



# D.C. Everest High School Club & Activity Descriptions

September 2009



## **Drama Production**

Theatrical productions are open to any senior high student each year. Theater experiences provide students with opportunities to practice collaborative skills and to advance their creativity through performance and production. The 3- Act Play is a drama organization that rehearses and performs either a comedy or a dramatic production. Auditions are held for acting roles, and sometimes dancing or singing (depending on the play). Students who are interested in the technical and “behind the scenes” parts of a theatrical production are highly encouraged to be involved in this theatrical production. Students are needed on crews for stage lighting, sound, costumes, props, make-up design, stage management, assisting the director, and set construction. Please contact Diane Goetsch, Fine Arts Coordinator (359-6561 x4135, [dgoetsch@dce.k12.wi.us](mailto:dgoetsch@dce.k12.wi.us)) with any questions you may have about the 3 Act Play drama production and organization.

## **Art Club**

The D.C. Everest Art Club brings the beauty of art to the presence of the thirsty student soul. It is an avenue for DCE students to display, develop and exploit their artistic abilities. If you think that you are interested in painting, sketching, cartooning, graphic designing, sculpting, photography, ceramics or you would like to develop your talents in these, this is the club for you. Some of our events will feature tours to various exhibits and museums, student art shows, and art contests. Connect with your creative side and enrich your D.C. Everest experience by becoming a member now!

## **Backstage Club**

Through Backstage Club students learn problem solving, leadership, teamwork, and communication in a large group. Students get the chance to work with up-to-date professional level equipment and computers. Our productions have grown to include modern lighting effects, digital programmable sound systems, and full-blown computer based video production. DC Everest Backstage Club provides personnel for all types of productions in the district. This includes the musicals, 3 act plays, and variety shows put on by the senior high, junior high and middle school. The Backstage Club also helps with special events in the auditoriums, homecoming, prom, history day, and community events. Our goal is 100% student run productions. Contact Ammon ([cammon@dce.k12.wi.us](mailto:cammon@dce.k12.wi.us)) Extension 3116.

## **Band Activities**

The high school band performs for many different functions with various missions. The formal concerts serve to showcase the progress of students’ musical skills and expressive abilities, as well as to entertain the audience. The marching band serves the community by providing traditional entertainment in parades and field performances. It serves the band students by providing a high quality group to develop interdependent character traits of commitment, responsibility, and leadership while working to develop basic musicianship, physical coordination, and expressive choreography. The pep band serves to provide an entertaining spirit for athletic events and as a performance outlet for pop music. The jazz band serves as a specialized advanced level study of performance skills and appreciation of jazz and related music for big band instrumentation. Skills of improvisation are developed as well as knowledge of cultural, historical, and stylistic expression surrounding this rich tradition. Jazz band performances include concerts in school and throughout the community.

## **Book Club**

The DCE Book club is a student-run club that is especially for high school students who enjoy reading! About once a month, members will choose a book to read together from a wide range of genres including fantasy, mystery, science fiction, popular fiction, biographies, and more. This year we are excited to be reading several works that are on the college and AP reading lists as well, but are still great for pleasure reading and entertainment. No matter your motivation, book club will get you reading and discussing ideas with other readers. If you enjoy reading and are always on the lookout for new and exciting things to read, come join us for some good food and great company!

## **Boys & Girls Club**

Boys & Girls Club of the Wausau Area DC Everest/Greenheck Field House Site: Open Monday through Friday from 3:00p-8:00p and 7:30a-5:30p on district-wide no-school days (snow days the Club is closed).

Conveniently located in the Greenheck Field House, the Boys & Girls Club DC Everest/Greenheck Site offers a variety of programs based on: Education & Career Development, Character & Leadership Development, Sports, Fitness & Social Recreation, The Arts, and Health & Life Skills.

Drop-in activities for area youth ages 8th – 12th grades include: homework help, computer lab, weight balcony, volleyball, basketball, racquetball, badminton, table tennis, board games, in-house tournaments, arts & crafts, field trips, community service projects and a variety of other fun, positive, youth-oriented and adult-supervised activities on a daily basis. Please visit our website for further information: [www.bgclub.com](http://www.bgclub.com)

## **Captains' Club**

Captain's Club is made up of captains or designees of all sports teams sponsored by D.C. Everest High School. Meetings are held monthly during the school day and address the captain's role on their teams and in the school. They focus on leadership, on and off the playing/practice surface, communication with teammates and the coaching staff, reinforcing the athletic code with their teammates, promoting good sportsmanship, and being a role model.

