

SOUTHWEST MN HACKS 2.0

24-Hour Student Hackathon | September 12 to 13, 2026 | SMSU, Marshall, Minnesota

MINOR PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT, MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION, AND WAIVER

Required for Participants Under 18 Years of Age

This form must be completed and signed by the parent or legal guardian of any participant under 18 years of age before that participant may check in to Southwest MN Hacks 2.0. The minor participant must also sign in the place indicated. Please complete all required fields. Forms with missing required information will not be accepted at check-in.

1. Event Details

Event	Southwest MN Hacks 2.0, a 24-hour overnight student hackathon
Dates	Saturday, September 12, 2026 through Sunday, September 13, 2026
Venue	Upper Conference Center (or other space designated by SMSU), Southwest Minnesota State University, 1501 State Street, Marshall, Minnesota 56258
Host	Southwest MN Hacks, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation

2. Minor Participant Information

Full Legal Name	Date of Birth
Age on September 12, 2026	Gender
High School Name	High School City and State
Grade as of September 2026	Participant Email
Participant Mobile Phone (if any)	

3. Parent or Legal Guardian Information

Full Legal Name	Relationship to Minor
Primary Phone (best to reach during event)	Email
Home Address	

4. Emergency Contacts

List a primary and a secondary emergency contact, both reachable during the event window. The primary contact is typically the signing parent or guardian.

	Name	Relationship	Phone (during event)
Primary			
Secondary			

5. Authorized Pickup Adults

List any adult, in addition to the parent or guardian named above, who is authorized to pick up the minor during or at the end of the event. Organizers will require photo identification at pickup.

Name	Relationship to Minor	Phone

6. Medical Information and Authorization

Health Insurance Provider	Policy or Member ID
Primary Care Physician (optional)	Physician Phone (optional)

Known allergies (food, medication, environmental):

Current medications and dosing schedule (including any the minor will self-administer during the event):

Other medical, behavioral, sensory, mobility, or support needs organizers should be aware of:

Accessibility or accommodation needs (assistive technology, quiet area, mobility, sensory, communication, other):

Dietary needs and restrictions (allergies, religious, medical, vegetarian, vegan, other):

Authorization for emergency medical treatment. In the event of injury, illness, or other medical emergency involving my child during the event, and where I cannot be reached in time, I authorize Southwest MN Hacks organizers, SMSU Public Safety, and attending medical personnel to contact emergency services and to obtain or administer emergency medical care, including transportation to a hospital and treatment by qualified providers, as they deem reasonably necessary for the welfare of my child. I understand I will be notified as soon as practicable and that I remain financially responsible for any costs of care under our health insurance.

7. Transportation and Pickup Plan

My child will arrive at and depart from the venue by (check all that apply):

- Parent or guardian drop-off and pickup
- Authorized pickup adult listed above
- Self-transport (participant aged 16 or older with valid license, with parent or guardian permission)
- Rideshare or transportation arranged with another participant's parent (please name):

- School or district organized transportation

Parent or guardian pickup responsibility. I understand that if my child is removed from the event for medical, behavioral, safety, or conduct reasons, I or an authorized pickup adult named above will pick up my child promptly, including at any hour during the overnight period. I will keep my primary phone reachable for the duration of the event.

8. Consent to Overnight Participation and Supervision

I consent on behalf of my child to the following:

- Participation in the full event, including the overnight period, from check-in on Saturday, September 12, 2026 through dismissal on Sunday, September 13, 2026.
- Sleeping in the designated rest area at the venue, with rest area supervision, chaperone assignments, overnight monitoring, and access control conducted in accordance with the final safety plan approved by Southwest MN Hacks and SMSU Public Safety.
- Building access controls including monitored entry, sign-in and sign-out for any departure during the overnight period, and the issuance of a name tag or other identifier that must be worn for the duration of the event.
- Meals, snacks, and beverages provided by the event and its sponsors during the event window.
- Contact by organizers in the event of any medical, behavioral, or safety incident involving my child, and follow-up communication after the event if appropriate.

Southwest MN Hacks will designate adult organizers and chaperones to supervise participants during the event. SMSU Public Safety provides building security, emergency response, and incident support in coordination with event organizers.

9. Acknowledgment of Risk and Release from Liability

I understand that my child's participation may involve risk of bodily injury or illness ranging from minor episodes such as eye strain, repetitive strain, fatigue, slips, trips, or falls, to more serious events, and that it is not possible to list every possible risk. I further understand that an overnight schedule with reduced sleep may carry short-term or long-term health effects. Knowing the material risks and reasonably anticipating that injuries and other adverse outcomes are possible, I, on behalf of myself, my child, and our heirs, executors, and assigns, assume all risks which could occur as a result of my child's participation.

In consideration of Southwest MN Hacks and Southwest Minnesota State University permitting my child to participate, I hereby waive, release, and hold harmless Southwest MN Hacks and its officers, directors, organizers, volunteers, mentors, judges, sponsors, and agents, as well as the State of Minnesota, the Minnesota

State Colleges and Universities system, and Southwest Minnesota State University, including their officers, agents, coaches, and employees, from any and all injuries, loss, liability, actions, causes of action, negligence, debts, claims, or demands of any kind which may arise by or in connection with my child's participation in any activities related to this event.

This release is intended to apply to ordinary negligence and to the inherent risks of participation to the fullest extent permitted by Minnesota law. Nothing in this document is intended to release claims that cannot legally be waived, including claims arising from gross negligence, reckless conduct, willful misconduct, or intentional acts.

10. Code of Conduct

My child and I acknowledge that we have read and agree to abide by the Southwest MN Hacks 2.0 Code of Conduct and Overnight Safety Rules, which is provided as a separate document and which we will both sign at registration. We understand that organizers and SMSU Public Safety will enforce the Code of Conduct, and that violations may result in removal from the event without refund. Prompt parent or authorized adult pickup will be required at any hour, and, where appropriate, referral to SMSU Public Safety or local law enforcement may follow.

11. Photo and Media Release

Please check one option:

- I grant permission.** Southwest MN Hacks and its designated representatives may photograph, record, and use my child's likeness in event materials, recap content, sponsor reports, and social media in connection with the event and future event promotion.
- I do not grant permission.** My child may be issued a visual indicator at check-in so that organizers and photographers can identify and exclude my child from event imagery.

12. Signatures

By signing below, I confirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named above, that I have authority to sign this consent and waiver on the minor's behalf, that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that I have reviewed this entire document with the minor.

Date Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Parent or Legal Guardian Name (printed)

Minor's acknowledgment. I have read this document with my parent or guardian, I understand the rules of the event and the supervision arrangements, and I agree to follow them.

Date Minor Participant Signature

Date Witness Signature (Southwest MN Hacks organizer, at check-in)