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**LEARNING TOGETHER ARIZONA**  
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July 17-18, 2026



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# WELCOME TO ARIZONA'S 43RD ANNUAL HOME EDUCATION CONVENTION!

We are so glad you are here! This exciting event includes homeschool rookies, experienced homeschool parents, supportive grandparents, exhibitors, speakers, youth, and children. This encouraging and energizing convention has been planned with you in mind—yes, ALL of you!

LEARNING TOGETHER is what happens in your home, in communities and co-ops and support groups, and at all stages of the homeschool life. The AFHE Convention has what you need for your family to have a fulfilling year ahead: fresh ideas, wise insights, refreshing fellowship, helpful materials, and hearty encouragement.

You'll be motivated and strengthened by messages from Keynote Speakers **Heidi St. John** and **Bill Federer**, and Special Guest **Zan Tyler**, and by workshops on practical and foundational topics such as:

- lesson planning
- homeschooling through high school
- curriculum approaches
- transitioning from public school to homeschool
- educating a child with special learning needs
- home and homeschool management
- building strong family relationships
- how-tos for different levels and subject areas
- and so, so much more!

And what a thrill to celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary together! Check the workshop schedule for specially-selected sessions on American history, civics, patriotism, and principles of freedom. Then on Friday evening, don't miss the **Heritage of Freedom Celebration!** Your whole family will enjoy fun activities in the ballroom and a wonderful onstage program featuring our keynote speakers, live music, and our shared love for our great nation. Visit the Registration counter anytime on Friday to purchase your family's ticket; learn more on page 10.

We have 160+ companies and organizations joining us as exhibitors this weekend! In the Exhibit Hall, you'll find an exciting marketplace of curriculum, books, learning

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44<sup>th</sup> annual convention

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materials, options for classes and activities, colleges and other post-secondary opportunities, as well as local businesses and nonprofits. Many of the exhibitors are homeschool parents just like you, who are here at the AFHE Convention to share their expertise and products with you; please thank them for coming!

AFHE carefully selects sponsors that understand and esteem homeschooling and have great value to offer our attendees. You'll find them listed on page 12 and highlighted on the exhibit hall map (pages 78-79). Stop by to thank them for being AFHE supporters!

Other highlights in the Exhibit Hall:

- At our **Mentoring Connection** booth (#1100) chat with experienced homeschool parents about your particular concern or general questions—moms, dads, and grandparents are all welcome to stop by!
- Stop by the **Book Locker**, located along the wall to your right as you enter, to store your purchases, stroller, or rolling cart. We'll even rent you a wagon!
- At the **Resounding Voice** booth (just inside the entrance, to the left) you can purchase workshop recordings; full sets and individual sessions will be available. With over 100 workshop sessions to choose from, "taking the convention home with you" is a great idea for the weeks and months ahead!
- Do the kids need a welcoming spot to relax and play? Visit the **KidsCorner** or the **game | district** together! On page 43 you'll see some special features taking place at the **KidsCorner** throughout the convention.
- And don't miss the excitement at the **Navy Strike Group Experience!** Come see what it's like to sail on an aircraft carrier with the U.S. Navy! Play the virtual reality game All Hands, learn about Navy missions around the world, earn badges, try your hand at simulations and challenges, and see STEM careers in action. (Take a look on page 9.)

As you travel this homeschool road, learning together day by day, AFHE is honored to be part of the journey. Our Board of Directors and team of dedicated volunteers work year-round to deliver information and resources, inspire parents to choose homeschooling, provide support and resources for your local groups, and safeguard homeschool freedom for our families and future generations. This has been AFHE's work since 1983, and with your support and involvement, it will continue for decades to come.

Faith walking,

*Cindy Duell*

2026 Convention Director  
AFHE Board of Directors

## Start Here!

This 80-page program is your guide and resource for the 2026 AFHE Convention. Let's highlight some of the **key pages** you'll want to refer to frequently.

## Workshop Schedule

With more than 100 workshops to choose from over these two days, you need quick access to the schedule. Flip open to the very center of the program to see **each day's workshops at a glance** on pages 38-41.

## Workshop Descriptions & Speaker Bios

Starting on page 14, you'll find the complete **hour-by-hour listing of workshops** and their descriptions. And beginning on page 53 you can "meet" all of our featured speakers. The directory on page 60 will help you find the speakers' booths in the Exhibit Hall.

## Workshop Planner

Make a **personal plan** for the convention by noting your workshop selections on page 36.

## Exhibit Hall Map & Directory

Inside the back cover of the program, you'll easily find the **exhibit hall map**. The preceding pages include a facility map and an alphabetical directory of this year's exhibitors and Young Entrepreneurs (pages 70-75).

## Got Questions?

**We have a Mentor for that!** Visit the AFHE Mentoring Connection booth (#1100) just inside the exhibit hall entrance. You can ask questions about homeschooling, get tips for navigating the exhibit hall and workshop schedule, and consult with **experienced mentors** ready to focus on specific topics of interest. You'll find the topic schedule on page 9.

## Convention and Session Surveys

Send us your feedback from the workshop sessions you attend by scanning the QR code on page 48. **Session surveys** are set up for you to respond about a single workshop. When the convention ends, please complete the other survey covering the whole event!

## Exhibit Hall Planner

Where can you keep track of the exhibitors you want to visit and make a handy shopping list of the **curriculum and resources** you are looking for? On page 37 in the note-taking insert!

## Learn More about AFHE!

AFHE Board Directors and team members will be staffing the AFHE booth (#100) throughout the convention to meet you, hear about your homeschool and community, and answer questions. **We look forward to meeting you there!**

## My Book Locker & Stroller Parking

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My Book Locker & Stroller Parking is inside the Exhibit Hall entrance, along the wall to the right.





# CONVENTION INFORMATION

## Name Badge: Your Admission

Your 2026 AFHE Convention name badge is your admission credential for workshops and the exhibit halls for both days. It must be worn with your name showing at all times. If lost or forgotten, a replacement name badge may be requested at the registration counter (please show ID for verification). Name badges may not be shared or transferred. A primary adult registration includes name badges for the primary adult + that person's legal spouse.

**Note:** Admission to the Heritage of Freedom Celebration on Friday night requires a separate ticket, available for purchase at the Registration counter. One price for the entire family (those included in a single registration record).

## Purchase Recordings

Workshop recordings may be purchased from the Resounding Voice booth in the exhibit hall as individual recordings, a full-set MP3 of the entire Convention, or recording sets from the Thursday intro seminar. Resounding Voice is offering an outstanding conference special for the full-set MP3 if purchased onsite July 17-18.

Please note, a few featured speaker and exhibitor workshop recordings are only available for purchase on site during the Convention (not available at a later date). The Teen Program sessions from Worldview Academy will not be included in any sets.

## Mothers' Lounge

For your convenience and privacy, a curtained area is available inside the Exhibit Hall. Turn left just inside the entrance and go past the art contest display area. Mothers with infants may sit down, feed and change their babies, and enjoy a quiet break. Ladies only, please.

This area may be accessed before the 10:00 AM opening time by requesting a pass from the Info Desk in the Main Lobby.

## Cell Phones

Please set your phone to **SILENT** while in workshops to avoid distracting other attendees or diminishing the quality of workshop recordings. If you must answer a call, please step out of the room in consideration of the speaker and your fellow attendees.

## Children

Children may attend workshops with their parents as space permits. Preference for seating should be given to adults. If a workshop is full, please seat your young child on your lap to make room for other adult attendees. If your baby or child becomes noisy, please step out for a moment to help him or her settle down. The sessions are being recorded and this will help to minimize background noise.

**Children under age 12 must remain with an adult at all times.** Do not allow your child to run in the hallways, exhibit hall, or other areas, for their safety and the safety of others. We have a fun KidsCorner area in the exhibit hall where youngsters can "get the wiggles out" and enjoy some playthings. See page 43 for a schedule of some fun activities provided there by our generous exhibitors.

## Workshop Handouts

Some speakers have provided handouts or presentation slides for their workshops. Go to [afhe.org/convention/workshop-handouts](http://afhe.org/convention/workshop-handouts) to download. Printed copies of handouts are not provided on site.

## Exhibitors

Exhibitors are an essential and exciting part of our convention, and we encourage you to plan time to visit the exhibit hall. With 160+ exhibitors in an 80,000-square-foot marketplace, you will find a wide array of some of the finest homeschool curriculum and educational materials, as well as many services, venues, colleges, and organizations. Don't forget to check out the Young Entrepreneur booths and support these enterprising Arizona students!

The presence of a particular exhibitor at this convention does not constitute AFHE's endorsement of their product, service, or message. It is essential that you, the consumer, use discernment in making purchases that best fit your family's needs.

## Exhibit Hall Etiquette

We are grateful for the businesses who come and support this annual event and provide our convention attendees with a great variety of quality curriculum and resources. Most have invested significant time and expense in order to be here, and many of them are homeschool families like yours!

When an exhibitor takes the time and effort to explain a product or give beneficial advice, if you choose to buy the product, please do so from the exhibitor who spent time with you. This fosters an atmosphere of trust and respect, and it demonstrates the very real value of the exhibitor's time and expertise. It also encourages the return of knowledgeable, well-established exhibitors to our annual convention, keeping this event strong and able to serve Arizona's homeschool community for many years into the future!

## Special Exhibit Hall Activities

In addition to the wonderful assortment of exhibitors (and the delightful experiences some will be offering at their booths), we have some exciting things happening in the Exhibit Hall.

**Mentoring Connection** - see page 9

**KidsCorner** play area - see page 43 for scheduled activities

**All About America Treasure Hunt** - details on page 65

**Exhibitor Workshops** - in the curtained pavilions at the north end of the Exhibit Hall

**Buy It Here!** - see pages 34-35

**Young Entrepreneurs** - directory on page 74



## Hands-On Tutorials at the AFHE Convention



### Parents learn by doing, too!

Come learn something new or experience an activity that will enliven your homeschool—and take home the supplies to implement what you've learned right away!

**You AND your kids will be glad you did!**

Visit the Registration counter to purchase your ticket.

Limited to space available. Sessions are geared for parent educators unless otherwise noted in the descriptions (pages 16, 19, and 27).



**Master the Art of Interactive Learning: Patriotic Edition**

Heather Haupt  
Friday 1:00 PM | \$9 supply fee

**Ideas for Hands-On Learning**

Nancy Manos  
Friday 2:30 PM | \$9 supply fee



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Cara Williams  
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## Photography Usage

Photographs or video from this event may be published in AFHE's Homeschool Arizona magazine (print or digital versions), on the AFHE website, on AFHE social media pages, or in other AFHE publications. AFHE does not provide compensation or royalties in conjunction with publication or use of these materials. Any photographs, video, or audio used by AFHE from this event will be used with the purpose of celebrating and promoting home education.

**Attendees and exhibitors may not record or livestream any portion of a workshop or keynote session.** Exhibitors wishing to record exhibit hall footage for marketing purposes must obtain prior permission from the Convention Director. Limited livestreaming in lobbies or the exhibit hall to highlight your participation at the AFHE Convention will be permitted at AFHE's discretion.

## Phoenix Convention Center Food Policy

Aventura Catering is the exclusive provider of food and beverage at the Phoenix Convention Center. Visitors to the Phoenix Convention Center are prohibited from bringing outside food and beverage into the facility. Aventura and AFHE have worked to provide options that serve a wide range of dietary and budgetary interests for our attendees. Please help us be good guests by honoring PCC policy in this area.

## Food/Dining Options Onsite

The Bistro counters in the exhibit hall have a menu that

includes kids meal options and gluten-free choices. Karen's Creamery is near the concessions in the back of the exhibit hall, and Phx Coffee Company is open in the main lobby. **No cash sales; cards only.**

## Hours of Operation

Bistro (exhibit hall)	Friday 10:00 AM–6:30 PM Saturday 10:00 AM–6:00 PM
Phx Coffee (main lobby)	Friday and Saturday 7:30 AM–4:00 PM
Karen's Creamery (near Bistro)	Friday 10:00 AM–6:30 PM Saturday 10:00 AM–6:00 PM
John Dough Pizza (North Bldg)	Friday and Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Crave Box (North Bldg)	Friday and Saturday 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

John Dough Pizza and Crave Box hours subject to change.

## Continuing Education Forms

AFHE will provide a Continuing Education form for foster parents, childcare workers, and others who need to accrue professional development hours. If you need a form, please ask at the registration counter. An AFHE representative will sign the form and the attendee will write in the workshops they attended along with the presenters' names. AFHE does not have information about which sessions qualify for hours needed by the attendee.

