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HOMESCHOOL FREEDOM



Homeschool Friend (\$40/year)

- Access to CHEA's Digital Library and PDF downloads
- Discounted high school transcript
- Discount on CHEA materials, convention, and homeschool resources
- And much more!



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All Homeschool Friend Membership benefits plus:

- 1/2 price Family Registration to CHEA events
- Special Education Consultant
- Complete audio bundle of previous convention
- Recordkeeping and Special Needs Bundles
- And more!



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All Homeschool Defender Membership benefits plus:

- Free Family Registration to CHEA events
- Free high school transcript
- \$20 gift card to CHEA store
- And more!

**JOIN, RENEW,
OR UPGRADE**



COME MEET OUR SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT!

Defender and Warrior members receive up to two 30-minute consultations with our Special Education Consultant, Melisa Stark. Come by the Homeschool Help booth to say "hello" during her Meet & Greet times (between consultations) this weekend. You can even schedule your first consultation!

Friday, July 10: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 11: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



**Christian Home Educators
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WELCOME

Welcome to CHEA's 41st Annual Parenting & Homeschool Convention! We are so glad you made the trip. Whether you drove an hour or crossed the state to be here, your presence says something about your commitment to your family and to this calling.

This year's theme, Preserving Liberty, comes from 2 Corinthians 3:17 (NKJV): "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." It could not feel more fitting. Just days ago, we celebrated the 250th birthday of a nation built on the belief that liberty is not given by government but granted by God. Our founders understood that freedom is worth protecting and that it requires vigilance, sacrifice, and a people willing to stand for it. We homeschoolers know something about that. As someone who has been in the homeschool community for decades, I can tell you that the freedom we enjoy to privately home educate our children according to our faith and convictions is not something we should ever take for granted. It has been fought for, prayed over, and defended by families who came before us. Now it is our turn to stand for it and pass it on.

That work starts at home. Each day when you do school, snuggle up on the couch to read a book together, cook dinner as a family, go on a field trip, or enjoy the freedom of going to the park in the middle of the day, you are preserving liberty. You are building something that outlasts you. I love the reminder that when you teach your children, you are teaching your children's children. That is powerful. Do not underestimate it.

This weekend is designed to encourage and equip you wherever you are on the journey. Whether you are brand new and still figuring out what curriculum means, or you are sending off a graduate and wondering what comes next, there is something here for you. Take advantage of the workshops, spend time in the Exhibit Hall, and please stop by the Homeschool Help Booth if you have questions. Our team is there to help, and for our Spanish-speaking families, we are thrilled to offer resources and sessions en español this year, made possible through a generous grant from the Homeschool Community Foundation.

One thing I hope you do not miss is our Family Fun Night BBQ. It is new this year, and it is exactly what it sounds like. Good food, good people, and a chance to slow down and just enjoy the community you are part of.

CHEA has been walking alongside California homeschool families since 1982, and we are not going anywhere. Convention is just two days a year, but we are here for you the other 363 days as well. More details on all the ways to connect with us are in the pages ahead.

If you see a CHEA staff or board member this weekend, please stop and introduce yourself. We genuinely want to know you. We would love to hear your story, answer a question, or just pray with you.

Now enjoy your weekend. You are exactly where you are supposed to be. And remember, you CAN homeschool, and CHEA can help!

In Christ's Service,

Angela Lasch
Executive Director



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**WEBSITE**

Home to all of CHEA's homeschool information, events, downloadable forms, the CHEA Store, and more, you can find what you need, no matter where you find yourself in your homeschool journey. Just visit us at cheaofca.org.

**HOME EDUCATION CONSULTANT**

Want to talk through a specific homeschool issue? Just need someone to listen and help you process? Portia, CHEA's Education Consultant, is there for you. With many years of knowledge and experience of homeschooling in California, she is a fount of wisdom and information. For homeschooling help, call Portia Monday through Thursday 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. or Saturday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at 562-544-7875.

**HOMESCHOOL DIRECTORY**

Are you looking for a homeschool community near you? Check out CHEA's Homeschool Directory, which includes support groups, PSPs, and service providers across the state who serve homeschool families. Visit www.cheaofca.org/homeschool-directory to get started.

**CHEA CALIFORNIA HOMESCHOOL PODCAST**

The CHEA California Homeschool Podcast delivers inspiration, practical guidance, and community connection for families dedicated to private Christian home education. Find episodes with some of your favorite speakers from Convention, as well as many others. If there is a certain speaker or topic you'd like to see covered, please let us know in your feedback form (see page 54).

**CHEA'S BLOG & HOMESCHOOLING 101 SERIES**

Our weekly blog offers encouragement, practical tips, and advice for homeschool families. The "Homeschooling 101" blog series is perfect for new homeschool families, featuring articles about how to get started, curriculum, recordkeeping, socialization, and more. You can find the blog on our website at www.cheaofca.org/blog or cheaofca.org/homeschooling-101.

**WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER**

Stay up to date by subscribing to "The CHEA Connection," where we share all the upcoming CHEA events and news, important legislative updates, and information and resources from many of our partner organizations. Just visit our website to sign up today.

**FACEBOOK GROUP - HOMESCHOOL CALIFORNIA**

Homeschool California is for those who are homeschooling or interested in homeschooling in California.

**FACEBOOK GROUP - WORKING HOMESCHOOL MOMS**

Working Homeschool Moms is an online support to moms who find themselves trying to balance the worlds of homeschooling and working.

**FACEBOOK GROUP - EDUCACIÓN EN CASA EN CALIFORNIA**

California es para hispanohablantes, donde pueden obtener respuestas a sus preguntas en su idioma nativo.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

Whatever your social media app of choice, you can find CHEA. We're on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.



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**YOU CAN HOMESCHOOL VIDEO SERIES**

Short videos that answer questions about many aspects of homeschooling - from Special Needs to Education vs Schooling to Curriculum and Scheduling. You can find them on our YouTube channel.

**WEBINARS**

Throughout the year, CHEA offers webinars on a variety of topics. Free to participate live, we cover issues relevant to private Christian homeschooling families. On October 1, we will again host our annual Virtual PSA Filing Party where our hosts walk attendees, step-by-step, through how to file the Private School Affidavit.

**DIGITAL LIBRARY**

A perk of CHEA Membership, our Digital Library includes recordings from many of our virtual events and webinars as well as free PDF downloads. New content is added regularly.

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A FREE GIFT FOR YOU!

BECOME A CHEA FAMILY PARTNER

Preserving liberty. Building faith. Transforming families all year long.

The convention is two days. CHEA's mission runs 365.

CHEA Family Partners are the faithful monthly givers who sustain the year-round work you've come to count on. Their giving fuels the encouragement that reaches new families before they ever find a convention, the resources that equip parents at every stage, and the leadership that keeps Christian home education strong in California.



Sign up this weekend at \$10/month or more and receive our "Celebrating 250 Years" E-book as our thank you, a fitting tribute to the liberty we gather here to preserve.

Scan the QR code below or visit cheaofca.org/donate-now.

CHEA is the only California state organization that advocates for and promotes private Christian home education year-round. Every contribution is tax-deductible and goes directly toward supporting families who choose to teach at home.

To donate anytime, you can call the CHEA office at 562-864-2432.

You can also donate through Zelle using **OM@cheaofca.org** as recipient.

Helping California families homeschool since 1982.



MANY THANKS



Numerous people have worked hard over the past many months to bring this Convention to you. We are so grateful to all our volunteers who serve as part of the Convention team. We want to particularly acknowledge the contributions of the following staff and volunteers:

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John & Fern Sikich, South Central Coast
Scott & Mary York, South Orange and San Diego Counties

Also, many thanks to our family members (you know who you are) who serve as part of the Convention team.

Finally, we want to remind you that we are here to help and serve you in any way we can, year-round. We welcome you to Convention. We pray God encourages, strengthens, and equips you through this event.

CHEA of California's Board of Directors

Angela Lasch, John McGowan, Steve Murphy, Nathan Pierce, Charity Silvers, and Andrew Vandever.

Corporate Secretary

Cathie Berglund

RECURSOS EN ESPAÑOL



Nos complace enormemente poder ofrecer los siguientes recursos en español en nuestra Convención de 2026. Esperamos que le resulten útiles a medida que profundiza en sus conocimientos y práctica de la educación en casa de sus hijos.

CHEA se complace en ofrecer recursos gratis en español y sesiones de introducción a la educación en el hogar en español, posibles gracias a una generosa subvención de Homeschool Community Foundation.

Mini-Conferencia Introductoria Gratuita Sobre Educación En El Hogar



Viernes, 10 de julio de 2026
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Nos complace enormemente poder ofrecer los siguientes recursos en español en nuestra Convención de 2026 en julio. Esperamos que le resulten útiles a medida que profundiza en sus conocimientos y práctica de la educación en casa de sus hijos.

¿Sabías que la educación en casa tiene un diseño divino? Ricardo y Ana Maria te invitamos a una sesión donde llevaremos tu visión de la teoría a la práctica. Analizaremos qué dice Dios sobre la educación y te llevaremos en un camino paso a paso en donde puedas entender por qué educar en casa es la mejor opción para tus hijos y como puedes materializar la visión tomando en cuenta el manejo del tiempo, los talentos de tus hijos, tu trabajo y el propósito por el cual existe tu hogar. Ven y obtén el conocimiento necesario para iniciar con . ¡No estás solo y si hay manual para educar a tus hijos y queremos compartirlo contigo!

