

CALENDAR

April 20 – 22	CMAS Testing (Social Studies)
April 21	Track – Twin Peaks and Sunset @ Altona (Silver Creek Field) – 3:30 p.m.
April 22	RESCHEDULED – NEW DATE/TIME! Track – 6 th Grade ONLY – Lyons Middle/Senior HS – 2:00 p.m.
April 25	District Track Meet – 7 th and 8 th Grade ONLY – Longmont HS Field – 9:00 a.m.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

“Perhaps we're too embarrassed to change or too frightened of the consequences of showing that we actually care. But why not risk it anyway? Begin Today. Carry out a random act of seemingly senseless kindness, with no expectation or reward or punishment. Safe in the knowledge that one day, someone somewhere might do the same for you.”

Princess of Wales Diana

There are so many things here at school that couldn't happen without our many selfless volunteers. We cannot thank you enough for all the time, energy and support that you provide to our students and staff. If your name is on the attached list, please stop by to pick up a small token of appreciation. If we missed you, our apologies, and please contact Sue Riley to let us know how you helped us. **THANK YOU!**

One Last Time...

While less than 60 yearbook copies remain, you have one last chance to reserve one of them starting Monday, April 20 through May 1 or as long as supply lasts. Order forms are available here at school on the wall or you may order online at jostensyearbooks.com

Please email sarff_laura@svvsd.org if you have any questions.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle level students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character and Citizenship.

In addition to attending bimonthly meetings, members of NJHS are expected to help plan and participate in leadership and service activities throughout the year, including, but not limited to peer tutoring, fund raising, volunteering and service projects. Being a member of the organization is both an honor and a responsibility.

A few of the activities NJHS members participated in during the 2014-2015 school year are:

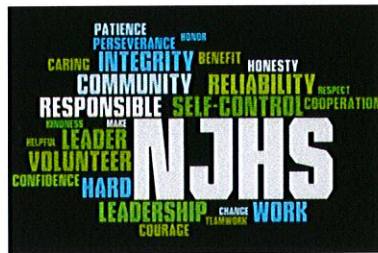
- Raised \$788 for Boulder County Second Wind Fund
- Held a shoe drive and collected over 900 pairs of shoes
- Tutoring in Morning Academic Club and the Homework Club

- Blanket Drive for the homeless
- Turkey Tot
- Santa's Workshop
- Hygiene drive for the Tennyson Center

If you are a 6th or 7th grader with a 3.5 cumulative Grade Point Average we encourage you to apply. A completed application includes 3 parts:

1. Google Form Application: <http://goo.gl/forms/HydHqCOAwD>
2. Recommendation: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xQHsv6299ctShP1OCgYGnQjbkjjdU5f3-0SI_wTLahQ/edit?usp=sharing
3. Signature Page: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BljbTNV0Vho7hHD3iBAOhajQ1XN9hpF-a1sOzvN5Y5I/edit?usp=sharing>

Applications are due on April 24, 2015 at 4:00 PM.



DISTRICT NEWS

SILVER CREEK LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Car Show - SCHS 8am-12pm Funds go to assist school kids in Uganda. Here is a link to an article in the Times Call about the event.

http://www.timescall.com/longmont-local-news/ci_27846237/longmont-car-show-benefit-school-kids-uganda

5K Family Run/walk at Mac Lake - Saturday AM 9:30-12pm

More info and link to sign up: <http://www.hopeforlongmont.org/events.html>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Call for Nominations: Raytheon Math Heroes grant

Hey all, The 2015 Math Heroes nomination period has launched.

If you are not familiar with this annual Raytheon program, we honor up to 30 middle and high school math and science teachers across the country for their commitment to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) in the classroom, awarding the teacher a \$2,500 each, along with a matching grant of \$2,500 for each of their schools.

Anyone can nominate a teacher, its open to the community. **The nomination period closes April 30.** For more information about the [Math Hero Award program](#), including eligibility and submission requirements, please visit www.mathmovesu.com.

