

# ARKANSAS GEMS

Northwest Arkansas  
Education Service  
Cooperative  
October – December 2014

## Calendar

Oct. 7	AP Coordinators CIV meeting
Oct. 14	NWA MATH DAY event
Oct. 18	Fall Open Chess Tournament
Oct. 18	BEST Robotics 1 <sup>st</sup> competition
Oct. 21 - 31	5 NWA districts / GT Program Monitoring visit
Oct. 23	ACE 4 practice games
Nov. 13 – 16	NAGC Convention in Baltimore, MD
Nov. 21	JBU World Trade EXPO Live Event Bentonville, Walmart Headquarters
Nov. 26-28	Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 1	NWA Middle School Quiz Bowl Tournament@ CUMC
Dec. 2	NWA Elementary Quiz Bowl Tournament @ CUMC
Dec. 4	ACE games 1 & 2
Dec. 5 & 6	BEST Robotics State Championship
Dec. 9	ACE game 3
Dec. 15	Monthly GT Program Coordinators Meeting for December
Dec. 20	Winter Break Vacation

## Highlights

Five local northwest Arkansas school districts are scheduled have their GT Programs monitored by the ADE in late October. This is an opportunity for these schools to validate and showcase what strong programming and services for gifted students in grades K – 12 are being delivered in our region of the state; no matter what size of district!

The districts are Fayetteville, Huntsville, Pea Ridge, Rogers, and Springdale.

There are multiple options in Northwest Arkansas for students to challenge themselves by participating in academic competitions. In the next three months there are Chess, Robotics, World Trade Expo, Stock Market, Quiz Bowl and ACE tournaments going on in our area. Add to this list the formation of Odyssey of the Mind, AGQBA, and CAAS teams preparing for spring 2015 tournaments and it is even more impressive. It is essential that gifted students test the limits of their abilities beyond their local school's curriculum. Participation in academic challenges broadens a student's range of impact as well as exposure to team work, application of self-motivation, and the discovery of winning and /or losing gracefully.



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

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