The Captains' Club members work with elementary students through tutoring, FAST programs, elementary track meets, and community youth programs. They also work with and encourage junior high and middle school students and athletic teams and work the concession stand at athletic events.

## **Community Services**

The D.C. Everest Community Services Program is designated to provide all residents with recreational and educational opportunities that otherwise would be unavailable or inaccessible to them. The Community Services Office is also responsible for the management of the Greenheck Field House and the scheduling use of all district buildings and facilities. Our office is located in the front lobby of the Greenheck Field House. Some of the activities offered to our high school students are: open gyms (which include basketball and volleyball), high school indoor soccer leagues, intramural basketball at the senior high, indoor tennis court rentals, and memberships for use of our racquetball courts, weight room/fitness balcony, open swim sessions, open gym sessions, and open skating sessions. For more information on any of these programs you can go to our website at [www.dce.k12.wi.us/greenheck](http://www.dce.k12.wi.us/greenheck) or call us at 359-6563.

The Community Services Office also hires students throughout the school year for part-time jobs such as lifeguarding, teaching youth swim lessons, and assisting with our fall, spring, and summer gymnastics program. Come to our office for a job application.

## **Cross Country Ski Team**

Cross Country Ski Team- The goal of the cross country ski team is to encourage students to live a healthy, active lifestyle while experiencing the sport of cross country skiing. Skiing develops a combination of strength and endurance with very low injury rates. While the club has regular practices and meets, attendance at these events is dependant on the goals of the skier.

## **DECA (An Association of Marketing Students)**

...is the student organization with over 7,800 members in Wisconsin alone! DECA is a co-curricular, not extra-curricular, which enhances marketing school and work-based learning. Professional development conferences, campaigns for elected office, leadership development, community involvement and recognition programs serve to enhance the total development of each member. Businesses supporting DECA gain visibility and connect with Wisconsin's future entrepreneurial leaders.

Come travel with DECA as we are off to Texas, California and Florida for various leadership and career conferences. Compete with DECA and earn scholarship money, awards and honors! Meet new people and start networking with students worldwide and with Fortune 500 companies!

Through hands-on experiences marketing and DECA help you develop skills and knowledge important for life-long career success. Register for marketing and showcase your knowledge through DECA!

## **ETHICS: Everest Taking Holds of Issues of Conscience and Society**

ETHICS is a student-run organization that provides an open forum for discussion. Discussions topics will include politics, society, and religion. While bouncing ideas off one another, student participants will learn to evaluate ideas put forth in society. ETHICS hopes to promote rationality and free thought while opening the lines of communication among peers, faculty, and the community as a whole. ETHICS members will participate in a variety of activities that may include lectures and debates. Through logic and rational discussion, ETHICS hopes to create a group of free-thinkers whose ideas will someday contribute to society as a whole.

## **Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc. (FCCLA)**

Everyone is part of a family, and Family Career and Community Leaders of America is the only national career and technical student organization with the family as its central focus. Chapter projects focus on a variety of youth concerns, including teen pregnancy, parenting, family relationships, substance abuse, peer pressure, environment, nutrition and fitness, teen violence and career exploration.

Involvement in FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life -- planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making and interpersonal communication -- necessary in the home and workplace.

Students involved in FCCLA will also be competing in competitions regionally, state and nationally.

## **Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)**

FCA is the largest, small group, youth-orientated ministry in schools across America. At D.C. Everest, FCA offers new friendships and positive activities. We want to learn more about God's Word and be a positive outreach to our school. This year will be similar to last year, which included weekly morning meetings, after sport activity bonfires, monthly breakfasts, evening get-togethers, a coach's appreciation dinner, and community service projects. Graduating seniors who have demonstrated school service through FCA may apply for our local scholarship award.