**THANK YOU
ALTONA VOLUNTEERS!**

Tim	Ackerman
Kathy	Acosta
Debbie	Adams
Beth	Adams
Nikki Jo	Alber
Tonya	Ambrose
Deb & Rick	Anderson
Cortney	Anderson
Amy	Baxter
Amy	Baxter
Sean	Bell
Hugh	Belvin
Beth	Benson
Patty	Bicknell
Marlene	Boh
Kari	Bond
Kurt	Bond
Amy	Booth
Christine	Bopardikar
Cindy	Borchers
Angela	Brothers
Terri	Brucker
Gerardo	Brucker
Mary Kay	Buckner
Barret	Burke
Rebecca	Caron
Keri	Churchich
Lori	Cielaszyk
Rebecca & Josh	Cleaton
Angi	Cortes
Jessica	Crespin
Lisa	Curtis
Chris	Curtis
Sarah	Day
Amy	Denesha
Margo	Denning
Kathy	Deputat
Diane	Diesh

Deanna	Dillow
Brian	Dvorak
Shara	Eisenberg
Doug	Elting
Kristi	Elting
Becky	Feldman
Michael	Ford
Linsey	Fox
Tina	Fredo
Mea	French
Sheila	Gardner
Vicki	Gazdik
Amy	Gerlach
Julie	Glass
Susana	Gutierrez
Hilarie	Gutierrez
Lyen	Ha
Andrea	Haefele
Lisa	Hainline
Andrew	Halperin
Rustin	Hamann
Seth	Harris
JoAnn	Hauger
Kristin	Hawley
Temple	Hay
Linda	Herring
Sara	Hinklin
Tammi	Holcomb
Nancy	Holland
Stephen	Hunt
Dana	Hunt
Gus	Isuani
Stacey	James
Michael	James
Jennifer	Jepsen
Inga	Jermaine
Ben	Johns
Melissa	Johnson
Liz	Jones
Srini	Kairamkonda
Bill	Kalfas
Kate	Kelley
Joyce	Kelly

Lara	Kelsey	Kelene	Reichenberg
Sharon	Kent	Holly	Reid
Melinda	Kilpatrick	Corina	Remes
Kelly	Knox	Leslie	Rich
Richard	Kounovsky	Ursula	Rosner
Ted	Krings	Shawna	Sands
Sarah	Lange	Julie	Scharff
Tom	Lange	Amy	Schmeeckle
Angela	Larson	Bill	Schneider
Kassia	Lathrop	Judy	Sieler
Deidre	Laurel	Dennis	Sindelier
Tom	Leyba	Mary	Sisneros
John	Limon	Dan	Sisneros
Ann	Lindahl	Jami	Sisneros
Janet	Lopez	Robyn	Sloan
Darcy	Louie	Ginae	Smith
Greg	Louie	Lorri	Steele
Steve	Love	Heather	Stenner
Ling	Ma	Gaylynn	Stevens
Suzy	Maroney	Jodi	Stewart
Trish	McCready	Gwen	Stouder
Bertha	McShea	Michelle	Sulek
Magaret	Meek	Sachin	Talusani
Jennifer	Mendoza	Margaret	Terrell
Sarah	Mertz	Sangeetha	Thomas
Ron	Metzner	Jack	Thurman
Mark	Millard	Karen	Thurman
Sheryl	Miller	Seneca	Townsend
Pam	Miller	Anne	Turner
Nancy	Moritz	Jen	Turpin
Brian	Moroney	Clarissa	Tutkowski
Ray	Mueller	Karen	Van Zuiden
Doris	Mundy	Joan	Vanderveen
Anne	Oberg	Josie	Vigil
Dani	Olinger	Tram	Vu
Sonya	Oster	Tuyen	Vu
Devorah	Palumbo	Shelly	Walker
Chad	Patterson	Rebecca	Weihe
Tanya	Perry	Johnnie	White
Kiersten	Pierpoint	Maya	Willis-Tindall
Amanda	Raehal	Mike	Yee
Carmen	Ramirez	Becky	Young
Carmen	Rarden	Melissa	Young

National Junior Honor Society Recommendation Form

You need to get one recommendation from an adult, other than a parent, who knows you well and can speak on behalf of your character, leadership, citizenship, and/or service. This might be a teacher, coach, scout leader, youth minister, etc.. Please give them this form to fill out and then give back to you.