Incluido en la Convención Completa

Taller: Más Allá del Currículum: Como escoger sabiamente para desarrollar el Propósito y el Futuro de tus Hijos (Sábado por la mañana)

"Meet-Up": ¿Te preguntas si a otros les pasa lo mismo que a ti? El sábado por la mañana habrá un "Encuentro" (una charla amistosa y moderada) para hispanohablantes.

Stand de ayuda para la educación en el hogar: Durante la mayor parte del fin de semana, cuando el stand de ayuda para la educación en el hogar esté abierto, habrá un padre o madre con experiencia en educación en el hogar y que habla español, quien podrá responder sus preguntas sobre la educación en el hogar en California, así como brindar ideas sobre planes de estudio, etc.

Ricardo y Ana Maria Bagnuoli tendrán un stand en la sala de exposiciones donde con gusto los atenderán y responderán sus preguntas.

Materiales informativos: Tendremos varios folletos en español para que tengan información útil durante todo el fin de semana y para que se los lleven a casa como referencia futura.

USE OUR HASHTAGS ON SOCIAL MEDIA THROUGHOUT THE CONVENTION!

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Family Fun BBQ

FRIDAY, JULY 10 • 6:15 ~ 8:45p.m.

After a full day of learning and encouragement, gather together with other attendees, speakers, and exhibitors for a fun time of food and fellowship right there at the venue.

- Meet new homeschool families who live near you
- Continue conversations from earlier in the day
- Hear from your kids about Child or Teen Con
- Play games with your family and others
- Strengthen friendships formed that day



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY

Celebrate the Class of 2026 at CHEA's High School Graduation Ceremony!

FRIDAY, JULY 10 • 7:15~8:45p.m.

MAIN SANCTUARY

General seating is available for Convention attendees beginning at 7:05p.m.

FOOD&DRINK

Outdoors near the South Sanctuary entrance



7 am - 7 pm



8 am - 3 pm
Breakfast/ Lunch



10 am - 3 pm
Lunch



10 am - 3 pm
Baked Goods
Saturday Only



11:15 am - 2:30 pm
Lunch



Answers to your questions
Tips and Advice
Prayer for your coming year
Walk through the Exhibit Hall
Homeschool Groups in your area

CHEA'S HOMESCHOOL HELP BOOTH

Experienced homeschool parents are available to assist you, no matter what stage of the homeschool journey you may find yourself in.

in front of Exhibit Hall

También disponible en español.



Friday, July 10, & Saturday, July 11

Ages 4-12

Fellowship Hall

Members: \$55 (One day); \$85 (Fri & Sat)

Non-Members: \$60 (One day); \$90 (Fri & Sat)

We can't help but be surrounded in the sporting world by great athletes and champions of every kind of sport. In the Team Jesus Olympic Child Con, children meet some great Bible people who show us what it takes to be Real Champions. They may learn about Caleb, who ran with his faith; the servant girl, who lifted the weight of others; Joseph, who exercised forgiveness; Andrew, who listened to the coach; and Timothy, who trained more athletes. Your child will experience engaging lessons, exciting games, and interactive activities.

Lunch & Snacks

No lunch is provided. Children will need to be picked up for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Friday and 11:40 a.m. on Saturday.

Child Con Check-In and Check-Out

Children should be checked in and out of Child Con at the Fellowship Hall. Check-in, and Registration, if available, opens at 8:10 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Children must be picked up at the conclusion of the day (6:10 p.m.) If your children are not pre-registered for Child Con, please visit Child Con Check-in and Registration. *At-the-door registration may be available as space allows, on a first-come, first-served basis.*

	Check-In	Lunch Pick-Up	Return	Pick-Up
Friday, July 10	8:10 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	12:20 p.m.	6:10 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	8:10 a.m.	12:40 a.m.	1:45 p.m.	6:10 p.m.

Friday, July 10 & Saturday, July 11

Ages 12-18

Mini Chapel

Members: \$75; Non-Members: \$80

The ability to speak well and think clearly opens doors—in college, careers, relationships, and community leadership. Whether you're presenting an idea, navigating a job interview, or simply having a meaningful conversation, strong communication skills set you apart.

Join Stoa Christian Homeschool Speech & Debate for an engaging introduction to the skills that have transformed thousands of homeschool students into confident, articulate communicators. In this beginner-friendly seminar, you'll get hands-on experience with the fundamentals of public speaking and learn how to organize your thoughts, express your ideas clearly, and even engage in basic debate.

Teen Leadership Core is an experience like no other. Your teen will love it!

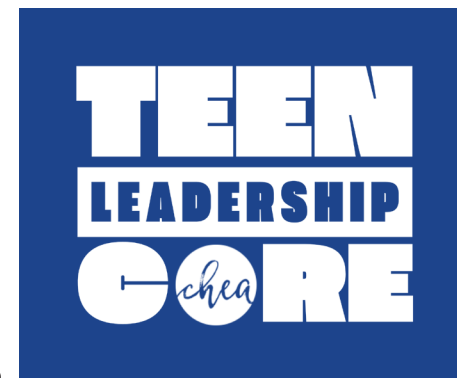
Teen Convention Guidelines

Only teens (ages 12-18) registered for Teen Con are permitted in the Teen Con sessions. Teens are chaperoned by Stoa and CHEA adult volunteers during Teen Con sessions; however parents are responsible for their teen's safety and behavior during the Convention. We recommend that parents and teens read over the Convention materials together and arrange meeting times and locations. In consideration of all in attendance, we request teens follow these basic guidelines:

- Wear modest, casual clothing.
- Remain seated during the sessions.
- Do not loiter outside the rooms during sessions.
- Be attentive to the speaker.
- Turn cell phones to vibrate. If you need to use your phone, please step outside.

TLC SESSION TIMES

Friday	12:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday (Morning Session)	8:15 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.
Saturday (Lunch Break)	12:40 – 1:45 p.m.
Saturday (Afternoon Session)	1:45 – 6:15 p.m.



HOMESCHOOL BASICS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Friday & Saturday

A guided 5-session track for new homeschooling parents

God has given you your children and made you more than qualified to teach them, but do you sometimes just wish there was a checklist you could go down and know you've covered your bases? We have heard that "ask" from many new homeschooling parents, so here it is – just for you.

Intro to Homeschool Mini-Con
Friday, 9:00 a.m.

The Nine Reasons
Friday, 3:15 p.m.

Choosing Curriculum
Friday, 4:15 p.m.

Homeschooling Approaches & Styles
Saturday, 11:45 a.m.

Lesson Planning & Recordkeeping
Saturday, 3:15 p.m.

STEPS TO RECEIVING YOUR CERTIFICATE

- 1) When you register or check in, make sure you get your stamp card.
- 2) At the end of each session that is part of the Certificate Program, get your card stamped by the Room Host/Volunteer in that session.
- 3) After all sessions are completed, turn in your stamp card at Registration before the Closing Keynote.
- 4) Pick up your personalized certificate after the Closing Keynote.

Great job preparing yourself for this wonderful adventure!

INTRO TO HOMESCHOOL MINI-CON

Friday, July 10

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

South Sanctuary

Are you considering homeschooling? Exploring your options? Feeling lost or overwhelmed? This FREE Intro to Homeschool Mini-Con will provide you with information about how to legally educate your children at home in California, encouragement to make the right decision for your family, and an opportunity to speak with publishers and browse curriculum in the Exhibit Hall.

9:00 a.m.

Part I – Answers for Homeschooling: Top Questions Critics Ask

Many homeschoolers struggle with self-doubt and/or criticism for their decision by well-meaning friends and family. In this session, Israel Wayne will tackle some of the top objections people raise about home education and will give statistics and fact-based answers to help give you confidence to defend your choice to home educate.

10:00 a.m.

Part II – Introduction to Home Education

Nathan Pierce & John McGowan will guide you through the essential information and Angela Lasch will give you the 10 steps to get started homeschooling in California.

11:30 a.m.

Part III – Free Exhibit Hall Preview

Browse curriculum and speak with exhibitors. Must have attended at least Part II.

Are you new to homeschooling? We're so glad you are here! Here are some suggestions for you to get the most out of your Convention experience.

- ✓ Visit the Homeschool Help booth to talk with an experienced homeschooler to get answers to your questions, tips and advice, prayer, and help as you walk through the Exhibit Hall. You can also find out about homeschool groups located in your area.
- ✓ Visit the CHEA Store.
 1. Become a CHEA Member.
 2. Purchase *The California Homeschool Manual: A guide to private home education in California* – this is the most important "getting started" book you can have as a home educator in California.
- ✓ Visit the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) booth in the Exhibit Hall to become an HSLDA member, where CHEA members receive a discount.
- ✓ Visit the Family Protection Ministries (FPM) booth to find out more about the political climate and home education in California and how you can get involved in the legislative process.
- ✓ Attend some of the following workshops that we believe will be helpful for beginning home educators:

Workshop	Day	Time	Location
Answers for Homeschooling: Top Questions Critics Ask	Friday	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	South Sanctuary
Introduction to Home Education	Friday	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	South Sanctuary
Homeschooling the Early Years	Friday	2:15 - 3:00 p.m.	Main Sanctuary East
You Can Do It! Embracing Your Homeschool Calling w/Confidence	Friday	2:15 - 3:00 p.m.	South Sanctuary
The Nine Reasons	Friday	3:15 - 4:00 p.m.	Room 109
Choosing Curriculum	Friday	4:15 - 5:00 p.m.	Room 109
The Latest from Sacramento: Why I Can't Ignore How Government Works	Saturday	10:45 - 11:30 a.m.	South Sanctuary
Managing Bigs, Littles, and Everything in Between	Saturday	10:45 - 11:30 a.m.	Main Sanctuary West
Homeschooling Approaches and Styles Meet-Up	Saturday	11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	South Sanctuary (front half)
Preschool Meet-Up	Saturday	11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Room 118
Lesson Planning & Recordkeeping	Saturday	3:15 - 4:00 p.m.	Room 109
Finding Your People	Saturday	4:15 - 5:00 p.m.	Room 109
Prescription for a Healthy Marriage	Saturday	4:15 - 5:00 p.m.	South Sanctuary

Do you have a high schooler or will soon? Here are some suggestions for you to get the most out of your Convention experience.