## **FFA**

The FFA is a national organization that provides premier leadership and educational opportunities for high school students interested in a career related to some field of agriculture. Student interests may vary from having a pet to entering a career in animal or plant research. The FFA organization promotes scholarship, community service, and student self-confidence. At the local level we provide opportunities for competition in many areas. We have had students compete in contests dealing with sales, mechanics, small animal veterinary medicine, communications, and the more traditional areas of plant and animal agriculture. In recent years we have had state winning teams in Forestry, and Equine Science, that represented Wisconsin in national competition. One of the highlights for students is the Food For America program that involves students by having them become the teachers to our district 4<sup>th</sup> graders for a day at the farm.

## **Fishing Team**

The mission of the D.C. Everest fishing team is to learn about the different aspects of fishing enjoying the area rivers and lakes in Wisconsin. Students will participate in friendly competition within the school and against other area schools. Four annual events are scheduled for team members including: The Wisconsin River Cleanup, The Special Kids Outing, The Lake Wausau Fishing Team Tournament, and the Milt Kemp Annual Picnic. The Fishing Team elects officers, awards college scholarships, builds fishing rods and lures, collects fish data, sells official team apparel, provides community service, and offers healthy social opportunities for young adults. Everest teachers, DNR officials, and professional fishing guides supervise the team. Interested individuals should contact the team advisor, Jeff Micholic, in room 330 at the senior high to join the team.

## **Forensics**

Forensics is a public speaking activity that includes a diverse range of categories from which to choose. Students may participate in solo or group events from categories as diverse as poetry or prose reading to play-acting. Several categories utilize student creativity by giving students the opportunity to write or to enhance the performance with their own material. Radio speaking is a category that allows students to practice actual airtime radio skills where Storytelling has a student sitting on a chair and re-telling a story from a repertoire of five that they have rehearsed. There are many more categories as well. Forensics is an extra-curricular that allows for students to work for an academic letter as well as towards their forensics' letter. Students increase self-confidence and self-esteem from the experience of performing in this activity and colleges love seeing it on admissions, but most of all- forensics is just fun!

## **French Club**

French Club was formed in order to provide students a way to organize and plan a trip to a French speaking country. Most of our trips are home stays with French families or a school exchange with a French high school. This club brings parents and students together to prepare for an overseas trip and to host French students when they come to Everest. Our students travel every other year. Anyone that has successfully completed a French course is welcome to join this club. Bon voyage!

## **Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)**

Welcome to the largest student organization in the world for business students or students who are interested in leadership, community service, finance, management, business, or computer technology. Close to a quarter million students have chosen to join the international organization of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Join students from all over the world to learn about careers, build leadership skills, complete community service projects, and compete in business contests. Leadership training and competitions will be offered at DCE, Wisconsin Dells, and Nashville, Tennessee this year.

FBLA can give you a head start in the business world, can award you with scholarship money, and can help you earn community service hours for Renaissance. FBLA can be an important addition to your resume and college/technical college applications.

The first meeting will be held September 21 from 5:17 - 6:30 p.m. in Room 108. It will be an ice cream social, so be ready for treats! Monthly meeting dates will be set at that time. FBLA activities, guest speakers, and social activities are planned and coordinated during these meetings. The only prerequisite is your interest in getting involved!

Check out FBLA; it may be your "Ticket to the Future!" For more information, e-mail [FBLAPres@dce.k12.wi.us](mailto:FBLAPres@dce.k12.wi.us) or stop in Room 109.

## **Gaming Club**

The D.C. Everest Gaming Club is an organization dedicated to the practice and preservation of organized gaming in the form of role-playing games, card games, board games, and strategy games. We have tournaments and events that attract all gamers in the area. The overall purpose of the club is to have fun and promote gaming of all sorts. The D.C. Everest Gaming Club is a student organization recognized by the D.C. Everest Area School District. All students in the club must meet all criteria of the athletic codes (grades). Finally, the club does not allow gambling of any sort. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Greil in the social studies department or at [tgreil@dce.k12.wi.us](mailto:tgreil@dce.k12.wi.us).

