! See contact information.