

Arkansas Governor's School 2017 Activities Schedule

Week 1: Sunday, June 11 - Sunday, June 18

Required events are starred (*).

Sun, June 11

*10:00 AM	Registration	SLTC
*2:00 PM	Opening Convocation	Staples
*3:30 PM	Student Orientation (Parents Welcome)	Staples
*5:00 PM	Hall Meetings	Residence Halls
*5:00 PM	Dinner	SLTC
*7:00 PM	Hall Meetings	Residence Halls
*7:30 PM	Opening Mixer (Meet in Residence Halls) (wear tennis shoes)	Various

Mon, June 12

11:30 AM	Sign-Ups for AGS activites committee, Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre, Open Mic Night 1, and pick-up Educator Nomination Forms	SLTC Sun Porch
4:00 PM	Basketball	WAC Rec Gym
4:10 PM	Alan Elrod: "The Fake NewsHour: Our Global World"	Mills B
4:10 PM	Richard Gobble: "Deconstructing the Death Penalty"	Mills A
4:10 PM	John Anglin: "Not Like Monopoly"	Mills C
6:10 PM	Christopher Weaver: "#TryPod: A Podcast Forum"	Mills B
6:10 PM	Chad Terrell: "It was Fifty Years Ago Today: Sgt. Pepper's, The Beatles, and the Rock Music Canon"	Mills A
*7:30PM	Human Scavenger Hunt	Pecan Court

Tues, June 13

7:45 AM	Yoga	Worsham
*1:00 PM	Phil Plait: "When the Moon Eats the Sun: The Total Solar Eclipse of August 2017"	Staples
4:00 PM	Latin Dance	Worsham
4:10 PM	Karen Ballard: "Honey Bee Pollinators and Arkansas Agriculture"	Mills A
4:10 PM	Madison Sewell: "yOU cAnT dO a pREsEnTAtIoN On meMEs"	Mills B
4:10 PM	Andy Morgan: "Overtone Singing: A Survey of Styles & Mechanics"	Choir Room
6:00 PM	Ultimate Frisbee	WAC field
6:10 PM	Steven Hulsey: "Student Congress"	Mills B
6:10 PM	Lyle Rupert: "Logic Puzzles: Thinking Outside the Box"	Mills A
7:30 PM	Board Game Night	Burrow

Wed, June 14

7:45 AM	Yoga	Worsham
4:00 PM	Battle of the RAs	Worsham
4:10 PM	Kondwani Phwandaphwanda: "How to Study Like a College Student"	Mills A
4:10 PM	Debbie Hibbs and Madison Sewell: "Page Turners Book Club"	Burrow
6:10 PM	John Andrews and Jessica Pitchford: "Creative Writing Wednesday"	Mills C

6:10 PM	Kondwani Phwandaphwanda: "Stories Behind Names of Small Businesses in Malawi"	Mills B
6:10 PM	Jim Rush: "Mindfulness Experience"	Mills A
6:30 PM	Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre: <i>Music Man</i> Group 1 at 6:30 PM Group 2 at 6:50 PM	Meet at Altus Bell
7:30 PM	Classic Movie	Worsham

Thurs, June 15

7:45 AM	Yoga	Worsham
*1:00 PM	Jenna Elser: "Sweet Home Carolina: Theatre for Change in the Deep South"	Staples
4:00 PM	Knitting for Noggins	Burrow
4:10 PM	Gender with Shua Part I: "Twerking Unto the Whole Person: A Critical Analysis of Shirttails at Hendix College"	Mills A
4:10 PM	Mark Barnes: "Independent Video Game Development"	Mills C
4:10 PM	Chad Terrell and Spencer Sutterfield: "AGS Indie Music Club"	Mills B
*7:30 PM	Koyaanisqatsi (Discussion to Follow)	Staples

Fri, June 16

7:45 AM	Yoga	Worsham
4:00 PM	Floor Hockey	WAC Rec Gym
4:10 PM	Karen Ballard: "Genetically Modified Crops: The Challenge to Feed the World"	Mills A
4:10 PM	Taz and Whitney: "Dance/Step Interest Meeting"	Dance Studio
4:10 PM	Mark Elrod: "Microbanking: Small Loans that Make a Big Difference"	Mills B
6:00 PM	Soccer	WAC field
6:10 PM	Steven Hulsey: "Student Congress"	Mills B
*7:30PM	Faculty/Staff Variety Show	Staples

