


Mark your calendars for these exciting Fall ETS events!**This will be your only notice.**

- Online registration is **REQUIRED** and permission slips must be received prior to participation. Upload your completed permission slip at the end of the online registration form or mail to ETS. **Please note:** Our permission slip has changed due to updated PennWest University Protection of Minors Policy.
- **Parents/guardians:** As a result of the updated PennWest University Protection of Minors Policy, if a participant is to be released to any person other than the parent or legal guardian, written permission must be submitted to Talent Search for someone else to pick up the participant from the event. (Please see reverse side for form. A separate form is needed for each event.)
- Register as soon as possible! Number of participants in each program will vary and may be limited. Call 814-393-2071 if you have any questions.
- Please pay close attention to the grade levels, dates, times, locations, and topics for each program.
- If participating in a campus visit, be sure to inform your student's school about the planned absence. Complete required paperwork. Schools have the right to refuse excusal. All school rules apply!
- Transportation is planned for events where indicated by the bus symbol.  The bus will pick up at the Clarion Mall and the Cranberry Mall only for these trips. Otherwise, call the ETS office to make transportation arrangements at least one week prior to the event.
- Please **prepare** appropriately for weather conditions. Participants should wear comfortable shoes and bring a jacket/coat for outdoor activities.
- **IMPORTANT:** Do not send your student if he/she is not feeling well. Notify ETS if your student is unable to attend any event that he/she has registered to attend. This is very important as there will be waitlists of other students and funds are often expended based on registration.

REGISTER online at: bit.ly/TSFall2023

Any questions, call 814-393-2071 or email your Outreach Coordinator.

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Authorization Form
Talent Search
PennWest University-Clarion

I grant the following person permission to pick up my child, _____ ,
 from the Talent Search event on _____ .

Printed name: _____ Phone #: _____

(This person may be required to provide ID.)

Parent/guardian printed name: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Parent/guardian phone #: _____

*** Only complete if someone other than a parent/guardian will pick up student.**



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Educational Talent Search Fall 2023 STEM Events



STEM Talk Tuesdays

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Virtually on ZOOM



Join us virtually via ZOOM to explore topics in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. See below for specific dates and topics for the STEM Talk. Please be logged in prior to the 7 PM start. Zoom Meeting IDs will be sent to the email indicated on the online registration.

Pyramid Math and Other Mysteries

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

One of the greatest mysteries of mankind is how ancient Egyptians built the pyramids of Giza. The construction techniques used still baffle engineers today. Let's examine these grand structures, relationships with the constellations, math calculations, and secret chambers.

Volcanic Panic and Other Natural Disasters

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Explore how natural events become disasters. We will discuss the characteristics and contributing factors of volcanoes, tornadoes, and flooding. Learn how engineers work to prevent and minimize their harmful effects.

Decoding the Past – Hieroglyphics

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Have you ever had the urge to follow in Lara Croft's footsteps and decode hieroglyphs? Hieroglyphics were a mystery until the riddle of the Rosetta Stone was deciphered. We will explore ancient Egyptian writing by practicing decoding messages and writing our names.

Sinking the Unsinkable – Lessons from the Titanic

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Despite builders' claims, the Titanic sank. Why? Was it human error, material failure, or design flaw? Let's discover what safety and engineering changes were made to prevent another catastrophic failure.

Retreating Sheets – Shrinking Glaciers

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Glaciers around the world are shrinking at alarming rates. What is causing these giants to disappear? How is our environment being impacted by the loss of these masses of ice? Learn what efforts are being taken to save them.

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Educational Talent Search Fall 2023 Events



The Buzz About Beekeeping and a Bit o' Honey

Ralston Hall, PennWest Clarion

6th-12th grades

Saturday, September 30, 2023

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Join us for a honey of a time with Steve's Bees! Learn about how the business got started, along with the basics of beekeeping, and how honey gets from flowers to your toast. This day will also include a walk to PennWest's meadow and a game of Honey Bee Jeopardy.



Scan QR code for quick access to registration.

Campus Visit

Penn State Behrend and

Great Lakes Institute of Technology

9th-12th grades

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Bus Schedule

7:30 AM- Depart Clarion Mall

8:15 AM - Depart Cranberry Mall

3:30 PM - Arrive Cranberry Mall

4:00 PM - Arrive Clarion Mall



Penn State Behrend is located in Harborcreek Township just outside of Erie, PA. There are about 4,400 students enrolled on campus and online. The college offers 47 associate, bachelor and master degrees. Popular majors include Management Information Systems, Mechanical Engineering, and Polymer/Plastics Engineering. The 854 acre campus is a recognized arboretum.



Great Lakes Institute of Technology offers short-term training in a variety of academic programs within allied health. Programs include dental assistant, diagnostic medical sonographer, massage therapist, surgical technologist, and veterinary assistant. It has a satellite location for cosmetology at the TONI & GUY in Erie.

Lunch provided. Be sure to let your school know you will be joining us!

