

ACE Quiz Bowl Camp

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ACE Director Wins Award

ACE Associate Director Eric Huff is being honored by the Partnership for Academic Competition Excellence (PACE) as the 2009 recipient of the Benjamin Cooper Academic Ambassador Award.

Mr. Huff will be honored at the PACE National Scholastics Championship on May 23.

For more information on the award, go to:
<http://pace-nsc.org/cooper.html>



Camp Registration Update

Camps are filling up fast. In fact, registrations are coming in faster in 2009 than at any point in our 16 year history. It

promises to be a great, competitive summer of ACE Camps, so get your registrations in!

To register or for more information, go to www.acequizbowlcamp.com

2009 Camps

June 21-25
SE Missouri State University
(Cape Girardeau, MO)

July 7-11
Milligan College
(Johnson City, TN)

July 19-23
Campbellsville University
(Campbellsville, KY)



May Study Guide

In addition to hours of quizbowl competition and great instruction from experienced quizbowl coaches and players, ACE campers receive dozens of valuable lists and study materials. Each month on the all new acequizbowlcamp.com, we'll be posting a study guide that should help you prepare for competition and give you an idea of the materials that ACE Campers receive.

The May 2009 Study Guide is Scientists

To download the study guides, go [here](#)



ACE @ Nationals

Is your team competing in any of the national tournaments in the coming weeks? If so, be sure to look for one of the ACE Directors (J.R. Barry of Brookwood High School, Eric Huff of Dorman High School, or Elliott Rountree of Chattahoochee High School). We're looking forward to catching up with former campers and meeting future campers. So come say hello, ask questions about camp, or tell us how your year has been going.



New! - Quizbowl Roundtable

Our "Quizbowl Roundtable" feature is an online panel discussion of various topics of interest to the quizbowl community.

This month's question is:

"What first drew you to quizbowl? What can teams/schools do to attract more students to the game?"

LARRY ALLEN, Coach - North Kansas City (MO) High School

What initially drew me to quizbowl was the reality that factual knowledge is vastly larger than that contained in a typical, high school curricular subject or classroom, and quizbowl provides the opportunity to delve into some of that broader and deeper knowledge. Further, quizbowl encourages synthesizing cross-curricular information, which process is a goal of and lies at the very heart of what it means to be well educated. Additionally, quizbowl makes all this possible in the unashamedly fun format of a competitive game. One thing schools could do to attract students to quizbowl would be to urge teachers to encourage student curiosity by including relevant cross-curricular/cultural information into what they teach (for example, as an English teacher I often draw from both history and art to expand and enhance understanding of literature).

SCOTT BLAIN, Player - Grayson County (KY) High School

I know Kentucky is not perfect when it comes to quizbowl, but one thing is for sure: they know how to get students started at an early age. I started playing quizbowl in 4th grade, got highly interested in it, and plan to stick with it until I am out of high school and college. I believe getting students involved in at least middle school is essential for your team to reach its full potential. Also, try to be as flexible as you reasonably can when it comes to other activities (many good athletes or musicians have the potential to be great quizbowl players.) Most importantly, try to

create a good image for your team; let people know how fun and rewarding being a part of a great quizbowl team can be.

WILLIAM HORTON, Player - Alpharetta (GA) High School

I first got exposed to quizbowl as a sixth-grader when my older sister dragged me into middle school practices. The competitive nature of the game and the joy of learning new things is what attracted me from the beginning. In terms of recruiting top students to the game, I think the best strategy for teams is to build a program and get exposure at the school level. Next year, my team plans on having a student-faculty match; hopefully, students will see us playing and think, "That looks like an activity I would enjoy."

RONNIE RUMMAGE, Coach - Ezell Harding Christian School, Antioch, TN

I first became interested in beginning a high school quiz bowl team twenty-five years ago because I have always enjoyed learning, and I definitely appreciate activities that encourage recognition for the hardworking and academically talented student.

It seems that many parents and students just don't know what quiz bowl is at all, so creating ways to introduce them to the format, rules, and opportunities is a must. Having teachers recommend students to try out and personally corresponding with these students and their parents, creating an orientation meeting to show your team playing a game on a buzzer system, and loaning a buzzer system to faculty occasionally to use for a class review activity can all create interest and excitement among your students.

We want a wide representation of coaches, players (both past and present), and various others in the quizbowl community, so if you'd like to participate in next month's roundtable, please let us know by contacting us at:

<http://acequizbowlcamp.com/contact/>





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