



h o m e s c h o o l
c o n f e r e n c e

2 0 0 4

j u n e 4 - 5 ♦ w i c h i t a , k s

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

	209A&B	210A	210B	210C
8:00 - 9:00 A.M.	REGISTRATION / EXHIBITORS HALL OPEN			
9:00 - 9:50 A.M.	Nutrition and Breadmaking: Kitchen Specialties Shelly Vernon	What It Takes to Get Children to Memorize Scripture Dr. N.A. Woychuk	Teaching Math with Manipulatives: Math-U-See Karen Shipman	Integrating Language Arts with Manipulatives: Total Language Plus Cleta Elder
10:00 - 10:50 A.M.	John Gatto's New Research: The Story Behind Public Education John Taylor Gatto	What Great Teachers Know: KONOS Curriculum Erin Blain	Reaching the Reluctant Writer: The Institute For Excellence in Writing Janet Spitler	History – Making It Come Alive: Berean Bookshelf Vic & Gail Storkel
11:00 - 12:00 Noon	Liberal Arts Opportunities for Homeschoolers at Northfield School Becky Elder	Simply Stated! – Geography, History, Politics and Character: Kreative Simplicity K. Campbell / S. Douglass	Unit Studies Made Easy: Five in a Row Steve Lambert	If You Build It, They Will Read: Books Bloom Jan Bloom
Noon - 1:00 P.M.	LUNCH BREAK / EXHIBITORS HALL OPEN			
1:00 - 2:30 P.M.	OPENING KEYNOTE SESSION: KAREN ANDREOLA (Convention Hall)			
2:45 - 3:45 P.M.	Your Man in Washington: An Up-to-the-Minute Report on How Homeschoolers are Faring Chris Klicka	Physical Education for Homeschooled Kids Diane Taylor	A Confident, Competent Journey: Getting a Homeschool Started Lori Beckstrom	Instilling Virtue in the Hearts of Young Women Myklin Cox
4:00 - 5:00 P.M.	Motivation and Enthusiasm: Keeping the Love of Learning Alive in Our Homeschool Dean Andreola	Understanding Your Worldview Richard Neu	Child Discipline Rick Boyer	Looking Back: A 25-year Homeschooling Retrospective Niki Gass
5:00 - 7:00 P.M.	DINNER BREAK / EXHIBITORS HALL OPEN			
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.	EVENING KEYNOTE SESSION: CHRIS KLICKA (Convention Hall)			

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

8:00 - 8:30 A.M.	REGISTRATION / EXHIBITORS HALL OPEN			
8:30 - 9:30 A.M.	Beyond the Textbooks Rick Boyer	Dads Must Be the Spiritual Leader Don Beckstrom	Help! I'm a Failure! Jan Bloom	Making Brothers and Sisters Best Friends Harold Mally & Family
9:45 - 10:45 A.M.	The Case for Home Schooling: A Factual Look at the Benefits Chris Klicka	Book Heart: Understanding the Heart and Soul of Literature Dawn Willcox	Multi-Level Teaching: Learning as a Family Erin Blain	How Every Family Can Have a Ministry Harold Mally & Family
11:00 - 12:00 Noon	How and Why to Take Part in "Mother Culture" Karen Andreola	Debate and Forensics for Homeschoolers Joni Atteberry	Kansas Laws and Home Education Jim Farthing	Homeschooling Dads: The Support Pillar of the Wife Don Beckstrom
Noon - 1:30 P.M.	LUNCH BREAK / EXHIBITORS HALL OPEN			
1:30 - 2:30 P.M.	The Value of Stories in Family Life: The Teaching Method of Jesue Dean Andreola	The Power of Spoken Blessings for Children Doug Myers	Occupying Toddlers and Preschoolers While Teaching Others David Hazell	Knights, Maidens and Dragons: Finding a Life Partner Harold Mally & Family
2:45 - 3:45 P.M.	The Socialization Trap Rick Boyer	Budgeting and God's Principles for Family Finances Pete DeGraaf	What Every Parent Should Know About Daughters: Insights From a Homeschool Graduate Myklin Cox	Anger Management For Dads Don Beckstrom
4:00 - 5:00 P.M.	CLOSING KEYNOTE SESSION: CHRIS KLICKA (Convention Hall)			

203	204	205	208
REGISTRATION			
Tapestry of Grace: A Biblical Worldview Curriculum Susan Achenbach	BJU HomeSat: The Finest Visual Learning Tool Available	Foreign Language Learning That Works! PowerGlide	Switched-on Schoolhouse 2.0: Alpha Omega Publications
Drawn Into the Heart of Reading: Heart of Dakota Publishing Carrie Austin	Learnables Foreign Language Courses Dr. Harris Winitz	Joyce Herzog's Helpful Products (including Scaredy Cat Reading) Sandra Burns	Changing the Culture One Creative Heart at a Time: enCompass Center For Creative Arts Mark Clark
Algebra Without the Headaches: Teaching Textbooks Shawn Sabouri	How to Teach Latin: Memoria Press Martin Cothran	Does Light Interfere With Your Child's Reading? Irlen Clinic of Wichita Dr. Catherine Hay	Combining Classical Ed., Charlotte Mason, Unit Studies with a Christian Perspective: My Father's World David Hazell
LUNCH BREAK / EXHIBITORS HALL OPEN			
"The Gentle Art of Learning & The Many Hats of Homeschooling"			
How to Teach an Effective Unit without Getting Bogged Down David Hazell	Introduction to BEST Robotics and the Wichita Homeschool Warriors Robotics Team Pete & Karen DeGraaf	Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts: Learning and Adventure with TPA Pack / Troop 281	Lewis & Clark and the Voyage of Discovery John Newton
Character Building: How to Give Your Children the Keys to Genuine Success Doug Myers	Rocketry: Launching Interest in Math and Science Sarah Engelland	Overcoming Dyslexia and Other Reading Challenges Lori Beckstrom	Math For High Schoolers: How Much Do We Need and How Do I Get It? Susan Warner
DINNER BREAK / EXHIBITORS HALL OPEN			
"The Battle For Our Children's Minds"			

