



**Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors
2009
May Report**

The Trig-Star committee has completed its school presentations and testing for 2009. This year has been a break-out year for the program in Wisconsin. It has been our most successful year in terms of new sponsors, new schools and student participation. We had 12 additional schools for a total of 26 schools this year, with 395 students taking the test.

State Program Highlights:

- A **Trig-Star Handbook** has been created. It will be provided to all new sponsors and other interested in starting a program. It includes the updated Trig-Star Manual.
- For the first time, a **State license** has been purchased so that we can provide the program to an unlimited number of schools for \$500.
- We have established programs at **six new schools this year**. McFarland, Menomonee Falls, Muskego, Dodgeville, University Lake School and Fond du Lac.
- We have reached out to the technical colleges in the State to organize regional competitions. I am please to announce we presented the **1st Annual Trig-Star Competition at Milwaukee Area Technical College** on Saturday, April 25th, with 51 students participating from 6 different schools. We presented to 6 new schools. They included: Rufus King, Messmer, Marquette, Pius XI, Germantown, and Nicolet.
- **Math Teachers conference** in Green Lake. Rod Key and I attended on Thursday May 7th.

2009 Programs

New Local Programs

McFarland High School

This is a Madison Chapter program and it was presented by Joe Gruber. This opportunity was developed from the 2008 Math teacher's conference. Joe provided a presentation on coordinate geometry and had 12 students take the exam. He did a wonderful job.

Melissa Pfohl (Math department contact @ McFarland High School) quoted as writing:

"The trig-star test went VERY well and the students enjoyed it a lot. I look forward to this becoming an annual event at our school. We're talking as a math department to see how we can make sure that every student ends up getting to see the presentation once throughout their high school career because we think it was very valuable."

Thanks for your help connecting me with Joe Gruber; he did a great job,