Educational Talent Search Fall 2023 Events

McConnells Mill Mysteries

6th-12th grades

Saturday, October 21, 2023

8:00 AM – 3:45 PM



Bus Schedule 

- 8:00 AM- Depart Clarion Mall
- 8:45 AM - Depart Cranberry Mall
- 3:05 PM - Arrive Cranberry Mall
- 3:45 PM - Arrive Clarion Mall

Join us for a trip to McConnells Mill State Park where we will learn about nature and explore the history of the grist mill, the waterfalls and famous rocks. We will be hiking, so wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Lunch will be provided. Pick up and return times are subject to change.

Campus Visit

Westmoreland County Community College

9th-12th grades

Thursday, November 2, 2023

7:15 AM – 3:45 PM



Westmoreland County Community College is a learning centered college focused on student success, a catalyst for economic growth, a leader in workforce development and a hub for cultural and artistic experiences. WCC serves over 4000 students and offers affordable tuition of \$6,990 per year for an in-state student. We will tour the main campus in Youngwood and the Advanced Technology Center in Mt. Pleasant offering education in the trades such as welding and electric. Lunch will be provided. Be sure to let your school know you will be joining us!

Bus Schedule 

- 7:15 AM- Depart Cranberry Mall
- 7:45 AM - Depart Clarion Mall
- 3:15 PM - Arrive Clarion Mall
- 3:45 PM - Arrive Cranberry Mall



Shady and Sketchy Art

Ralston Hall, PennWest Clarion

6th-12th grades

Saturday, November 4, 2023

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Some shady things have been going down at the Museum of Art. Someone has stolen paintings and replaced them with FAKES! Use your observation and deductive reasoning skills to identify the forgeries and catch the crooks. Learn sketching techniques from local artist Karolann Hoeltzle and create a masterpiece to take home.

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**PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED PROGRAM
INFORMATIONAL FORM FOR MINORS**

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Participant's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of Event: Talent Search Fall 2023 Workshops Date(s) of Event: Fall 2023 Semester (September-December)

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: _____ Cell Number: (____) _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

MEDICAL INSURANCE INFORMATION

Insurance Company Name: _____

Policy Number: _____ Agreement Number: _____

Policy Holder Name: _____ Relationship to Participant: _____

I, as a legal guardian, have medical insurance coverage for my child and understand that I am responsible for all medical costs associated with injuries, infections, accidents and illnesses that may occur at this University activity.

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS (In the event the parent or guardian cannot be reached)

1st Contact: _____

Relationship to Participant: _____ Cell #: (____) _____

2nd Contact: _____

Relationship to Participant: _____ Cell #: (____) _____

MEDICAL HISTORY OF PARTICIPANT

1. Any current medical conditions that may be life threatening, result in a medical emergency, or affect participation in activities? YES NO

If yes, _____

2. Any allergies to prescription and/or non-prescription medication? YES NO

Please list: _____ Reaction: _____

(Please note – the staff and volunteers of this program will not administer regularly taken medication.)

3. Any additional allergies (food, insect, etc.) YES NO

Please list: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT

PLEASE SIGN the following statement concerning the medical treatment of my child: In the event of any illness or injury to my child I give the University sponsor permission to administer minor treatment, while continuing to contact the parent, guardian, designated individual, or 911 in a medical emergency.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Participant's Name [Print]: _____

PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement

Waiver: In consideration of being permitted to participate in any way in [Activity/Event Name]:

Talent Search Fall 2023 Workshops

hereinafter called "The Activity", I, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives or assigns, **do hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue Pennsylvania Western University**, and the State System of Higher Education, part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and their officers, employees, volunteers and agents from liability **for any and all claims including the negligence of Pennsylvania Western University, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents**, resulting in personal injury, accidents or illnesses (including death), and property loss arising from, but not limited to, participation in The Activity.

Assumption of Risks: Participation in The Activity carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. The specific risks vary from one activity to another, but the risks range from: 1) minor injuries such as scratches, bruises, and sprains; 2) major injuries such as eye injury or loss of sight, joint or back injuries, heart attacks, and concussions; to 3) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death.

Representations: *I certify that I am in good health and have no mental or physical condition or symptoms that could interfere with my safety or the safety of others while participating in any Activity described above.*

I have read the previous paragraphs and I know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks that are inherent in The Activity. I hereby assert that my participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless: I also agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD Pennsylvania Western University and the State System of Higher Education HARMLESS from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney's fees brought as a result of my involvement in The Activity and to reimburse them for any such expenses incurred.

Severability: I further expressly agree that the foregoing waiver and assumption of risks agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Acknowledgment of Understanding: I have read this waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, fully understand its terms, and **understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue.** I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and **intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability** to the greatest extent allowed by law.

Participant's Name [Print]: _____ Participant's Age (if minor): _____

Signature of Adult Participant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian of Minor: _____ Date: _____