REGISTRATION / EXHIBITORS HALL OPEN			
Reaching the Reluctant Writer Janet Spittler	Three Keys to a Great Art Education Brenda Ellis	Lapbooking Your Way to Learning Lisa Schafer	Instilling Citizenship in the Next Generation of Leaders: Mock Government Monte Lyons
Getting a Grip on Grammar Lori Beckstrom	Ready, Set, Go 4-H! E.Otte / 4-H Ambassadors	The College Application Process Michelle Baker	How Much Higher Math Do Kids Really Need to Know? Shawn Sabouri
Chores and More: Successfully Organizing Household Duties Karen DeGraaf	Connecting Kansas Kids, Crops, Critters & Conservation: Kansas Foundation For Agriculture in the Classroom	Careers Without College Rick Boyer	What is Classical Education? Martin Cothran
LUNCH BREAK / EXHIBITORS HALL OPEN			
Teaching Writing as a Process Lori Beckstrom	Becoming "Road" Scholars: Homeschooling and Traveling Pam Pinalto	It's Never Too Early to Prepare For College Glenn Lygrisse	Science For Homeschoolers Becky Nangle
	Political Involvement For a Time Such as This: What a Homeschool Family Can Do David Thorne / Bev Duncan	Preparing a High School Transcript Deb Shelly	Music in a Homeschool: How and Why? Michelle Baker
"Understanding Suffering In the Midst of Homeschooling"			

SCHEDULE

Nursing
Mother
Area

Restroom	CONCESSIONS	Restroom
----------	-------------	----------

ADVENTURES IN CHARACTER

175	138
174	139
173	140
172	141
171	142
170	143
169	144
168	145
167	146
166	147
165	148
164	149
163	150
162	151
161	152
160	153
159	154
158	155
157	156

137	104
136	105
135	106
134	107
133	108
132	109
131	110
130	111
129	112
128	113
127	114
126	115
125	116
124	117
123	118
122	119
121	120

103	76
102	77
101	78
100	79
99	80
98	81
97	82
96	83
95	84
94	85
93	86
92	87
91	88
90	89

ANDREOLA	
75	52
74	53
73	54
72	55
71	56
70	57
69	58
68	59
67	60
66	61
65	62
64	63

HSLDA	
51	31
50	32
49	33
48	34
47	35
46	36
45	37
44	38
43	39
42	40
41	

TPA	
30	9
29	10
28	11
27	12
26	13
25	14
24	15
23	16
22	17
21	18
20	19

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8

REGISTRATION

Package Check

Wichita Warriors Robotics

Boy Scout
Troop 281
(TILED AREA)

