



SW MN Technical Skills Challenge
Minnesota West Jackson Campus- April 24, 2009 or
Minnesota West Granite Falls Campus– April 30, 2009

Cell Phone Showdown

Grade Level: 9-12

Individual or Team: Teams of 2 students (An individual may also compete in lieu of a team)

Activity to be completed:

Be part of history! We believe this competition is the first of its kind (anywhere) to give high school students the opportunity to test their texting and cell phone savvy against the challenges of the business world. Obviously, cell phone use is on the rise among high school students, which can be a source of frustration for parents and school staff. But, cell phones have become a critical tool in the business world and are used in ways we could not have imagined just a few short years ago.

This competition will NOT be a test of text messaging shorthand or speed, but instead will challenge students to use team work, set priorities, and push the limits of time and resourcefulness to complete some common business tasks. Teams will be assigned a competition time (the competition may be run in flights depending upon the number of competitors) and be given a brief orientation to the competition rules and the cell phone's capabilities. They will be provided with a written set of tasks that they will complete using their cell phones within a given time limit. Tasks will have a variety of point values and teams will need to set priorities, as there may not be enough time to complete all the tasks before time runs out. Students will not be allowed to leave the room during the competition and will turn in their completed business tasks and cell phones when the timer signals. This will be a fun and fast paced competition!

Materials/Equipment Allowed: Each team will use one MotoRazr V3a cell phone (provided by Pro Cellular) with free texting, call time, and limited Internet access. They will also be given several sheets of paper and pens/pencils. A visible timer will be located in the room. They will not be allowed to use their personal cell phones during the competition.

Judging: Judging will be conducted by representatives from Pro Cellular and other business/industry professionals. Judges will award points based on the number of correctly completed tasks, the number of cell phone minutes used (fewest is best), and the number of calls made (fewest is best) to complete the tasks.

CUL8R (ask your students)

Cell Phone Showdown Competition questions or general questions about the event may be directed to:

Gail Polejewski, SW/WC Service Cooperative/Minnesota West Carl Perkins Consortium
Phone: 507-537-2273, email: gail.polejewski@swsc.org

Technical Skills Challenge
Cell Phone Showdown Competition
REGISTRATION FORM

School: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Zip: _____

Instructor Name: _____

Instructor's Email: _____ Phone: _____

I am registering students for the following Cell Phone Showdown Competition:

_____ Jackson Campus, April 24, 2009 _____ Granite Falls Campus, April 30, 2009

- Event will run from 9:30-2:30 at either campus

Team Competition: Maximum of 1-2 students per team. (Grades 9 - 12):

Student Names/Grades:

Team #1: _____

Team #2: _____

Team #3: _____

* If more registration space is needed, please copy this page as necessary.

EARLY BIRD Registration Fee: \$10 per Student if Postmarked by April 3, 2009.

After April 3, registration cost: \$20 per student. (NO registrations accepted after April 17).

Check Enclosed Please Bill My School (Purchase Order#: _____)

Checks payable to: SW/WC Service Cooperative, Technical Skills Challenge

Refunds are not available. Substitutions are acceptable. If possible, please call before the event with student name(s) for any substitutions.

Mail or FAX this completed registration to:

SW/WC Service Cooperative
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Marshall, MN 56258
Attn: Laurie Van Watermeulen
Fax#: 507-537-7327