## Strollers and Wheeled Carts

**In workshop rooms, parked strollers are only allowed in the open spaces in the back row,** due to space limitations and safety hazards caused by blocked aisles. Wheeled carts in workshop rooms must fit under the chair and may not remain in the row or aisle during the session. Strollers and wheeled carts/luggage may be stored at the Book Locker area for \$3 per day or \$5 for both days, including retrieval and parking access throughout the day. See page 5 for details about AFHE's Book Locker booth.

# ABOUT AFHE

Arizona Families for Home Education (AFHE) is the statewide organization that has been serving the needs and protecting the rights of Arizona's homeschooling families since 1983. AFHE exists to INSPIRE parents to homeschool their children; PROMOTE parent-directed, privately funded, home-based education; PRESERVE the freedom to homeschool; and SUPPORT parents who choose a home-based education option for their children. AFHE is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) educational corporation run by a Christian board of directors.

## Board of Directors

Shawn & Cindy Duell  
David & Christina Garretson

Jeff & Michelle Jibben  
Jeff & Sheri Orr



**Experienced homeschool moms** are available to talk with you at the **Mentoring Connection** booth, just inside the Exhibit Hall entrance on the right.  
*Friday 10:00 AM-6:30 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM*

**TOPIC TIMES:** During the times listed below, Mentors who have experience in specific areas will staff the booth to answer questions about these topics, in addition to sharing general homeschool information. Topic times are not workshops.

**Friday 10:00-11:00 AM**  
Homeschooling Toddlers/Preschoolers  
**Friday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**  
Homeschooling Adopted Children  
**Friday 12:30-1:30 PM**  
STEM  
**Friday 1:30-2:30 PM**  
Homeschooling High School  
**Friday 2:30-3:30 PM**  
Struggling Learners/Special Needs  
**Friday 3:30-4:30 PM**  
Transition from School to Homeschool  
**Friday 4:30-5:30 PM**  
Homeschooling Large Families

**Saturday 10:00-11:00 AM**  
Struggling Learners/Special Needs  
**Saturday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**  
Homeschooling High School  
**Saturday 12:30-1:30 PM**  
Homeschooling Adopted Children  
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**Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM**  
Homeschooling Large Families  
**Saturday 4:30-5:30 PM**  
STEM

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# STRIKE GROUP Experience

Now's your chance to sail on an aircraft carrier — the Strike Group is here at the AFHE Convention! Play our new virtual reality game All Hands, explore the latest Navy tech, learn about Navy missions around the world, and chat with real Sailors.

This immersive experience in the Exhibit Hall will allow you to **earn badges, try your hand at simulations and challenges, and learn about STEM careers.**

Come to the Strike Group area in the Exhibit Hall and *sign up for free* to go through the Strike Group Experience.

Adults and kids are welcome! See you there!



# HERITAGE OF FREEDOM!

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### Activity Fair

6:30-7:30 PM

- Play games with friends
- Enter the prize raffle
- Learn a historical dance
- Try rope-making & knot-tying
- Visit with historical re-enactors
- Try a building challenge
- Learn about eagles
- ... more fun stuff!

### Special Features on the Ballroom Stage

7:30-8:30 PM

- Honor our flag
- Enjoy a sing-along
- Hear live musical performances
- Listen to special speakers
- Meet a figure from America's history

*...and join with the homeschool community to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America's independence!*



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## SPONSOR WORKSHOPS

<b>Abeka</b> Amy Yohe <i>You're Not Failing</i>	Friday, 10:30 AM, Room 166
<b>HSLDA</b> Carla Fuller <i>Developing a High School Plan</i>	Saturday, 10:30 AM Room 158-159
<b>The Nectar Group</b> Tori Wilson <i>Teaching Your Neurodiverse Mini-Me</i>	Saturday, 1:00 PM Room 150-151

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# WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

**Friday, July 17, 2026**

**Keynote Session 8:30-10:00 AM**

**Don't Flinch: Parenting with Conviction in a World of Compromise**

**Heidi St. John** | Keynote / Ballroom

In a culture that rewards silence and punishes conviction, it's easy for parents to second-guess what they know is true. But your kids don't need a hesitant voice—they need a steady one. In this bold and practical message, Heidi St. John calls parents to stand firm without becoming harsh, to speak truth without fear, and to lead their families with clarity, courage, and grace. You'll learn how to hold the line in a shifting culture while still winning your child's heart—because raising strong kids starts with parents who refuse to flinch.

**Friday 10:30-11:30 AM**

**Socialism: Its Real History from Plato to the Present (Counterfeit Christianity Which Ends in Dictatorship)**

**William J. Federer** | Ballroom

SOCIALISM: the dream of an ideal society. Is it a wonderful "utopia" or a totalitarian nightmare? Will everything be free or will deep-state bureaucrats decide who gets what? Is there a difference between socialism and communism? Did the Pilgrims really attempt "a communistic plan of life"? This session will provide a brief history of socialism, its roots, and modern expressions of this damaging ideology, revealing why socialism's promises always end in dictatorship and disaster.

**Help! My Child Won't Sit**

**Sarah Collins** | 150-151

**HOMESCHOOLING SPECIAL LEARNERS**

"1-2-3 Eyes on Me!" Most of us were told we weren't taking in information unless we were showing it with our whole bodies. However, many children need to move to learn. This workshop will delve into the times that children benefit from sitting and how to engage our moving, wiggly learners.

**Introduction to Worldview**

**Jay Winslow** | 152-154

**TEEN PROGRAM**

Teen Program session. Check in at 10:15 AM.

**No Longer Little**

**Hal & Melanie Young** | 155-157

**FAITH & FAMILY**

The turmoil of the tween/preteen years between nine and thirteen usually catches parents by surprise. Diligent students

become addled and distracted. Kids raised in church start questioning the existence of God. Sweet children seem to climb on an emotional rollercoaster—and then invite you to join them. Don't get a ticket for that ride! Instead, learn to resist the temptation to lose it yourself and to shepherd our children through this challenging age at this funny and all-too-real workshop—and lay a foundation to make the teen years great!

**Homeschooling High School**

**Carrie De Francisco** | 158-159

**HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND**

How is a transcript created? What constitutes a high school credit? What is needed to earn a diploma? What about college? Homeschooling high school is easier than you think. The key to successfully homeschooling high school is to start with the end in mind. It is never too early to start praying about high school and looking ahead. Use the high school years to discern God's purpose and plan for your teen's life. In this session, Carrie explains what is required, gives tips on meeting those requirements in creative ways, and encourages the most fearful moms that homeschooling through high school is not only doable but can be enjoyable too!

**Kids Who Learn Differently and the Parents Who Want Answers**

**Deahdra-Lynn Atencio** | 160

Teaching math can be tough, especially when your child learns differently. Whether your child has a learning difference, struggles with math anxiety, or simply doesn't grasp math the traditional way, you're not alone. In this encouraging and practical workshop, you'll discover strategies that truly work for kids who need a different approach. Learn how to teach in ways that build real understanding, reduce anxiety, and foster confidence. With the right tools and support, success is not only possible—it's within reach. Come gain insight, encouragement, and a clear path forward for your child's learning journey.

**Fostering a Growth Mindset: Building Cooperation, Motivation, and Resilience in Your Children**

**Carla Fuller** | 161

Because learning is a complex (and sometimes difficult) process, mindset is everything. The foundation of all successful learning is built on what a young person believes about themselves, their capabilities, and the applicability of what they are learning. This workshop will explore the parenting, teaching, and communication strategies that contribute to a healthy growth mindset in children, teens, and parents, with the goal of building cooperation, motivation, and forward movement in the homeschool environment.

**AI and Your Homeschool**

**Nancy Manos** | 162-163

AI isn't going away—so how do we use it wisely in our homeschooling? This workshop combines biblical principles with practical applications to help you evaluate when and how to use AI tools effectively. From meal planning to personalized learning support and so much more, discover how AI can serve your family without compromising your values. Learn to identify helpful applications, avoid common pitfalls, and teach your children to navigate an AI-driven world with wisdom and discernment.

**Instilling Patriotism: Homeschool Edition**

**Colene Lewis** | 164

Learn to draw your children into understanding and loving our unique American history. Your strategy: pairing books with exploration! Discover how to find a few great (quality & content) books your whole family will love that encourage understanding and appreciation for our history and system of government. In addition, you will hear about adding just a couple of simple activities such as games, crafts, or dramatization/play that will solidify the learning in a fun way! These books and activities can be easily added to your curriculum and can work for ALL ages.

**Homeschooling 101**

**Brandee & Roy Gillham** | 165

**STARTING SMART**

Homeschooling 101 is a nuts-and-bolts workshop designed to equip families with practical tools and biblical clarity for their homeschooling journey. This session begins with developing a clear vision for your homeschool and understanding teaching from a biblical worldview rather than a secular one. We'll explore how to inspire a love of learning, while addressing common questions about socialization, patience, and finances. You'll gain guidance on curriculum choices, handling toddlers, and supporting struggling learners. We will cover helpful supplies to have on hand, setting up an effective schedule, and making wise use of space in your home. Finally, we'll discuss meaningful ways dads can be actively involved in homeschooling.

**You're Not Failing**

**Amy Yohe for Abeka** | 166

Many homeschool parents wrestle with unrealistic expectations, perfectionism, and the nagging fear of falling short. We're here to encourage you, offer practical tips to build your confidence, and remind you that just because you're struggling doesn't mean you're failing.

**Multi-Age, Multi-Grade Without Mom Losing Her Mind**

**BiblioPlan** | Pavilion 1

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Mindy Brouse is a homeschooling mom of six. Her engaging style is one of humor coupled with practicality. She uses a Classical and Charlotte Mason eclectic model in her homeschool. Come to this entertaining session to learn about BiblioPlan curriculum as well as tips and tricks for teaching across multi-age levels.

**God's Design for Marital Roles**

**LifeStone Ministries** | Pavilion 2

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** In a world full of confusion about marriage, God's Word offers clarity, purpose, and peace. This session invites you to rediscover God's blueprint for marriage. We'll explore what God's masculinity and femininity look like and why that matters. We'll look at why God has given husbands and wives distinct roles and how they work together to create a strong, unified marriage.

**Raising Our Sons and Daughters to Live Honorably**

**The Etiquette Factory** | Pavilion 3

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Today, we need men and women who live with integrity, compassion, kindness and truth. We need fearless leaders who have grit and are not afraid to stand up and do what is right. How do we raise such people? Come and listen to master motivator, Monica Irvine, help you learn invaluable lessons that can change your child's trajectory. Come!

**11:45 AM-12:45 PM**

**Lunchtime Exhibitor Workshops**

**Bring Your Kids Together, Simplify Your School Day**

**Schoolhouse Discoveries** | Pavilion 1

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** The family-style approach is a great option for gathering kids of various ages and learning style preferences to simplify your school day, save sanity, and help children discover and ignite their curiosity. Through this workshop, learn easy and creative ways to bring your kids together while weaving their interests into core subjects.

**Irlen Syndrome-Turning Visual Stress into Success**

**OT4life LLC** | Pavilion 2

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Irlen Syndrome is a brain-based visual processing difference causing words to blur or move, light sensitivity, and headaches. The Irlen Method uses colored overlays and lenses to reduce visual stress, improving reading comprehension, comfort, and performance for children and adults. A simple screening can turn visual stress into success.

**Kitchen Success Science Plus LEGO Physics**

**Beakers & Bricks, LLC** | Pavilion 3

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Discover everyday useful science where kids explore Food Science—turning everyday cooking into a creative, confidence-building adventure. Plus, Dale's LEGO®-powered physics courses teach mechanical principles through hands-on play, helping students grasp real-world tools and machines with ease. K-12.

**Friday 1:00-2:00 PM**

**Restore the Story: Reclaiming God's Beautiful Design for Marriage and Family**

**Heidi St John** | Ballroom

In a culture that is redefining truth, identity, and family, it's easy to feel disoriented—even discouraged. In Restore the Story, Heidi St. John calls men and women back to God's original design, where hope, freedom and joy are found. With biblical

conviction and real-world application, Heidi powerfully challenges the confusion of our day and equips believers to reclaim truth in their homes and communities. There is hope for what's been distorted—and a way forward that honors God. It's time to restore the story—and live it with courage.