- 48 4-H Clubs / Sedgwick County Extension (Wichita, KS)
115 A Beka Academy (Pensacola, FL)
112-114 A Beka Book (Pensacola, FL)
59-62 Accelerated Christian Education (Largo, FL)
123 Accent Studios (Wichita, KS)
37/45 Adventures in Learning (Red Bud, IL)
1-4 Alpha Omega Publications (Chandler, AZ)
77 Artistic Pursuits Inc. (Arvada, CO)
125 Banjo/Mandolin/Guitar Lessons (Wichita, KS)
47 Barclay College (Haviland, KS)
52 BBN/KYFW Radio (Derby, KS)
172 Benedictine College (Atchison, KS)
15-17 Berean Bookshelf (Tijeras, NM)
80 Bethlehem Books (Bathgate, ND)
97-98 Bible Science Bookstore (Augusta, KS)
140 BJ HomeSat (Greenville, SC)
141-144 Bob Jones University Press (Greenville, SC)
121-122 Books Bloom (Cokato, MN)
TILE Boy Scout Troop 281 (Wichita, KS)
75 Butler County Community College (El Dorado, KS)
85 Central Homeschool Family Ministries (Wichita, KS)
46 Character First! Education (Modesto, CA)
9 Christian Home Educators Confederation of Kansas
156-161 Children's Books (Greer, SC)
20-21 Christian Liberty Academy/Press (Arlington Heights, IL)
6-8 Christian Light Education (Harrisonburg, VA)
67-68 Corps of Re-Discovery (Springfield, MO)
22 Cowley County Community College (Arkansas City, KS)
148-149 Creative Memories (Wichita, KS)
76/103 Critical Thinking Books & Software (Pacific Grove, CA)
ANDREOLA Dean & Karen Andreola (Union, ME)
88-89 Discovery Toys (St. John, KS)
36 Doorposts (Gaston, OR)
127 Driver Education in a Box (Houston, TX)
102 Eagle's Wings Educational Materials (Duncan, OK)
151 EDGEducation Publishing (Yukon, OK)
63 Edu-Track Home School (Springfield, MO)
95 Encompass Center for Creative Arts (Wichita, KS)
130 Encyclopaedia Britannica (Chicago, IL)
50 English Through Your Child's World (Douglass, KS)
155 Eniva Minerals for Life (Andover, KS)
79 Exploration Place (Wichita, KS)
26-27 Five In A Row (Grandview, MO)
153 Friends University (Wichita, KS)
87 From Higher Ground (Wichita, KS)
73-74 Garten's Music (Wichita, KS)
23 Girl Scouts (Wichita, KS)
54-56 Grace & Truth Books (Sand Springs, OK)
25 Grammar Key (Tulsa, OK)
64-66 Great Products (Boulder City, NV)
126 Guide to Geekdom (Aurora, CO)
96 Heart of Dakota Publishing (Dell Rapids, SD)
166 Heritage Manufacturing (Partridge, KS)
116 Holy Trinity Catholic Books & Gifts (Wichita, KS)
91 The Homeschool Parent (Cedaredge, CO)
164-165 HomeWorks (Olathe, KS)
HSLDA HSLDA (Purcellville, VA)
100-101 Institute for Excellence in Writing (Huntington, IN)
38 Irlen Clinic of Wichita (Wichita, KS)
118-119 Jim Starkey Music Center (Wichita, KS)
170-171 Joyce Herzog Curriculum (Derby, KS)
150 K12, Inc. (Gardner, KS)
162-163 Kansas Homeschool Family Ministries (Wichita, KS)
72 KCFN (Wichita, KS)
137 Kitchen Specialties (Colon, NE)
90 KONOS Curriculum (Broken Arrow, OK)
70 Kreative Simplicity (Wichita, KS)
43 Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks (Pratt, KS)
106 Ks Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (Manhattan, KS)
5 Landmark's Freedom Baptist Curriculum (Haines City, FL)
31 Learnables Foreign Language Courses (Grandview, MO)
28/29 The Learning Parent (Rustburg, VA)
82 The Library Shelf (Waco, TX)
24 Light of Faith Resources (Joplin, MO)
154 Lots-sa Fun (Wichita, KS)
58/69 Math-U-See (Moore, OK)
107 McRuffy Press (Raymore, MO)
134-135 Memoria Press (Danville, KY)
138-139 Miller Pads & Paper (Boscobel, WI)
83 Museum of World Treasures (Wichita, KS)
10-13 My Father's World (Rolla, MO)
129 Northfield School (Wichita, KS)
117 Northrock Lanes (Andover, KS)
19 Perfect Peace Christian Lifestyle Store (Wichita, KS)
86 Physical Education for Homeschooled Children (Spencer, OK)
152 Play-N-Talk Phonics (Perry, OK)
44 PowerGlide / AOP (Chandler, AZ)
32-33 Precious Treasures (Emporia, KS)
84 Providence Project (Whitewater, KS)
108-110 Rainbow Resource Center (Toulon, IL)
39-40 Rare Christian Books (Dixon, MO)
51 Rockhaven Photography (El Dorado, KS)
145-146 Rod & Staff Publishers (Perkins, OK)
111 Science Education Center (Wichita, KS)
57 Scripture Memory Fellowship (St Louis, MO)
14 Shepherds Crook Felts (Towanda, KS)
128 Smith Barney (Wichita, KS)
81 Sonshine Tech Ed Publications (Newton, KS)
120 Successful Living Books (Wichita, KS)
78 Tabor College (Hillsboro, KS)
136 Tapestry of Grace (Lindsborg, KS)
99 Teaching Textbooks (Oklahoma City, OK)
104-105 Tomorrow's Forefathers (Marion, IA)
30 Total Language Plus (Bellevue, NE)
49 University of Kansas Distance Education (Lawrence, KS)
18 University of OK Independent Learning High School (Norman, OK)
53 Usborne Books at Home (Edmond, OK)
34-35 VideoText Interactive (Indianapolis, IN)
124 Visual Manna (Salem, MO)
167 Wellington Christian Academy (Wellington, KS)
162-163 West Wichita Homeschool Ministries (Wichita, KS)
162-163 Wichita Angels (Wichita, KS)
41 Wichita Area Homeschool Athletic Association (Wichita, KS)
173 Wichita Classical School (Wichita, KS)
42 Wichita Public Library (Wichita, KS)
WALL Wichita Warriors B.E.S.T Robotics
147 Wycliffe Bible Translators (Newton, KS)
92-94 YWAM Publishing (Seattle, WA)

EXHIBITORS



Christopher J. Klicka

Chris Klicka currently serves as Senior Counsel and Director of State & International Relations for Home School Legal Defense Association. Since 1985, he has represented thousands of HSLDA member families with their legal conflicts both inside and outside of the courts. Chris previously served as the Director of the National Center For Home Education. He continues to provide expert testimony before numerous legislative and regulatory bodies, including the U.S. Congress, on behalf of homeschoolers. A nationally known speaker, Chris has addressed homeschool conferences throughout the country. He is also the author of several books, including *The Right Choice: The Incredible Failure of Public Education and the Rising Hope of Home Schooling*. Chris and his wife Tracy reside in rural Virginia and homeschool their seven children: Bethany, Megan, Jesse, Susannah, Charity, Amy and John.

The Battle for Our Children's Minds

Scripture presents clear instruction concerning how God requires our children to be nurtured and educated. But unsurprisingly, the agenda and philosophy of the "movers and shakers," past and present, of public education are diametrically opposed to this. In our Friday evening keynote session, Chris will address the importance of developing a lasting commitment to homeschooling as the means to best train our children in God's ways. We must keep up the fight and train our children to be leaders of tomorrow who have been taught not only to *believe* like Christians, but also to *think* like Christians.