- ✓ Visit the Homeschool Help booth in front of the Exhibit Hall to talk with an experienced homeschooler to get answers to your questions, tips and advice, and prayer for all things high school.
- ✓ Visit the CHEA Store in front of the Exhibit Hall
 1. Become a CHEA Member
 2. Purchase *The High School Handbook*
- ✓ Visit the Exhibit Hall to speak with colleges and exhibitors about high school curriculum and college prep materials.
- ✓ Attend some of the following workshops that we believe will be helpful for home educators in the high school years:

Workshop	Day	Time	Location
Ready! Set! Launch! - Taxiing for a Successful Takeoff!	Friday	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Main Foyer
Is Your Student College Bound?	Friday	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Main Foyer
What Colleges Really Want	Friday	2:15 - 3:00 p.m.	Main Sanctuary West
Digital Health & Cybersecurity	Friday	4:15 - 5:00 p.m.	Room 104
Help! High School Years Are Coming!	Friday	4:15 - 5:00 p.m.	Room 118
The Latest from Sacramento: Why I Can't Ignore How Government Works	Saturday	10:45 - 11:30 a.m.	South Sanctuary
Speaking Well	Saturday	10:45 - 11:30 a.m.	Room 109
Homeschooling High School Meet-Up	Saturday	11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Main Sanctuary East
Almost-Empty-Nesters Meet-Up	Saturday	11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Main Sanctuary (back half)
Raising Responsible Teens	Saturday	3:15 - 4:00 p.m.	Main Sanctuary West
Inductive Bible Study	Saturday	3:15 - 4:00 p.m.	Room 118
Take AI from Harmful to Helpful	Saturday	4:15 - 5:00 p.m.	Room 118
When Institutions Fail: Teaching Kids to Think Clearly	Saturday	4:15 - 5:00 p.m.	Room 108
Prescription for a Healthy Marriage	Saturday	4:15 - 5:00 p.m.	South Sanctuary

HIGH SCHOOL RESOURCES

Scan the QR code to access resources from our Friday morning presentation for preparing for life after high school.



LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL MINI-CON

Friday, July 10 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Main Sanctuary Foyer

Parents and their teens are invited to attend this FREE, fun, informative morning on navigating high school and beyond. There are many different pathways open to homeschooled students after high school, and our goal is to give you an overview of several of them.

Our desire is to show parents that not only is it possible to homeschool through high school, but you can be successful and prepare your student for whatever God may have for him or her after graduation, including college. Teens are encouraged to come to learn more about the possibilities as well as the college admissions process.

This entire event is FREE and open to the public, though registration is required.

9:00 a.m.

Ready! Set! Launch! - Taxiing for a Successful Takeoff!

We all want our children to enter adulthood and accomplish something significant with their lives. Launching is a process that is difficult for both parent and child, but it is essential for early success. Relationship principles and a handful of tools will be discussed that can move them away from the jetway, down the tarmac, to the point of takeoff. Cheer them on as they take off and soar!

10:00 a.m.

Is Your Student College Bound?

Penny Ross will guide you through the college admissions process and explore various pathways available to homeschooled students.

11:30 a.m.

Exhibit Hall Preview

Browse resources and speak with colleges and exhibitors about high school curriculum and college prep materials.



Speak boldly. Think critically.
Engage graciously.

...Until generations of faithful and compelling communicators make Jesus Christ known in every sphere.



LEARN MORE
StoaUSA.org

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Ricardo and Ana Maria Bagnuoli

Ricardo and Ana Maria believe education is a tool to discover, nurture, and promote God-given purpose for each child, so they founded a ministry

that trains and equips Hispanic families how to transform their home into the best and first place of learning under biblical principles and in a creative way. Moving from their birthplaces in South America more than 20 years ago, Ana Maria is now a Family Counselor and Ricardo holds a bachelor's degree in Christian Education. They like to cook, read, write, and camp outdoors together as they homeschool their three children.



Kristi Clover

Kristi Clover is a home organization and #momlife expert. She's also the author of M.O.M. = Master Organizer of Mayhem and Homeschool Basics, the host of the Simply Joyful podcast, and

a popular conference speaker. Her passion is to help Christian women find sanity and joy in the throes of mom life. She loves to share about her adventures in motherhood and home life through a variety of media that you can find at KristiClover.com. Kristi lives in San Diego with her husband, Steve, and their five children.



Roger and Jan Smith

Dr. Roger and Jan Smith feel that despite their successes in medicine and business in their community in Louisiana, their four adult children are their greatest accomplishment. Choosing

to homeschool from the very start, and continuing through high school, the Smiths say this made all the difference in their family. The strong relationship the children share with one another and with their parents show the grace of God, and that homeschooling is worth the investment of time and energy. Roger is author of Parenting with Influence and has a video blog and podcast (Parenting Matters Now).



Israel Wayne

Israel Wayne is a homeschool graduate who is passionate about defending the Christian faith and promoting a Biblical worldview. He is the Director of Family Renewal and author of the books Answers for

Homeschooling: Top 25 Questions Critics Ask, Education: Does God Have an Opinion, Pitchin' a Fit!: Overcoming Angry and Stressed-Out Parenting, and Raising Them Up: Parenting for Christians, among others. He is a frequent guest on national radio and television programs and podcasts. He and his wife, Brook, live in southwest Michigan and have 11 homeschooled children.



Christy-Faith

Christy-Faith, a social media powerhouse with 400k followers and millions of video views, motivates countless moms to take the homeschooling leap, remain steadfast, and revitalize

their purpose. With 20+ years in education and homeschooling, she has advised countless kids and families, including high-profile clients. Known as a "teacher's teacher," her heart is to help parents build homeschools their kids will thank them for later. She homeschools her own four children in Denver, CO and is host of The Christy-Faith Show podcast, and author of Homeschool Rising.



Heather Haupt

Heather Haupt is a homeschool graduate and mother of three knights-in-training and two spunky princesses. She wants to be intentional during these years of parenting and raise children who will make

a difference in this world. Heather both inspires and equips families toward intentional parenting, pursuing God, and delighting in the adventure of learning. She is the author of The Ultimate Guide to Brain Breaks, and Knights-in-Training: Ten Principles for Raising Honorable, Courageous and Compassionate Boys, as well as co-author (with her mom, who sometimes speaks with her) of the GO TOGETHER Curriculum. She writes at heatherhaupt.com and cultivatedlearning.org.



Colene Lewis

Colene Lewis homeschooled her daughters through high school in a home where learning was a joy and a way of life. Earning scholarships, each girl excelled at college in biology, engineering,

English, and law. More importantly, all three women are walking with the Lord and now raising their own families. Alongside her husband, Tom, Colene served on the board of Arizona Families for Home Education for over 13 years. She encourages homeschooling families with speaking, writing, and service. Colene currently helps homeschool her grandchildren and attends Phoenix Seminary.

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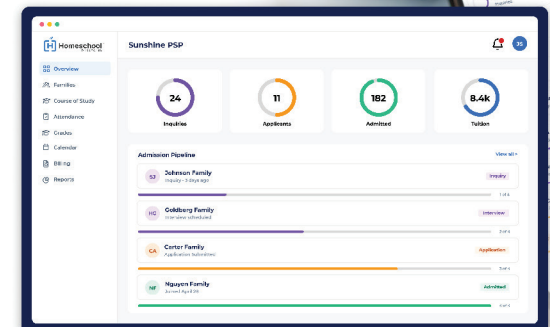


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Kathleen Cotter Clayton

Kathleen Cotter Clayton is a dynamic leader in math education and the daughter of Dr. Joan A. Cotter, creator of RightStart™

Mathematics. With a degree from the University of Minnesota and two master's degrees from the University of Mary, she brings unmatched expertise to math education. Traveling across the U.S. and internationally, Kathleen delivers powerful, high-energy sessions that equip parents to foster a love of math.



Carrie De Francisco

Carrie De Francisco is a wife and "retired" homeschooling mom of two homeschool graduates. She is the host of the popular podcast, Coffee With Carrie

Homeschool Help, speaker, and author of several books including, Just Breathe (and Take a Sip of Coffee): Homeschool in Step with God. Through her consulting services, books, blog, and podcast, she helps moms simplify their homeschooling one step at a time, one day at a time, and one cup of coffee at a time.



Dr. Seann Dikkers

Dr. Seann Dikkers is a husband and father of two homeschool graduates, with over thirty years of experience in education as a teacher, administrator,

professor, pastor, curriculum designer, researcher, and author. His latest book, Play More: A Case for Play, presents a biblical framework for understanding play as a God-designed tool for learning.



