

You are Invited to the School Ministries National Conference

From Searching to Service



June 20-21, 2024

The Ark Encounter Answers Center in Williamstown, KY

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or to register, please visit:**
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Every second year, School Ministries hosts a meeting and training event for Christian leaders to encourage, educate, and equip those interested in Released Time Bible Education for public school students. This event will bring together leaders and educators of Christian organizations from across the country.



Elizabeth Urbanowicz

This year our
key scripture is,

*“Until I come, devote yourself
to the public reading of
Scripture, to exhortation, to
teaching.”*

1 Timothy 4:13 ESV



Ken Ham

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Elizabeth Urbanowicz is a follower of Jesus Christ who is passionate about equipping kids to understand the truth of the Christian worldview. She holds a B.S. from Gordon College in Elementary Education and Spanish, an M.S.Ed. from Northern Illinois University in Literacy Education, and an M.A. in Christian Apologetics from Biola University. Elizabeth began her professional career as an elementary teacher in a Christian school.

Several years into her teaching experience, Elizabeth realized that despite being raised in Christian homes, attending a Christian school, and being active in church, her students thought more like the culture than like Christ. Elizabeth began searching for curricular materials that would equip her students to think critically, helping them discover that Christianity is the worldview that lines up with reality. After not finding any materials that met this need, she began creating a curriculum for her students.

Elizabeth authored and first taught Foundation Comparative Worldview Curriculum as an after-school class for third through fifth graders, and the results were incredible! Students were transformed from passive recipients of information to active evaluators of every message they receive. Parents and teachers alike noticed the impact these materials had on students' media consumption, academic achievement, and everyday habits. This transformation lasted beyond the elementary years and guided students' thinking in junior high and beyond.

Elizabeth now works full-time on developing comparative worldview and apologetics resources for children. Her goal is to prepare the next generation to be lifelong critical thinkers and, most importantly, lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ.

Since moving to America in 1987, Australian **Ken Ham** — founder of Answers in Genesis, the highly acclaimed Creation Museum, and the visionary behind a popular, full-size Noah's Ark—has become one of America's most in-demand Christian speakers and interview guests. He became internationally known for his 2014 creation/evolution debate with Bill Nye “the Science Guy,” which has been watched by an estimated 25 million people. Ham hosts the daily radio program *Answers . . . with Ken Ham*, heard on over 1,000 stations, and in 2020 oversaw the launch of Answers TV, a video streaming service.

A biblical apologist, Ken gives numerous faith-building talks to tens of thousands of children and adults each year on topics such as the reliability of the Bible, how compromise over biblical authority has undermined society (and even the church, which is seeing a massive exodus of young people), witnessing more effectively, dinosaurs, “races,” and so on. Ham's most recent book is a commentary and devotional on Genesis chapters 1–11, *Creation to Babel* (2021). His book on effective evangelism, *Gospel Reset*, was sent to every church in America and to many churches in other English-speaking countries (over 300,000 copies). Ham has authored or co-authored more than 30 books, including the best-selling *The Lie and The Answers Book*.

Ken cofounded AiG in 1994 with the purpose of upholding the authority of the Bible from the very first verse and sharing the gospel beginning in Genesis. In addition, he provides biblical and scientific answers to some of the most difficult questions people ask about the Christian faith.



Our Children Need:

- » Purpose and meaning for their lives beyond the accumulation of wealth or achievement of social and/or professional status.
- » Safe venues where they can ask deeply challenging and sensitive questions without fear or censure.
- » Godly teachers that prepare them to be responsible adults and contributing community citizens.



“Every School Ministries conference I’ve attended has provided wonderful and enduring experiences in education, encouragement, and fellowship. They have also provided education and resources available to state and local programs, useful program and classroom management

tools, and encouragement from speakers like David Beasley, Josh McDowell, Voddie Baucham, Randy Forbes and numerous other Christian worldview leaders. I’ve enjoyed fellowship with like-minded believers who are called, commissioned, and impassioned for making release time Bible classes a reality from local communities to across our nation. I’m looking forward to attending the next national conference and learning more about what God is doing in and through School Ministries!”

**Winston Greer, Executive Secretary
School Ministries Alabama**



“Encouraging! Informative! Inspiring! Spirit-filled! These are words that describe the School Ministries’ conferences that I have attended. I do my best to attend the national conferences; I always leave each one a better-equipped leader.

God continues to bless Released Time leaders and their organizations through the staff and board of directors of School Ministries. Leaders of School Ministries pour their all into their conferences so that Released Time groups can have the ministry tools needed for sharing the Word of God with public school students all over the country. We are grateful for each one of them and their sacrifices of love.”

**Janice Butler, Chief Executive Officer
Christian Learning Centers of Greenville County, SC**

School Ministries (SM) is a non-profit organization that was created in 1991 to assist local communities in establishing Released Time Bible Education (RTBE) programs, as well as strengthen existing programs. SM promotes RTBE by equipping Christian community leaders with a variety of research and materials to effectively start and maintain RTBE programs, providing information and encouragement through consultation, regular communication, fellowship at events, and prayer. SM provides educational opportunities and promotes networking of Released Time leaders and teachers through webinars, conferences, and provision of experienced speakers. SM has amassed knowledge through experts in the fields of education, law, and non-profit administration. It also monitors and advises local boards of noteworthy developments in Released Time practices and law. School Ministries opens doors of access for state and local leadership through existing connections and relationships with other national missions and ministries.