Sat, June 17

2:00 PM	Flag Football	WAC field
4:00 PM	Spades Tournament	Worsham
*7:30 PM	Glow Party Mixer	Worsham

Sun, June 18

12:30 PM	Giant Games	Brick Pit
4:00 PM	Arts and Crafts with Jevs	Burrow
6:45 PM	Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre: <i>Love's Labour's Lost</i>	Meet at Altus Bell
7:30 PM	Open Mic Night 1	Worsham

Activities Committee Sign-Up

Do you have a lot of ideas for events and programming you would like to see this year at AGS? Are you interested in being involved in the planning and execution of future events at AGS? Would you like to be a liaison between the AGS office and the student body? Do you want to hang out with the super chill Social Activities Director and Recreations Coordinator Tina and Jevin? Come sign-up at the Sun Porch, upstairs at the SLTC right by where you get lunch!

Educator Nominations

We would like to recognize educators who have made a significant contribution to the lives of AGS students. If you wish, you can assist us by nominating an educator who has had a profound impact on you. Nominated teachers will be invited to spend Thursday, July 13, at AGS for Invited Educators Day. They will receive a certificate as well as a copy of the comments you write, and they will be invited to attend your AGS classes and have lunch with you. Describe the ways in which your nominee has significantly affected your life. If you submit a nomination form it is required to include comments. If you make no comments, your nomination will not be accepted. Please turn this COMPLETED form into Mary Elrod in the AGS office by Saturday, June 17th!

Basketball

Join us in the WAC for some hoops and fun competition!

Alan Elrod: "The Fake NewsHour: Our Global World"

Throughout the summer, we'll be having conversations with AGS faculty about important issues that are often misrepresented or misunderstood. This time Mark Elrod talks about NATO, the UN, and Americans' place in the World.

Richard Gobble: "Deconstructing the Death Penalty"

A critical analysis of capital punishment.

John Anglin: "Not Like Monopoly"

A discussion of modern board games and how the hobby has changed. Come learn about some of the new games in the AGS library.

Christopher Weaver: "#TryPod: A Podcast Forum"

Podcasting has emerged in the last several years as one of the most diverse and innovative venues for storytelling, reporting, and public discussion of common interest. Whether you know nothing about podcasts or have already clocked thousands of listening hours, join us each week to discuss the mediums and listen to examples from its various genres.

Chad Terrell: "It was Fifty Years Ago Today: Sgt. Pepper's, The Beatles, and the Rock Music Canon"

This seminal rock album celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this summer. Come and find out what makes this album so unique, influential, and what factors are considered when critics select this as one of the best rock albums.

Human Scavenger Hunt

Come one, come all to our beloved Pecan Court by the Staples fountain. There lie many opportunities to familiarize oneself with the campus and faculty by deciphering riddles and

performing various challenges! Think you have what it takes to win? Winners will be handsomely rewarded!

Yoga (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

A class for all levels of yoga students, including beginners, who want to explore a variety of yoga postures and breathing techniques; instructions are given to modify postures for more advanced levels of practice -- a great way to get moving in the morning! Bring a yoga mat or towel to stand on; we have a few extra mats, but not enough for everyone.

Phil Plait: "When the Moon Eats the Sun: The Total Solar Eclipse of August 2017"

On August 21, 2017, there will be magic in the sky: a total solar eclipse, the first one visible in the United States since 1979! These rare and amazing events are among the most beautiful of all astronomical phenomena, and their impact on humanity has a rich and fascinating history. Yet they are also saddled with many misconceptions and fears — Can you go blind watching one? Do they emit harmful radiation? Astronomer and author Phil Plait provides the truth about eclipses in a humorous and engaging way featuring the latest scientific photographs, and will show you how you too can watch this spectacular display of cosmic synchronicity.

Latin Dance!

Bring your dancing shoes to the beginner level class to learn how to Latin dance (salsa, bachata, merengue, and more!), no experience required! There will be an interest meeting after class for those who would like to learn choreography to perform later in session!