Dr. Lisa Dunne

Dr. Lisa Dunne is a dynamic author, speaker, lifelong homeschooler, and the founder of Chula Vista Christian University, a mentor-driven, faith-based,

debt-free model of higher education designed to counteract America's highly dysfunctional government school system. Dr. Lisa is passionate about the transformative power of education, the primacy of the local church, and the stable family as the cornerstone of healthy culture. As an expert in Gen Z educational methodology and psychosocial development, she helps pastors and parents partner together to launch church-based academic support centers. Learn more about her books, blogs, coaching, and resources at CVCU.us.



Amanda Faus

Amanda Faus is the happy wife of Patrick Faus and delighted mother to their six children. She is passionate about helping parents and teachers think principally. She

desires all educators to understand the ideas behind what they are teaching so that they can more clearly do so with the proper ends in mind. Most of all, she is committed to being a part of a classical renewal that honors Christ as the Logos at the heart of Reality and propagates a sacramental experience of the world.



Matt Johnston

Matt, his wife Chrissy, and their three daughters reside in Lakeside, CA. After graduating as a homeschooler, Matt

immediately launched into a career in Cyber Security that has spanned 25 years and has taken him to the very peak of the industry. In 2025, he launched Practive Security as a full-time business with the goal of bringing his expertise in combating online threats, to parents, individuals, churches, and business owners who need a trusted advisor.



Mark Martinez

Mark Martinez is a father, grandfather, and former pastor of seven years. He is the founder of CROP Ministries, a Christian rite-of-passage

program for families with children ages 11-15, and the author of the CROP curriculum designed to help families confidently navigate their child's transition into young adulthood. Mark is a columnist on rites of passage for the Kootenai Journal and the author of A Father's Story: Life Lessons from My Dad to You.



John McGowan

John is an attorney with a litigation practice in Los Angeles and is also an allied attorney with Alliance Defending Freedom, the world's largest legal

organization committed to protecting religious freedom and parental rights. He and his wife, Juleene, homeschooled their two sons and recently graduated their youngest. John is especially passionate about CHEA's mission to protect the God-given right of parents to direct the education and training of their children, as he serves as Vice President of CHEA's Board of Directors.

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Karla Memmott

Dr. Karla Memmott homeschooled her two sons, who have each graduated college and established themselves as thriving adults. Graduating her

last child in 2014, she continues to have a heart to serve the homeschooling and classically educating communities in Northern California. As co-founder of Acacia Classical Academy she and her husband, Kyle, minister in the greater Sacramento area. She teaches dual credit classes through Kepler and remains active in STOA speech and debate as an assistant coach with a local club.



Betsy Pierce

Betsy is a second-generation homeschooling mom of eight children, ages 4 to 19, and considers herself blessed beyond measure to raise them. She and her

husband Nathan met while at The Master's University and moved to Placer County in 2004 when Nathan began his work at Family Protection Ministries. Betsy has served the homeschooling community for years at various levels, graduated her oldest child, and loves to encourage and be encouraged by other moms as we all walk the road of education and discipleship through homeschooling.



Nathan Pierce

Nathan began working at Family Protection Ministries (FPM) in 2002 to protect private homeschooling in California. He was homeschooled himself from

kindergarten through high school and received a B.A. in Political Studies from The Master's University. Currently he serves as Executive Director and Legislative Liaison for FPM and on the CHEA Board of Directors. He works behind the scenes at the State Capitol, meeting with legislators to advocate on behalf of homeschoolers. He and his wife Betsy homeschool their own eight children.



David and Shirley Quine

God has been faithful to David and Shirley for 52 years of married life. He has given them a shared

life, passion, and ministry. Their passion is to equip the next generation to "stand firm" in Christ in the 21st century. Together, they created Cornerstone Curriculum, a homeschool curriculum that assists parents in the discipleship of their children. David has a Masters degree in curriculum and instruction design, and Shirley is an early childhood education specialist. The Lord has given David and Shirley the reward of nine wonderful children and sixteen grandchildren.



Briana Reyes

Alongside her husband, Briana Reyes has been serving the LORD for close to 15 years. Currently she and her husband serve at Calvary Chapel Downey and are

grateful for the work in which the Lord allows them to participate. In 2023, she helped launch Cedar House Academy, a homeschool PSP. She is a homeschool mom of three, learning each day to lean on the LORD for strength and wisdom to raise, train, and teach her children in the ways of the LORD.



Penny Ross

Penny Ross taught her own three children at home from birth through high school graduation. She led a PSP at her church and now runs Tools for the Home Educator,

an independent consulting business. She offers encouragement, support, and training through consultations, coaching, webinars, and workshops. Her specialty is in helping families clarify their homeschooling goals and then assisting them in mapping a pathway to success. Penny is married to her college sweetheart, Greg, and together they delight in seven grandchildren.



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Diane Smith

Diane homeschooled four children and served in the homeschool community over the past 26 years. As a leader at Selah Homeschool Resource Center, a support

ministry in Santa Maria, CA, she built a thriving family co-op and lending library. Over the decades, Diane has studied and experienced education's changing landscape from many different sides. Today, she helps families find their vision for homeschooling with God's bigger picture in mind.



Vicki Stormoen

Vicki Stormoen has been privately homeschooling since 1994. She and her husband, Ron, have been blessed with nine children and ten grandchildren. As

of this year, all nine of her children have graduated having been homeschooled K-12. Vicki is the school principal for Heritage Christian School San Diego, a Southern California PSP for private, Christian homeschoolers. She is passionate about the vision of private Christian homeschooling as a means to raise a godly generation for the glory of God.



Daniel Tet

Daniel Tet is a speaker and storyteller whose life includes formative years under Romania's communist system and a journey, with two suitcases, through European

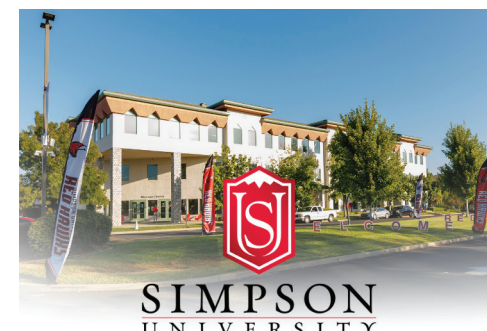
refugee camps to the United States. He runs several businesses and founded the "Stories of Incredible Courage" project to capture first-person accounts of individuals who overcame oppression, institutional corruption, and even their own status quo. His message equips families - especially students - to build resilience, think independently, and learn through adversity.



Brian Villanueva

Brian Villanueva spent 10 years as a software engineer building the first generation of Internet apps in the late 90's.

He and his wife homeschooled their three daughters from day one. Brian now teaches civics, philosophy, and robotics at their Christian homeschool co-op and uses his IT background to help other families navigate technology effectively and safely.



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Information & Registration: 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Child Con: 8:20 a.m. - 6:10 p.m. (lunch break: 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.)

Teen Con: 12:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall: 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Food Court: Various (See page 11 for specific hours for each vendor)

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

FREE Intro to Homeschool Mini-Con
(in English and en español)

FREE Life After High School Mini-Con

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Opening Keynote Session

2:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open

2:15 - 3:00 p.m.

General Workshop Session #1

3:15 - 4:00 p.m.

General Workshop Session #2

4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

General Workshop Session #3

5:15 - 5:55 p.m.

Exhibitor Workshop Sessions

6:10 p.m.

Child Con Ends

6:15 - 8:45 p.m.

Family Fun BBQ (food served until 7:45)

7:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Closes

7:15 - 8:45 p.m.

CHEA's High School Graduation Ceremony
(Convention attendee seating at 7:05 p.m.,
first-come, first-served)

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Information & Registration: 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Child Con: 8:15 a.m. - 6:20 p.m. (lunch break: 12:40 - 1:45 p.m.)

Teen Con: 8:15 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. (lunch break: 12:40 - 1:45 p.m.)

Exhibit Hall: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Food Court: Various (See page 11 for specific hours for each vendor)

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Morning Keynote Session

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open

10:45 - 11:30 a.m.

General Workshop Session #4

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Meet-Ups (Workshop Session #5)

12:30 - 2:15 p.m.

Lunch Break & Exhibit Hall Shopping

12:40 - 1:45 p.m.

Child Con and Teen Con Lunch Break (on own)

2:15 - 2:55 p.m.

Exhibitor Workshop Sessions

3:15 - 4:00 p.m.

General Workshop Session #6

4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

General Workshop Session #7

5:00 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Closes

5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Closing Keynote Session

6:20 p.m.