Student Name:

Your Name:

Your Position (teacher, coach, scout leader, etc.):

How long have you known this student and in what capacity?:

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More than one million students participate in activities of the NHS and NJHS across the country. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service. Please briefly describe this student's character and citizenship and why you believe they should be considered for NJHS membership.

NJHS Signatures and Parent Information

I understand that completing and submitting this application does not guarantee selection into National Junior Honor Society. I attest that the information presented here is complete and accurate. If selected I agree to abide by the standards and guidelines of the chapter and to fulfill all of my membership obligations to the best of my ability.

Printed Student Name

X

Student Signature

Date

I have read all of the information provided by my son/daughter on the NJHS Application (Google form) and I can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete.

Printed Parent Name

Parent Email

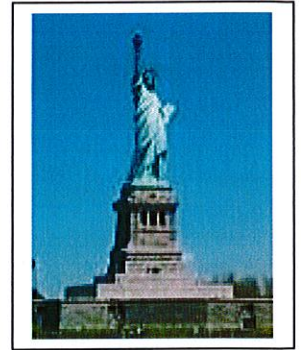
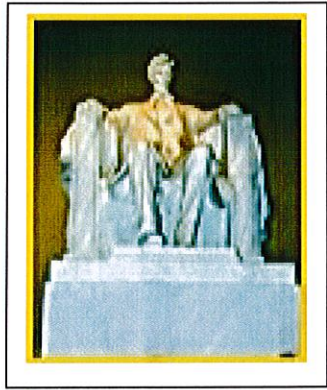
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Parent Signature(s)

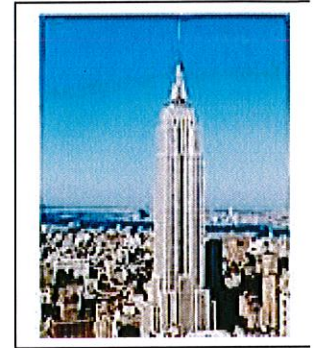
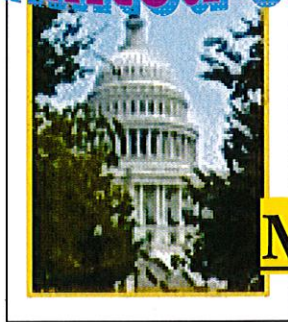
We request this information so that we can notify you regarding important details.

Please return this form to Ms. Mansfield in the counseling office, on or before Friday April 24, 2015 at 4:00 PM.

2015-16 8th Grade Washington, D.C., Monticello, and New York City Educational Trip



Limited seats available



Trip dates:

Sunday, April 3, 2016 –
Friday, April 8, 2016

Mandatory grade requirements

Parents: for more info email
goertz_linda@svvsd.org

What is included in the \$2034 price:

- Airfare to D.C. and back home from N.Y.C.
- 6 days and 5 nights at a nice, clean hotel
- All meals and gratitude on trip
- Bus transportation and bus driver throughout the DC/NYC area
- Tour guides in both cities and Montecillo
- Entrance and ticket fees to all events
- Night security guard while in hotel
- Hotel on-site World Strides representative
- 24-hour doctor in cases of emergency
- The travel company will take care of all arrangements for unexpected changes to the travel/hotel/transportation/itinerary such as weather or closures
- Register before the early bird deadline of May 31 and save.
- After May 31 early bird deadline the price goes up \$125.

**For complete details
and registration
information please
refer to the packet sent
home with your child at
school assembly on:
Wednesday, March 4**

**Additional packets
available on “the wall”**

Sign up online at www.worldsrides.org. ALTONA's tripid is 116294

Mandatory: for Altona students to participate in this trip they must

- 1.) maintain all grades C and above, 2.) have no behavior referrals, and 3.) have exemplary attendance.

"Mayhem, mixups and an uproarious wedding... right-spirited hijinks of The Drowsy Chaperone."

The DROWSY Chaperone

A MUSICAL WITHIN A COMEDY.

Music and Lyrics by
Lisa Lambert & Greg Morrison

Book by
Bob Martin & Don McKeller

Directed by Leslie S. Dweir

In five performances!