Karen Ballard: "Honey Bee Pollinators and Arkansas Agriculture"

The session will present an overview of Arkansas agricultural production and the impact of pests, followed by an overview of beekeeping in Arkansas and the national situation, with an emphasis on honey bee health issues and industry concerns. We will discuss the current state of bee health research, and highlight studies conducted in Arkansas and the mid-south, and address potential future research directions.

Madison Sewell: "YOU cAnT dO a pREsEnTAtIoN On meMEs"

To cynics, memes are ridiculous viruses polluting their timeline. However, vast casts of characters, extensive in-group vocabularies, and rich intertextuality make memes an important avenue of cultural communication in our globalized world. Join me as we explore the communities and complexities of ephemeral internet phenomena.

Andy Morgan: "Overtone Singing: A Survey of Styles & Mechanics"

This session will explore several unique traditions of singing, in which performers alter their voices in order to produce more than one note at a time.

Ultimate Frisbee

It's called "Ultimate" for a reason. The Spartans played Ultimate Frisbee and they preferred it tournament style. Come out to the field behind the WAC for some fast-paced fun!

Steven Hulsey: "Student Congress"

Modelled on the Annual ACTAA Arkansas Student Congress, this activity will engage students in bill writing, speechmaking, and public debate.

Lyle Rupert: "Logic Puzzles: Thinking Outside the Box"

Experience a variety of word and number problems as we discuss potential solutions and ways of applying these thinking skills to life situations. We'll start with some simple sequences and work our way up to the highly controversial "Monty Hall Problem." Bring some paper and a pencil. Oh, yeah... and an eraser!

Board Game Night

Some games never die. Bring your friends and come show your love for the old classics in the Burrow

Battle of the RAs

From the beginning of time, mankind has debated, questioned, and even fought over which AGS dorm reigns supreme. We continue this epic clash of pride here in 2017. Join us in this age-old struggle of superiority in this week's edition of lip-sync battle. Also, less importantly, come get to know your RAs and staff ☺ This week's challengers are Veasey Hall Director Joshua "Shua" Knight and Raney RA Daniel Gardner.

Kondwani Phwandaphwanda: "How to Study like a College Student"

A discussion about ways to prepare for the intensity of academics in college. Results about a survey conducted about study habits of college students will be shared.

Debbie Hibbs and Madison Sewell: "Page Turners Book Club"

Students will choose books to read while at AGS, and then will meet the following week for a guided discussion. Book selections include *The Catcher in the Rye*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*, *Persepolis*, and *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian*. Reading is Thinking!

John Andrews and Jessica Pitchford: "Creative Writing Wednesday"

Come flex your creative writing muscles with poetry and fiction prompts in this weekly series.

Kondwani Phwandaphwanada: "Stories Behind Names of Small Businesses in Malawi"

A discussion about names of small business adventures in Malawi with a specific focus on what the names of the businesses reveal about the families who own them.

Jim Rush: "Mindfulness Experience"

Introduction to stress management based upon mindfulness meditation to manage stress emotionally and physically.

Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre: *Music Man*

The Music Man will high step into your heart and ring out a time honored melody to beat the band! With AST's immersive on-stage seating, this performance of *The Music Man* will be like no other! Attendance is limited. Sign up for the selection lottery on Monday at lunch in the Sun Porch. Winners will be posted on final rosters in residence halls. If your name is on the final roster, you are required to attend on Wednesday.

Classic Movie Wednesday

Come watch a masterpiece with discussion to follow!

Jenna Elser: "Sweet Home Carolina: Theatre for Change in the Deep South"

Jenna Tamisiea Elser, Artistic Director and Co-founder of Glow Lyric Theatre in South Carolina, describes the challenges of producing engaging theatre in the south, and how one moment of artistic courage ignited change and healing for her community.

Knitting for Noggins

Help make a difference in the lives of the patients and families of Arkansas Children's Hospital. Knit or crochet hats for children of all ages. No advanced skill necessary! Patterns, needles, hook, and yarn provided, but feel free to bring your own! You can also drop by and pick up materials, work on a project on your own time, and drop finished hats off at Jasmine's desk in the AGS Office anytime!

Gender with Shua Part I: "Twerking unto the Whole Person: A Critical Analysis of Shirrtails at Hendrix College"

Shirrtails is an annual dance competition between Hendrix College freshmen that has existed for decades. Besides being just a fun tradition, Shirrtails helps to integrate incoming students into the Hendrix community, and through things like choreography, shows students how men and women should express their sexuality and gender in very different ways.