Conference Registration Form From Searching to Service

June 20-21, 2024 | The Ark
Encounter Answers Center
in Williamstown, KY

Conference participants must be 18 years old or older. The conference will begin at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, June 20 and end at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 21. You will need to get in line at the entrance to the Ark for the shuttle to the Ark Encounter Answers Center beginning at 8:45 a.m. on both conference days. The Ark Encounter is located at 1 Ark Encounter Drive. Some GPS units and map programs may not yet recognize this address. Here are some other options to find your way. Alternate address: 220 KY Highway 36 West, Williamstown, KY 41097. GPS coordinates: 38.6221973, -84.5945113. The nearest airport is the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG). Due to conference logistics, we will not be able to accommodate walk-ins. No outside food is allowed in the Answers Center.

Conference Registration Fee includes a welcome packet, all conference activities, and lunch both days. This does not include lodging, breakfast, or dinner.

Registration Fee \$400.00 x _____ persons = Total \$ _____

If you are not a School Ministries
Member, please add \$50.00 per person \$ _____

Registration after March 29, 2024,
please add \$50.00 per person \$ _____

Full Registration Fee required by March 29, 2024

Convenience fee: if credit card
is used add \$20.00 \$ _____

Total Amount for Registration
Enclosed (add totals above) \$ _____

Lunch: Boxed lunches on both days for conference
attendees are included in your registration fee.

Please list any special dietary needs here: _____

Other Meals: Breakfast and dinner both days will be on your own. These costs aren't included in your registration fee. For onsite dining options, please visit the Ark Encounter website at arkencounter.com. Breakfast is included at the Hampton Inn and Suites. Same day re-entry to the Ark campus isn't allowed.

Conference Check-in: Conference check-in will be at the Hampton Inn and Suites—Williamstown Ark Encounter, located at 2 Skyway Dr. Williamstown, KY 41097, on Wednesday, June 19, 3-7 p.m. and Thursday, June 20, 8-9 a.m.

Lodging: Hampton Inn and Suites—Williamstown Ark Encounter
We have reserved a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn and Suites (includes breakfast) located at 2 Skyway Dr. Williamstown, KY 41097, near the Ark Encounter. The discounted room rates are \$199/night + tax for a double queen room and \$189/night + tax for a king room. To book lodging at this Hampton Inn and Suites, visit schoolministries.org/events and click on the hotel link or call 1-800- HAMPTON. The Ark Encounter's shuttle station is about a four-minute walk from the hotel. **You must book by 5/18/24.**

For those who plan to arrive early or depart late, the following negotiated room rates apply: June 18, 19, and 21— \$199/night + tax for a double queen or king room. **You must book by 5/18/24.**

For other hotel options, visit the Ark Encounter website at arkencounter.com. If you are late in booking lodging and need assistance, please call School Ministries at 803-772-5224 ext. 1001.

Conference Parking: If you are staying at the Hampton Inn (see above) you can leave your car in the hotel parking lot and walk the approx. four minutes to the shuttle for the Ark Encounter Answers Center. Parking at the Ark for those not staying at the Hampton Inn and Suites is \$15/day.

Accessibility: If you are staying at the Hampton Inn and Suites (see above) and will need assistance to transfer from the hotel parking lot to the Ark Encounter shuttle station, please check here: _____

Touring Information: Time for touring the Ark Encounter is not included during conference hours. If you would like to tour the Creation Museum (2800 Bullittsburg Church Rd, Petersburg, KY 41080) and/or the Ark Encounter, you

will need to plan to arrive early or extend your stay. If you would like a coupon for \$5 off to tour either or both attractions, please indicate this below. If you would like to receive your coupon by mail prior to the conference, indicate this below. Otherwise, you will receive your coupon at conference check-in.

Coupon(s) for \$5 off ticket to tour the Ark Encounter: (enter quantity) _____

Coupon(s) for \$5 off ticket to tour the Creation Museum: (enter quantity) _____

If you would like your coupon(s) mailed prior to the conference, please enter the recipient's name and mailing address (one address per group only):

I understand and consent that School Ministries and/or Ark Encounter may take photos or videos of me during the conference. I will notify everyone I am registering and consent on their behalf that their image may be used.

Signature _____ Date _____

Participant Information

Your Full Name _____

Name of Program or Organization _____

Board Member Teacher/Volunteer Other _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Cell Number (for conference use only) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please add additional attendee information below. Attendees do not need to submit separate registration forms.

Your Full Name _____

Name of Program or Organization _____

Board Member Teacher/Volunteer Other _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Cell Number (for conference use only) _____

E-Mail Address _____

If you are registering more than two attendees, please copy this page and return it to School Ministries with this Registration Form.

Please Mail Completed Registration Form and Check to:

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