7 pm – April 24, 25, 30 & May 1

2 pm – April 26, 2015

Silver Creek High School
AUDITORIUM
4901 Nelson Road
Longmont, Colorado 80503

Tickets \$15 general public, \$10 students/seniors 65+

silvercreektickets.com / www.sconanews.org



2015 Westview Summer STEM Academy

Westview Summer STEM Academy celebrates its third year this June. This unique, hands-on project and problem-based program provides fun, high-engaging learning opportunities for students between 5th and 8th grade from across St. Vrain Valley Schools.



June 1-5

Session 1 – 8:30-11:30 a.m.

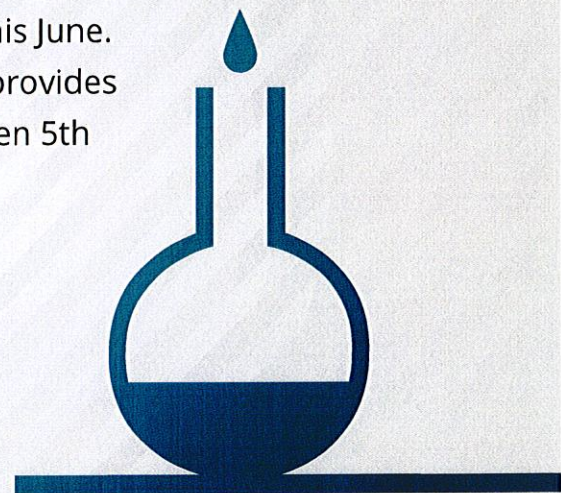
Session 2 – 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.



June 8-12

Session 3 – 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Session 4 – 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.



**ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOLS**
academic excellence by design

Learn more about our Summer STEM Academy at wms.svvsd.org.



WESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

3rd Annual Westview Summer STEM Academy 2015 Class Descriptions

[Register Here](#)

(please use a browser different than Chrome)

(NOW OPEN)

Session 1 - June 1-5 from 8:30 - 11:30

Session 2 - June 1-5 from 12:30 - 3:30

Session 3 - June 8-12 from 8:30 - 11:30

Session 4 - June 8-12 from 12:30 - 3:30

Any students that stay for both a morning and afternoon session will need to bring their own lunch. Students will be supervised during the lunch break from 11:30 - 12:30.

Session 1 - Comparative Anatomy, Medieval Weapons, Robots 1, Rocketry, STEM Punk!

Session 2 - All Around the World, CSI, Have a Heart, Robots 2, Wildflowers 101

Session 3 - Can You Dig It, CSI, Photo Safari, Robots 1, ProCoders

Session 4 - City of the Future, Medieval Weapons, Photo Safari, Robots 2

Sessions 1-4 - Plains to the Park & Documentary Film Making (Two week program for current and incoming Westview students only - **Application required**)

All Around the World (Session 2) - \$100

The wonderful world of... the world! In this class students will apply Google Earth, Google Maps, Geo Positioning Systems, and magnetic compasses to explore the Earth. We will learn to navigate the world with basic orienteering skills as well as solving puzzles to find locations with Geocaching!

Can You Dig It (Session 3) - \$100

Calling all detectives to solve the mysteries of history! Archeology is the study of human history through the collection and analysis of artifacts. In this STEM Academy class, students will put on their felt fedora Indiana Jones' thinking caps and learn to use clues to tell stories through the methods and operations of seasoned Archeologists. Plan on getting your hands dirty... literally in our excavation stations!

CSI - (Formerly Biotechnology) (Sessions 2 or 3) - \$100

Have you ever wondered how law enforcement uses technology to help solve cases? Is what I see on TV real? Is criminal justice the only place these technologies are used? In this hands-on introduction to these topics students will learn about what we can do with technologies such as DNA fingerprinting and genetic testing - including solving crimes and helping endangered species survive.

City of the Future (Session 4) - \$100

Design a plan for a city of the future. Learn about ways to incorporate renewable energy and innovative city planning techniques to design and create your own city!

Comparative Anatomy 101 (Session 1) - \$100

This is the same class as last summer. Only students who did not attend this class last year should register.

Students will dissect 2-3 different animals (fetal pig, frog, shark) and compare and contrast their findings. Students will discuss form and function as it relates to body systems in the different animals. Students will present their findings on the last day.

