

## **2005 SWOCC Studios Winter workshops**

**By Melissa Cohn**

Winter is upon us, time to curl up on the couch, break out the popcorn, and tune into your favorite show...but for those who are interested in more than just turning on the TV, there is opportunity to make your own TV show!

SWOCC Studios the local Community, Public and Government T.V access center in the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, and Novi is holding an orientation class Tuesday, January 19, 2005 at 6:30p.m.

The first step to making television is attending the two-hour orientation, which introduces you to SWOCC and the staff, reviews polices, procedures, and explains the full training program in detail. From there you are eligible to sign up for more. You **MUST** take the orientation before you can sign up for any of our *free* workshops.

SWOCC Studios offers a variety of workshops, beginning with the basic and most popular. SWOCC has two studios, and offers training in both. The studio workshops teach you the basics of studio production. You will learn how to operate the cameras, emphasizing on picture compositions, camera movement and depth of field. You also learn the basics of audio, character generator graphics, and directing.

Another popular workshop is for Producers. This workshop will be covering the steps in creating and executing your own show. It will cover topics such as set design, finding talent, copyright laws, rules and regulations.

And that is just the tip of the iceberg. SWOCC Studios also offers a remote camera workshop (using our camera or yours), and the Editing overview workshop introducing the Adobe Premiere 6.5 editing program.

If you have an idea for a show, don't wait another minute, call the SWOCC office today to sign up and experience the excitement of learning how television production works!

Looking for some Holiday programs? The 2004 Santa Call-In show is rerunning on channels 13 & 15. It was a huge success for SWOCC Studios and for Community Access! We want to thank the volunteer crew, Paite Soma, Linda Burke, Jenny Pon, and Helena Gallagher, for all their wonderful work on the program! Furthermore, we want to extend our appreciation for Farmington Councilmember Mary Bush and Novi Mayor Lou Csordas for being our gracious hosts. And of course we can't forget SANTA!

We received lots of amazing feedback from the surrounding areas. Some parents called in and even asked us to do another episode! Unfortunately, we can only do one this year. If you didn't catch the LIVE cablecast on December 7th, you can catch Santa Call-In on Farmington Channel 15 Sunday and Monday 11 p.m., Wednesdays 9 a.m., and Fridays 4 p.m. Channel 13, Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 6:06 p.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 10:06 a.m. and p.m. Sundays 2:06 p.m.

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The next SWOCC meeting is Wednesday, January 19, at 7 p.m. at Farmington Hills.