Dear Parent of GEMS Academy participant,

We are excited that you have enrolled your child for GEMS Academy and look forward to exploring various Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math subjects with your student. Below is some pieces of information to help you and your student prefer for their time at GEMS Academy:

Check-in:
Students check in between 9:45-10:00a.m. on Saturday, March 3rd in the Communications Facility Lobby (Labeled CF on the campus map: http://www.wwu.edu/map/index.html?features=Parking)

*Please be sure and check the workshops that your child is registered for in the registration confirmation that you received by email.*

*Please be prompt, we have a full schedule of activities planned.*

Checkout:
Student checkout is in the Communications Facility (CF on the campus map) at 4:00p.m.

Directions:
1. Take I-5 to exit 252 (WWU/Samish Way)
2. Follow signs to Bill McDonald Pkwy/WWU Campus
3. Once on campus, look for GEMS Signboards in place to direct you to the ‘C’ Lot for parking and then to the Communications Facility for Check In.

Parking:
Please do not park in No Parking, Fire Lanes, Reserved Accessible Spaces, or on campus lots that you do not have a permit for or have not paid for a pass in.

- For Check in, directional signboards will lead you to park in the C Parking Lots on campus, the yellow lots on the map (http://www.wwu.edu/map/index.html?features=Parking)
• You will park in this lot and walk your student in to the lobby of the Communications Facility for check in
• **You do not need a parking pass for pick up or drop off for this event if you park in the C lots.**

**What to Bring:**

- A curious mind
- Jacket (for walk to science buildings and dining hall)
- Water bottle
- Pen and paper
- A healthy snack (optional)

The students will receive lunch in our dining hall on campus, however you are welcome to send your student with a packed lunch instead. The dining hall has accommodations for various allergies and dietary restrictions. Please email youth@wwu.edu for questions or concerns about lunch.

Make sure your belongings are clearly marked with your name. **WWU is not responsible for lost belongings.**

We are excited for an inspiring and fun experience at GEMS Academy!