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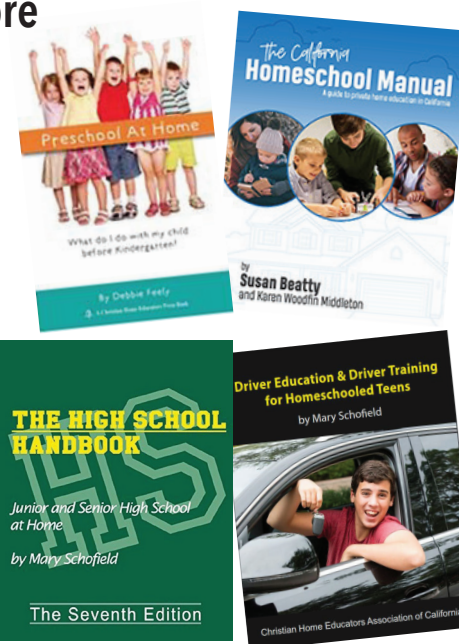
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FRIDAY	South Sanctuary	Main Foyer	Main West	Main East	Room 118	Room 109	Room 108	Room 104
Free Mini Cons 9:00 – 11:30 am	Intro to Homeschool Israel Wayne Nathan Pierce John McGowan Angela Lasch	Life After High School Roger & Jan Smith Penny Ross			Mini-Conferencia Gratuita Ricardo & Ana Maria Bagnuoli Monica Ybarra			
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	EXHIBIT HALL Premium Members and those attending the Friday Morning Free Events							
12:30 – 2:00 pm Opening keynote	Christy-Faith Vanishing of Childhood: When We Lose the Wonder Years							
2:00 – 7:00 pm	EXHIBIT HALL Open for Convention							
Workshop Session #1 2:15 – 3:00	Kristi Clover You Can Do It! Embracing Your Homeschool Calling w/ Confidence	Dr. Seann Dikkers Play More	Dr. Lisa Dunne What Colleges Really Want: The Inside Scoop from a College President	Heather Haupt Homeschooling the Early Years	Roger Smith Tending to your Child's Emotional Health	Mark Martinez Jesus at 12: Lessons for the Transition Years	Diane Smith 12 Thoughtful Reasons Why I Privately Homeschool	Briana Reyes Homeschooling as a Ministry Family
Workshop Session #2 3:15 – 4:00	Israel Wayne Pitchin' a Fit: Overcoming Angry and Stressed Out Parenting	Christy-Faith Is My Homeschool on Track? Here's How to Know	Carrie De Francisco Cafeteria Lady: Tips for KP Duty	Heather Haupt Homeschooling Active Kids	Roger Smith Dad's Essential Role	David & Shirley Quine The Nine Reasons	Jan Smith Is There a Different Way? Help Me Know My Options	Nathan Pierce Discipling the Next Generation (the real reason homeschooling is a cause worth fighting for)
Workshop Session #3 4:15 – 5:00	Israel Wayne Whom Should We Trust: Government or Parents?	Christy-Faith Math is a Nightmare! Save Me!	Carrie De Francisco Read (& Watch) Your Way Through History	Kristi Clover Hei! I Homeschool and My House is a Mess!	Roger & Jan Smith Hei! High School Years Are Coming!	Penny Ross Choosing Curriculum	Colene Lewis Homeschool Hints from <i>Calvin and Hobbes</i>	Matt Johnston Digital Health & Cybersecurity
5:15 – 5:55 Exhibitor Workshops		Classical Conversations	GRADUATION REHEARSAL	Alpha Omega Institute		Eternity Changers	CROP Ministries	BiblioPlan
6:15 – 9:00	FAMILY FUN NIGHT BBQ (Exhibit Hall open until 7, serve food until 7:45)							

SATURDAY	South Sanctuary	Main Foyer	Main West	Main East	Room 118	Room 109	Room 108	Room 104
8:30 – 10:00 am Morning keynote	Israel Wayne The Difference Between Schooling & Education							
10:00 am – 5:00 pm	EXHIBIT HALL Open							
Workshop Session #4 10:45 – 11:30	Nathan Pierce & John McGowan The Latest from Sacramento: Why I Can't Ignore How Government Works	Christy-Faith Resistant Kids: Lack of Motivation, Constant Pushback, Battles, Help!	Kristi Clover Managing Bigs, Littles, and Everything in Between with Confidence	Heather Haupt Stepping Outside the School Box	Roger & Jan Smith Losing Control? Start Building Influence	Karla Memmott Speaking Well	Kathleen Clayton Two of the Greatest Challenges in Math Curriculum	Ricardo & Ana Maria Bagnuoli Más Allá del Currículum (<i>Beyond the Curriculum</i>)
Workshop Session #5 11:45 – 12:30 Meet-Ups	Homeschooling Approaches and Styles Angela Lasch moderate with Amanda Faus, Dr. Seann Dikkers, and Karla Memmott	Dads Nathan Pierce and Team CHEA	Working Moms Kristi Clover (back of Sanctuary) Soon-to-be Empty Nesters Roger & Jan Smith	High School Vicki Stormoen	Preschool Betsy Pierce	Grandparents Penny Ross	Special Needs Melissa Stark	Comunidad Hispana (Hispanic Community) Monica Ybarra y Abraham y Maria Alejandra Valdivias
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Lunch							
2:15 – 2:55 Exhibitor Workshops		CROP Ministries	OneFamily	MyEdSpace	Imagining Worship with Kids	Birdsong Gathering		
Workshop Session #6 3:15 – 4:00	Israel Wayne What is the Father's Role in the Home?	Christy-Faith How to Give Your Kids Everything They Need (without overwhelming them or you)	Kristi Clover Raising Responsible Teens	Heather Haupt & Colene Lewis Homeschooling and Still Loving Each Other	Dr. Seann Dikkers Studying God's Word Together: Teaching Your Family Inductive Bible Study	Betsy Pierce Lesson Planning & Recordkeeping	Daniel Tet Entrepreneurship as Character Formation	David & Shirley Quine Reading Between the Lines: Understanding the Worldview of Authors
Workshop Session #7 4:15 – 5:00 pm	Roger & Jan Smith Prescription for a Healthy Marriage	Christy-Faith How to Overcome the Fear of Failing Your Child	Dr. Lisa Dunne Goodbye, Boss Babe: Redeeming 50 Years of Bad Parenting Advice	Penny Ross Middle School – Is It Any Different?	Brian Villanueva Take AI from Harmful to Helpful	Vicki Stormoen Finding Your Tribe	Daniel Tet When Institutions Fail: Teaching Kids to Think Clearly	Amanda Faus Awakening: The Habit of Attention
5:15 – 6:15 Closing keynote	Roger & Jan Smith 3 Keys to Success in Homeschooling							
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- A Registration/Check-In
- B Main Hallway Entrance
- D Photo Booth
- 1 Child Con (Fri/Sat)
- 2 Teen Con
- 3 Keynotes/Workshops
- 4 Main Foyer Workshop
- 5 Main Sanctuary East Workshop
- 6 Main Sanctuary West Workshop
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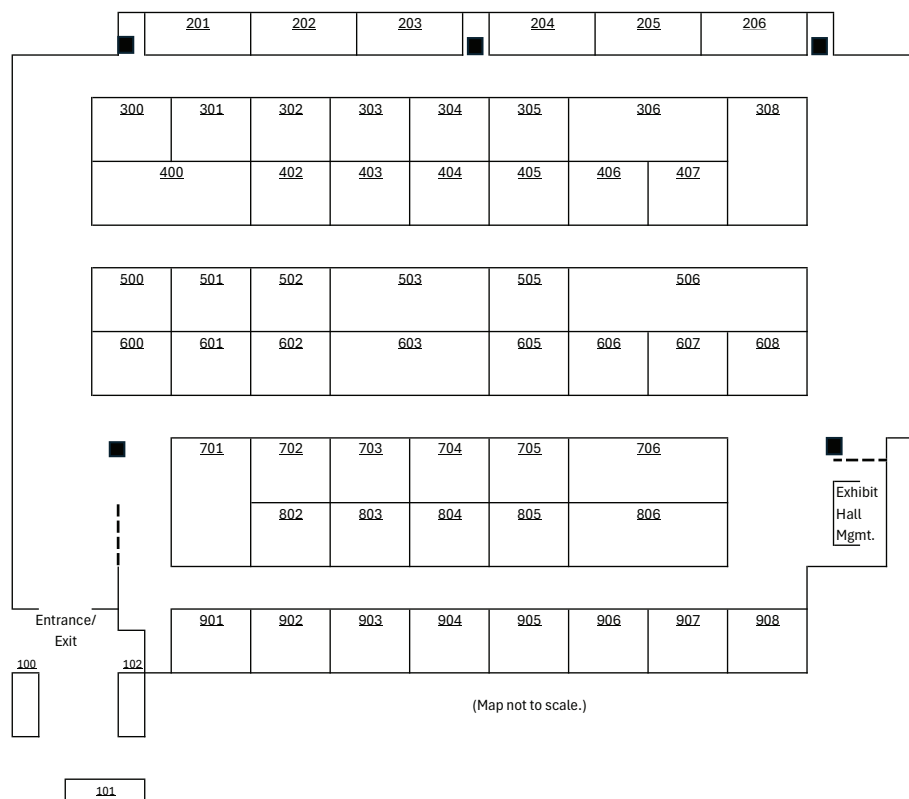
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FRIDAY, JULY 10

OPENING KEYNOTE

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

The Vanishing of Childhood: What Happens When We Lose the Wonder Years?

Christy-Faith, *South Sanctuary*

What if we're getting childhood all wrong? What if the things children need most—and the right kind of preparation for their futures—aren't what we've been told? In a culture consumed by busyness and achievement, something vital is slipping away. Days once filled with joy, imagination, and connection have been replaced by packed schedules and relentless pressure. The foundation for creativity, resilience, and joy is quietly vanishing. Christy will share fresh insights and actionable strategies to protect what matters most.

WORKSHOP SESSION #1

2:15 – 3:00 p.m.

You Can Do It! Embracing Your Homeschool Calling with Confidence

Kristi Clover, *South Sanctuary*

Homeschooling can feel exciting and a little intimidating, especially when you start wondering if you are really equipped for the job. If you have ever questioned whether you can do this, you are not alone. Kristi shares how homeschooling is not about having it all figured out, but about taking the next faithful step. Through humor, real-life stories, and biblical encouragement, she will help you move past fear, release perfectionism, and step into the calling God has placed on your family with confidence and peace.

