



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

Child Development Competition

Grade Level: 9-12

Individual or Team: Teams of 2-3 students per team

Activity to be completed:

Students will create a thematic unit with developmentally appropriate activities for toddlers, preschoolers, or K-1. The theme will be “**Dinosaurs.**”

Required activity areas:

- One (1) creative, open-ended art activity.
- One (1) sensory table activity.
- One (1) science activity.
- One (1) snack, which includes child involvement in the preparation.

A Lesson Plan Sheet is required to be completed for each of the above activities. See page two of this competition description for the Lesson Plan format to be used. Lesson Plans should be completed as Word documents, with one lesson plan per activity.

In addition to the Lesson Plans, a list of FIVE (5) topic-relevant children’s books, including author’s name, should be printed on a separate Word document.

All five Word document pages (four Lesson Plan activities and one list of children’s books) should be submitted via email attachment to Gail Polejewski: gail.polejewski@swsc.org **no later than 4:30 PM on April 17, 2009.**

In addition to the electronic submittal of competition materials, student teams will have a maximum of 15 minutes to present their thematic unit on Dinosaurs to the judges during the event. The presentation should consist of an oral presentation, and demonstration of TWO of their required activities (art, sensory, science or snack). Any materials needed for the demonstration should be provided by the students. If students choose to use electronic equipment as a part of their presentation, they must bring their own laptop, projector, etc. Electronic presentation is not required.

Judging: Child Development program instructors and students will comprise the judging panel. Judging will be based on:

- Complete lesson plans
- Activities deepen topic knowledge
- Activities are engaging and fun
- Activities are developmentally appropriate for the specified age group
- Work quality
- Overall presentation to the judges

General questions about the event should be directed to:

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

Questions specific to the Child Development Competition activities should be directed to:

Laine Rieger, Minnesota West Community & Technical College, Child Development Program, Granite Falls,
Phone: 800-657-3247, email: laine.rieger@mnwest.edu

Lesson Plan

LESSON NAME

AGE RANGE

DEVELOPMENTAL GOAL (What area of development will be enhanced?)

METHOD (Give complete directions, including what will be said to children to engage their interest.)

MATERIALS

ADAPTATIONS (This section is optional, but can be used to list modifications for older/younger children or for a child with special needs)

See following page for **REGISTRATION SHEET...**

**Technical Skills Challenge
REGISTRATION FORM
*Child Development***

School: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Zip: _____

Instructor Name: _____

Instructor's Email: _____ Phone: _____

I am registering students for the following Child Development 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 2-3 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.

Contact Gail Polejewski at 507-537-2273 or gail.polejewski@state.mn.us with any questions.

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
1420 East College Drive
Marshall, MN 56258
Attn: Laurie Van Watermeulen
Fax#: 507-537-7327