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Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2013

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning 02/28, 2013, and ending 12/31, 2013

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return (checked), Terminated, Amended return, Application pending. C Name of organization: ARKANSANS FOR BETTER SCHOOLS. D Employer identification number: 80-0894827. E Telephone number: ( ) -. F Group Exemption Number.

G Accounting Method: Cash, Accrual (checked). H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website:

J Tax-exempt status (check only one): 501(c)(3) (checked), 501(c)(4), 4947(a)(1), 527.

K Form of organization: Corporation, Trust, Association, Other.

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 147,000.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I (checked).

Table with 21 rows and 3 columns. Rows 1-9: Revenue. Row 1: 147,000. Rows 10-17: Expenses. Row 12: 39,790. Row 13: 88,617. Row 14: 1,359. Row 15: 46. Row 16: 6,397. Row 17: 136,209. Rows 18-21: Net Assets. Row 18: 10,791. Row 21: 10,791.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?
35b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911, section 4912, section 4955
40b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
40c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
42a The organization's books are in care of ANDREA HALL Telephone no 479-464-1500 Located at P.O. BOX 1860 BENTONVILLE, AR ZIP + 4 72712
42b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I. . . . . 46 Yes No X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI . . . . .

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . . 47 Yes No

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . . 48 Yes No

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . . 49a Yes No

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . . 49b Yes No

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC), (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . .

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000. . . . .

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A. . . . . Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here: Signature of officer (Jim C. Walton), Date (11/11/14), Type or print name and title (JIM C. WALTON, PRESIDENT)

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name (KENT C CROUCH), Preparer's signature (Kent C. Crouch), Date (11/10/14), Check self-employed, PTIN (P00810750), Firm's name (WALTON ENTERPRISES, LLC), Firm's EIN (62-1665434), Firm's address (P.O. BOX 1860, BENTONVILLE, AR 72712), Phone no (479-464-1500)

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions . . . . . X Yes No

SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Name of the organization

ARKANSANS FOR BETTER SCHOOLS

Employer identification number

80-0894827

FORM 990EZ, PART I - OTHER EXPENSES

ATTACHMENT 1

TRAVEL

6,397.

TOTAL

6,397.

FORM 990EZ, PART II - CASH, SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS

ATTACHMENT 2

DESCRIPTION

END  
OF YEAR

CASH

11,357.

TOTALS

11,357.

FORM 990EZ, PART II - TOTAL LIABILITIES

ATTACHMENT 3

DESCRIPTION

END  
OF YEAR

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

461.

PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE

105.

TOTALS

566.

FORM 990EZ, PART III - ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

ATTACHMENT 4

ARKANSANS FOR BETTER SCHOOLS IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WHOSE  
PURPOSE INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, ORGANIZING, CONDUCTING,  
IMPLEMENTING AND MAINTAINING PROGRAMS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT AND  
IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS.