

About TEDxKIDS @SMU

What happens when 350 middle school students, 60 high school “TEDx counselors” and 15 TED-caliber speakers spend four hours together on a Friday afternoon in Dallas, Texas?

Unbridled energy. Out of the box thinking. That spark that comes from having a one on one conversation with someone you had only read about in the newspaper. The passion that comes when you realize you CAN one day be the person you dream of becoming.

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Get something. Give something.

As part of our commitment to the students in the Dallas area, we offer this program free of charge for students to attend. Students must apply to attend, either as individual applicants or through schools or after-school programs. In addition to completing the application requirements, students must commit to completing a service learning project. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for one of several volunteer experiences coordinated through TEDxSMU (including hosting their own TEDx events in their schools or with their friends and families), or to propose a service learning project of their choosing.



TEDxKIDS @SMU
Friday, October 15, 2010
12:30-5:00p
The Wily Theatre, Dallas, TX

Applications available starting August 9, 2010

For more information and to apply:
www.TEDxSMU.org/TEDxKids

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In 2009, TEDxKIDS @SMU launched as the first-ever TED event designed specifically for students. Now in our second year, we are going through a growth spurt. We will increase our middle school audience by 10 percent and grow our high school mentoring program from 10 students to 60 students. For the first time, students will present some of the talks during the conference and offer some responses as to why (or why not) a demo or presentation fits within the context of TED.

TEDxKids Camp Counselors

This year at TEDxKids, 60 high school juniors and seniors will be accepted to attend and serve as “Camp Counselors” to groups of 5-7 middle school students during the day. Each Counselor will complete peer leadership training prior to TEDxKids, and then be assigned a group of TEDxKids attendees to contact prior to the conference. The Counselors will report for duty at 12:00 on Friday, October 15 to greet students as they arrive and help the students understand the flow of the day.

Counselors will sit with the students during the day, and will also be expected to participate in one of the service learning projects offered through TEDxSMU on Saturday, November 20.

This is a great opportunity that will offer training in peer leadership, a free ticket to attend TEDxKids @SMU, and the chance to interact with a diverse group of students from the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. And, it looks great on your resume! At TEDxKids, you will:

- Serve as a mentor to a small group of 5-7 TEDxKids attendees
- Help facilitate conversations about the array of topics that we cover at TEDxKids
- Participate in the breaks by guiding your small group through interacting with speakers, engaging with the art installations, and experiencing multiple hands-on opportunities
- Get the full experience of TEDxKids by being immersed in every component of the event!

Applications are due by September 17. Accepted applicants must return a signed release form (by parent or guardian if under 18) by September 30 in order to participate.

Schedule

12:00	“Camp Counselor” Check In
12:30-1:00	Middle School Check in at the Wyly Theatre
1:00-2:30	Session I
2:30-3:30	Break
3:30-5:00	Session II

Community Service Requirement

As part of our commitment to the students in the Dallas area, TEDxKids is free to attend. In addition to completing the application requirements, students and “Camp Counselors” must commit to completing a service learning project following TEDxKids. At the conference, students will have the opportunity to sign up for one of several volunteer experiences coordinated through TEDxSMU. All TEDxKIDS-coordinated service projects will take place on Saturday, November 20, 2010, and each Camp Counselor MUST agree to complete the service learning component in order to participate.

Apply online at www.TEDxSMU.org/TEDxKIDS.