

The Arkansas Department of Education is pleased to announce that Conway, Arkansas has been selected as the 5th U.S. based site of the Hewlett Packard Enterprise CodeWars competition.

The Arkansas event will take place on Saturday, March 5, 2016, from 9:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. on the HPE campus in Conway; detailed logistics will be provided to registered teams closer to the competition date.

For this inaugural event in Conway, HPE has opened it to a maximum of 120 participants. Each participant must be a registered member of a sponsored team. Each sponsored team must have a minimum of two (2) members and a maximum of four (4) members and at least one (1) adult teacher or sponsor (chaperone). Each team may have up to two (2) adults, including the required chaperone, accompany them. Each school may register a maximum of three (3) teams; other sponsoring organizations must contact HPE (info below) if they wish to sponsor more than one team. There is no fee to participate, and team registration slots are open on a first-come-first-serve basis. Registration closes on February 27th, but teams that are fully registered before February 5th will receive an additional promotional item on the competition day.

Teachers and sponsors may register their teams by visiting:

<http://www.hpcodewars.org/conway/index.php?page=teamsponsor>

(shortened link: <http://goo.gl/czUsHh>)

Each team will need one WiFi compatible laptop computer. HPE will provide WiFi access information on the event day. Event rules and guidelines are available at

<http://www.hpcodewars.org/conway/index.php?page=rules>

(shortened link: <http://goo.gl/ZBi8H5>)

“CodeWars is a first-class computer programming competition for high school students. CodeWars was hosted on Hewlett-Packard's Houston campus for its first 15 years of existence. A CodeWars event successfully combines several quality ingredients: a high-tech setting, a wide range of programming challenges, plenty of programmer food, music, plus giveaways - all in an exciting, stimulating, and competitive environment. Students enjoy pushing their limits in the energetic atmosphere. After the formal contest is over, trophies will be awarded to the top competitors, plus loads of exciting door prizes. This is the ultimate high school computer programming competition.” More information on CodeWars can be found at <http://www.hpcodewars.org/index.php?page=home>

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