Mark Barnes: "Independent Video Game Development"

Are you interested in designing and creating your own video games? In this session, we'll discuss a number of readily available, easy-to-learn tools that you can use to create and publish games on PC, Android, iOS, and even consoles

Chad Terrell and Spencer Sutterfield: "AGS Indie Music Club"

If you're passionate about music (particularly independent music), this club is for you. Come armed with a song title, something to take notes with, and be ready to listen. We will share music, talk about music, and learn new music.

Koyaanisqatsi

Directed by Godfrey Reggio, *Koyaanisqatsi* is described by Leonard Maltin as a "spellbinding, senses-staggering, non-narrative film" so rich in beauty and detail that with each viewing it becomes a new and different film. It juxtaposes natural environments and those affected by humans in a way that suggests "life out of balance" (a translation of its Hopi title), yet without preaching or ignoring the beauty of the manmade world. The score by Philip Glass is riveting and compelling. The film raises questions about the human relationship to nature, the destructive potential of technology, and the chaos and loneliness of the modern urban world. It also can provoke discussions of aesthetic questions through its innovative approach to the medium of film and its creation of a new reality through extensive visual comparisons of nature and technology using slow motion and time-lapse photography intertwined with a "dialogue" of music.

Floor Hockey

RECENT UPDATE: The unbelievable energy of the AGS students has melted Hendrix's ice rink—hockey will now be played in the WAC Gym. Tennis shoes required. No skates!

Karen Ballard: “Genetically Modified Crops: The Challenge to Feed the World”

Humans have been selecting improved plants and animals as part of agriculture for at least the past 10,000 years. The use of transgenic or GMO gene introduction is a new tool used to produce plants and animals with improved traits for food production. Many view this technology as an important tool in ensuring a safe and abundant food supply for an increasing global population. Applications, issues, benefits and concerns surrounding the technology will be discussed.

Taz and Whitney: “Dance and Step Interest Meeting”

This class is a fast-paced hip hop learning experience. Come prepared to have some fun and learn something new!

Mark Elrod: “Microbanking: Small Loans that Make a Big Difference”

A brief introduction to microlending, including Kiva.org.

Soccer

The WORLD’S favorite pastime. We will play a full game of 11 vs. 11, or multiple games if we have enough people. Cleats not necessary—passion required. We’ll be waiting for you behind the WAC!

Faculty/Staff Variety Show

Who knew the AGS faculty had so many skillz? It’s awesome. ‘nuf said.

Flag Football

All the fun of football without the worry of serious injury! Come out to the WAC fields for good-natured competition in the sun!

Spades Tournament

Find a partner or come as a free agent to compete in the most competitive card game at AGS! Be there or be square.

Glow Party Mixer

Dress in your craziest neon colors and come show your true colors on the dance floor! Whether your element is under the black lights or socializing in the Burrow, this mixer will have something for all to appreciate the bright people of AGS.

Giant Games

The bigger, the better! Come to the brick pit to play a game of giant four-square, Sudoku, or grab some chalk and get creative!

Arts and Crafts with Jevz and Tina

Artistic ability is optional, but creativity is a must! Come hang out with Jevin and Tina and make something even your mom will put on the fridge!

Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre: *Love’s Labour’s Lost*

Shakespeare proves that love is a battlefield in this play that pits traditional academic learning against lessons of the real world. The King of Navarre and his closest friends have sworn off women for three years in order to focus on their studies, but their best-laid plans go hilariously wrong when the Princess of France and her lovely ladies arrive. Throw a preening Spanish knight and some rustic clowns into the mix, and you have a

classic Shakespearean romantic comedy to enjoy on an Arkansas summer evening. Attendance is limited. Sign up for the selection lottery on Monday at lunch in the Sun Porch. Winners will be posted on final roster in residence halls. If your name is on the final rosters, you are required to attend on Sunday.

Open Mic Night 1

Share your writing, music, stand-up comedy, or random thoughts in a comfortable setting. The material must be appropriate—if you are curious about the appropriateness of your material, please see Jevin in the AGS office ahead of time. Sign-ups will be at the Sun Porch on Monday.