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STEAMWORKS

powering a passion for learning™

Tonight is the night! The Rhetoric of Climate Change: Why people disagree about climate change and how to talk about it

March 7, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Fatty's Pub & Grille, 1312 W Lincoln Hwy

Sunny days last week. Hail and tornadoes this week. Snow next week. The reasons for wacky weather are hotly debated, and every voice deserves to be heard. Come share your thoughts on climate change with NIU Professor Emeritus Philip Eubanks at Fatty's Pub & Grille. No registration required.

Will your team make it through?

***I Survived*: The STEM Read Experience**
April 5, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
NIU Convocation Center
DeKalb, IL 60115

From natural disasters like volcanoes, earthquakes and shark attacks to human-made events such as the sinking of the Titanic or the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the *I Survived* series puts the reader at the center of the action. Join STEM Read, author Lauren Tarshis, and university experts for an immersive, hands-on survival game. Students in grades 4 to 8 will use their quick thinking and creative problem-solving skills to complete a variety of challenges including math, psychology, and disaster preparedness. Registration is $15 per student, which includes admission, lunch, and an autographed book. Register today!

***Annihilation*: The Writing Apocalypse**
April 24, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
NIU Holmes Student Center
DeKalb, IL 60115

Teen writers are encouraged to join STEM Read for a day of science fiction fun. Read *Annihilation* by Jeff VanderMeer, then join professional editors and experts for creative writing challenges and feedback opportunities. Participants will leave with a completed flash fiction story and will hear from author Jeff VanderMeer in person, who will also be available to sign books. Registration is open now at $15 per person covering admission and lunch.

edcamp Northern Illinois is back!

April 27, 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Kaneland Harter Middle School
1601 Esker Dr, Sugar Grove, IL 60554

edcampNI is the place to share classroom ideas, discuss new trends in teaching, and construct lesson strategies. Educators with expertise in various areas or with a variety of tools will attend, but the participants are the ones who will drive and deliver the content. Area educators, teacher candidates, and university faculty are invited to attend. Attendance is free and includes a light dinner buffet, plus exciting giveaways from our sponsors. Registration is open for all attendees, and presenters are encouraged to submit topics.

Judges and Volunteers needed!

Besides being the largest high school and middle school research competition in Illinois, the Illinois Junior Academy of Science (IJAS) Exposition also provides students a platform for showcasing their work. The event also allows students to share their research and compete for scholarships and other awards. The event takes place at NIU on May 5 and 6, and judge and student volunteers are needed. Sign-up today and experience a one-of-a-kind event!

Spend your summer with STEAM!

Art, chemistry, sci-fi, coding, survival, video games, and many more activities are available through STEM Summer camps! Open to students entering grades 7-9, a unique experience awaits those with an interest in learning something new. Some camps are offered at our scenic Lorado Taft campus, while others are held at NIU's DeKalb campus. Find more about information and registration here. The early bird deadline offering our best rates is April 15. Not sure a STEAM camp is for you? NIU offers a camps in visual and performing arts, health and human sciences, liberal arts and sciences, and athletics. Find the camp that's right for your student at http://niu.edu/summercamps.

What's a Campership?

A campership is a scholarship for summer camp. Each year, we round up funds to help children and teens who otherwise could not afford to join us at a STEM Camp. Thank you to Oracle for providing funds this year to sponsor eight campers!

If you would like to sponsor camperships, please contact Pati Sievert at psievert@niu.edu. If you would like to receive a campership application packet, please contact Judith Dymond at jdymond@niu.edu. The deadline for campership applications is **March 31**.

Put some STEAM into your Saturday step!

Need something fun to do on Saturdays? Sign up for a STEM Saturday class and let the excitement begin! Topics range from detective work to fashion and all the way to space. Details about each class and how to register are here.

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Contact Sara with your questions.

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