The Case For Homeschooling: A Factual Look at the Benefits

Are homeschooled children being socialized? Are they really receiving a good education? How will homeschooling benefit family life? Is homeschooling economically feasible? Do homeschools teach what really matters? From research studies to standardized test scores to personal experiences, this session will provide homeschoolers with an abundance of ammunition with which to defend their homeschool before critics of all stripes, be they family, friends or skeptical school officials. Homeschooling works!

Understanding Suffering in the Midst of Homeschooling: God's Grace is Truly Sufficient

All believers, including homeschoolers, experience suffering at some point in their lives. Since we do not understand why, we very often do not handle this suffering correctly. In our closing keynote session, Chris will apply Scriptural promises and truths about suffering as he shares the story of his fight with multiple sclerosis, his wife's fight with ulcerative colitis, the death of his close legal assistant Kimberly, and the near-death of his twins, Amy and Charity. Suffering is indeed a blessing from God, and He will carry us through. God never fails!

Your Man in Washington: An Up-to-the-Minute Report on How Homeschoolers Are Faring on Capitol Hill

As Executive Director of the National Center for Home Education, Chris weekly lobbies Congress and analyzes an overabundance of legislation. This up-to-the-minute report will survey recent important activity at the federal and state levels, and in the judicial arena. Homeschoolers have found favor on Capitol Hill and are making a significant impact.

Dean & Karen Andreola

In 1989, Dean & Karen Andreola founded the Charlotte Mason Research & Supply Co. to republish Mason's classic 6-volume *Original Homeschooling Series*. Later that same year, they began the country's first Charlotte Mason support group to introduce and encourage other homeschoolers with this method. In the years since, they have become nationally recognized authorities in the Charlotte Mason method of education, parenting and homeschooling. Karen is a regular columnist for Mary Pride's *Practical Homeschooling Magazine*, Dean is a 20-year veteran of the Christian publishing industry. Together they are featured product reviewers for Christian Book Distributors homeschool catalog and have published a number of books, including *Beautiful Girlhood* and *A Charlotte Mason Companion: Personal Reflections on the Gentle Art of Learning*. The Andreolas have spoken at homeschool seminars across the country. Karen attended the Boston Conservatory of Music where she majored in classical and modern dance. Dean & Karen have homeschooled their three children for twelve years. They now make their home in mid-coast Maine.



The Gentle Art of Learning & The Many Hats of Homeschooling

The daily tasks of a homeschool mother necessitate the wearing of many hats. During this opening keynote session, Karen reaches into a suitcase full of hats. Each is a symbol of one aspect of "the gentle art of learning." Fifteen years of personal experience has shown that indeed homeschooling is work and takes dedication. But there are also many joys of the "educational life." Come share in the high ideals of homeschooling!

How and Why to Take Part in "Mother Culture"

As a result of her years of research, Karen seeks to revive the notion of "Mother Culture," a term from the past that truly describes today's busy hard-working homeschooling mom. When a mother takes part in Mother Culture, she safeguards her enthusiasm, so she will be better able to cope with her responsibilities. To partake in Mother Culture, a mother feeds herself with the Word of God, with ideas from books, nature, art, music, to find time for a little recreation, or a practical craft, thus taking care to keep growing. If there is such a thing as the joy of childhood, then there is also such a thing as the joy of motherhood. Today's mothers must learn to recognize and live within such a blessing.

Motivation and Enthusiasm: Keeping the Love of Learning Alive in Our Homeschool

There are many practical ways to motivate our children toward a love of learning. There are also a number of common mistakes. Borrowing ideas from a method that has sparked new life into thousands of households nationwide, and weaving together humorous stories from childhood school days, Dean will share with us how to educate and challenge our children for a life of learning and good living, long after "school" has ended.

The Value of Stories in Family Life: The Teaching Method of Jesus.

Many parents have a difficult time relating to and speaking with their children about important, personal, everyday matters. Because of the pressures of making a living, Dads often feel like mere money machines, although they secretly desire to become a vital and welcome member of their families. Gleaning from the teaching methods of Jesus, literature, and from the family trees of members of the audience, Dean shares how stories can bring us closer to our children and our children closer to life's truths.

K E Y N O T E

Anger Management For Dads

In a world where daily pressures can be nearly unbearable and stresses come from every direction, it can be difficult to keep frustration from turning to anger and to keep that anger under control. In this workshop, led by pastor and homeschool dad Don Beckstrom, anger will be defined and examined, and specific strategies for controlling and managing anger addressed. This is an interactive workshop, with participants encouraged to interact as they discuss the real problem of uncontrolled anger in our day-to-day lives.

Becoming “Road” Scholars: Homeschooling and Traveling

When the aircraft industry recently took a nosedive, the Pianalto family volunteered for a layoff in order to fulfill a lifelong dream – to teach their children Catie, 13, and Dusty, 12, about America by seeing as much of it as possible. The Pianaltos took their homeschool on the road, and over the past eight months, have traveled all over the lower 48 states, after which they “permanently” settled in Wasilla, Alaska. In this session, Pam Pianalto, an 11-year homeschooling veteran, will provide an overview of her family’s travels and discuss how your family can plan an education adventure, whether for a week or a year. Topics include making the most of your time on the road, resources for selecting sites, financial planning, and adjusting to life “after the road.”

Beyond the Textbooks

Before mass compulsory schooling, students learned to investigate, reason, and form independent attitudes. Today’s home educating parents are discovering exciting ways to get beyond packaged curriculum to experience real books, real relationships, real learning! Rick Boyer, a homeschooling father of 14, will share insights from his 20+ years experience in moving beyond just doing “school at home.”

