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Ozarks Chapter of FFRF

Dear James,

First off, a quick programming reminder! We are super excited to have none other than **Forrest Valkai (!!!)** coming to Northwest Arkansas tomorrow **Sunday, July 13th at 1pm at the Fayetteville Library**. Known as the Renegade Science Teacher online, Forrest is *clearly* a big draw, so if you plan to attend, make sure to register! This is a FREE event, but seating is limited. Register [here!](#)

In other news, the Ozarks Chapter of FFRF kicked off the **2025 Secular Speaker Series** by hosting author and former Washington Post columnist Kate Cohen on Wednesday, June 18th. Kate traveled to Bentonville and presented to an audience of nearly 40 people at the Bentonville Public Library on why America needs atheists now more than ever. Thank you to those who came and supported this event!

The end of June marked the celebration of NWA Pride in Fayetteville. Our chapter registered over 90 new contacts during the tabling event, and received huge support as we walked through the parade. Seeing how people value separation church & state is rewarding & inspiring, and helps build our coalition here in the Ozarks. We love to see the secular community coming together to move the needle of this issue.



Kate Cohen presents at the Bentonville Public Library on Wednesday, June 18th



Ozarks Chapter of FFRF tabling at the NWA Pride Festival on June 28th



Parade preparation for the 2025 NWA Pride Parade.



The Ozarks Chapter of FFRF walks during the 2025 NWA Pride Parade on Saturday, June 28th.

Summer is in full swing, and we have some really cool things planned. Hope your can join us!

Calendar of Events:

July 13th (Sunday) - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

- **2025 Secular Speaker Series with Forrest Valkai** (YouTube: [Renegade Science Teacher](#)) @ Fayetteville Library at 1pm. Forrest will be presenting on "How Learning Science Makes You A Better Person". This event is FREE and open to the public, but seating is limited. Please register [here](#) to secure your seat!

July 26th (Saturday) - 7:30am to 1:00pm

- **Fayetteville Farmers Market** - come visit the secular crowd on the Fayetteville Square!

August 17th (Sunday) - 10:00am to 3:00pm

- **2025 Secular Speaker Series with Mickey Dollens** (Democratic House Representative from Oklahoma and FFRF employee) - join us for a full day in West Siloam Springs, OK, starting with a speech at the Cherokee Casino, followed by a BBQ lunch and hike at Natural Falls State Park. Each event is \$10 (or \$20 for both Speech & BBQ) and open to the public, and includes parking at both venues. Please register [here](#) for the speech and/or BBQ.

August 23rd (Saturday) - 7:30am to 1:00pm

- **Fayetteville Farmers Market** - come visit the secular crowd on the Fayetteville Square!

Constitution Day Event (September 17th-ish) - Still working through the plan, but details to be announced soon!

September 27th (Saturday) - 7:30am to 1:00pm

- **Fayetteville Farmers Market** - come visit the secular crowd on the Fayetteville Square!

October 12th (Sunday) - 10:00am to 11:00am

- **2025 Secular Speaker Series with Alessandro Terenzoni** (Americans United for Separation Between Church & State). This event is FREE and open to the public, but seating is limited. Please register [here](#) to secure your seat!

October 25th (Saturday) - 7:30am to 1:00pm

- **Fayetteville Farmers Market** - come visit the secular crowd for our final Farmers Market event of the year!

The **Ozarks Chapter of FFRF** serves to bring together the secular community and advocate for separation between church and state. Your support, be it financial or simply showing up to one of our events, makes a

meaningful impact and helps grow our cause. Please consider joining us at one of our events, or becoming a member of FFRF National and/or a member of the local Ozarks Chapter (us). We greatly appreciate our followers and supporters, and thank you for protecting the separation between church & state.

Respectfully,

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