

Calendar

Jan. 18 ACE games 4, 5 & 6 @ Bentonville HS

Feb 1 ACE games 7, 8 & 9 Life Way HS

Feb 2 NWA GT Program Coordinators meeting

Feb - Disseminate Winter 2017 Chess forms

Feb 3 or 4 AGQBA JH Regional Tournaments

Feb 23 ACE games 10, 11, 12 Championship

Feb 25 NWA Winter Chess Tournament @ SOI

Feb 25 AGQBA JH State Tournament

Feb 25 OM Ozark Region Tournament

Feb. 28 ESC GT Specialist meeting in LR

Mar. 1-3 AGATE Conference in LR

Mar 4 OM Natural Region Tournament

Mar 10 or 11 AGQBA Regional HS Tournaments

Mar 29 NWA GT Coordinators meeting & Science Olympiad planning meeting @ NWAESC

Apr 1 State OM Tournament

Apr 5 ESC GT Specialist meeting @ NWAESC

Apr. 9 AGQBA Sr. High State Tournament

Apr TBA NWA Science Olympiad Tournaments

Apr 23 AGQBA State Finals @ AETN Conway

Apr. 29 NWA Chess Tournament of Champions

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Highlights

Recent (October – December 2016) accomplishments related to NWA ESC GT Specialist job endeavors:

* 9 local teachers earn Secondary Content Training Certificates
* 200 local 3rd – 4th graders from GT programs attend Math Day event
* 156 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 2016-2017 School year. Important challenges remain to be completed here in NW Arkansas:

* Manage ACE games 4-12 and crown a 2017 Champion in 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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