



Parent and Student Guide

Career EXPO

Options and Opportunities

Career Information Fair

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Willow Creek Activity Center
67 E. Algonquin Road, South Barrington, IL
Entrance F

Take the enclosed
Career Interest Survey
on Page 3!

Dear Parents and Students

Students, you have so many exciting options to consider as you move forward with planning your future after high school. And parents, you will continue to be a major influence in the lives of your sons and daughters, knowing their interests, abilities, goals and dreams better than anyone. Career Expo is a free Career Information Fair to assist in the journey for college and career path planning.

Career Expo 2009, April 28th at Willow Creek Activity Center. Students will have an opportunity to talk directly with representatives from more than 100 professional career areas and gather valuable information. They will be able to:

- Explore career options and opportunities
- Learn about today's leading career fields and career prospects
- Talk to professionals about a typical day on the job, salaries, educational and training requirements (and more)
- Investigate career shadowing opportunities with the help of high school career advisors

Career Expo 2009 will feature exhibitors in the following career clusters:

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

We encourage you to attend Career Expo. Sample questions to ask exhibitors can be found on page 2. To determine which career clusters best suit your interests, take the Career Interest Survey beginning on page 3.

Check www.edcareerpartnership.com for the latest information on the Career Expo.

We look forward to seeing you!

Your Career Expo Team

Sample Questions to Ask

Q: What are the educational requirements for this career?

A:

Q: What qualities does one need to be an effective long-term employee?

A:

Q: What do you find most rewarding about your job? Most frustrating?

A:

Q: What is the employment outlook for this career area?

A:

Q: Describe the background of your company and some different types of jobs within the organization.

A:

Q: How has technology impacted positions within the company?

A:

Q: What advice would you offer young people entering the workforce today?

A:

Q: What academic strengths or aptitudes are important for this career?

A:

Career Interest Survey

Step One

Get to know yourself by completing a simple Career Interest Survey. Identify your interests, abilities and talents by answering the questions on page 4-6. Simply check off as many activities and qualities that interest you. At the bottom of each column, total the checked activities.

Step Two

Match the highest total with the corresponding career clusters on page 7.

Step Three

Begin to look at careers. Consider those within the cluster in which you scored the highest. Find out more about these careers through research, career shadowing, part-time jobs, internships, and talking with professionals at the Career Expo!

See page 8 for a listing of other valuable resources to assist you in college and career path planning. Information is also available on these Web sites:

- **www.ilworkinfo.com**
Click on Career Resources, then Career Click or Career Info Systems [User ID: illinois and Password: careers]
- **www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/majors**
What can I do with a major in?
- **www.collegeboard.com or www.fastweb.com**
Connects students to colleges and scholarship opportunities
- **www.abilitylinks.org**
Links innovative companies to qualified job-seekers with disabilities
- **www.bls.gov/oco/**
Career information from the U.S. Department of Labor

Cluster 1

Interesting Sounding Activities...

- Reading or writing stories and articles
- Designing or building scenery for plays
- Taking photographs
- Acting in a play or movie
- Listening to or playing music
- Designing clothing, brochures or posters

My Personal Qualities...

- Imaginative
- Outgoing
- Performer
- Creative
- Expressive

In My Free Time I Would Enjoy...

- Working on the school paper or yearbook
- Acting in a play
- Painting pictures, drawing

School Subjects/Activities That I Enjoy...

- Social studies
- Creative writing
- Music
- Art

Total number checked in Cluster 1 _____

Cluster 2

Interesting Sounding Activities...

- Interviewing people
- Using computer programs
- Winning a sales contest
- Being captain or leader of a team
- Working with numbers
- Dealing with money

My Personal Qualities...

- Practical
- Organized
- Like to be around people
- Independent
- Leader

In My Free Time I Would Enjoy...

- Being in a speech contest or debate
- Surfing the Internet
- Starting a small business

School Subjects /Activities That I Enjoy...

- Speech
- Mathematics
- Language
- Marketing

Total number checked in Cluster 2 _____

Cluster 3

Interesting Sounding Activities...

- Preparing medicines in a pharmacy
- Helping sick people
- Working with animals
- Helping with sports injuries
- Studying anatomy and disease
- Performing surgery

My Personal Qualities...

