

**CREATIVE
CON**

CreativeCon is an event for 5th-8th graders. By participating in interactive breakout sessions, students will expand and apply critical thinking, engage in creative and alternative problem solving, and take part in conversations on where and how creativity, arts, and STEM meet. Students attend three sessions led by professionals from the arts and sciences and have time to explore the Science Museum.

Nov. 14, 15, & 16, 2017
Location: Science Museum of MN
Register by Oct. 4, 2017 to receive the Early Bird rate.

**KNOWLEDGE
BOWL**

Knowledge Bowl is an academic team competition that strengthens problem solving and critical thinking skills while emphasizing student growth centered on academics. Meets take place after school at local middle and high schools.

Middle Grades Knowledge Bowl (Grades 6-8) Reg. due: Nov. 2017
MGKB Competition season: Fall/Winter 2017-18

Senior High Knowledge Bowl (Grades 9-12) Reg. due: Nov. 2017
SHKB Competition season: Winter/Spring 2018

**FUTURE
CITY
COMPETITION**

Future City Competition (FCC) is an engineering competition for 6th-8th graders that runs from September to January. Under the guidance of an engineer mentor, students design a virtual city, build a scale model, write a research essay and give an oral presentation. The first place team wins a free trip to Washington, DC to compete in the National FCC.

Date TBA
(Virtual city design & essay due in November & December)
Location: TBA
Registration due: Oct. 2017

**YOUNG
AUTHORS
CONFERENCE**

Young Authors Conference (YAC) is an event for 4th-8th graders. Students attend a keynote and three sessions taught by local non-fiction and fiction writers, poets, musicians, playwrights, actors, and illustrators. Students leave YAC with a greater passion to write and a new set of strategies and ideas. Live music and a book fair are also part of the day.

March 16, 2018
Location: Bethel University
Register by Dec. 2017 to receive the Early Bird rate.

May 29, 30, 31, & June 1, 2018
Location: Bethel University
Register by Feb. 2018 to receive the Early Bird rate.

**CREATIVITY
FESTIVAL**

Creativity Festival is an event for 3rd-5th graders. Students will explore and hone their creative potential in many ways and learn first-hand the importance of flexible thinking, risk-taking, and effective communication. Students attend an opening performance and three interactive sessions led by professionals from the arts and sciences.

Jan. 9, 10, & 11, 2018
Location: University of Minnesota (Ted Mann Concert Hall)
Register by Nov. 2017 to receive the Early Bird rate.

**STEM
LINK**

STEMLink is an event for 5th and 6th graders. Students learn the practical applications of science, technology, engineering and math and how these skills can lead to a career that is stimulating, challenging, and meaningful. Students participate in three sessions held in the labs of a college campus and led by STEM faculty and corporate professionals.

March 13, 2018
Location: Dunwoody College

May 11, 2018
Location: Normandale Community College

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Century College