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Get Them While They're Young

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Several months ago we received a letter from the Answers in Genesis organization bemoaning the establishment of a certain camp in Kentucky, not many miles away from the very successful Creation Museum.

This camp for children, however, has objectives 180 degrees removed from what AiG is trying to accomplish. Campers here are being trained in atheism and secular humanism. The camp, called Camp Quest, began at the same time AiG was having its well-publicized zoning battle with local authorities.

A Web site run by one of the organizers says, "Camp Quest is the first residential summer camp in the history of the United States for the children of Atheists, Freethinkers, Secular Humanists, Humanists, Brights, or whatever other terms might be applied to those who hold to a naturalistic, not supernatural, world view."

Unfortunately, this idea of camps for educating children in atheism is spreading to other states, according to the AiG letter.

Not ones to sit on their haunches though, Ken Ham and his associates are adding events for children to the museum's program. According to the Cincinnati Enquirer, "Many features that will be introduced in the next year are focused on the museum's younger visitors, from kid-friendly kiosks that will bolster every area of the museum to an outdoor playground." We understand that a petting zoo has also been created and special workshops for families are now being offered.

The Answers in Genesis group has gotten it right. Proverbs 22:6 tells us, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Certainly Jesus seemed to have had the time to spend with children, and this desire to spread the Word to children during their impressible years is what drove many Lutherans and other Christians to begin schools for their young ones.

The atheists have seen the need for "getting them while they are young." We Christians should be even more motivated to do the same because of the possible severe consequences for not doing so.