



How is the program financed?

- ◆ No tax dollars used.
- ◆ Supported by donations from churches, civic organizations, businesses, and individuals.

For tax deductible gifts to SCWREA, please make checks payable to:

SCWREA
P.O. Box 634
Woodstock, VA 22664



To sign up your child, please go to the website below and click on the "Sign-Up" tab on the right.

Website:

www.weekdayreligiouseducation.com

For the 2023-2024 school year, WRE classes will be offered for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades.

How can I get more information?

For more information, call 540-459-3661.

Email:

weekdayreligiouseducation@gmail.com



Weekday Religious Education of Shenandoah County

FAQ's



What is the Shenandoah County Weekday Religious Education Association (SCWREA)?

SCWREA sponsors programs for students in public schools, with parental or guardian written permission, to release students to go to off-campus facilities for Biblical instruction.



What is the purpose of SCWREA?

The primary goal of SCWREA is to provide elementary age children with services the public schools cannot provide; Bible-based spiritual guidance which is necessary for the development of the whole child. Weekday Religious Education strives to enhance strong social and emotional skills that are built on biblical principles. The skills and relationships obtained through WRE assist students in developing creative thinking and problem solving which benefit them well beyond their formative years. Weekday Religious Education has provided continuous Biblical education in Virginia since 1929.

Is it *legal*?

The principles of released time for WRE were set forth by the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Zorach v. Clauson* case. The decision provides the continuing legal guidelines under which WRE is conducted.

What is taught?

By law, WRE classes are held at off-campus sites. Students are bused to the WRE classrooms.

- ◆ Honey Run → American Celebration on Parade
- ◆ WWR → Woodstock Nazarene Church
- ◆ Sandy Hook → Strasburg Presbyterian Church

The Bible is the primary text and the curriculum provides basic Christian teachings, not favoring any denominational tradition.

The following themes are available:

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| <i>Grade 2-</i> | Old Testament
Ten Commandments
Christmas and Easter |
| <i>Grade 3-</i> | Old Testament
Jesus' early life & ministry
Christmas and Easter |
| <i>Grade 4-</i> | Jesus' Teachings
Early Church
Holy Week |

What are the benefits of WRE?

- ◆ Supplements and enriches religious instruction that the child might receive at home or in a church.
- ◆ Helps children see the relevancy of the Bible for everyday living.
- ◆ Helps children develop the realization that God is our Father, that Jesus is our friend and Savior, and that the Holy Spirit is our guide.
- ◆ Helps students grow in ability to read, understand, and apply the truths of scripture.
- ◆ Helps each child grow in understanding his or her uniqueness in the kingdom of God.
- ◆ Provides and enhances moral and character education for participating children.