- Compassionate and caring
- Good listener
- Good at following directions
- Conscientious and careful
- Patient

In My Free Time I Would Enjoy...

- Volunteering in a hospital
- Taking care of pets
- Exercising and taking care of myself

School Subjects /Activities That I Enjoy...

- Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry

Total number checked in Cluster 3 _____

Cluster 4

Interesting Sounding Activities...

- Helping people solve problems
- Working with kids or elderly people
- Preparing food
- Being involved in politics
- Solving a mystery

My Personal Qualities...

- Friendly
- Outgoing
- Good decision maker
- Open
- Good listener

In My Free Time I Would Enjoy...

- Helping my friends solve problems
- Helping with a community project
- Coaching or tutoring kids

School Subjects/Activities That I Enjoy...

- English
- Speech
- History
- Mathematics

Total number checked in Cluster 4 _____

Cluster 5

Interesting Sounding Activities...

- Putting things together
- Designing buildings
- Working on cars, or mechanical things
- Using advanced mathematics to solve problems
- Using tools

My Personal Qualities...

- Practical
- Like working with my hands
- Logical
- Good at following instructions
- Observant

In My Free Time I Would Enjoy...

- Building models
- Drawing sketches of cars or mechanical things
- Inventing a new product

School Subjects/Activities That I Enjoy...

- Mathematics
- Geometry
- Technology
- Science

Total number checked in Cluster 5 _____

Cluster 6

Interesting Sounding Activities...

- Being outdoors
- Predicting or measuring earthquakes
- Growing flowers, trees, or gardening
- Studying rocks and minerals
- Raising fish or other animals
- Working in a chemistry lab

My Personal Qualities...

- Curious
- Physically active
- Problem solver
- Observant
- Nature lover

In My Free Time I Would Enjoy...

- Camping
- Going to a nature trail
- Experimenting with a chemistry set

School Subjects/Activities That I Enjoy...

- Mathematics
- Physical Science
- Biology

Total number checked in Cluster 6 _____

Career Interest Survey Results

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Circle the two clusters below that have the highest number of checks based on your responses to the Career Interest Survey. This will help point you in the right direction at Career Expo 2009 because all exhibitors will be grouped by the following clusters:

(1) Arts and Communications

Occupations may include advertising, interior design, fashion design, performing arts, graphic arts, journalism, newspaper publishing, and photography.

(2) Business, Management and Computer Technology

Occupations may include marketing and public relations, computer/information systems, software, web design, finance/investments, accounting and hospitality management.

(3) Health Services

Occupations may include nursing, dentistry, dietetics, pharmacy, optometry, physical therapy, veterinary science and more.

(4) Human Services

Occupations may include education, government, law and law enforcement, leisure and recreation, military, delivery, psychology and social work.

(5) Engineering and Industrial Technology

Occupations may include engineering, architecture, CAD technology, construction, the trades, quality control and other related technologies.

(6) Natural Resources

Occupations may include conservation and environmental sciences, meteorology, zoology, gemology and horticulture.

Other Resources for Exploring Careers

independent opportunities

Career Advisors

A Career Advisor is available to northwest suburban high school students to help them identify career clusters and fields in which they may be interested, as well as arrange ~~career shadowing experiences and career-focused field trips (Career Treks)~~. Some Career Advisors will be available at Career Expo or feel free to contact them at your school at any time:

- **Township High School District 211**

Conant High School: Jacquelin Menich (847) 755-3657

William Fremd High School: Mary K. Oakes (847) 755-2904

2657

Hoffman Estates High School: Helen Henderson (847) 755-5657

Palatine High School: Jan Lohrentz (847) 755-1994

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Schaumburg High School: Diane Weaver (847) 755-4657