Book Heart: Understanding the Heart and Soul of Literature

Books have purpose. They do not simply relate facts or instruct. The soul of a book is full of meaning and life. It is the intent of every author to influence his/her readers in some way. It is a parent’s responsibility to ensure that a child has the tools to prudently discern the intent

of a book. To give a child a book is a good thing, but to give him the tools by which he can grow from that book is a noble thing. Leading this discussion on using literature in the lives of children is Dawn Willcox. Dawn taught in public school until she had children, which caused a major epiphany regarding her own children’s education. She and her family are just finishing their eighth year of homeschooling. Dawn is currently an instructor for Central Family Homeschool Ministries, teaching Literature and Writing classes.

Budgeting and God’s Principles For Family Finances

There are many tools and resources available to help you and your family learn what God has to say about finances. In this session, Pete DeGraaf, also known as “Doctor Checkbook,” will familiarize us with some of the best of these resources, discuss a cash flow system that works, and give specific tips for homeschoolers.

Careers Without College

More and more colleges are welcoming, even advertising for, home educated students. But just as college is not the only means of acquiring a higher education, neither is it the only way of preparing for a rewarding career. This workshop, led by Rick Boyer, a 20-year veteran homeschooling father of 14, examines the routes taken by several prominent Americans who reached the pinnacle of their chosen fields without attending college.

Character Building: How to Give Your Children the Keys to Genuine Success

This workshop, led by Doug Myers of *Character First! Education* is designed to equip parents to build Godly character into their child’s life. Specific attention will be given to five foundational character qualities essential for learning and genuine success. The Biblical basis for each character quality will be examined along with definitions and illustrations.

Child Discipline

As the father of 14 children, Rick Boyer knows the importance of obedience to a peaceful and productive home. In this session, Rick shares, from Scripture and his own experience, the principles that make child training a loving relationship rather than a set of behavior modification techniques.

Chores and More: Successfully Organizing Household Duties

“I can homeschool, but how will the housework ever get done?” If you have ever asked this question at your house, come and hear homeschool mom Karen DeGraaf share how a simple 3x5 card system has brought peace and joy to her household. The system is easy to administer and inexpensive. In fact, most of the needed materials can be found around the house. Learn the five keys to helping your family stay organized and get the chores done.

The College Application Process

FASFA, ACT, SAT, scholarships, admission forms, transcripts, and on and on, *ad infinitum!* Does the college application labyrinth have you totally bewildered? Homeschool mom Michelle Baker has negotiated the college application rapids with her own graduates and will share her valuable insights into the process to help give your family a leg up on college enrollment.

A Confident, Competent Journey: Getting a Homeschool Started

In this workshop, homeschool mom Lori Beckstrom will discuss how to get started on a successful homeschooling journey. Besides discussing the registration process, curriculum choices, and daily schedules, this workshop will delve into the other day-to-day challenges and choices that face homeschoolers. Participants will learn the importance of commitment, setting goals, and requiring accountability of both themselves and their students. Participants will also learn the importance of knowing how and when to have fun, to set the books aside temporarily to deal with heart issues, and to learn to make the most of every moment with their children.

Connecting Kansas Kids, Crops, Critters and Conservation: Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

Agriculture is in everyone’s everyday life! The Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom has a wealth of materials to bring this subject to life in your classroom. In this session, Barbara Oplinger will provide an overview of the Foundation’s many resources and will model several “hands-on” lessons.

Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts: Learning and Adventure with TPA Cub Scout Pack/Boy Scout Troop 281

What is Scouting? Of course, Scouting is camping, hiking, cooking, rope tying, first aid, pine derby, etc., but it is much more. Scouts learn important skills through merit badge work and in the process develop important character traits, including responsibility and leadership. Pack & Troop 281 are both sponsored by TPA and minister specifically to homeschooling families. Come and learn about the many opportunities available in Scouting.

Dads Must Be the Spiritual Leader

Dads, are you really acting as the spiritual leader of your family? Are you really taking responsibility for your family's spiritual well-being, or are you leaving the job to your wives? This workshop, led by pastor and homeschool dad Don Beckstrom, will discuss not only the importance but the spiritual necessity of men acting as the spiritual leader of their family. The session will focus on the responsibilities of the spiritual leader and how to carry them out.

Debate and Forensics For Homeschoolers

Want to build confidence in your students, teach them to think on their feet, help them learn to express themselves before others, and see them rise to their potential? Then consider speech and debate competition. Opportunities for Debate & Forensics are increasing all the time. Homeschool mom Joni Atteberry will provide an overview of how homeschoolers can participate in these exciting challenges.

Getting a Grip on Grammar

Teaching grammar to students can be as challenging for the teacher as for the student. Homeschool mom Lori Beckstrom will provide an overview of the best approach and most important aspects of teaching grammar. The reasons we teach grammar will be stressed, to help place grammar instruction in its proper perspective and context. A linguistically-based order for teaching grammar will be presented, along with handouts that outline and define some of the most basic parts of speech and their use.

Help! I'm a Failure!

When Jan & Gary Bloom began homeschooling their three children in 1982, it was a new way of life. They made many mistakes as they tried to make homeschooling work. In this workshop, Jan looks back at a number of these mistakes and offers alternatives and options to help you experience more joy and success in your homeschool.

Homeschooling Dads: The Support Pillar of the Wife

The saying goes, "Behind every good man is a good woman." But equally true is the saying, "Behind every successful homeschool is a supportive husband." This workshop, led by Don Beckstrom, will discuss the role of the homeschooling dad, his importance as the principal of the homeschool, and his vital role as his wife's support system. Participants will learn specific ways that Dad can support his wife and children, so as to be the "husband behind the successful homeschool."

