

*Happy New Year! We have a lot of great events and volunteer opportunities coming up the beginning of this year. Join us for an event this Sunday to see the Hidden Figures movie – details below!*

## **SWE-KC Volunteer Opportunities**

### **Expanding Your Horizons**

**When:** Friday, Feb. 3 @ 6:00 – 10:00 PM ([Add to Calendar](#))

**Where:** Science City in Union Station

**Sign-Up:** Email us at [swe.kc.mail@gmail.com](mailto:swe.kc.mail@gmail.com) to sign up.

We are seeking 3-4 volunteers to lead an outreach activity for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls at Expanding Your Horizons. This is an annual event, hosted by Science Pioneers, where girls will experience several fun, hands-on activities with female mentors who facilitate the workshops. SWE-KC will host one of the workshops, and volunteer instructions and activity supplies will be provided.

### **IGED 2017**

**When:** Friday, March 3 @ 7:00 AM – 2:30 PM ([Add to Calendar](#))

**Where:** Kansas City Convention Center, 301 W 13th St, Kansas City, MO

**Sign-Up:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8HXL9WW>

Sign-up to help with our annual Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day event. This year we are expecting over 300 high school girls to attend, so we need at least 100 female engineering mentors, and several volunteers. Mentors must be in attendance for the entire event and work with 2-3 girls during the day. Volunteers are needed for the morning portion of the event, mostly to help with the Discipline Fair. For more information, see the [IGED website](#).

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Hidden Figures Movie Event**

**When:** Sunday, Jan. 8 @ 4:15 PM – 7:15 PM ([Add to Calendar](#))

**Where:** AMC Town Center 20 (Leawood) Movie Theater

**Sign-Up:** Just meet us there! Contact Suzie Carpenter (816-698-6546) if you are looking for us

Join us to view the new Hidden Figures movie, about three brilliant African American women who were the brains behind launching John Glenn into orbit. After the movie, we can go to Panera to discuss the movie. Families are welcome! (The movie is rated PG)

### **Lunch Meet & Greet during Restaurant Wewek**

We are looking for a volunteer to host a lunch-time meet & greet on a Friday during restaurant week (either Jan. 13 or Jan. 20). To host, you just pick a restaurant, make a reservation for 10-15 people, and show up a few minutes early to hold the table! We'll do the rest. [Contact us](#) if you are interested in hosting.

### **Pinot's Palette Fundraiser Event**

*Save the date! More info coming soon.*

**When:** Wed, Jan. 25 in the evening

**Where:** Pinot's Palette at Town Center, Leawood

**Cost:** \$45

**Sign-Up:** Invites will be sent out soon and will require RSVPs

For \$45, you can have an evening of networking and painting, and you can take home your artwork.

## **Region Updates**

### **iCON17 (Region i Conference)**

It's not too late to register for the Region Conference in St. Louis, MO on Feb. 24-25. Registration is \$115 for professional SWE members, and \$130 for non-members. More information can be found at: <http://stl.swe.org/icon17.html>. If you are planning to attend, please [contact us](#) so we can coordinate carpools for those who are interested.

### **SWE Scholarships**

Region *i* offers three annual scholarships (\$400 each) to Region *i* SWE members. Eligible applicants include collegiate students, graduate students, and back to school professionals. For more information, see the application attached or on the [Region \*i\* website](#). The application is due **January 15**, and the recipients will be announced at the Region *i* Conference on February 25 in St. Louis.

### **Other Volunteer Opportunities**

*Note: These events are not organized by SWE-KC, but we occasionally share other events that promote STEM outreach and align with SWE's mission.*

### **Independence School District's Introduce a Girl to Engineering Night**

**When: Thursday, Jan. 12 @ 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM** ([Add to Calendar](#))

**Where: Truman High School, 3301 S Noland Rd, Independence, MO 64055, USA**

**Sign-Up: Contact** [swe.kc.mail@gmail.com](mailto:swe.kc.mail@gmail.com)

The Independence Chamber of Commerce is looking for a couple engineers to come and share knowledge in Engineering with 8th and 9th grade girls. They are expecting 50-60 8-9<sup>th</sup> grade girls. The girls will rotate in groups of 8-10 to you for a Q&A session about what you do as an engineer.

### **Future Cities Competition**

**When: Saturday, Jan 21 @ 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM** ([Add to Calendar](#))

**Where: Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS**

**Sign-Up: Contact Kevin Koester at** [greatplains@futurecity.org](mailto:greatplains@futurecity.org)

Great Plains Regional Future City Competition will be held on Saturday, January 21st, 2017 at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. SWE-KC is a silver sponsor of the event this year, and we'd love to have some volunteers go support them! The theme for this year's competition is "Power of Public Space", challenging students to imagine a distributed network of multiuse public spaces throughout their city. They need volunteers and judges. If interested, contact Kevin Koester to sign-up and to get more information.

### **NAWIC's Block Kids Competition**

**When: Saturday, Feb 4 @ 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM** ([Add to Calendar](#))

**Where: The Builders Training Center, 105 W. 12th Avenue, North Kansas City, MO 64116**

**Sign-Up: Contact Robin Norris at** [Rnorris@buildersassociation.com](mailto:Rnorris@buildersassociation.com)

NAWIC (National Association of Women in Construction) is hosting a Block Kids Competition and they are seeking judges! They are expecting ~120 1st-6th grade students. As a judge you will talk to children about their project and complete a scoring form. The Block Kids Building Program is a national building program competition that exposes 1st - 6th graders to the trades and the construction industry in an effort create awareness of and to promote an interest in future careers in one of the many facets of the industry.