### Homeschooling With Dyslexia: It's a Gift!

**Carrie De Francisco** | 150-151

#### HOMESCHOOLING SPECIAL LEARNERS

Did your child have a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad (homeschooling) day... again? If you have a child who struggles with school work, struggles to read, and/or struggles to concentrate, then you probably have had more than a few of these kinds of days. Whether your child is dyslexic, has attention issues, or is just a late bloomer, homeschooling moms often feel like they are either not doing enough or not doing things the right way. Dyslexia is not a deficiency; it is a gift (even though it may not feel like it at times). Kids with dyslexia learn differently, so they need to be taught differently. In this session, Carrie shares the struggles, challenges, triumphs, and miracles she experienced homeschooling her dyslexic child as well as teaching strategies that can be used with your struggling student.

#### The Excellent Life

**Dell Cook** | 152-154

#### TEEN PROGRAM

Teen Program session.

### Answers to What Worries You About Homeschooling

**Hal & Melanie Young** | 155-157

#### FAITH & FAMILY

So maybe you're considering homeschooling, or maybe you're new at it—but you've still got questions, concerns, even uneasiness. Will they get into college? Can they find a job? Will they have any friends? What about sports? What if they have special needs? Will I still be able to work? Will we be weird? Hal and Melanie have homeschooled their eight children from the beginning; come hear their first-hand experience all of these issues!

### High School is Actually the Best Part of Homeschooling

**Nicki Truesdell** | 158-159

#### HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND

High school at home is scary. (Think: science experiments and research papers!) But don't let the fear of academics cause you to miss the most important part: our last few years of discipleship. The teen years are vital preparation for adulthood, and we have the privilege of walking with our teens daily through these important years. While they navigate friendships, social media, current events, and their future plans, your chief role is that of mentor. Don't give that role up to others out of fear of academics! Nicki will walk you through the benefits of high school at home, choosing curriculum and outside classes, and making the most of these years.

### Master the Art of Interactive Learning: Patriotic Edition

**Heather Haupt** | 160

#### HANDS-ON TUTORIAL; TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED

Discover how to blend creative crafting and movement-rich learning in this master class workshop. You'll leave with proven

techniques for integrating hands-on activities that make history, science, and literature come alive for students of all ages. Ticket purchase required for each attendee.

### Five Lies Your Homeschooled Kids Will Believe Unless You Do Something

**Elizabeth Urbanowicz** | 161

Homeschooling offers a remarkable opportunity to ground our children in the truth. Yet if we are not intentional during the early years, our children will easily fall prey to the lies of our culture, even within the walls of our homes. Come explore five common lies that are targeting our children and learn how to wisely and biblically combat them.

### The Thriving Homeschool: Laying a Foundation that Lasts

**Rhonda Robinson** | 162-163

Homeschooling isn't just about doing school at home—it's about cultivating a family culture where learning, faith, and character grow together. In this foundational session, Rhonda offers encouragement and wisdom alongside practical next steps. Come discover how to write your "why" and let it shape your homeschool vision and educational philosophy. Learn the secret power of the one-room schoolhouse model, and why confidence doesn't come from credentials, but from clarity and calling.

### Escape Homeschool Burnout for Good

**Adelaide Olguin** | 164

You imagined your homeschool would feel full of purpose, connection, and joy—but now it feels like a constant struggle. Between outside pressures, self-imposed expectations, and resistance from your kids, you're overwhelmed, exhausted, and wondering how things got so far off track. This isn't what you signed up for... and it's definitely not what you dreamed. This workshop is your turning point. You'll walk away with a completely personalized homeschool model—crafted by you and for you—that brings clarity, energy, and joy back into your days. If you've been waiting for the moment everything changes, this is it.

### Project-Based Learning

**Dr. Seann Dikkers** | 165

#### STARTING SMART

Tired of worksheets and endless reviews and tests? Is your child generally sick of school? Have you ever wondered, "Why are we learning this?" It may be time to try an entirely different and very effective approach: project-based learning (PBL). Meet with the lead designer of Portals Project Based Curriculum to learn more about PBL, the research behind it, and how to get started in a few minutes. This session covers an overview, what makes PBL effective, how it has helped traditional homeschoolers stand out, and how it can be a part of every subject area.

### Starting Now: Raising the Next Generation of Freedom Champions

**Zan Tyler** | 166

The freedom your homeschool enjoys today didn't happen by accident. It was fought for and protected by families who showed up, prayed hard, and refused to quit. And it won't be preserved from the sidelines. Now it's your turn. Drawing on forty years of advocacy and her own journey from the threat of jail to legislative victory, Zan Tyler shows how everyday families

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### Playful Learning & Gradual Release: Building Confident, Engaged Homeschoolers

Arise AZ | Pavilion 1

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Discover how to blend playful, engaging learning with the Gradual Release Method to build confidence and independence. Learn simple routines, modeling strategies, and low-prep activities that boost motivation, strengthen understanding, and make homeschool lessons meaningful, effective, and enjoyable for both you and your child.

### The Trades Are Calling: a Blueprint for Success!

True North Academy | Pavilion 2

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** America faces a trades crisis, and homeschoolers can help fill the gap. Discover how your teen can earn an associate degree in high school, gain trade certifications, and graduate career-ready—combining strong academics with hands-on skills for meaningful, well-paid work without college debt.

### EZ+1: IEW's Step-by-Step Teaching Method

Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW) | Pavilion 3

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Teaching students to write well is possible and enjoyable! Learn how to use IEW's effective approach for reluctant writers, gifted students, and everyone in between. Using a clear pathway for incremental skill progression, IEW's Structure and Style® writing method instills confidence and builds competence in writing for all students.

Friday 2:30-3:30 PM

### Islam's Rise and Its Impact on Western Civilization

William J. Federer | Ballroom

Islam has affected the western world from 622 AD to today's headlines, and even the earliest days of our nation were shaped by Islam's ideology of perpetual conquest. Bill Federer outlines this rise—including three significant interruptions—to highlight the lessons of history we should understand for the sake of our nation's future.

### Calm Minds, Bright Futures: Reducing Anxiety to Boost Academic Performance

Tori Wilson | 150-151

#### HOMESCHOOLING SPECIAL LEARNERS

Anxiety can directly impact learning, and difficulties with learning can be a significant source of anxiety for children. Many students find themselves in a vicious cycle where anxiety and learning difficulties fuel each other. In this workshop, we'll help you understand this relationship and, most importantly, how to quell anxiety and improve learning for good! Participants will learn how anxiety impacts your child's learning, problems that commonly occur with anxiety, and how anxiety can manifest. Come find resources for treatment and supporting your child.

### The Image of the Logos (Part 1)

Jay Winslow | 152-154

#### TEEN PROGRAM

Teen Program session. Return at 2:15 PM.

### Are You Making These Mistakes In Your Bible Instruction?

Elizabeth Urbanowicz | 155-157

#### FAITH & FAMILY

Homeschooled kids typically receive significantly more Bible instruction than their peers. But it is easy to make big mistakes in such instruction that push our children away from Christianity, rather than leading them to the truth. Come explore several



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common mistakes we make in our Bible instruction, as well as how to avoid such mistakes and lead our children to handle God's word rightly.

### Coaching Your Student Through the High School Journey

Gretchen Roe | 158-159

#### HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND

High school should definitely be where you choose to continue your student's homeschool journey. Gretchen Roe has prepared a wealth of information regarding transcripts, goal-setting, and coordinating your student's post-high school experiences.

### Ideas for Hands-On Learning

Nancy Manos | 160

#### HANDS-ON TUTORIAL; TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED

What better way to learn about hands-on learning than by doing it yourself? In this special make-and-take version of her popular workshop, Nancy will guide you through creating your own sample activities to take home as inspiration—while sharing easy-to-implement, inexpensive, engaging ideas for children of all ages. Do you lack creativity but want to make learning fun and engaging for your kids? Come get inspired and leave with hands-on ideas you can use right away in your homeschool—without a huge investment of time, energy, or resources. Children are welcome to attend with their parents. Ticket purchase required for each attendee.

### Transitioning from School to Homeschool: 10 Tips from a Seasoned Homeschool Mom

Pam Spinker | 161

Are you shifting from public school to homeschool? Are you at a loss, confused, and overwhelmed at how to homeschool? Do you worry you can't possibly do what teachers do? Or provide your child with the same quality of education? I get it! That was me a little over 20 years ago. I've made mistakes and learned a lot from them since then. Let's chat about what it looks like to transition from the public school to homeschool.

### It Doesn't Take Twelve Years to Educate a Child

Nicki Truesdell | 162-163

It does not take 12 years to educate a child. Did you know that the 12-year school model is relatively new? Through the first three centuries of America's history, children were educated in the home and in various non-compulsory methods. Free markets were allowed to flourish, Christianity was valued in the home and in the community, the principles of freedom were tested and passed, and the age of progress was explosive. So why do we copy a system that was artificially created to produce "standardized" graduates? K-12 did not make America great. It was literally parents who understood that education is discipline and that the family is the nursery of the nation.

### Teach a Foreign Language—Even If You Don't Speak One

Adelaide Olguin | 164

Think you need to be fluent to teach your kids another language? Think again! In this eye-opening workshop, you'll discover how to become a Fluency Family—using a foreign language in your real, everyday homeschool life from day one. You'll learn what fluency actually is (and what it's not), how to avoid the three biggest mistakes that keep families stuck, and the eight pitfalls that quietly sabotage your child's motivation. Whether you're teaching preschoolers, teens, or everything in between, you'll leave with the confidence and tools to finally move beyond flashcards and grammar drills—and start using a foreign language with your family every single day.

### Science of Reading VS Sight Word Memorization: Reading & Spelling Can Be Fun!

Aimee Eucce | 165

#### STARTING SMART

Why does one method leave kids frustrated while the other unlocks lasting success? You'll discover how playful, science-backed strategies can turn reading and spelling from a daily struggle into something your kids actually enjoy. Come ready to rethink what you thought you knew—and leave with tools that make learning click.



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Keynote Session 8:30-10:00 AM

**Homeschooling, the Key to Saving American Self-Government****William J. Federer** | Ballroom

Two hundred fifty years ago, Americans broke away from the most powerful king in history. Where did the founders get their idea for republican self-government? They looked to the Hebrew Republic: the first 400 years after leaving Egypt, when they had no king. During that time, Ancient Israel became the first literate populace in history due to the advent and development of the Hebrew alphabet. Centuries later during the Reformation with the invention of the printing press, a similar explosion of literacy made it commonplace for children to be taught to read. We will discover how this biblical education of children became—and continues to be—a foundation of the freedom we enjoy today.

Saturday 10:30-11:30 AM

**Homeschooling Held Hostage****Heidi St John** | Ballroom

In the past twenty years, we've seen a lot of changes in the homeschool community. There is much more pressure being put on homeschoolers to excel academically. We've gone from a few brave moms who, without access to mainstream "curriculum", managed to give their children an excellent education—but we've forgotten what made it excellent. It was excellent because these moms had a vision for homeschooling. If you're struggling to find joy in your calling as a homeschooling parent, if you're looking for more LIFE in your homeschool, this is one workshop you won't want to miss. Join Heidi as she talks about her journey away from curriculum-driven, workbook-based homeschooling and into delight-directed learning. What she learned will bless and inspire you.

**Dyslexia, ADHD, Autism & More: Learn To Read & Spell WITH CONFIDENCE!****Aimee Eucce** | 150-151**HOMESCHOOLING SPECIAL LEARNERS**

Discover the tried-and-true strategies that can transform how your exceptional learner engages with their education. Say goodbye to frustration and hello to progress! Backed by the latest neuroscience, it's actually much easier than you think! Taught by a second-generation homeschool mom who struggled with Dyslexia, an Auditory Processing Delay, and ADHD, who is now teaching her neurodivergent kids ... these are lessons learned from the trenches!

**The Image of the Logos (Part 2)****Jay Winslow** | 152-154**TEEN PROGRAM**

Teen Program session. Begin at 10:15 AM.

**The Problem of Pain****Dell Cook** | 152-154**TEEN PROGRAM**

Teen Program session. Return at 3:45 PM.

**Relax Your Homeschool for Academic Success****Hal & Melanie Young** | 155-157**FAITH & FAMILY**

Is it possible to have well-educated kids without drowning in a sea of drudgery? All six of Hal & Melanie's homeschool graduates were offered academic scholarships to great colleges, even though, (once Melanie got her feet under her) they've been very relaxed homeschoolers. Learn the difference between learning and schooling—hear what's important that you get done and what's not! This workshop will lift your burdens and free you up to enjoy these years with your children and prepare them well for their future.

