



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.



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.

January 20, 2018

Location: Dakota County Technical College
Registration due: Oct. 31, 2017



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 MN (Ted Mann Concert Hall)
Register by Nov. 3, 2017 to receive the Early Bird rate.



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. 10, 2017
MGKB Competition season: Fall/Winter 2017-18

Senior High Knowledge Bowl (Grades 9-12)

Reg. due: Nov. 10, 2017
SHKB Competition season: Winter/Spring 2018



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. 15, 2017 to receive the Early Bird rate.

May 29, 30, 31, & June 1, 2018

Location: Bethel University
Register by Feb. 28, 2018 to receive the Early Bird rate.



STEMLink is an event for 5th and 6th graders. Students learn the 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 faculty and corporate professionals.

March 13, 2018

Location: Dunwoody College

May 11, 2018

Location: Normandale Community College

May 17, 2018

Location: Century College

STEMLink registration opens on Sept. 19, 2017. Note: event fills fast.