- **Township High School District 214**

Buffalo Grove High School: Lynette Toussaint (847) 718-4236

Elk Grove High School: Joanna Metzger (847) 718-4550

John Hersey High School: Cindy Behar (847) 718-4838

Prospect High School: Colleen Lundell (847) 718-5421

Rolling Meadows High School: Karen Hibschi (847) 718-5805

Wheeling High School: Ted Jackowski (847) 718-7049

- **Community Unit School District 220**

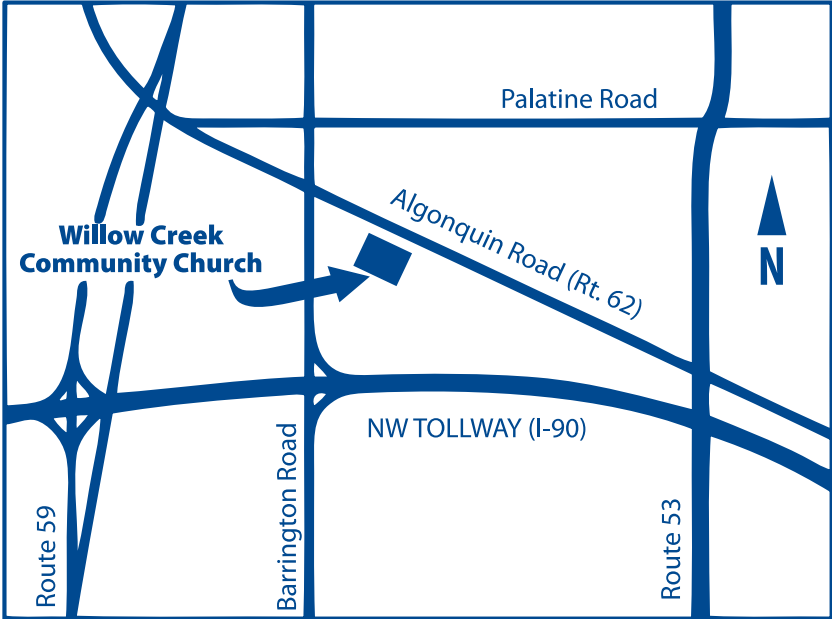
Barrington High School: Diane Myers (847) 842-3435

Visit This Great Site

www.edcareerpartnership.com

This is the official web site for the Northwest Suburban Education to Careers Partnership, the sponsor of Career Expo. This site links to the web sites for the Career Advisors listed above as well as numerous career related sites. Bookmark this web site for all your career information.

Willow Creek Activity Center Area Map



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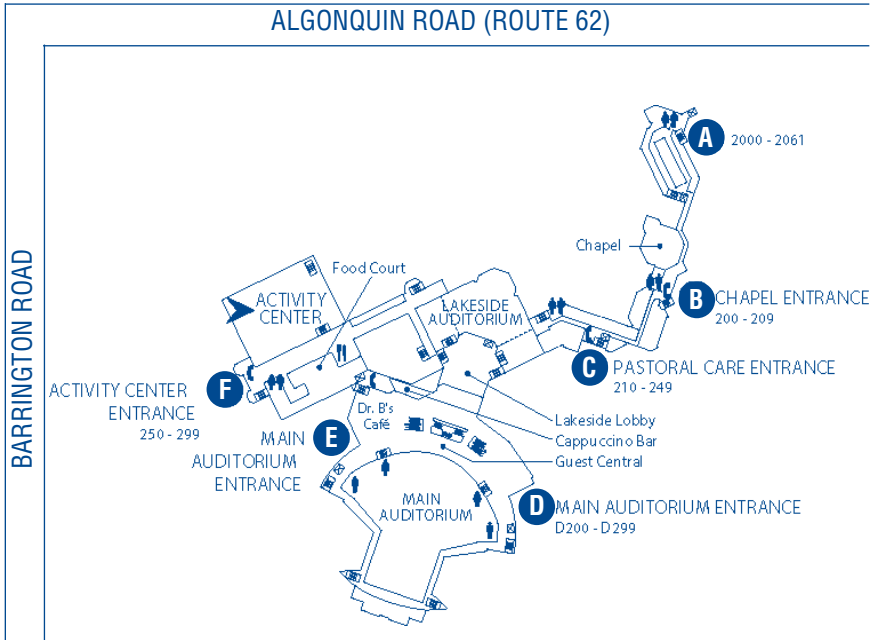
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Willow Creek Activity Center Campus Map



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Arlington Heights, IL 60005



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