**Hypergraphia Genius: Good Notes = Good Grades****Jean Burk** | 158-159**HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND**

If you are not note-taking you are not learning! In a world of ever-changing technology, students must acquire the art of effective note-taking to carry them throughout life. Learn why you should trust the weakest pen over your strongest memory for high school and beyond. Perfect the art of writing to remember with proven techniques. Discover mind-mapping, code-words and pop-culture referencing. Easily organize class notes to best retain valuable information for greater academic success. Parents and students alike are invited to this highly practical session!

**Lesson Plans that Fit Real Life: A Simple Framework for Success****Rhonda Robinson** | 160

In this practical session, Rhonda shares her approach to lesson planning—designed for real life and real kids. She reveals her proven method for crafting a yearlong plan that builds in margin, invites teachable moments, and keeps you from ever feeling "behind," no matter what life throws your way. You'll learn how to break big-picture goals into manageable daily routines, smart ways to streamline teaching across multiple ages, and how to plan around your family's natural rhythm to create more freedom.

**Exceptional Kids – What's a Parent to Do?****Gretchen Roe** | 161

We all think our children are unique, but are they exceptional? Exceptional could mean that they taught themselves to read at four or they are not reading independently at ten. How do you, as a parent, reach your differently-wired kid and help them succeed without losing your mind in the process? Join Gretchen Roe for an interactive conversation about how to sort learning differences and set expectations that will help your child thrive.

**Raising Warriors****Brandee Gillham** | 162-163

How do we disciple our children? What practical steps can we take to make sure that the work we are doing within the walls of our home will make an impact in the world outside of those walls? We will discuss how to teach our children to listen, trust, and obey us as we prepare them for a lifetime of faithfully

walking with Christ. Let's learn together how to raise warriors who are trained to put on the full armor of God. We will never regret the time we invest in our children.

**Knowing and Being Known: Implementing Charlotte Mason's Educational Principles in the Home****Cara Williams** | 164

This workshop takes a practical look at implementing Charlotte Mason's methods at home. We will walk through her principles and then discuss different ways to use those principles in practice. This workshop is perfect for parents who are just beginning on their homeschool journey or are simply interested in finding out more about how the Charlotte Mason method works.

**Cultivating Curiosity****Heather Haupt** | 165**STARTING SMART**

Come explore ways to cultivate the engine of education: curiosity. Learn how to grow the love of learning in your children that will bear the long-term fruit of academic excellence, strong family relationships, and independent learning. This developmentally appropriate, holistic approach to real-life learning can relieve stress for both parent and child, as well as bring joy to your homeschool and family life beginning in the crucial early years.

**Set the Math Worksheets Aside: Let's Play Games****Deahdra-Lynn Atencio** | 166

Set the boring worksheets aside and say hello to joyful learning through games! In this fun-filled workshop, you'll discover how simple math card games can make math something your child actually looks forward to. These games are powerful tools for teaching and reinforcing key concepts like addition, multiplication, and fractions. They encourage critical thinking, build number sense, and allow kids of all ages and abilities to learn together. Games turn solitary work into a social, interactive experience that boosts math skills and infuses learning with laughter and joy.

**Helping Kids Play, Grow, and Thrive Every Day!****Way to Grow Pediatric Therapy** | Pavilion 1

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Discover how Occupational, Speech, Feeding, Dyslexia, and Safe & Sound Protocol therapies can support your homeschool journey! Learn practical tools to help your child thrive in focus, learning, communication, and regulation! All in a supportive, family-centered environment.

**Creating a Culture of Reading in the Home****Lit League** | Pavilion 2

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** In this workshop, we will empower families to foster a love of reading within the home. The workshop will provide practical tips as well as out-of-the-box ideas for how to get even reluctant readers regularly engaged with books.

**Teaching Kids to Think for Themselves****Tuttle Twins** | Pavilion 3

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Discover the world of Tuttle Twins books and programs in this inspiring workshop! Learn how to encourage your kids to think critically, question everything, and understand the ideas of freedom and responsibility—leaving you empowered to raise confident, independent thinkers.

**Pastors Huddle****Dr. Seann Dikkers** | 166

Are you in leadership at your church? What is your church doing to raise and protect families from a schooling culture that is seeking to undermine basic Christian values? How can church leadership support home education and other options within the same congregation? Can and should the Church be motivating and supporting parents to pull kids out of government schools? Dr. Dikkers (also Pastor Seann) comes from a unique background as an education researcher, church lead pastor, and a homeschooling parent of two. He'll be leading this session with a few thoughts, easy tools and resources for churches, and an open conversation for church leaders to discuss how to be a supportive church for home education and other Christian options.

**Humility and Conviction: Preparing Christian Children to Live and Learn Well after Homeschool****Arizona Christian University** | Pavilion 1

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Life in the real world will challenge your children's beliefs, principles, and ideas. Consider how you can raise children who courageously stand on their convictions without suppressing an open-minded desire to learn and grow.

**History with Games and the Socratic Discussion****Classical Historian** | Pavilion 2

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** 34-year classroom and home school teacher John De Gree will explain how to teach k-12 patriotic history, civics, government, and economics in the home school and in co-ops using games and the Socratic discussion. Learn how history education can be fun, engaging, and exciting.

**Modify the Curriculum and Routine, Not the Child****BJU Press Homeschool** | Pavilion 3

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Are you struggling to navigate through your current curriculum? Is your current approach falling short of your expectations or goals? Discover strategies for adapting assignments and activities from any curriculum for a more tailored educational experience. Learn techniques for adjusting your routine for your child's needs.

Friday 4:00-5:00 PM

**The Sensory Balanced Mom****Sarah Collins** | 150-151**HOMESCHOOLING SPECIAL LEARNERS**

As homeschool parents, we constantly prioritize our children's well-being, including their sensory needs. We often wonder about the factors influencing their ability to sit and focus, their clothing preferences, and food choices. However, it's crucial to recognize that our own sensory needs play a significant role in shaping theirs. In this insightful seminar we will explore all eight sensory systems, then provide practical tips and strategies to enhance our own sensory regulation, creating a positive trickle-down effect on our kids. Together, we'll learn how to foster a nurturing environment that supports sensory growth and overall well-being for all. Don't miss this unique opportunity to empower yourself as a homeschool parent and boost your child's sensory development!

**The Secret to Sanity: Habits that Shape Hearts and Homes****Rhonda Robinson** | 155-157**FAITH & FAMILY**

In this workshop, Rhonda shares how simple, consistent habits shape a homeschool far more than rigid schedules or the perfect curriculum. Drawing on nearly three decades of experience, she helps parents build peaceful homeschools and meaningful routines—one small habit at a time. Attendees will discover five foundational habits that support both learning and sanity, the hidden power of consistency in anchoring your home life, and how to train your children in responsibility using fun activities.

**Developing a High School Plan****Carla Fuller** | 158-159**HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND**

The idea of homeschooling through high school can be very intimidating, but countless parents have done so joyfully and successfully. In this session, you will discover how you can create an educational plan for your high school student that is achievable and that can pave the way to their future endeavors, whether that be employment, the military, college, trade school, or entrepreneurship.

**Speak Up, Stand Out: Speech and Debate Skills for Lifelong Success****Alicia Wood** | 160

Speak Up, Stand Out is an encouraging introduction for parents who want to equip their children with strong communication, critical thinking, and leadership skills through speech and debate. This workshop will show you how to get your family involved in values-based, family-friendly tournaments. Don't be intimidated by the idea of public speaking because this workshop will show how speech and debate can help your children grow in confidence, think clearly, and speak with impact—both in competition and in life.

**How the Left Hijacked Education in America****Larry Schweikart** | 161

America's education system, starting with country schoolhouses and the imposing colleges that today we know as Harvard and Yale, was originally grounded in Christianity. Almost all the early universities were founded by religious denominations. But by the late 1800s, the "German School" began to introduce the separation of facts and values, or "value free" education. Do you know about the events following World War II that caused academia and education to swing radically toward the Left? Come hear the fascinating history of how American education at all levels became committed to criticizing American culture and society, ironically dominated by "tolerance" without regard to fact or perspective.

**Homeschooling a Houseful****Hal & Melanie Young** | 162-163

Sometimes homeschooling feels like a plate-spinning act and you wonder how in the world you are going to meet everyone's needs. The baby needs to be changed, the toddler is playing in the toilet, your high schooler is impatiently waiting for you to help with his biology experiment, and two other children say, "I can't do anything else without you, Mom." Melanie Young,

mother of eight, shares encouragement and ideas for how to keep all of those plates spinning without your life spinning out of control. Learn about raising independent learners, keeping the household moving, and making sure the little ones get enough attention and love.

**Designed by God: Anatomy Through a Biblical Worldview****Brandee Gillham** | 164

The more intricately we explore human anatomy and physiology, the more obvious creation by God becomes. The more scientific research discovers about the function of the human body, the more God's planned, intelligent design is revealed. Up until the late 18th century, the purpose of science was seen as a direct search for God. Join Brandee for a look at the specific anatomical structures and functions of the human body that point us directly to the Creator Himself—God!

**Am I Doing This Right?****Nicki Truesdell** | 165**STARTING SMART**

Taking complete control of your child's education can be daunting sometimes. Especially if it's your first year. There's a panicky feeling that prompts us to ask if we are doing it right, if we will damage our kids, if we are teaching enough. While the world pushes the lie that only a public school education could adequately prepare children for the real world, Nicki wants to walk you through the deeper truths behind Christian home education. Yes, you can prepare your kids for the adult world, and more importantly, for eternity.

**Hispanic Homeschoolers Meet-Up session****Caridad Legere, Facilitator** | 166

Do you have questions, ideas, or concerns about homeschooling? This is the perfect space to share them and receive direct answers from parents with valuable homeschooling experience. You will hear diverse perspectives from parents who have been on the journey for many years. You will take away valuable information that will inspire you to continue homeschooling. Don't just listen; be part of the conversation!

¿Tienes dudas, ideas o inquietudes sobre la educación en casa?

Este es el espacio perfecto para compartirlas y recibir respuestas directas de padres con experiencias valiosas sobre la educación en casa. Escucharás perspectivas diversas de padres que han recorrido el camino por varios años. Te llevarás valiosa información que te inspirará a continuar educando en casa. ¡No sólo escuches, sé parte de la conversación!

**How to Make Academic Writing Easier for Kids****The Baran Method: Writing for Success** | Pavilion 1

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** For many students, academic writing is frustrating. This workshop introduces a simple, color-based method that helps kids organize and structure their ideas on the page. You'll leave with practical tools you can use right away to help your child write clearly, confidently, and successfully.

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**Unlock the Puzzle with RightStart Math****RightStart Math** | Pavilion 2

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Have you heard the buzz about RightStart Math? Come hear about our philosophy and what sets us apart from other programs. We teach children that a real mathematical problem is like a puzzle, that math is more than memorization, and that math is fun. Come and learn what's special about our math curriculum!

**Work at Home as a Medical Transcriptionist****The Medical Transcription Service** | Pavilion 3

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** There's a huge demand for good medical transcriptionists. It's a great job for teens or adults, part- or full-time. Discover a step-by-step guide to what medical transcription is, medical transcription versus medical billing & coding, earning potential, equipment needed, the reports we transcribe, and more.

**Lunchtime Exhibitor Workshops**  
 11:45 AM-12:45 PM
**Technology and Children: Sobering Statistics and Simple Safeguards****Children's Health Defense - Arizona** | 166

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Valeri Marsh, veteran homeschool mom, award-winning speaker, and Director of Children's Health Defense AZ, reveals what families need to know about wireless radiation—from cell phones and home routers to neighborhood towers. Learn simple, practical ways to reduce exposure and create a safer home and community.

**Why Teach Entrepreneurship?****Futurepreneur** | Pavilion 1

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Discover how integrating entrepreneurship into your homeschool curricula builds creativity, confidence, and critical thinking. Learn practical ways to teach budgeting, marketing, and problem-solving skills that prepare your child for a successful and purposeful future.

**Hidden Clues to Solving Speech Issues and Beyond****West Valley Speech Therapy** | Pavilion 2

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Speech sound errors, mouth breathing, messy eating, snoring, and dental issues may all signal that your child's mouth needs retraining to function properly. Discover how Orofacial Myofunctional therapy can improve speaking, eating, breathing, and sleeping. Help your child feel and function their best!

**High School Reimagined: Success After Graduation****Smarter by 1 Degree** | Pavilion 3

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Rethink high school with a purposeful, mastery-based approach that frees time for career exploration, leadership, life skills, and volunteering. Students build confidence, independence, and critical thinking while preparing for real-world success after graduation.