Have a Heart (Session 2) - \$100

We know you have a heart but, how does it work? Have you heard that exercise is good for your heart? Why is that? How does the blood flow through the heart and body? What happens when someone has a heart attack, what does that really mean? If you've ever wondered how our heart keeps pumping and keeps us going then this is a great class for you. We will be discovering the chambers and function of the heart. Why people are at risk to heart attacks and what happens when someone experiences one. Along with that you will create a model of a heart and get it pumping.

Medieval Siege Weapon Design (Session 1 and Session 4) - \$100

Students explore Newton's laws, projectile motion, simple machines, speed, and mass - all while building and testing model catapults, trebuchets and/or torsion ballistas. Each student will construct and keep working models of the medieval siege weapons to facilitate understanding various topics in physics, and, of course, we will end with a medieval warfare tournament.

Photo Safari (Sessions 3 or Session 4) - \$100 *This class involves a field trip.*

Are you interested in animals, plants, and taking pictures? Then this is the class for you! Learn more about plants and animals when visiting the Denver Botanical Gardens and the Denver Zoo on a field trip Tuesday, June 9. Students will learn photography techniques before visiting the gardens so they are able to gather photographs and information as they explore. When at Westview, we will further explore the plant cycle and photosynthesis as well as animal ecosystems, habitats, and adaptations. Students will use their photographs taken on the field trip to create a Plant and Animal iPhoto Book which will include the scientific information about plants, flowers, and animals they gather. Other takeaways from this class will include a plant that they can grow at home, a fused glass picture frame, and an iPhoto book. The iPhoto books can be turned into a slideshow version or they may choose to purchase their iPhoto book to be enjoyed after this plant, animal, and photo class!

ProCoders (Session 3) - \$100

Students will learn the basics of web coding in this class. They will a variety of programs that help them develop skills to become Pro-Coders! The end product will be a website created from scratch. Students will also have the opportunity to explore aspects of coding that are

most interesting to them.

STEM Punk! (Session 1) - \$100

This class involves a field trip.

In this class, students will explore the design practice, and develop 21st century thinking skills, while traveling back in time - well sort of. Students will explore the world of Steampunk - a social movement and literary style that blends Science Fiction and Fantasy with History. We'll start with an overview of Steampunk culture in literature, music, fashion, and scientific design. Then students will get a chance to create, invent, and innovate! There will be guest speakers and a field trip to Art Smyths in Denver.

Robots 1 (Session 1 or Session 3) - \$100

Enter into the world of Robotics with the Swept Away Challenge. Students will work in Design Teams of 4 to build and compete using the VEX Robotics Design System. Beyond science and engineering principles, a VEX Robotics project encourages teamwork, leadership and problem solving among groups. Students will also be working to meet a deadline so time management and efficiency will be key components to their teams success. All materials are included in this course and this class is designed for students new to VEX robotics with little to no experience.

Robots 2 (Session 2 or Session 4) - \$100

In this class you will use ROBOTC to learn the basics of programming Robots using the VEX Robotics platform and curriculum from Carnegie Mellon University. This class will include direct instruction along with online tutorials from CS2N that will allow you to work at your own pace. You don't need any experience in programming or robotics and any student interested in robotics or programming is welcome to take this class. Students will need to create a CS2N account prior to the first day of class. Instructions will be sent to all enrolled students.

Rocketry (Session 1) - \$100

Do you like to shoot for the stars? Come explore the physics of rocketry! You will have the chance to engineer your own rocket and build a prototype. If needed, we will have rocket kits available. During our launch day, you will get to see all of your hard work in action! 10, 9, 8, 7....2, 1 - BLAST OFF!

Wildflowers 101 (Session 2) - \$100 - Instructor: Mrs. Bennett

This class will involve a field trip.

Discover the wildflowers of Colorado! We will be going hiking to find and identify a variety of wildflowers in our state. We will also dissect, plant, sketch or paint, and press wildflowers in this class. This is a great opportunity to learn about the beauty of our state and its flora.

