

Calendar

Jan. 12 ACE games 4, 5 & 6 @ Bentonville HS

Jan. 22 AGQBA JH Regional @ Prairie Grove

Jan. 26 ACE games 7, 8 & 9 @ Prairie Grove HS

Jan. 29 NWA GT Program Coordinators meeting

Feb. 1 Disseminate Winter 2016 Chess forms

Feb 6 AGQBA JH Regional @ Ramay JH / F’ville

Feb. 9 ESC GT Specialist meet @ Hot Springs

Feb 10 – 12 AGATE Conference @ Hot Springs

Feb. 16 ACE games 10, 11 & 12

Championship @ Farmington

Feb. 20 AGQBA JH State Tournament

Feb. 27 NWA Winter Chess Tournament

March 5 Regional OM Tournaments

Mar. 11 or 12 AGQBA SH Regional

Tournaments, Heritage HS / Rogers

Mar 14 NWA GT Program Coordinators

meeting followed by Science Olympiad

planning session

March 16 ESC GT Specialist ZOOM meeting

Apr. 2 State OM Tournament @ ASU / Bebee

Apr. 9 AGQBA Sr. High State Tournament

Apr. 21 & 22 NWA Science Olympiad Tournaments

Apr. 30 NWA Chess Tournament of Champions

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Highlights

Recent (October – December 2015) accomplishments related to NWA ESC GT Specialist job endeavors:

* 8 local teachers earn Secondary Content Training Certificates
* 220 local 3rd – 4th graders from GT programs attend Math Day event
* 176 local students grades 2 – 8 participate in the Fall NWA 2015 chess Tournament
* 350 local students participate in NWA Quiz Bowl Tournaments
* 100 local high school students participate in ACE 2016 Series I games 1, 2, & 3.

It is now time to turn our attention to the Second Semester of the 2015-2016 School year. Important challenges remain to be completed here in NW Arkansas:

* Manage ACE games 4-12 and crown a 2016 Champion in January & February
* Host 2 additional Chess events in February & April
* Host Science Olympiad Tournaments in April
* Set summer Professional Development workshops related to GT & AP programming
* Advance Gifted Education for the state of Arkansas through continued efforts of: ESC GT Specialists, local school districts’ GT Programs leadership, AGATE leadership, AAGEA leadership and the ADE Leadership

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*Advocating Opportunities for Gifted and Talented Students to grow and shine,*

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