## 11:45 AM (Leader Lunch)

**Six Traits for Homeschool Leadership****Joe & Zan Tyler** | Room 160

**Please note special start time! Session open to all leaders of homeschool groups** Our nation's founding fathers and pioneers left us a rich legacy to consider as we teach our children to value and preserve liberty. Zan and Joe Tyler discuss the lessons we can learn from our history as we determine what type of legacy we need to leave for those who follow us. Topics include six traits of servant leaders, what it takes to fill the leadership gap, and how not to alienate your spouse or children while working to encourage other homeschool families. You'll learn ways to effectively incorporate your children in your efforts so that leadership becomes a mission that unites your family rather than tearing it apart.

## Saturday 12:30 PM

**Leave the Homeschool Room. Travel the World.****Adelaide Olguin** | 164

**Please note special start time!** What if travel wasn't just a dream, but one of the most impactful parts of your homeschool? In this energizing, practical workshop, we'll tackle the seven biggest roadblocks that keep homeschool families from traveling—including money, fear, scheduling, and logistics—and show you how each one can be solved. You'll learn how to use points and perks to unlock thousands of dollars in free travel, create learning-rich experiences for every age, and make travel doable for your real family. If you've ever dreamed of turning the world into your classroom, this workshop shows you where to begin.

## Saturday 1:00–2:00 PM

**Close for Life: Parenting Beyond the Finish Line****Heidi St John** | Ballroom

What happens after the curfews end and the kids leave home? For many parents, the finish line of childhood feels more like a beginning than an end. In this honest and hope-filled message, Heidi St. John invites you to rethink your role—not as a manager of behavior, but as a lifelong shepherd of the heart. Discover how to build trust, maintain influence, and cultivate meaningful relationships with your adult children rooted in grace, truth, and mutual respect. Because the goal was never just to raise independent kids—it was to stay close for life.

**Teaching Your Neurodiverse Mini-Me****Tori Wilson** | 150-151**HOMESCHOOLING SPECIAL LEARNERS**

Homeschooling children with learning difficulties can be challenging for all parents, especially if you also struggle with learning challenges such as dyslexia or ADHD. Many learning disabilities are hereditary, so parents often find themselves teaching children who share their learning difficulties. The great news is that neuroscience has taught us not only how to be better teachers with these issues but also how to change and rewire the brain to overcome learning challenges, regardless of the age of the child or the parent. Come learn about the amazing, malleable brain and how to harness neuroplasticity to help your child learn and reach their full potential.

**Courageous Christianity: Young Believers Who Changed the World****William J. Federer** | 152-154**OPEN TO ALL TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS**

Did you know modern Olympics were inspired by the Muscular Christianity movement, as was the game of rugby? Were you aware basketball, volleyball, racquetball, softball, body-building, sportsmanship, and swimming lessons were pioneered by Y.M.C.A. trainers and used as evangelism outreach tools to bring youth to Christ around the globe? Young people devoted to honoring God and spreading the gospel have always been used by God to impact the world! This session is open for all teens and young adults to attend; no teen program registration required.

**Teaching Kids to Trust God When Life Gets Hard****Elizabeth Urbanowicz** | 155-157**FAITH & FAMILY**

Life is hard. It's a reality that none of us can avoid. Yet we often spend so much time trying to shield our children from inevitable hardships that we miss out on powerful opportunities to teach them to trust God through life's storms. Come explore practical ways to help our young children develop a biblical understanding of who God is and why they should trust Him when life gets hard.

**Nuts and Bolts of High School Record-Keeping****Nicole Haney** | 158-159**HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND**

Feeling apprehensive about homeschooling during high school and managing documentation? This session is for you. We'll talk about how to keep the records you will need to develop a high school transcript. We will discuss what qualifies as a credit and the types of courses that qualify for high school credit, including dual enrollment, AP, and CLEP Tests. Additionally, we will review course descriptions, grading, how to calculate a GPA, types of transcripts, and more. By the end of this session, you'll possess the tools necessary to feel assured in your ability to confidently support your child's homeschool high school diploma.

**Let's Get Loopy: Morning Time****Carrie De Francisco** | 160

Do you have a "When we have time, we will get to that" pile? In all honesty, do you ever really have time to get to that pile? It is time to finally get to that pile without overloading your already busy schedule! Adding a few loops to your schedule will make you loopy with joy! In this session, Carrie shares how to use a looping schedule to easily get to that "When we have time" pile. Using a loop schedule will help you finally include in your studies the beautiful things that feed your child's mind and soul, whatever those subjects might be.

**"At Least They're Reading" Isn't Enough****Nicki Truesdell** | 161

It's no secret that the literacy of Americans has taken a downward spiral in the last 100 years. Just compare the reading material from your own childhood to what's available today. There are so many books to choose from today that you can easily walk into a library and grab a huge stack of colorful children's books for your kids on a weekly basis. They may look enticing, and they may occupy your children happily. But are

they beautiful language for the mind? In this workshop, Nicki will give you tools to help your children choose the good stuff, no matter their reading level or interest!

**Embracing Risky Play in Homeschooling: Fostering Growth and Confidence****Sarah Collins** | 162-163

As homeschool parents, providing a well-rounded education for our children often means stepping outside the box. Led by an occupational therapist, former recreational therapist, and fellow homeschool mom, this workshop will delve into the concept of risky play—a crucial, yet often misunderstood, aspect of childhood development. Research divides risky play into eight different forms, all involving activities that allow children to experience a healthy amount of risk and challenge. These activities help children build confidence, resilience, and problem-solving skills, all of which are essential for their overall growth. Learn ways to adapt risky play for your child's unique abilities and limitations.

**Curriculum Approaches****Nancy Manos** | 165**STARTING SMART**

Feeling lost in homeschool jargon? Nancy breaks down the most common homeschooling approaches—from traditional textbook to Charlotte Mason to unit studies—making it easier to understand your options. Explore the pros and cons of each method to help you choose what works best for your family. Whether you're just starting out or looking to refine your approach, you'll gain practical insights and a helpful resource guide to support your curriculum decisions.

**The Next Name in the Toledoth****Dell Cook** | 166

Ever considered how your great-great-great-grandchildren are going to remember you? Come hear Dell Cook from the faculty of Worldview Academy illuminate how our thinking right now affects generations to come.

**Reconnecting and Growing in Your Marriage****OneFamily** | Pavilion 1

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Getting on the same page and connecting with your spouse can easily become an after thought with busy schedules. We will share 5 key ways to intentionally maintain and prioritize our marriage health.

**Stress-Free College Application – Is It Possible?****Cedarville University** | Pavilion 2

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** The college application process is frequently associated with stress and uncertainty, yet with thoughtful preparation it can be manageable and meaningful. Examine strategies for maintaining academic and extracurricular records for high school, understanding standardized test scores, and identifying institutions that reflect a student's values and future goals. The workshop will also explore how dual enrollment opportunities can distinguish applicants while providing an early academic advantage.

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### **Cultivating Confident Communicators**

**NCFA Christian Speech and Debate** | Pavilion 3

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** We are a nationwide competitive league dedicated to helping students learn real-world communication skills that equip them for life. Our students become confident orators and steadfast advocates for a biblical worldview. We will showcase how we empower our competitors to excel in competitive public speaking and everyday communication.

**Saturday 2:30-3:30 PM**

### **Backfired: How Freedom of Speech Has Been Hijacked and How to Restore It**

**William J. Federer** | Ballroom

We all know that the Constitution guarantees freedom of speech. But what, exactly, is it, and what is it for? You may think of high-profile modern scenarios such as flag burning, government censorship, or street preaching, but have you wondered where this constitutional guarantee originated—or possibly questioned why it feels like freedom of speech is actually diminishing? Understanding the answers to these questions is critical in order for us to properly value and preserve this sacred right.

### **What Is This “Function” You Speak of? Executive Functioning Skills!**

**Sarah Collins** | 150-151

#### **HOMESCHOOLING SPECIAL LEARNERS**

Executive Functioning is defined as “brain-based skills needed to effectively execute or perform tasks and solve problems.” As with most skills, there is a range; not everyone needs to complete the same tasks on a daily basis. But there must be a match between the environment, expectations, and abilities of a person. This class will define executive functional skills, explain why they can be hard for some people, and give helpful solutions to use the homeschool setting to help your children build these skills.

#### **Panel Discussion**

**Jay Winslow & Dell Cook** | 152-154

#### **TEEN PROGRAM**

Teen Program session. Return at 2:15 PM.

### **The Greenhouse Effect: Rooting Your Kids in Family and Faith**

**Rhonda Robinson** | 155-157

#### **FAITH & FAMILY**

Socialization isn't the goal—identity is. In this countercultural workshop, Rhonda helps parents rethink the modern obsession with peer approval and shows how homeschooling can cultivate grounded, confident, and compassionate kids. Based on her signature “Greenhouse Effect” analogy, this session will encourage and equip families to nurture spiritual and emotional strength at home. Attendees will learn what real social development looks like, and why homeschooling does it best. This session will equip you to create a home environment that fosters emotional intelligence, the highest predictor of success in life.

### **Teaching Boys to Love Reading and Writing**

**Hal & Melanie Young** | 158-159

#### **HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND**

So many parents ask, “Why doesn't my son enjoy reading? I want him to love it!” We look at ways to help your boys read better (because it's hard to love it when it's hard!), enjoy reading more, and find joy in stories and in research. Similarly, many boys struggle with writing. They complain that it's too hard, that they can't think of anything to write, that they don't know why they have to do it anyway. Hal & Melanie homeschooled their six boys all the way through high school, and they all eventually learned to love reading and writing. Their boys even won writing awards. You can pull it off, too!

### **Handicrafts: A Gift for All**

**Cara Williams** | 160

#### **HANDS-ON TUTORIAL; TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED**

In this workshop, we will experience how handicrafts enrich our lives and help us enrich the lives of those around us. One of the cornerstone handicrafts in the Charlotte Mason world is book binding, so in this session we will be “flower pounding” designs onto paper, which we will then bind into journals for each person to take home. Come see how versatile these handicrafts can be, while learning two lovely and practical crafts in one session! Simple handicrafts like these make a special contribution to our own education as well as our children's, holding a valuable, time-honored place in our homes and our lives. This workshop is geared toward parent educators to help them glean the most from the instruction in Charlotte Mason's philosophy of handicrafts. Ticket purchase required for each attendee.

### **Homeschooling in the Age of School Choice Funding**

**Michelle Jibben, Jeff Jibben, and Carol Shippy**  
**AFHE Government Affairs** | 161

In this session, we will explore the trends and impacts of taxpayer-funded private education. We will discuss school choice, educational freedom, current funding trends, and the risks funding introduces to the independence that has long defined the homeschool movement. Hear from current and former AFHE Board Members and lobbyists who will discuss this important issue, along with AFHE's legislative advocacy, from a historical as well as a modern perspective.

### **Who's Discipling Your Kids About Sexuality? How to Teach God's Design Before the World Teaches Its Lies**

**Elizabeth Urbanowicz** | 162-163

Homeschooling offers parents the amazing opportunity to be the primary influencers in their children's lives. Yet many homeschool parents make the mistake of not talking with their children about issues related to sexuality and gender until their children have already begun being disciplined by the world. Come explore how you can begin instructing your children eight and under in the goodness of God for sexuality before the world instructs them.

**End Overwhelm: Making Homeschooling Simple and Fun****Aimee Eucce** | 164

This workshop features lessons learned from a second-generation homeschool mom who has been right where you are. Maybe you've bought too much, or discovered the curriculum that worked for your friend isn't working for your child. We'll talk about how to cut through the clutter, simplify your homeschool day, and find a rhythm that actually works for your family. You'll leave with practical tips to help you focus on what matters most—enjoying the learning journey with your kids.

**The Power of Positive Words and Communication****Zan Tyler** | 165**STARTING SMART**

Conversation is a potent tool that carries with it the power of life and death, and lays the foundation for deep and meaningful relationships. Conversation is an essential tool in discipling your children. Research even indicates that conversation increases intelligence in children and teens. In this workshop Zan Tyler reveals how you can utilize the simple—and free—tool of conversation to help your children become more motivated learners. Learn strategies you can take home and implement tomorrow to increase joy in learning and minimize conflict in your family, too. You'll come away convinced that conversation IS core curriculum.

**Keeping Your Marriage Strong through the Homeschool Years****Pam & Justin Spinker** | 166

Between lesson plans, laundry, and full days with your children, marriage can easily slip into the background. Yet after your relationship with Christ, it's your most important investment. Join Justin and Pam for an encouraging, practical workshop created for homeschooling couples. With 30+ years of marriage and 22 years of homeschooling, they'll share God's design for marriage, real-life lessons, and simple ways to stay connected in busy seasons. Come for honest conversation, practical tools, and renewed perspective—because a thriving marriage blesses the whole family.