Plains to the Park & Documentary Film Making (All 4 Sessions - \$300 -For Current and Incoming Westview Students Only) Instructors: Mr. Cribby and Mr. Kline

This joint project between Westview Middle School (St Vrain Valley Schools) and Rocky

Mountain National Park will help train 'Citizen Scientists' in the ecological field research techniques necessary to monitor the ecological health of the Endovalley/Fall River drainage in Rocky Mountain National Park. This 2 week course will feature multiple days in the Park, conducting field research focused on two animals (Wilson's Warbler, puma) and one plant community (willow).

Students will have classes at Westview where they learn the protocols used by scientific researchers as well as days of field research in the park. Students will document their work following standardized methods used by professional researchers. In addition, a separate team of students will work to document the entire process in a film making project. The film crew will follow the scientific research team and help make videos to communicate their work. These two programs will work concurrently, however students will either participate as film crew or science researchers (not both).

This is an intensive two week program, filling all 4 sessions of the STEM Academy. Students must apply to participate in this program, and applicants will be selected to fill limited slots. When students apply they must choose to be either a scientific researcher or a member of the video production team. You can contact Mr. Cribby for more information about the scientific research program or Mr. Kline for more information about the video production program (Both are Westview staff).

[Here is the application.](#) The due date to apply is April 3. All applicants will be notified by mid to late April.



COMMUNITY NIGHT

2015 ST. VRAIN'S SCHOOL DISTRICT

**COLORADO RAPIDS
v. FC DALLAS**

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 8:00PM
AT DICK'S SPORTING GOODS PARK



v.



TICKET PRICE: \$20!

*A portion of every ticket sold will benefit
the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley*



Order tickets online at:
WWW.RAPIDSTIX.COM/SVUSD

IMPORTANT TICKET INFORMATION:

- Premium seating available on a first-come, first-served basis (reg. \$37 per person).
 - A limited number of tickets are reserved and will sell out.
 - No additional taxes or fees. Parking included.

EXTRA BENEFITS:

- Top three schools with the most tickets purchased will carry the flag onto the field during the National Anthem!
 - Deadline for your school to qualify for benefits is April 17.

For more information please contact **Heather Coram** at
303.727.3590 or **hcoram@dsgpark.com**.



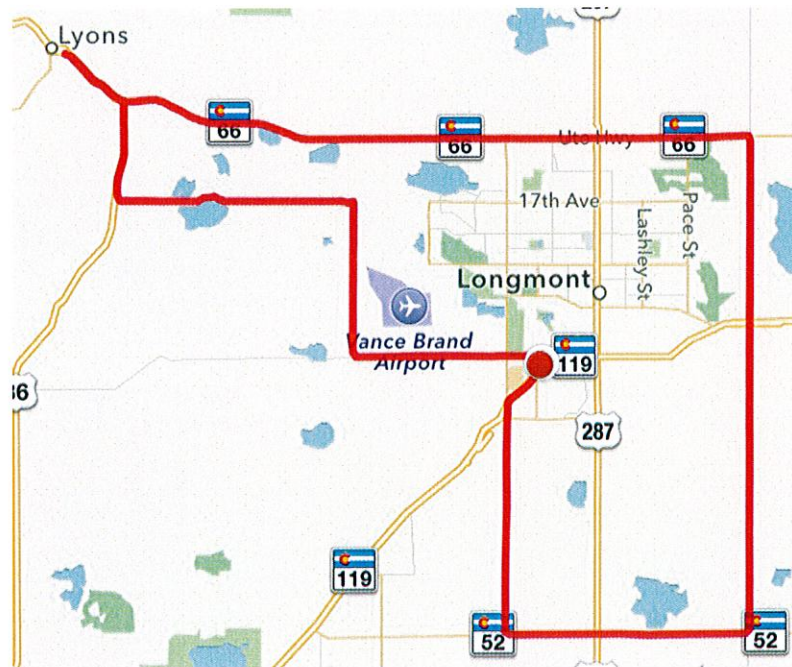
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Crayons to Calculators Poker Run



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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Crayons-to-Calculators-Poker-Run/364297187069382?ref=hl>

Questions?

E-mail whiteh.clarke20@svvsd.org

Starts and Ends at:

Rocky Mountain Kawasaki

April 25th, 2015 (Rain date May 2nd, 2015)

- *Registration begins at 9:00 am
- *2-4 wheels welcome
- *\$15 for one participant
- *\$5 for every additional passenger

