

Dear Parent,

Grace and Truth Youth Group is planning a trip to Petersburg, Kentucky to visit the *Creation Museum* and the *Ark Encounter* attractions created by Answers In Genesis ministries. All youth groupers are welcome and encouraged to come! This trip will be an excellent opportunity to reinforce in our young men and women that God's word can be trusted from start to finish, and truly does provide answers to all of life's big questions.

As the youth director, I would desire that each young adult in youth group would know Jesus as their own personal Savior from sin and Hell (John 3:16) and then to begin to grow as Christians by understanding God's will for their lives and to grow in understanding and knowledge of God's word (Colossians 1:9), as well as see how all creation testifies to the wisdom and power of God (Psalm 19). I hope this trip will be an opportunity for God to work these things in the lives of our youth group members. If there are any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 218-780-9100.

Evan Johnson

**When:**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**General Itinerary:**

**Thursday May 6:** Leave early morning for 13 hour trip to Kentucky in passenger vans.

**Friday May 7:** Spend day at Creation Museum, return to house in the evening

**Saturday May 8:** Spend day at Ark Encounter, return to house in the evening

**Sunday May 9:** Leave in morning for trip home. Arrive home by 8:00 PM



## A Massive Structure

Ark Encounter is the largest timber frame structure in the world, built from standing dead timber, in part by skilled Amish craftsmen. The Ark is an architectural and engineering wonder containing three decks of world-class exhibits.



The Creation Museum shows why God's infallible Word, rather than man's faulty assumptions, is the place to begin if we want to make sense of our world. At the heart of the Creation Museum is a chronological retelling of biblical history in seven parts called the Seven C's. Guests step back in time, beginning with Creation, and fast-forward to Christ's return. Along the way, they see how God's Word provides the big-picture answers for our most difficult questions, whether about science, the Bible, or our personal relationship with God.

## Travel, Food, and Lodging:

The current plan is to utilize passenger vans made available by church membership to travel to Kentucky. Vans would be driven by youth group directors and additional chaperones. Depending on the number of attendees, we expect to rent 1 or 2 houses designed for large capacities located near the Answers In Genesis attractions. Breakfast and dinners will be prepared and eaten at the rented homes. Lunches will be purchased at the attraction cafeterias.

**Cost:**

The cost to attend is \$240/person. This cost covers travel cost, admission fees/activities, lodging, and 3 meals/day. Youth groupers are encouraged to bring additional funds if they intend to buy snacks/souvenirs/etc.

Youth groupers have multiple opportunities to raise funds for the trip. These include:

- 1.) Assist in preparing a meal for the church body on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, March 27-28
- 2.) Assist in preparing a meal for the church body on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, April 24-25
- 3.) Prepare a 1500+ word paper with one of the following subjects. This includes doing one round of edits after Evan reads it.
  - a. What I have learned from studying "The Story of Hope" lessons
  - b. What I'd like to learn about or understand better from the trip to Kentucky
  - c. Real life account(s) of how I applied something I've learned at youth group/church/camp or directly from reading the Bible and what I might have done otherwise
  - d. How I would share the gospel with my friend

If a youth grouper is able to participate in meal preparations (item 1 and 2) and completes a paper, the cost to attend will be fully covered.

**Deadline:**

In order to plan accordingly, youth groupers must return the attached form by **Saturday, April 3rd** to Evan if they plan to attend. If there is an issue with this deadline, just discuss it with Evan (218-780-9100).

Name of Attendee Age

Home Address

Attendees Phone #

Emergency Contact #1 Emergency Contact #2

Emergency Contact Phone# Emergency Contact Phone#

Relation to Attendee Relation to Attendee

Prescriptions/Allergies

My child is permitted to attend the trip to the Answers In Genesis attractions in Kentucky with Grace and Truth Bible Church Youth Group. I understand my child is responsible to bring and appropriately self-administer the prescriptions listed above as well as self-monitor for the food allergies listed above.

Parent/Gaurdian (print) Signature

I understand that this a Church Youth Group trip and that the primary goal is to learn and grow spiritually, as well as have fun. I understand that my attitude, my words, and my actions directly impact the other youth groupers and directors. I will do my best to not fixate on my desires only, but will consider the needs and desires of others and strive to be a good friend and godly example to my fellow youth groupers while on this trip.

I also consent to the following regarding my phone:

- 1.) The music I listen to and the content that read or watch on my phone while on this trip will be fitting for young Christian men and women and glorifying to God.
- 2.) While at the attractions, I will use my phone in an appropriate and minimal fashion, understanding we are there to learn from the exhibits and presentations (which takes some effort to read/pay attention) and not stare at my phone.

Attendee (print)

Signature