

Students and Parents Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

What is the purpose of the event?

Career Expo 2009 is for students to explore careers by speaking with professionals currently working in business and industry. Students may read about a career or have some first hand knowledge (for instance when they go to a doctor's office) but it is only from one point of view. This event will provide students with a more comprehensive view of what specific careers involve so they can make informed career choices.

Who should attend the event?

Freshmen through seniors in high school and community college students are all invited to attend. Many students will attend with their parents. Students attending are from High School Districts 211, 214 and 220 and Harper College.

What is the format of the event?

There will be approximately 100 participants representing a wide variety of career fields. Each participant has been assigned to one of the following career clusters:

- Arts and Communications
- Business, Management and Computer Technology
- Engineering and Industrial Technology
- Health Services
- Human Services
- Natural Resources

Each exhibitor will have a six-foot table to display any materials brought to the event and possibly handouts for students. It is suggested that students look on line at the Event Book (to be posted on line mid-April) to see which career areas they would like to explore and the questions they would like to ask each exhibitor.

What time should I arrive?

The program is scheduled from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The doors will not open any earlier than 7:00 p.m. and there is plenty of parking at Willow Creek so there is no need to arrive any earlier.

Where is the event being held?

Career Expo 2009 is being held in the Activity Center of Willow Creek Community Church. The address is 67 E. Algonquin Road, South Barrington, which is at the corner of Barrington and Algonquin Roads. This is a very large complex of buildings and the Activity Center, which is indicated, as Entrance F is located in the building furthest west on the campus. There are entrances to the complex from both Algonquin Road and Barrington Road. Signage and parking attendants will be in the parking lots throughout the campus to direct participants to the correct location. Click on the links to the maps and directions on the Career Expo web site for more information.

Do I have to pay to participate in this event?

No, there is not a charge for you to attend this event. It is sponsored by the Northwest Suburban Education to Careers Partnership and High School Districts 211, 214 and 220

and Harper College. We are grateful to our exhibitors who are providing their time and expertise as a community service to our young people.

A few additional reminders:

- Exhibitors will not be selling any items at the event.
- Exhibitors may provide students with educational information in the form of pamphlets or flyers about their careers.
- Exhibitors are asked to refrain from asking students and parents for any personal information to be used in any commercial manner after the event.
- This event is not a job fair and therefore, no hiring will be taking place.