



## ITAG Spotlight on Gifted Education November 2010

Meet Lakeland TAG!

This Spotlight focuses on Lakeland TAG, an organization of TAG teachers in the central northwest area of Iowa. Since its beginnings in 1991, Lakeland TAG has been the only teacher affiliate of ITAG and is proud of its rich tradition of meeting the needs of both teachers and gifted and talented students in that area.



Lakeland members have regular meetings four times a year. Prior to the formal meeting and dinner, members usually tour a place of interest in the area. Here, Lakeland members enjoy visiting the Kaleidoscope Factory in Pomeroy, IA, owned by Leonard Olson.

Each spring, the Lakeland TAG Product Convention, held at Cutty's of Okoboji, is a highlight for students in grades 3-6. Students have an opportunity to share their research project and participate in a variety of activities. In the afternoon, students look forward to enjoying recreational opportunities at the resort.



The Lakeland TAG Leadership Conference is held each fall for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students spend an active day developing leadership skills. Here students actively work on a group dynamics activity.

This group is working together to define their own leadership style.





Lakeland TAG's newest program, directed toward the needs of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, is called "Touched By Science". Held at the Lakeside Lab on Lake Okoboji, students experience a hands-on approach to six different careers options in science that can be realized in Northwest Iowa. Here students try their hand at flint knapping as part of a presentation by Jason Titcomb, Curator of Archaeology at Sanford Museum and Planetarium or Sioux City.

A Jay Winter, with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, shows students how the DNR captures birds to better understand the local bird population.



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