## **German Club**

The D.C. Everest German Club has a singular purpose - to promote the GAPP exchange program between D.C.E. and the Max Planck Gymnasium in Düsseldorf, Germany. This exchange has existed for more than 20 years. Every year students from D.C. Everest either host students or travel to stay with host families from the Max Planck Gymnasium. Students get the unique opportunity to live with a German family, experience a German school and participate in the social lives of German teenagers. The program has been highly successful and rewarding to not only those directly involved, but to all students at D.C.E. For more information about German Club or the GAPP exchange, please contact Mark Strehlow, German Club Advisor, at [mstrehlow@dce.k12.wi.us](mailto:mstrehlow@dce.k12.wi.us) or at 359-6561 ext. 4339.

## **The Jet (school newspaper)**

The Jet is a nationally recognized award winning scholastic newspaper primarily designed to reach a high school audience of students, faculty and staff. Students who have successfully completed Contemporary Writing I, the introductory journalism course, produce the Jet. As editors during their second year on the staff (Contemporary Writing II), students make decisions regarding the content, design and layout of the school newspaper. The Jet has a circulation of about 2500 people and continues to grow. Contemporary Writing I and II are both yearlong courses.

## **Key Club**

Key Club is an international organization dedicated to service. High school students at schools throughout the world meet in their respective groups regularly to plan and carry out different acts of service for their community. Key Club is the biggest organization of its type in the world. Kiwanis, a service organization for adults, is the parent organization to Key Club. Why join Key Club?

- The first of many good reasons to join Key Club is to do service for your community.
- Key Club is a great way to meet new people and make new friends.
- It looks great on college, scholarship, and job applications.
- To be a part of a world-renowned organization.
- To get involved with your school.
- And finally, it's fun!!! Come to our first meeting to hear about tutoring, leaf-raking, and many other volunteer activities.

DCE Key Club Advisors: Mrs. Julie Weller and Ms. Tracie Frisch

## **Literary Magazine - Point of Convergence**

The DC Everest Literary Magazine, Point of Convergence, is a literary and arts periodical produced by our student body. Point of Convergence students select student work for publication, editing and working with the authors along the way in developing their writing. Students also create the physical layout of the magazine, as well as selecting the student artwork to appear. Those who join Point of Convergence also have the opportunity to develop their own writing at our meetings, where we discuss and offer peer review of each others work in the writing workshop format. In short, Point of Convergence is an excellent way to become directly involved in the creative arts at DCE Senior High.

## **Math League**

The Central Wisconsin Mathematics League is made up of approximately 50 central Wisconsin schools. A team from each school is made up of 12 students; 4 competing in Geometry, 4 competing in Algebra, and 4 competing in Advanced Math. The students are selected to become team members by being recognized by their respective math teachers. Once recognized, a test is given to see if that student ranks in the top 4 in the various disciplines. Once the team is formed, there are 3 Math League meets held at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. These meets consist of one-hour tests in the various categories. If an individual or the team finishes in the top 3, they attend a banquet held to honor the accomplishments.

## **Mock Trial**

When the Wisconsin High School Mock Trial Program takes kids to court, it's for good reason – to learn about justice, responsibility and the role of an individual within a free society. When students learn to make decisions based on logic rather than emotion, they are better equipped to deal with the controversies and conflict of every day life. Through competition with other schools throughout the state, students play the role of witness, defendant or attorney. Teachers and attorneys in our community coach the team.

## **Musical**

D.C. Everest Senior High produces a full-length musical in the fall of each school year. Ninth through twelfth graders may audition. Three important parts of musical theater (acting, singing, and dancing) are stressed with this musical production. Students are also taught to truly become “Consumers of Theater.” Students will be given the opportunity to view other area musical productions. Auditions are held in August before school starts, and rehearsals will be held 4 to 5 days per week. There are also some weekend rehearsals. Besides actors, singers, and dancers, numerous students are needed in the many crews. Students are also taught the technical/backstage end of theater through the set crew, construction crew, lighting/sound crew, make up/hairstyling crew, publicity crew, etc. Professional theater etiquette and professional performance skills will be taught and stressed! Contact Mr. Ammon ([cammon@dce.k12.wi.us](mailto:cammon@dce.k12.wi.us)) or at Extension 3116.