How Every Family Can Have a Ministry

It's easy to underestimate the tremendous potential that families have for the Kingdom of God. In this session, the Mally family will present encouragement, direction and practical ideas for developing a "ministry mindset" in children and ministering together as a family.

How Much Higher Math Do Kids Really Need to Know?

If algebra and trigonometry are so important, why do we never seem to use them in our day-to-day lives? Shawn Sabouri of *Teaching Textbooks* pursues this vexing question to determine what math topics can be de-emphasized and to examine the good reasons for teaching higher math.

How to Teach an Effective Unit Without Getting Bugged Down

Unit teaching has great advantages but can be overwhelming in both preparation and teaching time. In this workshop, David Hazell, will examine ways to develop units to avoid time-consuming preparation and bring us to a sense of a completion in a reasonable amount of time, while developing a sense of continuity when moving from unit to unit.

Imparting Citizenship into the Next Generation of Leaders: Mock Government

This workshop outlines a practical interactive approach to teaching government via lectures and role playing. Students set up a mock government by reviewing the events that gave birth to our government and the documents that support it. Students are introduced to the legislative process by developing legislation and processing it through the system, including legislative debate, executive signature/veto, and judicial review by a "supreme court." Throughout the experience, the historical dynamics influencing public policy are reviewed, allowing the students to put their learning experience into a real world perspective. This approach will make civics a memorable experience for students. Leading this session is Monte Beal. Monte and his wife Lisa have homeschooled their 7 children for 14 years.

Instilling Virtue in the Hearts of Young Women

Everywhere we look, Godly values are being attacked in this world. Our young women are desperately looking for fulfillment and true joy in life. Myklin Cox will address issues close to the heart of parents desiring to raise their daughters to become virtuous women, in spite of the negative messages in today's world:

- What is the Biblical definition of a Virtuous Woman?
- What does the Proverbs 31 Woman have in common with King David's Mighty Men?
- How can parents encourage their daughters to stand strong in the Lord?

Myklin Cox is a recent graduate of her family's 12-year homeschool program. She has recently completed a Christian course entitled *What Every Girl Should Know*.

It's Never Too Early to Prepare for College

Glenn Lygrisse of Butler County Community College will share his 20+ years of higher education experience and discuss a variety of factors figuring into success in college, including high school curriculum, standardized testing, personal qualities, and more. The college search process will also be examined, with tips for parents and students that will aid in the college selection process.

Introduction to BEST Robotics and the Wichita Warriors Robotics Team

Book learning is great, but nothing beats hands-on activities to reinforce what students are studying. For the past several years, Wichita homeschoolers have participated in the Kansas B.E.S.T. (Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology) Robotics Competition, reaching the nationals the past three years. In this workshop, team members will explain the many benefits of participation in the B.E.S.T. program and show how your students can get involved, either as part of the Wichita team or through establishing a team in your community.

Kansas Laws and Home Education

Every homeschooler should understand the legal aspects of homeschooling in his/her state. TPA President Jim Farthing will discuss the current legal status of home education in Kansas and review recent legislation and court cases affecting Kansas homeschoolers.

Knights, Maidens and Dragons: Finding a Life Partner

The path that leads to finding a life partner is fraught with dragons and other perils. In this session, the Mally family examines a series of Biblical safeguards for young people as they embark on this perilous journey.

Lewis & Clark and the Voyage of Discovery

Retrace the historic journey taken 200 years ago (May 14, 1804 to Sept. 23, 1806) when Ohio was "out west" and the U.S. was struggling for its identity. Learn why the Louisiana Purchase was *cheap* and why contemporary events in Europe had a big impact in North America. Leading this session will be John Newton of the Corps of Re-Discovery.

Lapbooking Your Way to Learning

Lapbooking is a creative way for children to review the things they're learning and as well as an excellent way to show family and friends what's being taught at home. These techniques can be used with any and all curriculum. It's *easy!* Presenter Lisa Schafer is a homeschooling mother of 3 children ages 5-12. She is also a moderator on a popular homeschool website, where she participates in a weekly chat for homeschooling moms, fielding questions about curriculum choices, family issues and "living learning."

Looking Back: A 25-Year Homeschooling Retrospective

After 25 years of homeschooling six children and 11 grandchildren, Niki Gass would love to share the fruits of her experience. What would she change? What would she do again? What are the lessons she learned (Sometimes the hard way)? Come benefit from the wisdom and experience of one of TPA's founding families.

Making Brothers and Sisters Best Friends

Many parents say that one of the hardest parts of homeschooling is that their children don't get along together. In this presentation, including practical ideas, stories and skits, the Mally children will share how homeschooling has helped work through pride, offenses and irritations to become best friends.

Math For High Schoolers: How Much Do We Need and How Do I Get It?

This session will examine different approaches to math instruction, with an eye on what colleges are looking for from students in the area of math. Leading this mathematics safari is Susan Warner, a homeschooling mom and former public high school math teacher for 10 years who is has taught math for the past five years at Central Homeschool Family Ministries.

Multi-Level Teaching: Learning as a Family

Do you worry that your children will never learn Science and History because you can never get to them? Or are you running to separate bedrooms to teach Math to one child, Spelling to another, and Composition to yet another? There is an answer! Multi-level teaching will allow you to teach as much as possible to all your children at once while building meaningful sibling relationships. Erin Blain, a homeschooling mother of six, will discuss the many benefits of multi-level teaching and share how to effectively teach children of varying ages from the same lesson plan.

