

31st Annual MAAP STARS Fall Leadership Conference

October 9 and 10, 2025

LOCATION: Lake Beauty Camp, 25766 Hummingbird Trail, Long Prairie, MN 56347

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[Complete online registration](#)

**Cost: \$75 per participant One Advisor FREE, stay Wednesday night for FREE, Mileage Credit
Payment due by October 9, 2025**

INFORMATION NEEDED for each participant:

- Pronoun choice
- Housing gender
- Dietary restrictions
- ADA accessibility accommodations
- What Pre-conference Activities all students and advisors will be participating in. You will enter for each student the pre-conference activity they will participate in. Pre-conference activities are optional. Students do not have to participate in all three, or any at all. The cost per participant, including advisors, for each pre-conference activity is \$5.

Registration can also be found at maapmn.org, choose STARS, then Fall Leadership.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, September 29, 2025

Thursday, October 9

9:00am – 12:30pm

12:15 - 12:45

1:00 - 2:00

2:10 – 5:00

5:15 - 5:45

6:00 - 6:50

7:00 - 9:30

9:45 – 10:45

11:00

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Lunch for participants of pre-conference activities

Speaker: Joe Beckman in the Pine Ridge Building (at the top of the hill)

Breakouts:

- MDE Listening/role with MAAP STARS Leadership
- Low ropes team building
- MAAP STARS Intro - led by Officers

Dinner in Lakeview Dining Hall

Opening session, MSO Candidate Speeches in Pine Ridge

Breakouts:

- "Lights-Out" Dodgeball
- What makes a leader? Who is in my region?(School describe location, number of students what they like about their school...) led by Officers
- Team building games

Campfire, Indoor Games, Team/Cabin Time, Shower Time

CURFEW

Friday, October 10

7:15 -8:00

8:15 - 12:30

12:40

1:00

Breakfast in Lakeview Dining Hall **** Clean & Empty Lodge Rooms/Cabins ****

****Turn in MAAP State Officer Voting Ballots to Patti Haasch**

Workshops for Students and Advisors

- Joe Beckman
- Derek Greenfield
- Tips and Tricks for a successful STARS Chapter/Program planning time

Closing Ceremony and Announcement of Officer election results

Lunch to go will be provided in the Lakeview Dining Hall

✓ MAAP STARS "swag" will be for sale at the conference once again this year!

Sweatshirts: **\$25**

T-Shirts: \$15

Beanies/Caps: \$5

Sweatpants \$25 updated 9/21/24

QUESTIONS?

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Pre-Conference Activities

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

Lake Beauty Camp offers a variety of activities on their high ropes course at various levels of difficulty, as well as Laser Tag. If a student wants to do all three activities, it will cost \$15 for that student. **This cost is NOT included in the registration fee.**

- (1) Double zip line: Experience adventure flying through the air as you are safely secured in a harness.
 - (2) Climbing Tower: Harness up and climb the rock wall! This is a fun activity for all ages to try.
 - (3) Archery Tag: Have you ever wanted to play dodgeball with a bow? Archery tag is great for competitive groups or those with casual interests. Can be played both indoors and outdoors.
- IF your school is participating in pre-conference activities, you are invited to come Wednesday night. There is **NO CHARGE** for coming Wednesday night. Arrive any time after 5:00pm. There will be no meal on Wednesday. A light breakfast will be provided by MAAP STARS, and lunch will be provided by Lake Beauty Camp for those that spend the night.
 - There will be time slots for these activities beginning at 9:00am. The last time slot will begin at 11:45pm.
 - We will contact you after registrations are in with assigned times for the activities, which will occur between 10:00am and 3:30pm.

Use the chart below to plan out your pre-conference activities, and how much they will cost.

Remember, these costs are NOT a part of the registration fee.

Each activity costs an additional \$5 per participant.

Enter the following data when registering your students online.

Pre-conference activity worksheet

Advisor or Student Name	Double Zip Line \$5	Climbing Wall \$5	Archery Tag \$5	TOTAL COST PER STUDENT
			GRAND TOTAL	

Housing Options for the 2024 MAAP STARS Fall Conference

Lake Beauty Camp offers two styles of housing:

1. **The Loon Lodge and the Edlund Retreat Center** consist of dorm-style rooms with bunk beds. Each room houses from six to fourteen people. Each floor has two bathrooms, which have three showers a piece. We will assign males and females to separate floors as registrations come in.
2. **The Eagle Ridge Cabins** are one-room, rustic cabins (no frills) that sleep up to fourteen people. The bathrooms available for those staying in these cabins are separate buildings near the cabins, and have three showers a piece as well as heated floors.