## **National Honor Society**

National Honor Society is an organization that promotes recognition for students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Here at D. C. Everest Senior High, juniors and seniors with a 3.5 or higher grade point average are eligible to be considered for membership. In addition to the scholarship requirement, students must show evidence of leadership, service, and good character. Students who have met the scholarship requirement received a letter of eligibility in the mail in early August. It included directions and the website for accessing the application. In order to be considered for NHS membership, students must return their completed application and leadership essay to the IMC. A faculty selection committee will make the final decision. The process will culminate in a National Honor Society Induction ceremony in the Senior High auditorium. Further information on NHS can be found in the D. C. Everest Student Planner.

## **Oral History Club**

Students interested in history, writing and publishing will want to join the Oral History Club. Students are free to come and go during the three sport seasons and can work on the publications on Tuesdays and Wednesdays afterschool from 3:00 - 5:00. Students can get involved directly in the publishing aspects of the project and work directly with QuarkXpress software. Other students work on the photography end of the project while others edit, transcribe and write stories for the books. Go to our website at [www.dceoralhistory.com](http://www.dceoralhistory.com) to see what we have accomplished. We work out of the social studies resource center room 323. Come anytime (Tues or Wed) or see Mr. Aleckson for more information.

## **Science Olympiad**

The Science Olympiad team is made of a group of DCE sophomore, junior, and senior students who have an interest in science and in competing at local and state levels in a number of science-related events. The nature of the events vary from year to year. This last year, students were able to compete in the following events: Ecology, Disease Detectives, Designer Genes, Entomology, Health Science, Protein Modeling, Oceanography, Remote Sensing, Astronomy, Rocks and Minerals, Picture This, Physics Lab, Circuit Lab, Sounds of Music, Food Science, Chemistry Lab, Forensics, Robot Ramble, Wright Stuff, Scrambler, Boomilever, Balloon Launch Glider, Mystery Engineering, Write It, Do It, Experimental Design, Fermi Questions, Five Star Science, and Geocaching (for more information go to...<http://wisconsinso.org/divc/> )

Working in small groups, on their own, after school, at home, with volunteer teachers or other possible mentors... students prepare for these events by either studying for their tests or by designing and building the ideal construction/model for their event. Students joining the team agree to work to master the content of their events, as they will be representing our school. This year the two dates on which the students must attend are Saturday February 20, 2010 at Wausau West and Saturday, April 10, 2010, at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Students need to provide their own transportation to the Wausau West regional. Bus transportation, typically leaving at 4:45 A.M, will be provided to the Madison state competition.

## **Student Council**

The D.C. Everest Student Council in partnership with the community, administration, and faculty is dedicated to provide and promote the general welfare of the student body, school, and community. Student Council is not only an organization but a class meeting everyday, tenth hour. Students receive ½ credit for one full year.

Student Council organizes homecoming, blood drives, dances, fun days and many enjoyable events throughout the year.

## **Students Modeling a Research Topic (SMART) Teams**

How does a virus enter the cell? Why are some flus extremely deadly? How do bacteria that we need to survive kill us? Why can't I sometimes eat fresh spinach or raw hamburger?...

These are but a few questions that SMART team members from Everest tackled during the last couple of years. SMART team students, individuals with an interest in science particularly biochemistry and computers, work closely with professionals at the Center for Biomolecular Modeling from the Milwaukee School of Engineering on a project typically selected for them by the experts at MSOE.

Reading scientific journal articles and working with state of the art computer modeling software, students work to model the biological molecule involved and then to prepare a presentation that translates the typically very technical research questions into a discussion understood by all.

To accomplish this task, students usually meet at least once a week (or more often as needed), sometime during the school day. There are deadlines to meet and a presentation must be completed by the end of the school year.

## **Yearbook**

Yearbook provides students with a unique educational opportunity. The class meets all year for a half credit of elective. Yearbook is a way to have fun, be involved and gain many valuable skills. Besides being involved with the workings of the entire school through the creation of the yearbook, students develop skills and character traits. They participate in a hands-on, real world activity – the production of a publication.

Students will learn how to design, write copy for stories and captions, gather information from various sources, edit information and take photos. They will also have opportunities to work with the business end of yearbook by selling books and ads. A multitude of computer skills are learned through the various programs used to create the publication.

But, there's more. Students also grow as individuals, and they are viewed favorably by employers and universities. Yearbook members are seen as individuals who are responsible, can work as a team, be a leader, make deadlines, have confidence and be assertive.