The conference is designed especially for girls in grades 5 through 9. Participants will meet other young women from all over southern Illinois who share an interest in science, mathematics, engineering, and technology. They will be able to choose from over 20 hands-on workshops. In past years, students have tried their hand at creating their own web pages, analyzing the chemistry of M&M’s, studying the microbial life in drinking water, programming industrial robots, preparing slides of tissue samples, and more. They have met female role models in audiology, aviation, optometry, physical therapy, forensic science, chemistry, microbiology, plant biology, veterinary medicine, computers, forestry, zoology, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, industrial technology, mathematics, and physics.

As workshops come in we will post them on our website and we encourage you to check it often - math.siu.edu/eyh/. Details are still being worked out, but we expect the registration fee to be $10 for the coming year. We will also be giving a $50 gift certificate to the teacher who brings the most students. If your school brings more than 25 students, we will be able to provide money for a bus!

Parents and teachers may also attend as observers in many of the workshops. At the discretion of the workshop leader, they may participate along with the students. At this time, it is not necessary to block spaces for parents or teachers.

Feel free to duplicate and share this information with math and science teachers in your school. Students may come on their own or as a class group. Contact SIUC Department of Mathematics at eycmath@siu.edu if you have any questions about the conference.

We hope to see you in November!