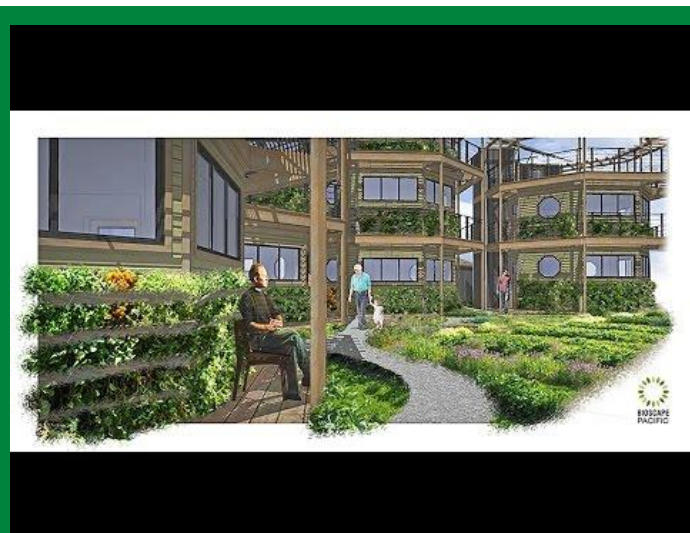


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FROM THE AD'S DESK
NOVEMBER 2021



Here are two videos to share with students. PPII (Topic: Building Green) is due Dec. 10.

Left: Earth Harmony Habitats Sustainable Housing

Right: Green Buildings are More Than Brick and Mortar, Ted Talk.

Hello,

For those of you who had students complete PPI on Water Supply, you should be receiving your results within the next couple of weeks. I know that the students really want almost immediate feedback, but it is important to allow the evaluators time to complete an unhurried evaluation.

The second practice problem, Building Green, is an interesting topic that has been evolving since the early 1970s. The concept of a carbon neutral (or negative) environment has been more fully developed in Europe, but the idea is gaining traction in the USA as more people see the potential benefits to a more environmentally-friendly ecosystem. If you look at the Ted Talk (found above right), you will see some more recent constraints that are infiltrating the architectural world.

In reviewing district policies for overnight competitions and with the necessity to finalize our event space for the State Bowl, the Board has decided to schedule a one-day in-person GIPS competition event at Warm Beach Conference Center on Thursday, March 24, instead of the planned three-day event. It is possible this may change if State guidelines are different in the Spring. More information about this one-day competition will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS COMING SOON

In June, the WAFPS Board of Directors created a Scholarship Fund, which will be funded through donations and from profits received from the State Bowl T-shirt sale each year. A committee was also formed to create the application process for the scholarships.

If you would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund, please write checks to WAFPS and designate "Scholarship Fund" in the Memo section of your check. Please send checks to:

WAFPS
c/o John Buissink
817 W Basalt Ridge Drive
Spokane, WA 99224

You may also donate using PayPal or a credit card through our [WAFPS website](#). Just click the Donate button. Please note that when using PayPal or a credit card, fees are deducted from your donation before the deposit is made to WAFPS. When using this button to donate, please contact [Affiliate Director John Buissink](#) to designate the money be used for the Scholarship Fund, otherwise donations will be used for the general fund.

More information about the Scholarship selection process and how to apply as a graduating 2022 senior will be coming soon!



BACK TO THE BASICS: THE FOUR C'S

Critical thinking teaches students to question claims and seek truth. Creativity teaches students to think in a way that's unique to them. Collaboration teaches students that groups can create something bigger and better than you can on your own. Communication teaches students how to convey ideas efficiently.

Combined, the four C's empower students to become one-person think tanks.

The Four C's

These four core thinking skills are the cornerstone of the Future Problem Solving process



Creativity

Problem solving situations are set in the future to encourage inventive thinking. Students extrapolate future possibilities from the present.



Communication

Clear and articulate communication is developed while working with a team or in the community, and ideas are presented in written and verbal modes.



Critical Thinking

Students use analysis to gain an understanding of issues in today's world and to comprehend significant aspects of complex situations.



Collaboration

Students work together while learning and applying problem solving skills. Teamwork is nurtured as students advance through challenging and exciting situations.



CMPS CHANGES

For those coaches with students participating in CmPS this year, the Project Proposal is due Nov. 19 to the Affiliate Director John Buissink. This new requirement is from FPSPI, as the Project Proposal will then be sent to IC if your team/individual qualifies.

The Project Proposal that is submitted should be viewed as a finished product.

The Project Proposal is a planning/guiding document that captures the original analysis of the Area of Concern and the students' anticipated actions. The Project Proposal should comprehensively depict the use of the problem solving process in the inception of the project. It establishes the project vision, defines goals, specifies deadlines, and demonstrates the use of the problem solving process during project development.