Play More

Dr. Seann Dikkers, *Main Foyer*

It's easy to recognize how valuable play is to our children. They love it! It is not so easy to convince ourselves that play has a variety of long-term benefits and that play is actually learning. It is arguably the purest form of learning we have. Dr. Dikkers will walk us through an overview of

the physical, developmental, social, and academic benefits of non-directed outdoor play time.

What Colleges Really Want: The Inside Scoop from a College President

Dr. Lisa Dunne, *Main West*

What do colleges really want from homeschoolers? Will homeschooling ruin your chances of getting into a good college? As a 25-year veteran of higher education, Dr. Lisa Dunne shares the behind-the-scenes conversations that college leaders have about homeschoolers. You'll be surprised and encouraged to discover what colleges are really looking for in students and what you can do to prepare your homeschool scholar.

Homeschooling the Early Years

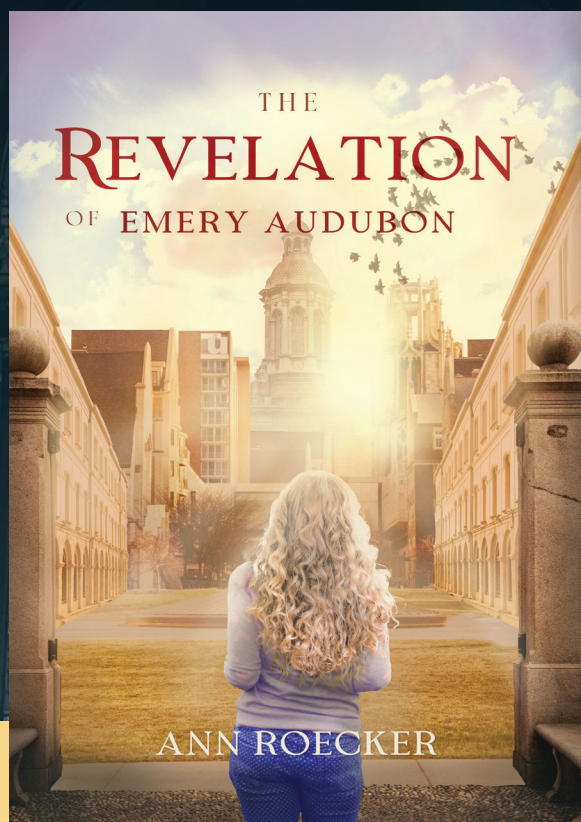
Heather Haupt, *Main East*

Want to give your preschooler and kindergartner an edge? Though it may seem counter-intuitive, having a playful, relaxed, yet intentional attitude towards learning in the early years develops creativity, encourages curiosity, builds independence, expands attention span, enhances relationships, and has fun, too. And it is PROVEN to give them an academic edge! Join Heather as she shares the art of teaching young children through play.

Tending to your Child's Emotional Health

Dr. Roger Smith, *Room 118*

Learn from pediatrician, Dr. Roger Smith, how stress and trauma affects a child's ability to learn and perform. Research on stress has yielded a better understanding of the biochemical and neurologic responses we see as "behavior." Parents can tap into this research to better guide their child through life's stresses. This session will review both the science and the social impact of emotions in the context of a Biblical worldview. Dr. Smith will transform scientific gobbledygook into layman's language with tangible application.



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12 Thoughtful Reasons Why I Privately Homeschool

Diane Smith, Room 108

Many private home educators are often asked "What is your WHY?" That is, why would you turn down the popular charter option with its enticing bells and whistles or balk at embracing school choice? These are important questions that every homeschooling family should be able to answer. This talk will thoughtfully explore these two educational paths while addressing common misconceptions in truth and love.

Jesus at 12: Lessons for the Transition Years

Mark Martinez, Room 109

The Bible is silent on most of Jesus' childhood—except one moment: age 12 (Luke 2:41–52). That's not accidental. God is spotlighting something about the "in-between" years when children begin to take ownership of faith, identity, and responsibility. This session draws out key lessons from Jesus' example and delivers six practical takeaways—three for parents and three for preteens/teens—to help families navigate this transition with clarity and confidence.

Homeschooling as a Ministry Family

Briana Reyes, Room 104

Being in ministry is a privilege. Despite the privilege that it is, it does not come without sacrifices and hardships. Learning to balance and manage all aspects of ministry and homeschooling is possible with the help that comes from the Lord. It is a true blessing, when we remember, educating our children is a ministry in and of itself. The greatest ministry we can be a part of! Come and learn some practical ways to serve the Lord with an undivided heart.

Workshop Session #2

3:15 – 4:00 p.m.

Pitchin' a Fit: Overcoming Angry and Stressed Out Parenting

Israel Wayne, South Sanctuary

Everyone struggles with anger on some level, but when anger is a frequent occurrence with your children, over time, it will damage your

relationships and hinder your effectiveness. Are you tired of being stressed-out, and ready to have a peaceful atmosphere in your home? Learn how in this important workshop.

Is My Homeschool on Track? Here's How to Know

Christy-Faith, Main Foyer

"Am I doing this right?" It's the question every homeschooler asks. Those well-meaning platitudes like "you can't mess this up" might sound comforting, but deep down, we know the truth: both parenting and homeschooling are significant responsibilities. The self-doubt, the fear of failing our kids, and the constant pressure can feel paralyzing. But what if there was a way to silence the doubt? This workshop unveils a simple, proven framework to ensure your homeschool is not just on track but thriving.

Cafeteria Lady: Tips for KP Duty

Carrie De Francisco, Main West

Carrie talks about the homeschool struggle no one tells you about when you start homeschooling: Your Job as the Cafeteria Lady! Homeschooling moms spend a ton of time in the kitchen. Cooking and KP duty is something every homeschool mom deals with on a daily basis. Carrie will share her secret to being a successful and stress-free "Cafeteria Lady." There will be tips on how to plan, delegate, & organize, so you don't have to live in the kitchen (unless you want to)!

Homeschooling Active Kids

Heather Haupt, Main East

Do you have one of those kids who can't seem to sit still? Come explore the scientific research behind the mind/body connection and how movement can be the key switch to turn your child ON to learning. But more importantly, you'll put together a game plan with personalized ways you can incorporate more movement into your homeschooling days that will maximize your child's learning potential. Understanding the need for and incorporating movement is helpful everyone, but vital for those with special needs.



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Dad's Essential Role

Dr. Roger Smith, Room 118

In a busy home, dads often find themselves being dragged along in all the activity involving the children. But can it be another way? Dr. Smith will share ways he and others have made significant contributions to the home in the midst of a busy career. This session will not be an attempt to produce guilt about failures, but will offer solutions and hope for increasing the influence of dad in the home, resulting in everyone being more happy.

Is There a Different Way? Help Me Know My Options

Jan Smith, Room 108

When getting started, or when change is needed, it helps to know the options that may be a better fit for you and your child. This workshop will discuss several approaches (they all work) and review some of the curriculum providers in each category. Finding the one that is a best fit

for you and your child will increase your success and reduce frustration. Information from this session will enable you to make more confident choices as you face decisions for education.

The Nine Reasons – Certificate Program

David & Shirley Quine, Room 109

When you are in the trenches of homeschooling your children and feel like giving up, what anchors you to your commitment? David and Shirley would love to share with you the multitude of reasons that homeschooling is the best choice for your family and for your children. They will share from their personal experiences of raising and educating their nine children.

Discipling the Next Generation: The Real Reason Homeschooling is a Cause Worth Fighting For

Nathan Pierce, Room 104

What is it that draws us to this crazy endeavor of private home education? As waves of attacks continue to come against homeschooling, what makes this unique method of education worth fighting for? Nathan looks at the underlying battlegrounds of worldviews and the cultural war raging against God-ordained family and Biblical truth. Nathan will challenge you to engage in the battle for our freedoms as he lays out a roadmap for engagement that anyone can follow.

Workshop Session #3

4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Whom Should We Trust: Government or Parents

Israel Wayne, South Sanctuary

There has been a fundamental shift in our culture's view of the role of parents versus government in the past two hundred and fifty years. Contrasting the statements of America's Founding Fathers with ivy league professors and journalists today, you can better understand the battle over who should control the education and upbringing of children.

Math is a Nightmare! Save me! Proven Techniques to Turn Math Around Today

Christy-Faith, Main Foyer

Is your child anxious or resistant when it comes to math? Transform math tears into triumphs in this workshop with Christy-Faith, an expert in engaging reluctant learners. You'll discover secrets to turning stress into success with proven techniques and strategies. It is possible to create a positive, enriching math environment where your child thrives. While the focus is on math, the skills you gain will enhance all subjects, turning your family's educational journey into a joyful adventure.

Read (and Watch) Your Way Through History

Carrie De Francisco, Main West

No textbook? No problem! You don't need a formal curriculum to teach history. Actually, it's more fun if you don't. One of the best ways to learn about history is through the eyes of those who experienced it. Carrie will share simple ways

to not only read your way through but simple (and inexpensive ways) to watch your way through history, using a literature-based approach and family movie nights. Reading (and watching) your way through history is simple, fun, and doable!

Help! I Homeschool and My House is a Mess!

Kristi Clover, Main East

Some days it feels like we have to make a decision: Will we get everything done with our homeschool work today or will we actually get our house clean? There doesn't always seem to be a middle ground. It feels like it's one or the other. Balancing homeschooling and homemaking is very hard work. Overwhelming work. In this workshop, Kristi shares some of her best "efficiency hacks" for managing her home (and still getting schoolwork done).



