

Northwest Arkansas Service Cooperative

January-March 2018

**Highlights**

We are at the mid-point of the school year with all of our Technical Assistance Visits (TAVs) by the AR Dept. of Education behind us as we gear up for hosting the Arkansans for Gifted & Talented Education (AGATE) conference in northwest Arkansas for the first time ever from Feb. 28th-March 2nd. The NWA GT coordinators are all working together to showcase our part of the state and highlight key pre-conference activities at Crystal Bridges, Amazeum, Rogers’ New Tech and Springdale’s School of Innovation. We are also doing a daylong training with the Computer Science Specialist on “Coding with GT Students.”

While teachers are underway planning for classes with students, the Coop is gearing up for more student services. We will have three more ACE matches from the nine participating school districts as well as one more chess tournament at Don Tyson School of Innovation (DTSOI) in Springdale.

This is also the time of year when weekends quickly fill up with various regional quiz bowl tournaments, Odyssey of the Mind (OM), and National History Day (NHD) competitions for both junior and senior high school students.

**Calendar**

**January 25**

ACE Match – Series 2

**January 29**

NWA GT Coordinator Meeting

**February 3**

Jr. High Regional Quiz Bowl Tournament

**February 8**

ACE Match – Series 3

**February 10**

NWA Open Chess Tournament, grades 2-12

**February 21**

ACE Championship Series

**February 28-March 2**

AGATE Annual Conference “Igniting Gifted Minds”

John Q. Hammons Center, Rogers, AR

**March 3**

OM Regional Competition

Regional National History Day Competition

AGQBA Jr. High All Star Event

**March 10**

Sr. High Regional Quiz Bowl Tournament

**March 29**

NWA GT Coordinator Meeting

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**ARKANSAS GEMS**