

# WISCONSIN ACADEMIC DECATHLON

[www.WIAD.org](http://www.WIAD.org)

## Molly Ritchie, State Director

524 Daisy Court  
Verona, WI 53593  
Office (608) 845-3544  
Fax (608) 845-3850  
Email [mritchie@wiad.org](mailto:mritchie@wiad.org)



## Margie Marcks, Competition Manager

595 Baeten Road  
Green Bay, WI 54304  
Office (920) 617-5617  
Fax (920) 492-5965  
Email [acadec@cesa7.k12.wi.us](mailto:acadec@cesa7.k12.wi.us)

**National Overall Champions 2002**  
**Division II National Champions 2002-2005, 2007-2010**  
**Second in the Nation 2003, 2008-2009 ~ Third in the Nation 2004-2007 ~ Fourth in the Nation 2010**

**MEMO TO: Potential Academic Decathlon High Schools**

**Date: April, 2011**

**FROM: Molly Ritchie, State Director**

Your high school is invited to apply to participate in the 2011-2012 Wisconsin Academic Decathlon Program. This invitation is extended to all public and private high schools in the state.

Academic Decathlon is a challenging educational experience, teaching life skills – such as hard work, teamwork, perseverance, and goal setting — all valuable and used in all facets of life.

- 2011-2012 Curriculum Topics
- Sample Program Budget
- Supply Grant Form for New Schools
- Registration/Application Form
- WIAD Awards
- WIAD Brochure

### **2011-2012 Competition Dates**

**Coaches' Workshop – Date & Location TBA**

**Local: Tuesday, November 8, 2011**

**Regional: Friday, January 13, 2012**

**State: Thursday & Friday, March 15-16, 2012**

**National: April 25-28, 2012 — Albuquerque, New Mexico**

For a **free** Study Guide with the extended guidelines for the upcoming season, e-mail: [acadec@cesa7.k12.wi.us](mailto:acadec@cesa7.k12.wi.us)

The overarching theme for the 2011-2012 year is ***“The Age of Empire.”*** The full curriculum can be viewed at [www.usad.org](http://www.usad.org). The USAD® Study Guide is released in May and lists the official outline of the subject areas to be studied that season. The Super Quiz topic is *The Age of Imperialism: The Making of a European Global Order*.

Schools may register for the November Local Competition as early as May of each year; check out the WIAD website at [www.WIAD.org](http://www.WIAD.org) for more information and a registration/application form — posted on the Team Registration page. Registration deadline is October 7<sup>th</sup>. Applications must be approved by WIAD before applicants are eligible to participate in any WIAD competition, consistent with the WIAD Competition Handbook.

***If you are a new school or one that has not participated in the past five years, you may be eligible for a supply grant.*** The supply grant provides the majority of study materials needed to start in the program. Each year, the Wisconsin Academic Decathlon budgets money to provide a limited number of supply grants, given out on a first-come, first-served basis. You can download the supply grant form from the WIAD website.

The Academic Decathlon offers three levels of competition during the year; teams advance through the process of competitive elimination. Ideally, recruitment of students for your team should begin in the spring as many competitive teams will have their students study the required readings over the summer months.

Our program is fully funded by private donations and school entry fees. A Board of Directors oversees the decision-making process. We ask our coaches to assist us by sharing the names of potential business donors in their communities, but we **do not** require coaches or teams to participate in fundraising activities.

Please take some time and look over the WIAD website. Please call or e-mail with any questions. We welcome your participation in the nationally recognized Wisconsin Academic Decathlon program.