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FRIDAY EXHIBITOR WORKSHOPS | 5:15 to 5:55 p.m.

Workshop	Location
How Classical Skills Help Navigate Politics <i>Classical Conversations</i> Want your child to tackle politics, faith, and tough conversations with confidence? Discover the Five Common Topic Questions—timeless tools for clarity and connection.	Main Foyer
Dragons, Unicorns, and the Bible <i>Alpha Omega Institute</i> We will explore the evidence that dragons, unicorns (KJV), and man did exist together just as the Bible proclaims. Did dinosaurs go on the ark?	Room 118
BiblioPlan History/Literature at Home and in Co-ops <i>BiblioPlan</i> Spend time with Mindy Brouse as she shares how to do BiblioPlan in a family or co-op setting using a Classical and Charlotte Mason approach.	Room 104
Raising God-Honoring Teens in a Media-Driven Culture <i>CROP Ministries</i> Today's teens are shaped by a digital world many parents struggle to understand. Learn faith-informed strategies to set boundaries, protect hearts, and guide healthy online habits with confidence.	Room 108
Gospel Centered Kids <i>Eternity Changers</i> Help your kids see the world through "gospel binoculars"—confident, bold, and viewing life with eternal eyes.	Room 109

Help! High School Years Are Coming!

Dr. Roger & Jan Smith, Room 118

Many parents are confident managing decisions and educational choices through the middle school years, but shake with fear when looking ahead to the high school years. The issues do seem to have greater consequences, but the Smiths will show a mindset and approach that can energize you to make them the best years. Your emerging adults can become the ones who praise you, instead of being your greatest critic. Together, you can launch your teens to find their own purpose.

Homeschool Hints From Calvin and Hobbes

Colene Lewis, Room 108

Almost everything you need to know to homeschool, from educational philosophy to practical homeschool how-to's, can be found in Calvin & Hobbes. Come laugh, learn, and be encouraged as veteran homeschooler, Colene Lewis, presents wisdom gleaned from the stories of a young boy and his stuffed tiger.

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Choosing Curriculum – Certificate Program

Penny Ross, Room 109

Overwhelmed by the hundreds of different curriculum choices available? How do you begin to sort through the various options, price tags, styles, and methods? Confused by terms like unit study and multi-sensory teaching? And just who is Charlotte Mason? In this crash course, we'll discuss tips and tools to help you find materials that best fit the needs of your family.

Digital Health and Cybersecurity

Matt Johnston, Room 104

Today's digital world offers many opportunities and methods for participation. That participation comes at a cost, exposing us to threats and risks. Yet simply participating also has an unseen transformative effect on us. The rise of AI has escalated many of these challenges while presenting us with new ones. Matt will review the top threats, the harm they cause, and strategies to counter them to protect all that we are - defending our hearts, minds, body, soul, and yes, our property.

threatening our private home education and parental rights! You will learn how vigilance is maintained and hear how God has been working "behind the lines" through FPM this year at the State Capitol. As time permits, this perspective will broaden to an even larger battlefield of the underlying worldviews and trends of our culture's war against the God-ordained family.

Resistant Kids: Lack of Motivation, Constant Pushback, Battles, Help!

Christy-Faith, Main Foyer

Resistance in a child can take various forms—it can look like laziness, lack of motivation, or outright refusal. This workshop is your guide to investigation, revealing the intricate layers behind why kids don't work to their potential. Together, we'll decipher this red flag, explore its implications and learn how to pinpoint the specific support your child needs. Learn to turn challenges into opportunities for growth and collaboration, paving the way for a more hopeful, connected relationship while resolving the problem for good.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

OPENING KEYNOTE

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

The Difference Between Schooling & Education

Israel Wayne, South Sanctuary

Most people think of schooling when they hear the word "education." In reality, however, the two are not intrinsically linked in any way. Learn why most people are schooled, but never truly educated, and how you can ensure your children get a great education, even without schooling.

WORKSHOP SESSION #4

10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

The Latest from Sacramento: Why I Can't Ignore How the Government Works - Legislative Update

Nathan Pierce and John McGowan, South Sanctuary

Fresh from the battlefield, Nathan will update you on major current legislative battles

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Managing Bigs, Littles, and Everything in Between with Confidence

Kristi Clover, *Main West*

Homeschooling multiple kids at different ages and stages can feel like a constant juggling act, especially when you are trying to meet everyone's needs at the same time. From helping one child with math to managing toddlers and everything in between, the day can quickly feel chaotic. In this practical and encouraging session, Kristi Clover shares a better way to approach multi-age homeschooling so you can create more structure, maximize your time, and bring a sense of calm to your day.

Stepping Outside the School Box: Creating a Home Where We Learn

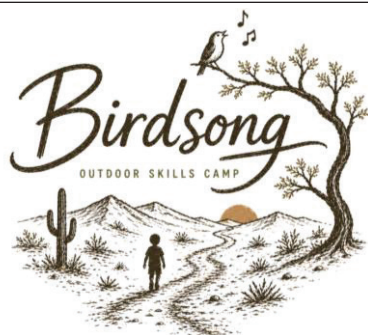
Heather Haupt, *Main East*

Learning to embrace a natural, holistic way of education can make homeschooling doable and successful for both students and parents. It's important to let go of our pre-conceived notions of what "school" should look like and instead major on the strengths of homeschooling – flexibility, real life learning, real books, dialogue rather than formal tests, etc. Discover how to emphasize the benefits of homeschooling and avoid the burn out that happens when parents try to replicate a traditional school in their homes.

Losing Control? Start Building Influence - Parenting Teens and Tweens

Dr. Roger & Jan Smith, *Room 118*

We learn parenting skills when our children are small, but those skills are useless, even detrimental in the teen years. Learn from Dr. Smith, and his wife, Jan, how understanding child development will affect the relationship with your child, and how it should guide your parenting. They will share practical ways to move from a control-mindset to one of influence that will foster closeness in your relationship.



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Two of the Greatest Challenges in Math

Kathleen Clayton, *Room 108*

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Speaking Well

Karla Memmott, *Room 109*

At the checkout line, after church, or just hanging out with friends, people talk every day. When we speak, we offer up more about ourselves than many realize. Speaking well equips students for college and job interviews, relational success, and navigating the adult world. This workshop focuses on the importance of speech, provides instruction for including speech as part of your family lifestyle instead of merely another lesson plan, and equips parents with public speaking skill games.

Más Allá del Currículum: Como escoger sabiamente para desarrollar el Propósito y el Futuro de tus Hijos

Ricardo & Ana Maria Bagnuoli, *Room 104*

¿Es la educación en casa simplemente traer la escuela al hogar, o se trata de algo mucho más profundo? Muchos padres comienzan este camino enfocado en qué libros comprar o qué materias cubrir, pero la verdadera transformación ocurre cuando entendemos que el currículum es solo una herramienta, no el destino. Analizaremos cómo la decisión de educar en casa impacta no solo el presente académico de tus hijos, sino su diseño integral y su futuro a largo plazo. ¡Ven y descubre cómo diseñar una educación que trascienda las páginas y transforme generaciones!

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WORKSHOP SESSION #5: Meet-Ups

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Homeschooling Approaches and Styles – Certificate Program**Angela Lasch (moderator) with Dr. Seann Dikkers, Amanda Faus and Karla Memmott,**
South Sanctuary

Discuss, ask questions, and discover what kind of homeschooler you might be!

Dads**Nathan Pierce and others from Team CHEA,**
Main Foyer

Discussion time for just the dads with other homeschool dads.

Working Moms**Kristi Clover, Main West**

Do you have to also hold down a job to help pay the bills (since California is such an expensive state in which to live!)? Get hints and tips from others walking the same road.

Soon-to-be Empty Nesters**Roger & Jan Smith, Back of Main Sanctuary**

Are you nearing the end of your homeschooling journey? Wondering what might be next? Come discuss with others and get ideas of what God might have for you in this new season of life.

Homeschooling High School**Vicki Stormoen, Main East**

Are you currently homeschooling high school or about to enter that phase? Get encouragement and help from others who are or have walked the path.

Preschool**Betsy Pierce, Room 118**

Are you wondering what you should be doing with your preschooler? Here's your opportunity to discuss this topic with others.

Special Needs**Melisa Stark, Room 108**

Are you homeschooling a special needs child or wondering if it can be done? CHEA's Special Needs Consultant will lead this discussion of helps, tips, and encouragement for you.

Grandparents**Penny Ross, Room 109**

Do you want to be involved in the education of your grandchildren? Come share ideas with other grandparents!

Comunidad Hispana**Monica Ybarra and Abraham and Maria Vadivias, Room 104**

¿Te preguntas si a otros les pasa lo mismo que a ti? El sábado por la mañana habrá un "Encuentro" (una charla amistosa y moderada) para hispanohablantes.

Workshop Session #6

3:15 – 4:00 p.m.

What is the Father's Role in the Home?**Israel Wayne, South Sanctuary**

What does the Bible say about the duties and responsibilities of a Christian husband / father? Israel will look at what the Scriptures teach on this important topic.

How to Give Your Kids Everything They Need (without overwhelming them or you)**Christy-Faith, Main Foyer**

This workshop is a sanctuary for mothers who feel the weight of effective teaching, while juggling numerous responsibilities and the unrelenting demands of life, all without succumbing to burnout. Join Christy and explore practical strategies to craft an enriching education for your children, foster a peaceful home, and provide rich childhoods without sacrificing academic preparedness. This session isn't just guidance; it's your field-guide in navigating challenges, ensuring your children receive what they need while maintaining your own sense of balance and well-being.