**The AI Shift in Education: Why Understanding Matters More Than Ever (and What Parents Can Do About It)****My TEK Lab** | Pavilion 1

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** AI is changing education faster than most parents realize. In this workshop, we'll break down what this means for your child and how it's impacting the way students learn, think, and solve problems. More importantly, you'll walk away with clear, practical ways to guide your child in an AI-driven world, through real examples in writing, math, and coding.

**Building Stronger, Faster, More Connected Brains****Brain Balance** | Pavilion 2

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Education on the ways of providing developing brains with the sensory, motor and cognitive information needed to build strong connected brains to help kids reach their potential in every area of their life!

**How Do We Know What We Know?****Knowledge Keepers with Nicki Truesdell** | Pavilion 3

**EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP** Do you wonder this about America's history? Do your children ask? There is a paper trail that confirms all of the ins and outs of American history, but how do we find it? We want our children to grow up knowing about the exceptionalism of America, and we know the information is out there. But where?? In this workshop, Nicki will introduce you to Knowledge Keepers books, and how they put original history right into your hands. These are the books written by the people who made history, both big and small, brought back into print for 21st century Americans to read for themselves: diaries, letters, autobiographies, eyewitness reports, and firsthand accounts. From Columbus to the Wright brothers, Knowledge Keepers by Nicki Truesdell gives you and your children authentic history that informs and entertains!

Saturday 4:00-5:00 PM

**Getting Kids to Work****Hal & Melanie Young** | Ballroom

People complain all the time that their children are lazy and unmotivated, but only 28% of American families give their children any chores at all. At all. We teach our children right from wrong, we teach our children to read and write, but forget to teach them how to work. God gave us no choice. With eight bedrest pregnancies and then a full-time ministry and business, we had to get the kids on board or drown. Come get practical strategies for teaching your children to be diligent – to get their schoolwork done, to do chores, to take initiative, and to be confident in their abilities – at all ages. Help your kids to get out of the wagon and start pulling it, cheerfully. Really, you can do it!

**The Brave Yes: When God Whispers, "You're the One They Need"****Rhonda Robinson** | 150-151**HOMESCHOOLING SPECIAL LEARNERS**

Bringing them home may be the hardest—and most courageous—decision you'll ever make. In this tender and empowering workshop, Rhonda Robinson shares her journey of saying 'yes' to homeschooling two hearing-impaired children. That 'yes' became a turning point not only for their education, but for their identity, connection, and confidence. Join Rhonda to learn why you don't need special training to educate your struggling learner. She'll show you how to know when homeschooling may be the best next step, as well as how to manage the legal and practical aspects of bringing home a special needs child.

**The Mystery of Godliness****Dell Cook** | 152-154**TEEN PROGRAM**

Teen Program session. Return at 3:40 PM.

**Culture Shock: How to Equip Your Kids to Thrive in a Post-Christian Era****Heidi St John** | 155-157**FAITH & FAMILY**

Many parents are struggling to talk to their kids about the rapidly changing cultural landscape, and we often forget that God's unchanging Word offers relevant answers to even our most challenging questions. It's more important than ever to teach our children what God says about their worth, their sexuality, and their future. God has good things planned for those who love Him! Join Heidi for an hour that will challenge and encourage you as she speaks directly to the issues of the day and reminds you of your role in the midst of it all: to teach your children to walk in the Truth.

**The 13 Most Important Soft Skills to Teach Your Children****Jean Burk** | 158-159**HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND**

Soft skills are the missing ingredient today for success in college and career! Employment experts agree that technical skills get your foot in the door, but it's the soft skills that get you the job and help you keep it. Your work ethic, your attitude, your communication skills, your emotional intelligence, and a whole host of other personal attributes are crucial for career success. During this workshop we'll explore the soft skills employers covet today and uncover simple ways you can instill these skills in your children before they leave the nest. Equip your teens now!

**Order Promotes Peace: Organization Ideas for Your Homeschool****Nancy Manos** | 160

Drowning in endless piles of books, papers, and homeschool supplies? Nancy offers practical strategies to create order that promotes peace in your busy household. You'll gain ideas for simple, doable systems for organizing your homeschool materials, managing daily tasks, and establishing routines that work for your family. Walk away with implementable ideas to tame the chaos and focus on what matters most—honoring God and enjoying the homeschool journey with your children.

**Teaching the Pillars of American Exceptionalism****Larry Schweikart** | 161

Plenty of people talk about American exceptionalism, but no one defines it. This workshop demonstrates that American exceptionalism comes from four pillars, which no other nation in history had or has. They are: a Christian, mostly Protestant religious tradition; common law; private property with written titles and deeds (to date many African countries still lack written titles and deeds); and a free market economy. All this starts not with Jamestown (as per the "1619 Project") but with the Plymouth Colony. Come learn more about these four pillars in their historical context and what they mean for America today.

**Understanding Christopher Columbus****William J. Federer** | 162-163

What shall we teach our children about Christopher Columbus? What inspired and fueled his voyages, and what are the results and significance of his efforts? His legacy has been furiously disputed over the last few decades, so we must recover history

that has been forgotten and deliberately obscured. This session will reset Columbus into the proper context: the end of the 15th century, preceded by Marco Polo, the Crusades, and Islamic military expansion. The setting also includes European royal politics, Christian faith, and the length of a mile. Let's restore a better understanding of Columbus, and learn how knowing our history can help us properly "navigate" the challenges we face today.

**What's Next? Preparing Your Heart & Home for the Post-Homeschool Years****Carrie De Francisco** | 164

After spending years educating your children at home, what do you do after you have successfully launched them into the world? This is a question Carrie wishes her mentor friends had discussed with her way before her children graduated. In this session, Carrie candidly talks about "life after homeschooling" and how to start preparing your heart and home for a smooth (and joyful) transition. There is much to look forward to in this next season of motherhood. Join Carrie for this important conversation.

**The Impact and Development of Prewriting Skills****Sarah Collins** | 165**STARTING SMART**

Ask about handwriting in any social media post and people will tell you to squeeze putty or work on fine motor skills. But, handwriting requires so much more than the development of hands. This course will discuss all academic skills, motor skills, and even social skills that influence handwriting as well as provide options to adapt.

**Homesteading 101****Brandee Gillham** | 166

It is time to get back to our agrarian roots! Are you ready to start growing your own food or taking your health into your own hands? How do you plan and plant a garden with minimal labor input? What about raising chickens and turkeys? What are natural remedies we can use to cure our family? Brandee has the answers to these questions and more. With over 20 years of experience in gardening and 10 years in poultry production she has lots of knowledge to share.

**Fruitful Homeschooling****Pam Spinker** | Pavilion 1

Your family is your first ministry. As a Christian, you are filled with the Fruit of Holy Spirit. Few of us understand what this means. If we don't have an understanding, how can we cultivate this Fruit in our homes? We'll discuss practical ways to cultivate His Fruit in Fruitful Homeschool.

**2027 AFHE Graduation Q&A Meet-Up****AFHE Graduation committee** | Pavilion 2

Will you have a high school graduate next year who would like to participate in the AFHE Senior Graduation Ceremony? Please come meet members of the AFHE Graduation Committee to learn about the ceremony, find out how and when to register, preview important deadlines for 2027, and ask your questions about what's involved. This very special and meaningful event is an absolute favorite—come find out why!

AFHE Teen Program:

# MEANING in the MADNESS

This two-day program for youth ages 13-18, featuring seven sessions developed by Worldview Academy, will build teens' understanding of what it means to live out their identity in Christ—with confidence and purpose—in a foolish and fallen world.

Teens will join Worldview faculty members Dell Cook and Jay Winslow to gain crucial understanding through a biblical worldview . . . and they'll also compete on color teams in active games of knowledge, strategy, and skill throughout the weekend for the champions' trophy!



**Friday and Saturday  
Room 152-154**

Register your student (age 13-18) for the teen program on site! (subject to space available)

FRIDAY	
10:15 AM	Check in at room 152
10:30-11:30 AM	Introduction to Worldview
1:00-2:00 PM	The Excellent Life
2:15-3:30 PM	The Image of the Logos (part 1)
3:45-5:00 PM	The Problem of Pain
SATURDAY	
10:15-11:30 AM	The Image of the Logos (part 2)
2:15-3:30 PM	Panel Discussion
3:40-5:00 PM	The Mystery of Godliness



**Dell Cook** holds two masters degrees (M.Div and ThM) in theology. He has served in several camp ministries around the nation as well as Director of Student Ministries in North Carolina and Florida. For the last 25 years he has been involved in the classical Christian education renewal, as a teacher, coach, administrator, board member, and consultant. Dell, his wife Ginny, and their three children live in North Carolina.



**Jay Winslow** has been teaching in public and private schools for over 40 years emphasizing worldview and critical thinking skills. He has a B.A. in English and an M.A. in rhetoric and frequently speaks on issues including worldview, education, language and literacy, and the effects of the media on our culture. Jay and his wife Regina have three adult sons, live in Arizona, and pretend to homestead at their ranch on the Mogollon Rim.

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## MEANING in the MADNESS Workshop Descriptions

### Introduction to Worldview—Jay Winslow

From the Bible to Shakespeare to the Berenstain Bears, the ideas we believe affect the way we live our lives. This presentation examines the fundamental questions that make up a worldview emphasizing how changes in worldview thinking have affected Western philosophy, art, literature, music, and daily life. Categories of worldview are discussed with tips on how to think more "worldviewishly."

### The Excellent Life—Dell Cook

What is so "good" about the Good News? Manifesting a biblical worldview leads toward a life that reflects God's Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. The result is an alluring and captivating "fleshing out" of the Gospel. This talk examines the principles of an Excellent Life, as seen in 1 Peter.

### The Image of the Logos (Part 1)—Jay Winslow

The Bible proclaims that, "In the beginning was the word" and tells us that we live "not on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." What does this mean, and what happens when a culture no longer values the importance of words? This presentation explains how God uses language to make us uniquely human, defines precisely what the "image of God" is, and discusses the unique role of literacy in Colonial America.

### The Problem of Pain—Dell Cook

If God is all-powerful and all-good, why is there so much pain, suffering and evil in the world? This is one of the most common and pressing questions that Christians face. This lecture addresses some of the possible answers, and pitfalls, to this issue.

### The Image of the Logos (Part 2)—Jay Winslow

Building on Part 1, this presentation examines the cultural forces that are undermining our ability to ask the questions we must in order to know what is true. It also examines how America's primary story-tellers are no longer parents, teachers, or pastors, but corporations selling products on illuminated screens. With examples from advertising and popular culture, this presentation reveals how a culture based on images rather than words is producing a different kind of brain today.

### Panel Discussion—Dell Cook & Jay Winslow

Dell and Jay will answer questions from students, with the goal of applying the things they've been learning to their everyday lives.

### The Mystery of Godliness—Dell Cook

What difference does worship make in how we think and live? Plenty, according to Dell Cook in this lecture. Dell examines the relationship and influence that Sunday has on Monday through Saturday.