Regardless of which housing option you select, we plan to house advisors two and students in separate rooms/cabins. PLEASE let us know if you want a one room cabin for your school/program.

IMPORTANT NOTES...

- Lodging for each school/program will be assigned as registrations come in. We plan to fill the Loon Lodge and Edlund Retreat Center first, then fill the cabins as necessary. **If you prefer the one-room cabin option, please indicate that on the registration form.** It is likely that 50-75 students and advisors will be assigned to the one-room cabins, so any school willing to select that option up front will greatly help the process!
- **You will need to bring ALL of your own bedding**, including sheets, blankets, pillows, and a mattress pad if you desire. Students could also bring a sleeping bag instead of the bedding if they prefer to do that. In addition, everyone needs to provide their own towels and toiletries for personal use.
- **If any school substitutes a student after the registration forms have been submitted, please select a student of the same gender** in order to maintain the integrity of the housing plan. We will have rooms/cabins assigned before you arrive.

Everyone is expected to clean up after themselves throughout the Camp and in their housing units. Rooms/Cabins must be cleaned and emptied prior to breakfast on the second day. Schools are welcomed to bring extra food and snacks; particularly for later Thursday night.

MAAP: Minnesota Association of Alternative Program

STARS: Success-Teamwork-Achievement-Recognition-Self-esteem

Sample Permission Form

MAAP STARS

Success Teamwork Achievement Recognition Self-Esteem

October 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your student has been selected to participate in the MAAP STARS Fall Leadership Conference, an event sponsored by the Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs (MAAP). The Fall Leadership Conference is an opportunity for your student to attend presentations, and participate in activities that will prepare them to lead our MAAP STARS team as they prepare for events in the Spring Conference.

The Fall Leadership conference will be held at Lake Beauty Bible Camp, near Long Prairie, MN on Thursday, October 10 and Friday October 11, 2024. The conference will begin with pre-conference activities of Aerial High Ropes, Leap of Faith and Laser Tag on October 10. Registration, food, and transportation costs are covered by funds raised by MAAP STARS students. The advisor for the activity is **YOUR SCHOOL'S ADVISOR(S)**, an experienced MAAP STARS advisor.

All meals and transportation will be provided. The group will leave from the **SCHOOL NAME** on Thursday at **TIME**. Their return will approximately be **TIME** on Friday. Students will be staying in a lodge with students of their same identified gender. Please contact **ADVISOR** with any questions you may have.

Students need to bring their own bedding and toiletries, including a towel. No linens will be provided. Students need to dress appropriately for the weather. Please wear comfortable clothing and dress in layers. Tennis shoes are suggested. If a student does not have access to any of these items, please contact me and arrangements will be made to provide any item.

Sincerely,

YOUR SCHOOL'S ADVISOR(S)

I give permission for _____ to participate
Student's Name

in the MAAP STARS Fall 2025 Leadership Conference.

Parent Name (print)

Parent Signature

Date

Parent cell number

MAAP STARS

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FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE October 9 & 10, 2025

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LEGISLATIVE DAY February 25, 2026

State Capitol, St. Paul

Each member school sends a group of student leaders to the State Capitol to meet with their legislators. A general session is held to provide information on the MAAP platform and educational issues. Key legislative leaders also address this group. This is an opportunity for students to share about their school experiences with legislators as well as see how their state government works firsthand. Costs: No registration fees, mileage credit for MAAP STARS Chapter member schools/districts.

SPRING EVENTS CONFERENCE May 7 & 8, 2026

Mankato, Minnesota

This is a two-day conference for all the **MAAP STARS** students from around the state. It gives students an opportunity to demonstrate the artistic, career, and life skills they have developed. Students participate in a wide variety of competitive and demonstrative events including: public speaking, career portfolio, employment interview, management decision making, parenting decision-making, community service projects, Life Smarts, display art work and perform project/artistic demonstrations that are done individually and/or in teams. **Cost:** \$175 per participant, Two advisors free, two students free, mileage credit toward registration fees for MAAP STARS Chapter member schools/districts.

It is the culminating year end event that demonstrates the true meaning of ~

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