

Schedule

ACTAA 105th Fall Conference • Petit Jean State Park
Sept 19 - 21, 2024

Schedule Timeliness

Due to the spread-out nature of this venue, sessions may start a bit late. The Board expects all members to respect the schedule and the events but understands slight delays.

Thursday, September 19, 2024 | 4 hours of PD

3:00 pm -4:00 pm	Registration Location: Mather Lodge Grab your name tag and goodie bag. We will welcome you and get you started with new faces and old friends alike.	
4:00 pm -5:30 pm 1.5 hr PD	Committee Meetings Locations are listed pm below. Start the conference by connecting with ACTAA committees and learning about the important work of the association. Locations of planned committee meetings are listed below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Championship Tournament Committee, Mather Lodge Common Space. • Publicity and Promotions, Pavilion B. • Recruitment & Mentoring - CCC Barracks • Professional Standards. Arkansas Room, Mather Lodge. If a committee plans to meet during this time, committee chairs should email Laurie Harrison to book a space and get listed on the schedule.	Photo Scavenger Hunt Team-Building Activity Teams of 3-7 will compete to take selfies in front of specific locations . This is not a race, but winners will be judged on creativity. If you can't make it to this time slot, no worries. Entries will be accepted until Friday at 8 pm. Winners will be awarded during Saturday's luncheon.

5:30 pm -6:30 pm 1 hr PD	Professional Communication Discipline Caucus Meeting- White Paper work for Principals Presenter(s): Eric Gamble, Professional Communication Representative (Dardanelle High School) Location: CCC Barracks In this session, the Professional Communication Representative will provide important information from ACTAA while facilitating an opportunity for open dialog on Professional Communication-related items. During this session, you will work on advocacy by creating a White Paper promoting Communication teachers in our state. Interest Areas: Professional Communication	Lesson Plan Sharing Facilitator: Lauren Loehndorf (Har-Ber High School) Location: Mather Lodge Common Spaces The school year has just begun. As we have built our curriculum calendars, you will likely see lesson plans that you will inevitably need to create. Don't stress. This is where we work together to fill in lesson gaps for one another. Interest Areas: Debate, Theatre, Forensics
6:30 pm -8:00 pm	Dinner on Your Own <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy dinner at Mather Lodge or bring your own food to cook or grill. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housekeeping cabins have their own kitchen ○ Nonhousekeeping cabins have a microwave. ○ Pavilion B is reserved for ACTAA if a group wants to get an 'impromptu' cookout together. (This is the only space to grill on campus.) 	Board of Directors Meeting Location: Arkansas Room The Board of Directors will meet over dinner in the Arkansas Room at Mather Lodge to discuss key action items for the conference and Saturday's General Membership Business Meeting.
8:15 pm -9:45 pm 1.5 hr PD	"Bored" at the Pavilion B Location: Pavilion B Enjoy a mix of Theatre, Debate, and Prof Comm activities with a little ACTAA/non-ACTAA trivia game thrown in the mix.	

Friday, September 20, 2024 | 7.5 hours of PD

8:30 am - 10:00 am	Registration Location: Mather Lodge	
7:30 am - 8:50 am	Breakfast on Your Own <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoy breakfast at Mather Lodge or bring your own food to cook or grill. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housekeeping cabins have their own kitchen Nonhousekeeping cabins have a microwave Pavillon B is reserved for ACTAA if a group wants to get an 'impromptu' cookout together. (This is the only space to grill on campus.) 	
9:00 am - 10:30 am 1.5 hr PD	Theatre: Unlocking Creativity Presenter: Morgan Hicks, prof. University of Arkansas, Arts Engagement Director @ TheatreSquared Location: The Visitor's Center Join Morgan Hicks for theatre PD that will help you be pedantic about using Theatre to unlock your students' creativity. Interest Areas: Theatre Arts	
9:00 am - 10:30 am 1.5 hr PD	AI in Debate: An Ethical Approach Presenter: Chris Flowers, Alter Ethos Debate Location: Visitor's Center This session is canceled. Chris could not join us. Please consider joining TheatreSquared @ the Visitor's Center. It will be an amazing session.	Forensics Discipline Caucus Meeting & Tab Room Training Facilitator(s): Dariane Mull, Forensics Representative (Pinnacle View Middle) Location: Arkansas Room/Mather Lodge This session the Forensics Representative will provide important information from ACTAA, while facilitating an opportunity for open dialog on Forensics-related items. Interest Areas: Forensics
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Break	
10:45 am - 11:45 am	How Theatre Games Can Help Build Confidence	