Music in a Homeschool: How & Why

Isn't music a bit like calculus: you can only teach it if you understand it? Not so fast! Homeschool mom Michelle Baker will discuss why teaching music in your homeschool is a great idea and share a wealth of ideas on how to go about it, even if you aren't ready for Carnegie Hall.

Occupying Toddlers While Homeschooling Older Children

Our children are precious gifts from the Lord, but sometimes they interfere with our human plans. Homeschooling parents sometimes find that their little ones seek attention at all the wrong times. They may not intend to interfere but just want to be involved. So involve them creatively! David Hazell shares ideas developed from homeschooling his own six children to creatively involve younger children, to help prepare these young "sponges" for schooling while we concentrate on our older children.

Overcoming Dyslexia and Other Reading Challenges

Reading is essential to nearly every aspect of life, both spiritual and physical. Yet, one out of every five Americans suffers with some form of reading or learning disorder that makes it difficult to learn to read. Homeschooling mom Lori Beckstrom will examine the physiological realities of dyslexia and what can be done to help students overcome this problem to be first-rate readers. Specific therapy ideas and reading strategies will be examined, along with the importance of continuing a student's education as he/she learns to read.

Physical Education For Homeschooled Kids

Physical education is for everyone, including homeschoolers. Diane Taylor will examine the many ways homeschool families can effectively implement P.E. at home. Diane taught elementary classes in public schools for 14 years and currently teaches P.E. for homeschooled students in grades 1-10 in the Oklahoma City metro area.

Political Involvement For Such a Time as This: What a Homeschool Family Can Do

There is a purpose for each of us to be here in America at this particular time in history. This session, led by Bev Duncan and David Thorne, examines practical ways homeschool families can effectively incorporate political action in their school activities to make a positive difference in their community, state and nation for "such a time as this."

The Power of Spoken Blessings

In Scripture, children were brought to Jesus to receive a verbal blessing. The significance of this is revealed in Proverbs 18:21 where we are told: "Death and life are in the power of the tongue..." Now more than ever, children under our care need a blessing. Doug Myers will provide insights and tools for using spoken blessings to turn discouragement into joy, bitterness into forgiveness, and provide a life purpose and direction to children.

Preparing a High School Transcript

High school graduation is approaching and tough questions loom. What exactly goes on a transcript? Class names, grades, GPA? Should we include textbook titles? What about test scores or extracurricular activities? Providing insightful answers to such questions is Deb Shelly, homeschool mom and co-coordinator of Central Homeschool Family Ministries.

Reaching the Reluctant Writer

Many children do not like to write. In this session, Janet Spittler will present helpful suggestions for separating the complexities of writing into small, manageable steps, making it possible for even reluctant writers to succeed.

Ready, Set, Go 4-H!

Did you know 4-H offers curriculum (at low cost or even free!) in a wide variety of subjects, including cooking, sewing, horticulture, animal husbandry, health & safety, and more? Join Eric Otte, Extension Agent with the Sedgwick County 4-H, and the 4-H Ambassadors as they survey the many resources available through 4-H.

Rocketry: Launching Interest in Math and Science

Model rockets provide an excellent opportunity to apply math skills, develop character, and create fun-filled memories for your family. A thorough, hands-on look at Newton's Laws will help you integrate math, science and spiritual truths for students in grades 7-12. Sarah Engelland will share many practical, low-cost ideas for adding rocketry to your current math or science curricula. Rocketry is well-suited for homeschool co-ops and can easily be adapted for younger children. Sarah homeschools her three children and is co-coordinator of the TEAM support group in Wichita.

Science for Homeschoolers

Teaching science is a challenge for homeschoolers. To help meet this challenge, Becky Nangle will discuss a variety of science topics for junior and senior high students, including: how much science is recommended for college bound vs. non-college bound students; curriculum pros and cons; setting up a lab at home; experiment ideas; resources lists. Becky currently teaches middle school science at Christian schools and the Central Homeschool Family Ministries co-op.

The Socialization Trap

Many home educators are intimidated by the common myth that children who are taught at home are somehow at a disadvantage in social development. Rick Boyer draws on Scripture, scientific research, and the experience of thousands of home educating families to show that the opposite is true. To prepare children for the real world, they need to be in the real world: family, church and community, not locked away from society in age-segregated schools. This session will help you respond to the constant challenge: "What about socialization?"

Three Keys to a Great Art Education

Discover the simple keys to unlocking your children's God-given talents in the visual arts. Brenda Ellis of *Artistic Pursuits* will examine how awareness of the natural world, art history, and current applications of art will spark greater interest in this fascinating subject. Learn how to give your child a great art education at home.

Understanding Your Worldview

Everyone has a worldview, i.e., a foundational set of beliefs. Everything we observe and imagine, every decision we make, is filtered through our worldview. Richard Neu will examine the Biblical worldview and its relevance to homeschooling families. Rich is an Associate Minister at Valley Center Christian Church. He has been a minister for 30 years, a homeschool dad for 18 years, and part of TPA longer than anyone wants to admit. For many years, he has studied the impact of the Church in the World, and more importantly, the impact of the World in the Church.

What Every Parent Should Know About Daughters: Insights From a Homeschool Graduate

We know a parent's role in a daughter's life is important, just how important? What is a daughter's perspective on the influence of her mother and father? Homeschool graduate Myklin Cox will share insights learned through her growing up years. Discover simple, effective steps parents can take to begin that special relationship with their daughter. Topics include:

- Nurturing the father-daughter relationship;
- How a mother can become her daughter's best friend;
- A deeper look into a daughter's mind.