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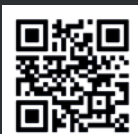
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FRIDAY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE, JULY 17



EXHIBIT HALL HOURS  
Friday: 10:00 AM–6:30 PM

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FRIDAY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE, JULY 17

TIME	Ballroom	Room 150-151 Homeschooling Special Learners	Room 152-154 Teen Program	Room 155-157 Faith & Family	Room 158-159 High School & Beyond	Room 160	Room 161
8:30-10:00 AM	DON'T MISS THE OPENING SESSION IN THE BALLROOM Heidi St. John						
30 MINUTE BREAK							
10:30-11:30 AM	Socialism: Its Real History from Plato to the Present (Counterfeit Christianity Which Ends in Dictatorship) <b>CC</b> William J. Federer	Help! My Child Won't Sit Sarah Collins	Introduction to Worldview Jay Winslow	No Longer Little Hal & Melanie Young	Homeschooling High School Carrie De Francisco	Kids Who Learn Differently and the Parents Who Want Answers Deahdra-Lynn Atencio	Fostering a Growth Mindset: Building Cooperation, Motivation, and Resilience in Your Children Carla Fuller
11:30 AM-1:00 PM	11:30 AM-1:00 PM Shopping and Lunch Break Lunchtime Exhibitor Workshops						
1:00-2:00 PM	Restore the Story: Reclaiming God's Beautiful Design for Marriage and Family <b>CC</b> Heidi St John	Homeschooling With Dyslexia: It's a Gift! Carrie De Francisco	The Excellent Life Dell Cook	Answers to What Worries You About Homeschooling Hal & Melanie Young	High School is Actually the Best Part of Homeschooling Nicki Truesdell	HANDS-ON TUTORIAL Master the Art of Interactive Learning: Patriotic Edition Heather Haupt	Five Lies Your Homeschooled Kids Will Believe Unless You Do Something Elizabeth Urbanowicz
30 MINUTE BREAK							
2:30-3:30 PM	Islam's Rise and Its Impact on Western Civilization <b>CC</b> William J. Federer	Calm Minds, Bright Futures: Reducing Anxiety to Boost Academic Performance Tori Wilson	The Image of the Logos (Part 1) Jay Winslow	Are You Making These Mistakes In Your Bible Instruction? Elizabeth Urbanowicz	Coaching Your Student Through the High School Journey Gretchen Roe	HANDS-ON TUTORIAL Ideas for Hands-On Learning Nancy Manos	Transitioning from School to Homeschool: 10 Tips from a Seasoned Homeschool Mom Pam Spinker
30 MINUTE BREAK							
4:00-5:00 PM	The Sensory Balanced Mom Sarah Collins	The Problem of Pain Dell Cook	Relax Your Homeschool for Academic Success Hal & Melanie Young	Hypergraphia Genius: Good Notes = Good Grades Jean Burk	Lesson Plans that Fit Real Life: A Simple Framework for Success Rhonda Robinson	Exceptional Kids – What's a Parent to Do? Gretchen Roe	
Exhibit hall open until 6:30 PM							
6:30-8:30 PM	HERITAGE OF FREEDOM CELEBRATION! Activity Fair & Program Ballroom Doors open at 6:30 PM for Activity Fair • Program 7:30-8:30 PM (family ticket purchase required)						

Room 162-163	Room 164	Room 165 Starting Smart	Room 166	Pavilion 1	Pavilion 2	Pavilion 3
DON'T MISS THE OPENING SESSION IN THE BALLROOM						
30 MINUTE BREAK						
AI and Your Homeschool Nancy Manos	Instilling Patriotism: Homeschool Edition Colene Lewis	Homeschooling 101 Brandee & Roy Gillham	You're Not Failing Amy Yohe for Abeka	Multi-Age, Multi-Grade Without Mom Losing Her Mind BiblioPlan	God's Design for Marital Roles LifeStone Ministries	Raising Our Sons and Daughters to Live Honorably The Etiquette Factory
				11:45 AM-12:45 PM	Bring Your Kids Together, Simplify Your School Day Schoolhouse Discoveries	Irlen Syndrome-Turning Visual Stress into Success OT4life LLC
					Kitchen Success Science Plus LEGO Physics Beakers & Bricks, LLC	
The Thriving Homeschool: Laying a Foundation that Lasts Rhonda Robinson	Escape Homeschool Burnout for Good Adelaide Olguin	Project-Based Learning Dr. Seann Dikkers	Starting Now: Raising the Next Generation of Freedom Champions Zan Tyler	Playful Learning & Gradual Release: Building Confident, Engaged Homeschoolers Arise AZ	The Trades Are Calling: a Blueprint for Success! True North Academy	EZ+1: IEW's Step-by-Step Teaching Method Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW)
30 MINUTE BREAK						
It Doesn't Take Twelve Years to Educate a Child Nicki Truesdell	Teach a Foreign Language—Even If You Don't Speak One Adelaide Olguin	Science of Reading vs. Sight Word Memorization: Reading & Spelling Can Be Fun! Aimee Eucce	Pastors Huddle Dr. Seann Dikkers	Humility and Conviction: Preparing Christian Children to Live and Learn Well after Homeschool Arizona Christian University	History with Games and the Socratic Discussion Classical Historian	Modify the Curriculum and Routine, Not the Child BJU Press Homeschool
30 MINUTE BREAK						
Raising Warriors Brandee Gillham	Knowing and Being Known: Implementing Charlotte Mason's Educational Principles in the Home Cara Williams	Cultivating Curiosity Heather Haupt	Set the Math Worksheets Aside: Let's Play Games Deahdra-Lynn Atencio	Helping Kids Play, Grow, and Thrive Every Day! Way to Grow Pediatric Therapy	Creating a Culture of Reading in the Home Lit League	Teaching Kids to Think for Themselves Tuttle Twins
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SATURDAY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE, JULY 18



TIME	Ballroom	Room 150-151 Homeschooling Special Learners	Room 152-154 Teen Program	Room 155-157 Faith & Family	Room 158-159 High School & Beyond	Room 160	Room 161
8:30-10:00 AM	<p>Homeschooling, the Key to Saving American Self-Government </p> <p>William J. Federer</p> <p><b>DON'T MISS THE OPENING SESSION IN THE BALLROOM</b></p>						
<b>30 MINUTE BREAK</b>							
10:30-11:30 AM	Homeschooling Held Hostage	Dyslexia, ADHD, Autism & More: Learn To Read & Spell WITH CONFIDENCE!	The Image of the Logos (Part 2)	The Secret to Sanity: Habits that Shape Hearts and Homes	Developing a High School Plan	Speak Up, Stand Out: Speech and Debate Skills for Lifelong Success	How the Left Hijacked Education in America
	Heidi St John	Aimee Eucce	Jay Winslow	Rhonda Robinson	Carla Fuller	Alicia Wood	Larry Schweikart
11:30 AM-1:00 PM	<p><b>11:30 AM-1:00 PM</b> Shopping and Lunch Break Lunchtime Exhibitor Workshops</p>					<p><b>11:45 AM-12:45 PM</b> LEADER'S LUNCH Six Traits for Homeschool Leadership Joe &amp; Zan Tyler</p>	
1:00-2:00 PM	Close for Life: Parenting Beyond the Finish Line	Teaching Your Neurodiverse Mini-Me	Courageous Christianity: Young Believers Who Changed the World	Teaching Kids to Trust God When Life Gets Hard	Nuts and Bolts of High School Record-Keeping	Let's Get Loopy: Morning Time	"At Least They're Reading" Isn't Enough
	Heidi St John	Tori Wilson	William J. Federer	Elizabeth Urbanowicz	Nicole Haney	Carrie De Francisco	Nicki Truesdell
<b>30 MINUTE BREAK</b>							
2:30-3:30 PM	Backfired: How Freedom of Speech Has Been Hijacked and How to Restore It	What Is This "Function" You Speak of? Executive Functioning Skills!	Panel Discussion	The Greenhouse Effect: Rooting Your Kids in Family and Faith	Teaching Boys to Love Reading and Writing	HANDS-ON TUTORIAL Handicrafts: A Gift for All	Homeschooling in the Age of School Choice Funding <b>Michelle Jibben, Jeff Jibben, and Carol Shippy AFHE Government Affairs</b>
	William J. Federer	Sarah Collins	Jay Winslow & Dell Cook	Rhonda Robinson	Hal & Melanie Young	Cara Williams	
<b>30 MINUTE BREAK</b>							
4:00-5:00 PM	Getting Kids to Work	The Brave Yes: When God Whispers, "You're the One They Need"	The Mystery of Godliness	Culture Shock: How to Equip Your Kids to Thrive in a Post-Christian Era	The 13 Most Important Soft Skills to Teach Your Children	Order Promotes Peace: Organization Ideas for Your Homeschool	Teaching the Pillars of American Exceptionalism
	Hal & Melanie Young	Rhonda Robinson	Dell Cook	Heidi St John	Jean Burk	Nancy manos	Larry Schweikart
<b>Exhibit hall open until 6:00 PM</b>							
5:45-6:30 PM	Buy It Here! Prize Drawing in the Ballroom						

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<b>Exhibitor Workshop Schedule</b>						
<b>DON'T MISS THE OPENING SESSION IN THE BALLROOM</b>						
<b>30 MINUTE BREAK</b>						
Homeschooling a Houseful	Designed by God: Anatomy Through a Biblical Worldview	Am I Doing This Right?	HISPANIC HOMESCHOOLERS MEET-UP	How to Make Academic Writing Easier for Kids	Unlock the Puzzle with RightStart Math	Work at Home as a Medical Transcriptionist
Hal & Melanie Young	Brandee Gillham	Nicki Truesdell		The Baran Method: Writing for Success	RightStart Math	The Medical Transcription Service
<b>30 MINUTE BREAK</b>						
<b>STARTS AT 12:30</b>		<b>11:45 AM-12:45 PM</b>		Technology and Children: Sobering Statistics and Simple Safeguards	Why Teach Entrepreneurship?	Hidden Clues to Solving Speech Issues and Beyond
Leave the Homeschool Room. Travel the World.		Children's Health Defense - Arizona		Futurepreneur	West Valley Speech Therapy	High School Reimagined: Success After Graduation
Embracing Risky Play in Homeschooling: Fostering Growth and Confidence	Curriculum Approaches	The Next Name in the Toledoth	Reconnecting and Growing in Your Marriage	Stress-Free College Application - Is It Possible?	Cultivating Confident Communicators	
Sarah Collins	Adelaide Olguin	Nancy Manos	Dell Cook	OneFamily	Cedarville University	NCFCA Christian Speech and Debate
<b>30 MINUTE BREAK</b>						
Who's Discipling Your Kids About Sexuality? How to Teach God's Design Before the World Teaches Its Lies	End Overwhelm: Making Homeschooling Simple and Fun	The Power of Positive Words and Communication	Keeping Your Marriage Strong through the Homeschool Years	The AI Shift in Education: Why Understanding Matters More Than Ever (and What Parents Can Do About It)	Building Stronger, Faster, More Connected Brains	How Do We Know What We Know?
Elizabeth Urbanowicz	Aimee Eucce	Zan Tyler	Pam & Justin Spinker	My TEK Lab	Brain Balance	Knowledge Keepers by Nicki Truesdell
<b>30 MINUTE BREAK</b>						
Understanding Christopher Columbus	What's Next? Preparing Your Heart & Home for the Post-Homeschool Years	The Impact and Development of Prewriting Skills	Homesteading 101	Fruitful Homeschooling	AFHE Graduation Q&A Meet-Up	Be sure to take your receipts to the Buy It Here! table in the main lobby to get your tickets for the prize drawing at 5:45 PM! Ticket table closes at 5:30.
William J. Federer	Carrie De Francisco	Sarah Collins	Brandee Gillham	Pam Spinker		
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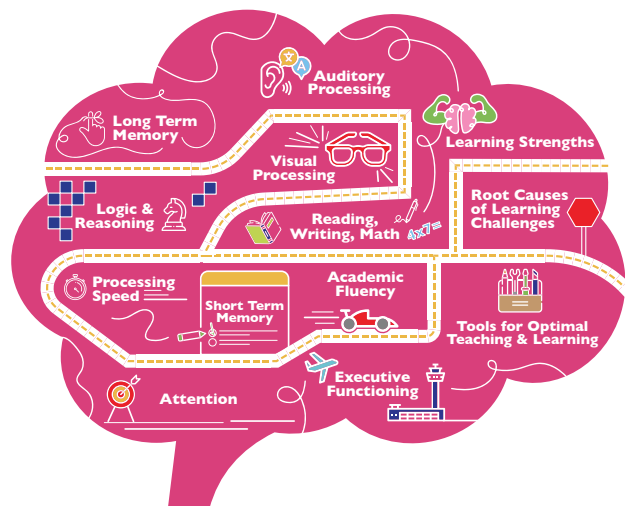
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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Heidi St. John** has been speaking on family, cultural, and political issues for nearly twenty years as a best-selling author, podcast host, speaker, and former Congressional candidate. She is the author of twelve books, including the bestselling *Becoming MomStrong: How to Fight with All That’s in You for Your Family and Your Faith*. Heidi’s passion to see God’s people engage at the “intersection of faith and culture” is the heartbeat behind her popular podcast, which has been downloaded over 25 million times. Heidi has been married to Jay, her college sweetheart, since 1989. They reside just outside beautiful Vancouver, Washington, where their non-profit organization, Firmly Planted Family, and the Homeschool Resource Center are based. The St. Johns have seven children, all of whom have been homeschooled, and an ever-growing number of grandchildren.