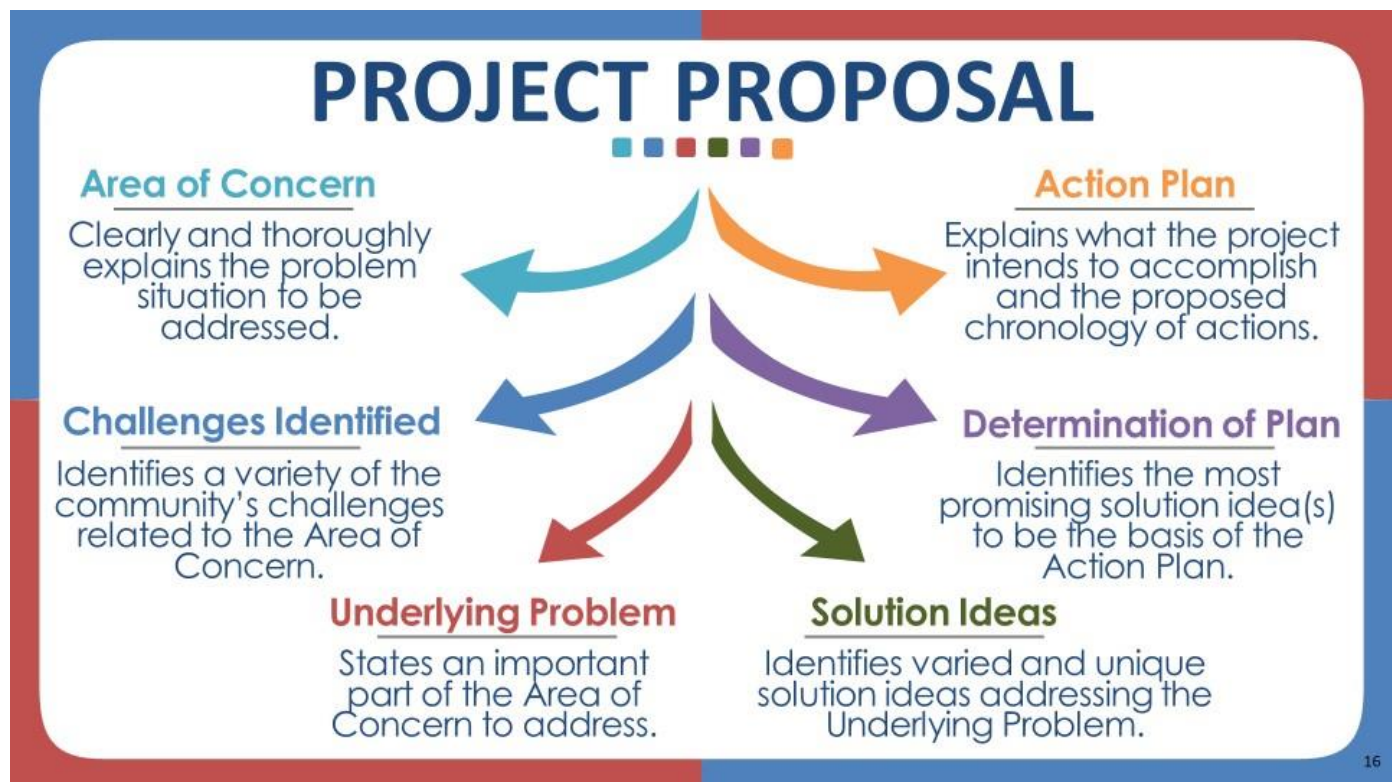
It should be no longer than 1200 words.

The Project Proposal form can be found on the WAFPS website under [Resources for Coaches](#).

The Project Report (due February 18) presents what efforts were actually undertaken, tasks accomplished, project modifications, and student reflections. It communicates the progress achieved during the implementation of the project. This section reflects the actual work accomplished by the students to date and the progress made to fulfill the goals established in the Underlying Problem. Emphasis should be placed on the explanation of the Action Plan -- its role in community engagement, project accomplishments, hurdles encountered, and lessons learned. It reflects how the problem solving process was employed throughout the project's implementation as the need to adapt/expand/modify the project goals/actions/efforts arose.

The Project Report should be no longer than 3500 words.

Questions about these new requirements? Please contact your Affiliate Director John Buissink.



2021-22 REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Fees go up after Nov. 30! Register now!

GIPS Teams \$165

GIPS Individual \$115

Scenario Writing \$50

Scenario Performance \$50

CmPS Individual \$120

CmPS Team \$125 for a two-person team, and \$12 for each additional team member over the first two students.

Continuation of a CmPS Project from prior year \$25

A \$15 late fee per team or individual will be assessed after November 30.

Register online at wafps.org.

Important Dates

Nov. 19: CmPS Project Proposal Due

Dec. 6: Last day to register & be evaluated for PPII

Dec. 10: PPII Due Date, Topic: Building Green

Jan. 18: Scenario Writing Due Date

Feb. 3: QP Due Date, Topic: Insects

Feb. 7: Scenario Performance Due Date

Feb. 18: CmPS Projects Due

March 7: State Bowl Registration Due

March 24: State Bowl, Warm Beach, Topic: Mining

June 8-12: 2022 International Conference, Topic tba



FINAL WORDS FROM THE AD'S DESK

Please send your ideas/suggestions for information that you would like in this newsletter to my email.

November is the ideal month to focus on one aspect of the six-step problem solving process. The three most essential are: writing the underlying problem, writing specific, targeted criteria, and creating a complete action plan. For students who have already mastered the six-step process, being able to complete these three steps effectively can result in a higher quality, more competitive booklet.

Please call/text (509) 386-6297 or email me (jbuissinkwafps@gmail.com) any time you have questions.

Next Up in December: **Scenario Writing and Performance and more...**

“When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.”

—Helen Keller