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Annual Become an Arkansas Teacher Event Set for Oct. 10 in Little Rock

LITTLE ROCK — Being a teacher is one of the most rewarding and fulfilling occupations. From encouraging student learning to helping students achieve academic goals, teachers are invested in their students' success.

For those who have considered becoming a teacher but were unsure how, the Arkansas Department of Education will host the Become an Arkansas Teacher event from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 201 S. Shackleford, Little Rock.

“All students deserve to be surrounded by a team of excellent educators,” said Ivy Pfeffer, the ADE assistant commissioner for Educator Effectiveness and Licensure. “The Arkansas Department of Education is committed to working with school districts, educator preparation programs and communities to provide multiple avenues for entry into the educator workforce.”

Student enrollment in first-time educator preparation licensure programs shows that Arkansas' teacher pipeline has declined by 58 percent in the last six years. The need for teachers is great, especially for schools in southeast Arkansas. There also is a need for teachers in academic content areas identified as “critical shortage areas,” as there are only half as many educators available per position in shortage areas as there are in non-shortage areas. To see a full list of critical academic shortage areas, go to <http://bit.ly/2dEM11N>.

ADE representatives will be on-hand at the Oct. 10 event to provide information about the teaching profession, as well as assist attendees with background checks and fingerprinting. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with ADE and higher education representatives to learn more about the numerous opportunities and routes available to become a licensed teacher. Former teachers, including those who have retired or left the teaching field, can learn how to renew their license.

In addition to the event on Oct. 10, ADE is partnering with education service cooperatives to host regional Become an Arkansas Teacher events. Representatives from local universities will be in attendance.

Become an Arkansas Teacher Event - Monticello

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Oct. 24, 2016

Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative

1022 Scogin Drive

Monticello, AR 71655

Become an Arkansas Teacher Event – Hope

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Oct. 25, 2016

Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative

2502 S. Main St.

Hope, AR 71801

Become an Arkansas Teacher Event – Helena-West Helena

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Oct. 27, 2016

Great Rivers Education Service Cooperative

201 Campus Drive

Helena-West Helena, AR 72342

Become an Arkansas Teacher Event – Camden

3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Nov. 1, 2016

South Central Service Cooperative

2235 California Ave. SW

Camden, AR 71701

All events are free. More information about the Oct. 10 event is available at <http://www.arkansased.gov/events/462/become-an-arkansas-teacher-event>. Information about the other events is available at http://www.arkansased.gov/events/event_categories/other.

To learn about the different routes to become an Arkansas teacher, go to <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/human-resources-educator-effectiveness-and-licensure/office-of-educator-effectiveness/recruitment-and-retention>.

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