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Student's name _____ School _____

Breakout Descriptions
Gifted Boys Conference 2008

_____ **THE FUTURE IS NEARER THAN YOU THINK**

Alan Ramirez and Kerry Schneidewind—SMU Admissions Counselors

College is a time to grow personally, intellectually, socially, mentally, and physically. With over 3,000 colleges in the country, the options for post-high school life are enormous. You are in the driver's seat when it comes to selecting a college. What do you want to study? What types of classes do you want to engage in and share your opinion? What goals do you have for the future? Come learn about how to be successful when making the step towards college life.

_____ **SPACE EXPLORATION AND MARS**

Kurt Chankaya— Aerodynamics Engineer, Member of the Mars Society

Come examine how people can go explore, and live, on Mars in the near future. We'll do an overview of what it takes to reach out to, land on, and explore new worlds in outer space, such as rocketry, planetary orbits, and spacesuit design, with the emphasis on the planet Mars. This session will briefly look at the history of the Apollo program, unmanned robots on Mars, what has been found, and what we can hope to find in the future. This is not just for the scientist, but anyone interested in the next new frontier.

_____ **BEING MALE AND BEING ANGRY: HOW TO HANDLE CONFLICT AND AGGRESSION**

Dr. Hal Barkley— Associate Director of Counseling and Mediation, School of Education, SMU

Anger is a natural emotion – so why does it cause so many problems in our world? And why is it especially difficult for boys and men? This session will address the role of anger and conflict in our lives and how out-of-control anger can become unmanageable aggression. Come learn how we can make anger work for us instead of against us.

_____ **CAREERS AND SERVICE: THE ULTIMATE CONNECTION**

Ashley Hyder, Volunteer Center of North Texas

What cause do you care about the most? What career have you thought about going into? So many people think serving the community is reserved for specific times or places, but they rarely recognize that passion can be used to drive their careers. Whether students are interested in the corporate, government, or nonprofit sector, they can use their passion for the community to make a difference. In this workshop student will learn that connecting careers to service will benefit not only the individual but the community as well.

_____ **THE 7 P'S TO PERFORMANCE (11:00 SESSION ONLY)**

Alan Miller—Banking Executive

Learn how to turn potential into performance through setting personal goals, planning, forming partnerships, and channeling your passion to get positive results. What are the 7 P's of performance? Come to this session to find the answer.

_____ **ROBOTS ALL AROUND**

Nathan Huntoon—SMU Engineering Student

Robots have become an essential part of the modern world. You may not see them, but nearly everything you use had a robot touch it at some point. Robots aid in manufacturing processes, scientific research and even medicine. Come learn about some of most advanced robots of today, take a look at some of the robots of tomorrow and get a detailed description of SeaHorse I, a robotic submarine designed and built by SMU students.

_____ **COME VISIT SPAIN FOR A DAY! (1:00 SESSION ONLY)**

Rick Cox, Docent, Meadows Museum

Travel through 1000 years of Spanish history on a guided tour of the Meadows Museum. One of the largest collections of Spanish art outside of Spain, the Meadows Museum is home to many great masters such as Goya, Ribera, Velazquez, Picasso, El Greco, Miro, Rodin, and Giacometti. Come see our collection of Spanish masters in a new light!

_____ **VOTING: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE**

The session will look at the history of voting. How has voting changed since the founding of this country? What are some of the landmark decisions that have changed the rules? Why should all citizens vote? What might be different in future elections?