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Trivia Weekend Fact Sheet



Trivia weekend was created to alleviate Minnesota's notorious cabin fever and debuted in 1980 with 25 teams participating. In 2008, Trivia Weekend attracted 78 teams, 26 of them playing via the Internet from various parts of the country.



Trivia Weekend celebrates a different theme each year. The chosen theme pays homage to a popular movie, period in history or pop-culture phenomena. This year's theme, **XXX Trivia: 30 Years of Trivia Lovin'** celebrates the trivia marathon's 30th birthday as well as the Valentine's Day weekend on which it falls.



The questions asked represent a broad range of categories including: movies, pop culture, sports, science and history. Of course, teams can expect to be challenged with many theme-based questions.



It takes a village to operate Trivia Weekend. Hundreds of volunteers assist KVSC around-the-clock in three-hour shifts. In addition, dozens of St. Cloud businesses support Trivia Weekend with monetary or food donations.



During the trivia contest, 88.1FM broadcasts nine questions over its airwaves hourly. The questions range in category and level of difficulty. When a question is asked on the air, it is considered "open." Each question must be answered in a time frame determined by KVSC. Teams may be given an hour to answer a difficult question or as little as five minutes to answer an easy question.



Trivia teams must answer all questions by calling the KVSC trivia hotline. To meet the high demand of calls, KVSC staffs a comprehensive call-center, which consists of 28 phones. There is no limit on how many times a trivia team can attempt to answer a question, so long as that question is in "open" status.



The team with the most points wins Trivia Weekend. Teams rack up more points by correctly answering difficult questions. Easy questions generally have a small point value.



When a team registers, they receive a kit of information, including a visual-trivia packet. Throughout the competition a series of visual-trivia questions will be asked. The contest also features speed rounds (double questions) and audio trivia.



Trivia teams can view their scores online until the 46th hour of the competition. During the last four hours, the competition goes into black-out status. The winning team is announced at the award's ceremony, scheduled for Sunday, February 15 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ritsche Auditorium on the St. Cloud State campus.



An annual post-trivia celebration will be held on Sunday at 9:00 p.m. at the Red Carpet Nightclub in downtown St. Cloud. Headlining the event is the KVSC in-house parody band, *Shake a Hamster Band*.



Many teams welcome the media to cover their trivia lovefest. If you would like a list of teams that allow a visit from the media, please contact info@kvsc.org.