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Trivia on Trial: KVSC's 40-Hour Trivia Weekend

ST. CLOUD, Minn. – The 44th Annual Trivia Weekend will be presented by KVSC 88.1FM at St. Cloud State University the weekend of February 17-19. Each year, a different theme is selected to pay homage to popular cultural phenomena. This year's trivia theme is **Trivia on Trial**. Theme-based questions will test teams knowledge of the legal system, as they will be questioned and cross-examined for 40 hours by the prosecution team of Question Writers on all judicial matters.

The campus radio station at SCSU organizes the annual trivia marathon featuring hundreds of trivia questions quizzing teams listening live on the radio and via online streaming. Aside from theme-based questions, there is a broad range of additional questions on pop culture, science, sports, visual trivia, audio trivia, history and more. A typical hour features nine questions, and teams must answer quickly by calling a bank of trivia phone hotline volunteers.

Trivia 2023: Trivia on Trial will bring some new changes to allow a safe and fun competition. Therefore, the contest will run for 40 hours, versus the typical 50-hour competition. We're giving teams and volunteers time to rest during the overnight hours from 2 - 7 a.m. each night. Also, KVSC will have live on-air hosts from various parts of the Midwest using current remote broadcast technology allowing for distant co-hosts to sound crystal clear. Finally, UTVS Television returns to provide live coverage of the contest at UTVS.com in their studios and will use a Point-Tilt-Zoom remote camera system in the KVSC studio.

Throughout the years, KVSC has relied on hundreds of volunteers to staff the trivia telephone hotlines. Last year 51 teams competed in the three-day contest. With the growth of Trivia Weekend, volunteers are the engine that makes the event. **Trivia on Trial** will have a virtual interactive phone bank system with volunteers ready to take guesses both in person and remotely. KVSC encourages trivia enthusiasts from all over to pull together friends and family members to become a phone bank volunteer for the weekend. For more information on volunteering visit <u>https://www.kvsc.org/trivia/volunteer/</u>

Team registration can be completed online through a portal with the SCSU Computer Store/Husky Tech, or by visiting the KVSC studios. For information on registration, visit <u>https://www.kvsc.org/trivia/trivia-team-registration/</u>

Trivia Weekend rules require teams to register by 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17. The contest begins at 5 p.m. and continues through 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19. Teams create their fun name, determine a team headquarters (or play in a virtual online location together) and prepare to dig into questions for **Trivia on Trial**. It's <u>free for high school</u> and area college teams to compete, and \$60 for community-based teams.

The <u>Awards Ceremony</u> will follow the contest at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19 in the Ritsche Auditorium at SCSU and will be streamed online at UTVS.com. The winning team receives the coveted **Minnesota Masters of Trivia Traveling Trophy**. The golden urn (trophy) depicts the names of the winning teams.

KVSC 88.1FM, the Voice of St. Cloud since 1967, offers listeners an alternative commercial-free format. KVSC features a diverse variety of music as well as news coverage and community events. The staff of KVSC is comprised of students and community volunteers and two full-time professionals.

Images are attached for media use. Media can also inquire about talking to team captains, volunteers, or the technology crew who are making this event possible.



Trivia on Trial Poster



Minnesota Masters of Trivia Traveling Trophy

Use *#TriviaWeekend* to stay connected all weekend long.