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**William J. Federer** is a nationally known speaker, best-selling author, and president of American Minute, Inc., a publishing company dedicated to researching America’s noble heritage. Bill has written or contributed to over 30 books, and is a frequent guest on television, radio and podcasts. He produces the “How We Got Here” video series for [TurningPointEd.com](http://TurningPointEd.com). His AMERICAN MINUTE feature is broadcast daily on radio and by the Internet. His Faith in History television program airs on the TCT Network. [americanminute.com](http://americanminute.com)

**Zan Tyler** speaks to the heart of Christian parents like few others. Zan’s own homeschool journey began in 1984 when she was threatened with jail. For eight years, she and other families battled for homeschool freedom and established landmark homeschool legislation in South Carolina. Zan’s greatest privilege in life was homeschooling their three children through high school. She has spent the past three decades advocating for homeschool freedom, publishing curriculum and resources, and joyfully equipping parents to thrive in their homeschool journey. She is an uplifting speaker, author, and the host of the Zan Tyler Podcast, an encouraging and practical weekly podcast with a new episode each Wednesday. [zantylerschoolhelp.com](http://zantylerschoolhelp.com)



# FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Deahdra-Lynn Atencio** is a wife, mom, and author, and has been home-educating for years. She and her husband pulled their oldest out of school after 4th grade. Passionate about helping families at all stages, she has worked in several different roles. She has a degree in Sign Language Studies and worked briefly at the California School for the Deaf in Fremont, and is a consultant for RightStart Math. She has taught natural childbirth classes, written a unique parenting book, and is active in the family ministries at her church. She looks forward to what the next stages of life have to teach her. [rightstartmath.com](http://rightstartmath.com)



**Jean Burk** is the author of the award-winning College Prep Genius program and is a frequent Fox News contributor who has been featured on numerous television networks and radio shows and has been published in various magazines. Both her children were home-schooled and earned incredible scholarships that included free college, room and board, study-abroad stipends, free grad school, and free law school because of their standardized test scores. She has taught students how to ace these tests all over the USA and other countries. Jean is a sought-after speaker who equips and educates families how to navigate the waters of college prep. [collegeprepgenius.com](http://collegeprepgenius.com)



**Sarah Collins, MSOT, OTR/L** is an occupational therapist with a background in pediatrics and home health, and a homeschooling parent. Sarah was first introduced to homeschooling while working as an OT in a client's home; she was amazed at the learning atmosphere and opportunities within the home. She later began serving parents who wanted to further their own understanding so they could use the homeschool to help their children. She now focuses on helping parents make the match between the homeschool and their children's current skills while working towards what their children specifically need. She offers consulting, teaches online classes and conference workshops, and has built an online community. [homeschoolot.com](http://homeschoolot.com)



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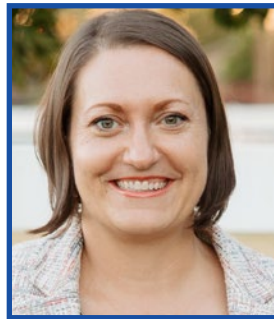
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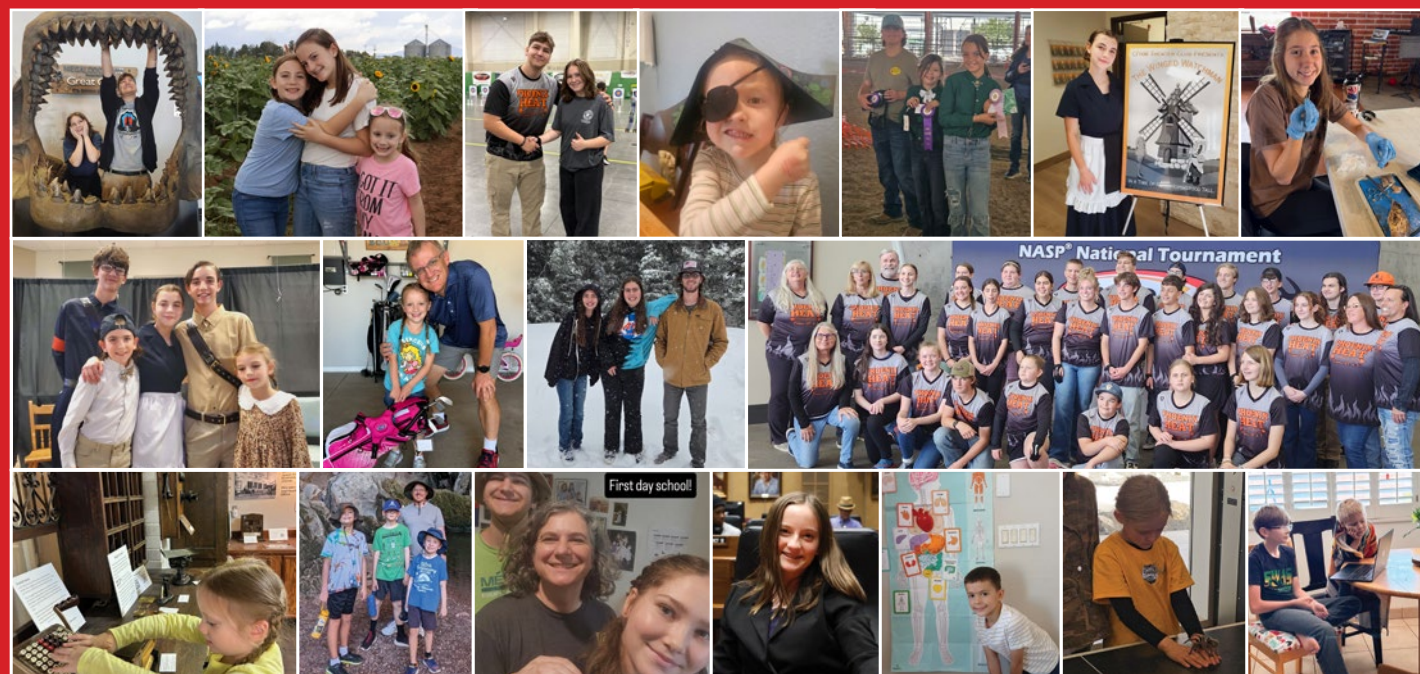
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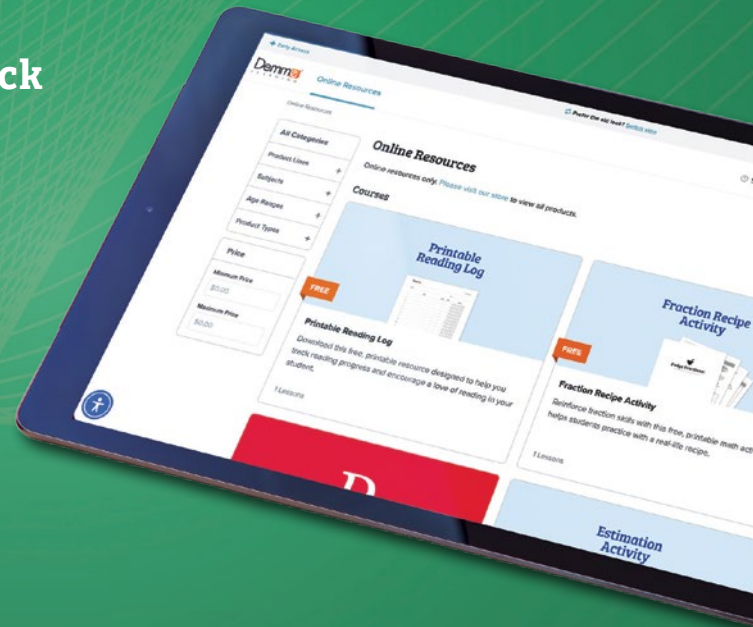


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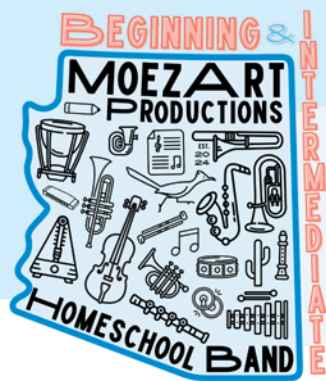
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- 1311 **Cornerstone Curriculum**  
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- 313 **Covenant Home School Resource Center**  
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- 1108 **Cozy Cottage Bookshop**  
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- 130 **CRAS – Conservatory of Recording Arts & Sciences**  
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- 1401 **Creating A Masterpiece**  
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- 302 **Cultivated Learning**  
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- 1305 **Deep Roots and Blooming Shoots LLC**  
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- 217 **Demme Learning**  
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- NP-8 **Dignity Kids, Inc.**  
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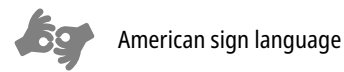
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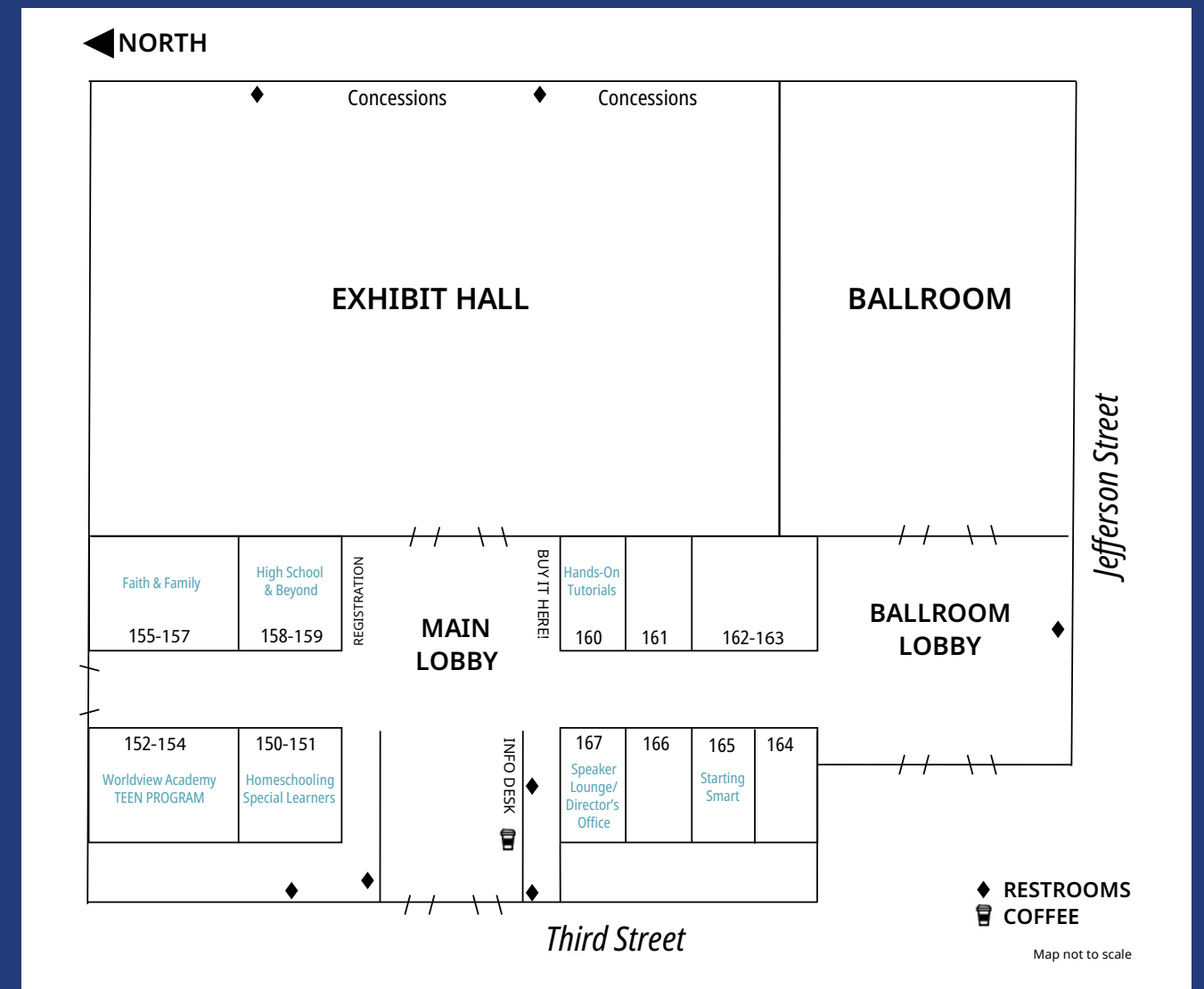
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11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch & Shopping Break
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	Lunchtime Exhibitor Workshops
1:00-2:00 PM	Speaker & Exhibitor Workshops
2:30-3:30 PM	
4:00-5:00 PM	
6:30-8:30 PM	Heritage of Freedom Celebration!

### Saturday, July 18

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8:45-10:00 AM	Keynote General Session
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