We have partnered with Elaine Ball and are now the North American distributor for her posters. You still go to www.getkidsintosurveying.com website to order posters but to save on expensive the posters are now printed and mailed from the US.

NSPS once again attended the National Guidance Counselors meeting. This year the meeting was in Los Angeles and we teamed up with the California Surveyors organization and occupied 2 booths. We are continuing to get great feedback on this endeavor and are receiving invites from State and Local guidance counselors to attend their meetings. Kids can’t become surveyors if their counselors don’t know about us.

The winner of the Public Relations Contest is: **North Dakota’s Survey Day**. This year in North Dakota, “Discover Surveying Day” was held at the Kirkwood Mall in Bismarck to celebrate National Surveying Week. See attached submittal.

Trish has been working very hard and has gotten the website Beasurveyor.com onto its new platform. The website is a place that anyone with an interest in Surveying or a like discipline can got to in order find out more information about the profession. All states are encouraged to link to this site if they are looking for a place for information on the land surveying profession. The site includes a link to our list of schools within each state. Please verify all your schools are there and the links work properly.
North Dakota Survey Day

This year in North Dakota, “Discover Surveying Day” was held at the Kirkwood Mall in Bismarck to celebrate National Surveying Week. This event was a cooperative, volunteer effort by the North Dakota Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, the Missouri River Chapter of NDSPLS, Bismarck State College, and the North Dakota State College of Science. Some 32 NDSPLS land surveyors from around the state, several representatives from the State Board of Registration, three college instructors, and several land surveying students attended the event.

Twelve interactive stations were set up for the public to view and actively participate in games to win prizes and to learn about the land surveying profession. The stations included two augmented sand boxes, a basketball shoot, a drone simulator, building land forms out of playdough, old survey equipment, original stone monuments, a Mars rover, an enormous globe showing latitude and longitude, a star gazing booth showing constellations, surveyor’s cap plinko, and a diorama showing boundary lines. In addition, a robotic total station and a new survey scanner were setup for people to see them in use. All stations gave out smiley stickers to place on a post card. When the postcard got at least six stickers the person could get a prize. The prizes were hand globe balls, globe key chains, expandable Frisbees, more stickers, pencils, and spinners. The National Society of Professional Surveyors supplied white plastic bags for the participants to carry their prizes and other handout materials.

Over 500 boys and girls along with many more adults toured the stations during the day. Each station was manned by a Land Surveyor that explained how the station fit into the Surveying profession. Most adults wanted to know the experience needed to be a land surveyor, where the jobs are, the location of colleges, and what tuition would cost to obtain a surveying degree.

Numerous facial expressions of the participants changed from vacant looks to a look of amazement, especially after working the sand boxes, operating the drone simulator, and going into the star gazing booth. Of course many folks wanted to try the basketball game as the State Class “B” basketball tourney was in town this weekend.

The day went by quickly as traffic was steady throughout the day. Hopefully we reached some individuals to try out the Profession of Land Surveying, and brought about a better perspective of what a Land Surveyor does in the work place.

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Entrance to the displays

Sand Box

Drone setup and original monument with chain.

Side displays and prize distribution.
Basketball shoot.

Land forms display.

Prizes.

NSPS bags for materials.

Building playdough volcanoes

More volcanoes