Raising Responsible Teens**Kristi Clover, Main West**

High school is about more than academics. It is a key season for preparing your teen for real life. Many parents find themselves still managing everything instead of helping their teen take ownership. In this practical and encouraging session, Kristi Clover shares how to shift from teacher to mentor so your teen can grow in responsibility, independence, and confidence. You will walk away with a fresh perspective and simple ways to help your teen step up while creating a more peaceful and functional home.

Homeschooling and Still Loving Each Other**Heather Haupt and Colene Lewis, Main East**

One of the perks of homeschooling is the opportunity families have to build relationships. Learning to live and learn together, 24-7, provides a wonderful environment where relationships are cultivated. It isn't always easy, but the benefits are well worth the effort! Heather and Colene provide an honest look at how to thrive in the beautiful, but sometimes messy world of living and learning together.

Studying God's Word Together: Teaching Your Family Inductive Bible Study**Dr. Seann Dikkers, Room 118**

Have you ever wanted to dive deeper into a passage of Scripture, better understand the meaning of a word or verse, or feel more confident teaching the Bible to your children? In this workshop, Pastor Seann will introduce parents to the Inductive Bible Study method—a practical approach to studying God's Word that helps both parents and students learn to carefully observe the text, understand its meaning, and faithfully apply God's Word to everyday life.



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Entrepreneurship as Character Formation

Daniel Tet, Room 108

Entrepreneurship isn't just business or just making money - it's agency, accountability, and value creation - it's life. Entrepreneurship is living by faith and becoming the best you can be. There are five areas every entrepreneur learns to master and manage well, and Daniel will lead you through them in this workshop.

Lesson Planning & Recordkeeping - Certificate Program

Betsy Pierce, Room 109

Benjamin Franklin forgot paperwork when he declared death and taxes to be the only certainties in life. But you don't need to be afraid of drowning in a documents. Betsy has kept her school records for thirteen years and will walk you through the mandated records we are required to maintain as private homeschoolers and briefly touch on a few popular methods for lesson planning and keeping track of your child's learning.

Reading Between the Lines: Understanding the Worldview of Authors

David & Shirley Quine, Room 104

Typically, when we are reading a book of fiction, we focus on the plot, character, and theme of the story. What do you mean by "reading between the lines?" It is trying to figure out and understand what the author didn't say by what he did say. It is searching for clues to understand the author's basic beliefs regarding the most significant questions in life. This is reading at the highest and most important level.

Workshop Session #7

4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Prescription for a Healthy Marriage

Dr. Roger & Jan Smith, South Sanctuary

If the children are the glue holding your marriage together, you are on the path to divorce. A healthy marriage leads to a thriving home. Bringing 43 years of experience to bear on the subject, the Smiths recognize that some stages are harder than others, while it is never too late to improve the health of the relationship. They will share several tools that can help restore or invigorate a marriage in a busy home. Leave this session with ideas to make an immediate difference.

How to Overcome the Fear of Failing Your Child

Christy-Faith, Main Foyer

Ever find yourself asking: "Can I really do this?" or "What if I'm failing my child?" Join Christy for a raw and illuminating discussion on the silent struggle of self-doubt in homeschooling. Delve into the questions that haunt homeschooling moms in the dead of night and uncover strategies to silence your inner critic. In this workshop you will gain valuable insight to navigate your doubts and emerge with renewed confidence that you are the best possible teacher for your child.

Goodbye, Boss Babe: Redeeming 50 Years of Bad Parenting Advice

Dr. Lisa Dunne, Main West

Gentle parenting. Co-sleeping versus cribs. Proximal versus distal attachment. Baby carriers versus baby strollers. The internet is swarming with advice on how to raise a child. But often, the advice is misguided at best and disastrous at worst. The "boss babe" culture has trained up an army of workplace leaders who struggle to connect emotionally with their families. Join Dr. Lisa Dunne for an engaging workshop addressing the biblical worldview on raising our kids.

Middle School - Is It Any Different?

Penny Ross, Main East

Is middle school just a different campus for school students? Or do the dramatic physical, mental, and emotional challenges of puberty necessitate some changes in your homeschooling? What academic skills need to be covered now as you bridge between the academic foundations of elementary school and the more advanced coursework of high school?

Take AI From Harmful to Helpful

Brian Villanueva, Room 118

What is AI exactly? Should it be part of your homeschool? Can your teens use it safely? Tools like ChatGPT, Claude, and Gemini can help you teach subjects you may not feel fully prepared for. This workshop walks through simple ways to create practice work, check answers, and spot where your child is getting stuck. It also covers how to build your teenager's professional skills with AI while limiting the rabbit holes they can get sucked into.

When Institutions Fail: Teaching Kids to Think Clearly

Daniel Tet, Room 108

Daniel will help you equip your students to recognize incentives, propaganda, and corruption without cynicism. Help your young people to distinguish authority from truth, detect manipulation, and build the moral courage and practical wisdom for everyday courage and resilience.

Finding Your Tribe

Vicki Stormoen, Room 109

Homeschooling is not a solo sport. Part of ensuring a successful homeschooling journey is finding the right community that supports your vision, goals, and personality. The good news is that there are many such groups to choose from. Come hear about the various homeschooling communities that exist and learn how to create a useful tool for your family to help narrow down your options.



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Awakening: The Habit of Attention

Amanda Faus, Room 104

Do you habitually lose precious minutes of school time trying to get your student's head out of the clouds? We are living in a world characterized by distraction, and no one is above the disordering effect this can have on our lives. We need a recovery of what Charlotte Mason called "the habit of attention". Come learn about the nature of attention, the path to recovering yourself from distraction, and the tools needed to teach this valuable habit to your children.

CLOSING KEYNOTE

5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

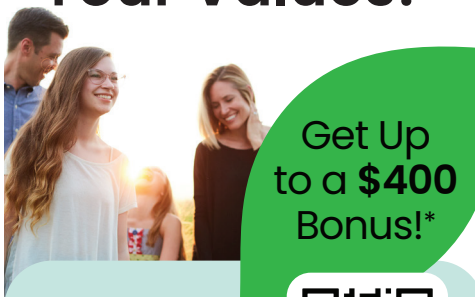
3 Keys to Success in Homeschooling

Dr. Roger & Jan Smith, South Sanctuary

Unlock the door to feeling successful in your homeschooling journey. Often times we try extremely hard, but sense no progress. The 3 keys can help you move forward to achieve a sense of accomplishment. Don't worry! These simple truths will help you open the doors to less fear and more victory for both you and your children.



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Workshop	Location
Raising Teens Into Christian Adulthood Through Rite of Passage CROP Ministries Discover why Christian preteens need intentional rites of passage, and how CROP equips parents to guide sons and daughters toward godly adulthood.	Main Foyer
Creating a Lifegiving Home Environment OneFamily This presentation explores three essentials for a life-giving home: parental unity, virtue-based communication, and a clear family identity—offering practical strategies to strengthen relationships and create a healthier learning environment.	Main West
Homeschool Math Made Simple: What, Why and How MyEdSpace Meet the USA's top math teachers and discover how a high-quality math education is now available to every child in the USA. Followed by a live Q&A.	Main East
Worship, Arts, and Spiritual Practices in the Home Imagining Worship with Kids Worship is our highest common Christian calling. By combining arts-based resources with spiritual practices, worship in the home can be a formative family experience.	Room 118
Learning to Get Youth Back Outdoors! Birdsong Gathering How to get our kids (and adults) to reconnect with nature through hands-on learning, outdoor skills, and meaningful adventures—building confidence and a lifelong love for nature.	Room 109

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2026

Something for Everyone!



FREE College & Career Fair and Financial Aid Webinar Series ~ Tuesday, October 6 (3:00 – 7:00 p.m.) and Thursday, October 8 (5:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

Here's your chance to gather in-depth information on many of the possible schools on your child's list in just one afternoon.

- Enjoy 20 minutes of info and Q&A with each school or organization you and your student want to explore (schedule will be published ahead of time).
- The recording of the College & Career Fair will go into CHEA's Digital Library for all members to access afterwards.

On the second afternoon, get info to help answer the big question: How do we afford it?

- Wondering what a FAFSA is and if you really need it?
- How do I find scholarship opportunities?
- Can we afford a private Christian university?
- How does it work if my student wants to take a Gap Year?



Homeschool Freedom Day - September 12, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Co-hosting with Family Protection Ministries at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley. Visit <https://fpmca.org/event/hfd2026-reagan-library/> for more details.



PSA Filing Party (Webinar) - October 1, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Our annual online party at the beginning of October! Lots of fun and support as we go through page by page, and you'll have your Private School Affidavit done and filed by the end of the evening.



Redding Regional Mini-Con - October 22 & Central California Mini-Con - October 24

- Several workshops on a wide range of topics, for wherever you might be in your homeschooling journey.
- Nathan Pierce of FPM will be there as well!



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A year ago, we hit "publish" on our very first episode with a simple prayer: that God would use it to encourage, equip, and connect Christian homeschool families across California. Today, we're celebrating a full year of conversations, and we're praising God for all He has done through this first year.

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Nathan Pierce on Homeschool Freedom in California

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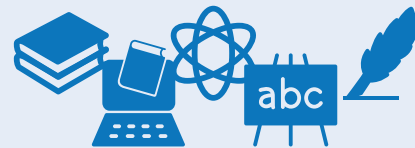
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