1hr PD	<p>Facilitator(s): Emily Tomlinson, Director of Education @ TheatreSquared</p> <p>Location: Arkansas Room/Mather Lodge</p> <p>Join Emily Tomlinson from TheatreSquared for a new twist on overcoming stage fright. Instead of drills and relentless practice and critiques, allow Emily to share some Theatre games and strategies that will help performers relax and tap into another level of their talent.</p> <p>Interest Area: Forensics, Professional Communication</p>	
10:45 am - 11:45 am 1 hr PD	<p>Debate Discipline Caucus Meeting</p> <p>Presenter(s): Dustin Jackson, Executive Secretary (Russellville High School)</p> <p>Location: Visitor's Center</p> <p>In this session, the Debate Representative will provide important information from ACTAA while facilitating an opportunity for open dialog on Debate-related items.</p> <p>Interest Areas: Debate</p>	<p>Theatre Arts Discipline Caucus Meeting & Regional Theatre Award Proposal</p> <p>Presenter(s): Graci Johnson, Theatre Representative (Springdale High School)</p> <p>Location: CCC Barracks</p> <p>In this session, the theatre representative will provide important information from ACTAA while facilitating an opportunity for open dialogue on theatre-related items.</p> <p>Interest Areas: Theatre Arts</p>
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	<p>Long Lunch on Your Own & Parks Programming Break</p> <p>Location: Varies (Mather Lodge, at your cabin, or "in town")</p> <p>Walk around and breathe.</p> <p>At the Visitor's Center. Feel free to visit the gift shop, the Petit Jean exhibit beside the gift shop, take a stroll down to the boat house or just sit outside and enjoy the lake view.</p>	
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm 2 hr PD	<p>Writing a 10-minute Play</p> <p>Facilitator(s): Lavinia Roberts, Assistant Professor & Murphy Fellow in Theatre, Hendrix College Hendrix-Murphy Foundation</p> <p>Location: Mather's Lodge</p> <p>Lavinia will share her expertise with all of us. In this session, Lavinia will walk Theatre teachers through the process of helping your students write a 10-minute play.</p> <p>Interest Areas: Theatre</p>	

	<p>Tournament Advisory Committee (TAC) Forum Facilitator(s): Sean Petersen, TAC Chair (Don Tyson School of Innovation)</p> <p>Location: Visitor's Center</p> <p>Join us as we discuss our tournament season for the 2024-25 academic year and potential changes.</p> <p>Interest Areas: Debate & Forensics</p>	
3:30 - 4:00 pm	Break	
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm 1.5 hr PD	<p>Jr. High Forensics Training Forum Facilitator: Tiffany Tucker, Professional Development Coordinator (Cabot Jr. High North)</p> <p>Location: Mather Lodge</p> <p>Come learn how to add fun Forensics activities and how to engage young performers and communicators. What junior high kid doesn't want to have fun and earn a trophy?!</p> <p>Interest Areas: Forensics, Communication</p>	<p>Crash Course in StuCo Facilitator: Jessica Skordal, ACTAA 2nd Vice President (Bentonville West High)</p> <p>Location: CCC Barracks</p> <p>This is a time for ACTAA members who have thought about participating in Student Congress to learn the basics and grow Congressional debaters.</p> <p>Interest Areas: Forensics & Debate</p>
	<p>Lighting Boards Don't Need to be so Intimidating Presenter: Tim Peerbolte Sponsor: ChamSys Lighting Location: Visitor's Center</p> <p>This is a hands-on demo session of the ChamSys QuickQ lighting consoles. If you are a solo teacher who knows nothing about lighting, this console will become your best friend. If you are an experienced LD you will love the ability to build a show on the fly without hours of programming.</p> <p>Don't believe me? Come see for yourself</p> <p>Lighting consoles and lights are provided</p>	

	Interest Areas: Theatre
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Break
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm 1.5 hr PD	Casual BBQ Dinner w/Keynote Address Facilitator(s): Laurie Harrison, 1st Vice President (Fulbright) Keynote Speaker: Zack Tucker, ACTAA President (ASU, Beebe), Keynote Address; ACTAA and Advocacy in Arkansas Location: Visitor's Center No one is more committed to ACTAA and Advocacy than our current president. Zack Tucker. His vision for ACTAA as a voice for Professional Communication, Debate, Speech, & Theatre in our state is unparalleled. Enjoy dinner as Zack inspires us to: Think. Speak. Act.

Saturday, September 21, 2024 | 4.5 hours of PD

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Hotel Check-out Location changes to the Show Barn @WinRock Remember to check out of your room/cabin before joining us in our new venue. The Winthrop Rockefeller Center is just down the road and a wonderful meeting venue for team problem-solving and celebration. After you park, go through the main entrance, turn to your left then at the end of the hall join us in the Show Barn to your right.
9:15 am - 12:15 pm 3 hr PD 10:30- snack break (mini chicken & waffles, berries) Grab a snack then back to your table for business.	General Membership Business Meeting Facilitator(s): Zack Tucker, President (ASU, Beebe), Laurie Harrison, 1st Vice President (Fulbright, Bentonville), & Jessica Skordal, 2nd Vice President (Bentonville West High School) Location: Show Barn @ Winthrop Rockefeller Center This is our association's annual membership meeting, where leadership will report on the organization's progress from the last year, and propose changes to the organization's constitution and rules governing the Arkansas Student Congress and the State Championship Tournament. The business meeting agenda will be posted here.

<p>12:15 pm - 12:30 pm</p>	<p>Break Location: Outside of the Show Barn Walk around and breathe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a stroll around the beautiful grounds of the Winthrop Rockefeller Center. • Grab a coffee at the coffee shop. • Take a self-guided tour of The Legacy Gallery to learn about Petit Jean and the Winthrop Rockefeller Center.
<p>12:30 pm - 2:00 pm 1.5 hr PD</p>	<p>Awards Luncheon Location: Show Barn @ Winthrop Rockefeller Center The association will join together for a provided lunch to celebrate successes in the profession and organization. Associational leadership will set the stage with a vision the next year.</p> <p>The luncheon program agenda will be posted here.</p>
<p>2:15 pm - 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Board of Directors Meeting Location: Show Barn ACTAA Board of Directors will meet post-conference at the CCC Barracks, to discuss key action items for the conference and Saturday's General Membership Business Meeting.</p>