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## **Conway Selected to Host Computer Programming Competition**

**LITTLE ROCK** — The Arkansas Department of Education is pleased to announce that Conway, Ark. has been selected to host the Hewlett Packard Enterprise CodeWars computer programming competition for high school students. Conway is the fifth U.S. site to host the competition this year, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 5 on the Hewlett Packard campus in Conway.

“I am honored that Hewlett Packard Enterprise is hosting this year’s CodeWars competition in Conway,” Gov. Asa Hutchinson said. “In Arkansas, we understand the value of computer science education, which is why we have implemented computer coding classes in every public high school. Because of the ever-growing need for computer coding professionals in today’s job market, students who learn coding skills have greater opportunities for success in the tech-centered workforce. I want to thank Hewlett Packard for supporting this important initiative and for selecting Arkansas, the national leader in computer coding education, to host this year’s event. I look forward to a great competition.”

The free competition will feature programming challenges, trophies for the winners and prizes. Hewlett Packard’s Houston campus hosted the competition for the first 15 years. Since then, the competition is held at various sites around the world. Other locations selected for 2016 include Austin, Texas; Houston, Texas; Palo Alto, Calif.; Roseville, Calif.; Barcelona, Spain; and Newcastle, United Kingdom.

For the Conway event, a maximum of 120 participants will be accepted. Registration, which closes Feb. 27, is available on a first come, first served basis. More information about registration is available at <http://adecm.arkansas.gov/ViewApprovedMemo.aspx?id=1791>. To learn more about CodeWars, go to <http://www.hpcodewars.org/index.php?page=home>.

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