



HNN Sign-Up for Fourth Graders

What is HNN?

Hillside News Network (HNN) is a daily live broadcast of Hillside School's morning announcements. Special classroom events, interviews, weather forecasts, trivia, word games and guests are featured on the 8:40 AM show. Dedicated fourth grade students make up the crew and talent on HNN for most of the school year. The year is divided into 5 two-month cycles: Sep./Oct., Nov./Dec., Jan./Feb., Mar./Apr., and May/June. Third grade students will be selected for this June.

What is the HNN Experience?

What do we want the children to learn from working on HNN?

- * Importance of teamwork
- * 1 or 2 jobs that make up the HNN production

How will the experience be assessed?

- * Performance during each day's broadcast
- * Critique of a previously recorded broadcast
- * The mentoring of the incoming crew member at the end of a cycle

How do I join HNN?

There is a 3 step selection process to become a crew member of HNN.

Step 1 - Requirements

Read the following requirements to see if you are able to make the commitment necessary to be a crew member at this time. Put a check in each box if you have completed each requirement.

- I can make arrangements to arrive in school **promptly** at 8:05 AM every morning during my two month cycle.
- I have completed an essay addressing the HNN Crew Criteria. (See below for more details.)
- I filled out the information sheet and indicated my job preferences. I know that I may not get my first choices.
- I have my parent/guardian signature indicating he/she has granted me permission to participate in HNN if I am selected.
- I can attend meetings during lunch recess.

Step 2 - Essay & Crew Information Sheet

The HNN Crew consists of students who display the following characteristics:

- A. Responsible
- B. Self-motivated
- C. Punctual
- D. Able to work well with others

Write an essay that shows how you meet the above characteristics. Be sure to include the following:

- A. Give examples that show you are a responsible person.
- B. What evidence demonstrates that you are self-motivated.
- C. Explain why working well with other people is an important skill.

Step 3 - Selection

After your student essay and information sheet have been submitted, teacher recommendations are made and you will be notified when you have been selected for HNN.

HNN Crew Information Sheet

Student Selection:

If you are interested in joining the HNN crew, please fill in the information below and attach it to your essay. We cannot guarantee that you will get your first choices. Refer to Step 2 on the front of this sheet for specific essay directions. **Hand in your essay and this form to Ms. Iyo.**

Name: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices by writing the number next to three jobs.

- _____ **Anchor**- energetic & animated in front of a camera and can fluently read the script off a teleprompter
- _____ **Animations** - creates short cartoons to open the show
- _____ **Camera Operator** - sets up & breaks down the video camera & teleprompter
- _____ ***Director - requires good leadership and organizational skills.** A self-starter who plans out each show and gives crew specific directions during rehearsal and broadcast
- _____ **Graphic Artist** - creates visual graphics to compliment script
- _____ **Graphic Operators** - makes final edits to graphics and runs slideshow for show
- _____ **Music Director**- appreciates music and selects songs for HNN
- _____ **Photographer** - takes photographs of events and people in Hillside School
- _____ **Puppeteer** - animates a puppet as an HNN character
- _____ **Script Writer** - has good keyboarding, reading & writing skills to write the script
- _____ **Sound Mixer** - sets up microphones & controls the sound level of music, video and anchors
- _____ **Studio Manager** - has good organizational skills to run rehearsals; responsible for HNN airing on time
- _____ **Swing** - learns several jobs and substitutes for anyone who is absent, responsible for lobby TV & creating Logos
- _____ ***Technical Director - highly technical job requiring multi-tasking and good listening skills.**
Works with the director and operates TriCaster switcher.
- _____ **Teleprompter** - has good keyboarding & reading skills to revise script and controls teleprompter for anchors.

* These jobs are complex and ideal for students who love to be challenged.

Parent/Guardian Section:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date