

AGATE PreConference Session Descriptions

ASMSA Campus Tour - ASMSA invites fellow educators to discover how our nationally-recognized programs engage talented and motivated young people through both the on-campus residential experience as well as outreach opportunities that support schools throughout Arkansas. The day's activities will include an admissions and overview presentation, campus tour, Q&A with current students about helping young people achieve to their ability, and hands-on/minds-on activities that highlight our educator development and out-of-school enrichment programs. We hope you'll join us to learn more about how ASMSA partners with schools in helping to ignite Arkansas' potential. (Maximum = 40 participants)



Digital Scavenger Hunt/Mystery Mansion City-Wide Scavenger Hunt - This is a two-part session. **Participants must be able to participate in both sessions.** Part one will begin on-site at the Convention Center with two high school gifted students presenting a session using technology to create a scavenger hunt-like simulation with an easy to use app. This app allows groups to compete against each other by completing challenges that award relative points for each task. Time will be built in to allow participants to create a scavenger hunt using the app and experiment with their ideas for classroom application. Part two will take place throughout the beautiful city of Hot Springs. Mystery Mansion will take you on a fantastic journey of intrigue. Participants will be split into teams. You will use clues to explore local businesses and attractions to be the first team to solve all the clues. One member from each team will need a charged smartphone. All participants must wear comfortable shoes as there will be a lot of walking. This will be a rain or shine event. (Maximum = 30 participants)

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Beyond Civility - Join the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute for a day of interaction in their Beyond Civility Project. Engagement in facilitated exercises and curriculum will empower participants to experience a meaningful program that fosters collaboration, promotes mutual understanding and resolves conflict in meaningful and respectful dialogue. Participants will see how this project can be used with high school students to empower them to model civil behavior and respectful dialogue in their communities. (Maximum - 50 participants)



Meeting the Affective Needs of Gifted Students by Addressing Emotional Intelligence and Motivation - Dr. Brandi Klepper will spend a full-day in this AGATE pre-conference session exploring the experience of gifted kids and how to positively influence their emotional intelligence and motivation. Participants will learn classroom strategies and techniques to cultivate better communication and improve enthusiasm for learning and academic drive in gifted learners inside and outside the gifted classroom. Attending this session will strengthen participants' understanding of the nuances of their interactions with gifted students to engender a healthier and more positive learning atmosphere that is supportive of continued growth and understanding. (Maximum = 30 participants)