The Lord began to speak to Myklin's heart at an early age about the need for Godly young women in today's world. A Bible class she taught for preteen and teenage girls was the instrument the Lord used to bring about the writing of her first book, *What Every Girl Should Know*. She now actively shares God's vision for virtuous girlhood.

What Is Classical Education?

The trivium – Latin, logic, rhetoric – was once the foundation of a complete education. Martin Cothran, a classical teacher and author of *Traditional Logic* and *Classical Rhetoric*, will explain how to give your child a classical education and will present a complete scope and sequence for classical study. With the right plan and vision, parents can teach the trivium even with no background in these subjects.

Writing as a Process

As homeschoolers and parents, we want our children to become confident in their writing. But how do we take a beginning student or a struggling writer and propel them towards this goal? We won't reach this goal without the proper foundational steps. Homeschool mom Lori Beckstrom will share how to lay the foundation students need to become good writers. Participants will learn how the process of writing is developed and how to help their students complete each step. Specific ideas will be given to help encourage struggling writers, to motivate reluctant writers, and to push avid writers forward to their full potential. This workshop will benefit students of all ages and at varying stages in the writing process.

WORKSHOPS

Algebra Without the Headaches: Teaching Textbooks

Tired of getting stumped on your child's math assignments? Shawn Sabouri will review a series of algebra textbooks that come with CD-ROMS which actually show a teacher working out every single one of the thousands of homework problems step-by-step!

Changing the Culture One Creative Heart at a Time: enCompass Center For Creative Arts

enCompass Center for Creative Arts is a non-profit organization committed to helping individuals discover, develop, and demonstrate their God-given gifts and talents. enCompass offers courses in music, theater, dance, photography, and much more. Mark Clark & Traci House will share about the Center's mission and many opportunities in this interactive workshop.

Combining Classical Education, Charlotte Mason and Unit Studies with a Christian Perspective: My Father's World

Learn how you can blend the best of several different methods on instruction. Instill Christian values while incorporating geography, chronological history, great literature, hands-on activities, notebooks and timelines, narration, study of Greek and Latin roots, nature studies, and more. David Hazel will show you how with these short, well-planned lessons in the morning, families will have time to pursue individual interests in the afternoon.

Does Light Interfere with Your Child's Reading?: Irlen Clinic of Wichita

A parent often times knows that something is hindering a child's learning, but a vision exam shows normal. What other possibilities should be checked and in what order? In this session, Dr. Catherine Hay will review some of the options for parents of children who are experiencing learning difficulties, along with a list of resources.

Drawn into the Heart of Reading: Heart of Dakota Publishing

Are you teaching your children the skills they need to appreciate and enjoy a variety of literature? Do you want to choose your own books, rather than being limited to a pre-selected set of readers provided by one curriculum publisher? Carrie Austin will show you a versatile reading program for grades 2-8 that works with any books you choose.

Foreign Language Learning That Works: PowerGlide

Learn why traditional foreign language instruction has left millions without any practical use of the language we studied so hard in school. PowerGlide courses are research-based and focus on communication. They will provide your children with the tools they need for lifelong fluency. Even if you don't know anything about the language, you can leave the lesson planning to PowerGlide.

History – Making It Come Alive: Berean Bookshelf

Learn the most effective, enjoyable and memorable way to teach history to all ages. Vic & Gail Storkel will review a history program that's fun, chronological, comprehensive, and personally applicable.

HomeSat – The Finest Visual Learning Tool Available: Bob Jones University Press

From instruction in advanced subjects, like physics and higher math, to cultural programs to Christian living seminars, HomeSat brings a wealth of resources into your home via a 24-hour-a-day satellite network. It's like having a faculty at your fingertips. Meet with HomeSat teachers, and learn how this program can help your students in grades K-12 intensify their home education.

How to Teach Latin: Memoria Press

Martin Cothran, an instructor of Latin, logic and rhetoric at Highlands Latin School in Louisville, KY, will explain how you can teach your child Latin, even if you don't already know the language yourself, and the benefits of starting at an early age. Learn why Latin and Greek were used as the primary means of teaching English until the early 20th Century, and why, with the rise of secular views on education, they were largely eliminated from the curriculum.

If You Build It, They Will Read: Books Bloom

Developing a quality family library is essential if one of your goals as parents is raising well-educated children who love reading. Jan Bloom will guide you through deciding what books do (and don't) belong in a home library, how to find (and fix and clean) them, and how to organize them for optimal usefulness.

Integrating Language Arts with Literature: Total Language Plus

Using literature, parents can build an integrated study incorporating spelling, grammar, vocabulary, composition, and critical thinking. Clea Elder will demonstrate how to study these subjects in a practical way without busy work.

John Gatto's New Research: The Story Behind Public Education

A public school teacher for over 20 years, John Gatto was named New York State Teacher of the Year in 1991 and New York City Teacher of the Year on three occasions. But in 1992, he resigned after realizing, "I teach children how to fit into a world I don't want to live in." Since then, he has been researching, writing and lecturing as one of the most outspoken critics of institutional schooling. He has recently been researching the history of public education in American and the intentions of educators, industrialists, philanthropists and government bureaucrats behind it. The results aren't pretty!

Joyce Herzog's Helpful Products

Sandra Burns will review many of Joyce Herzog's Helpful Products, including *Scaredy Cat Reading System*. Learn when vowels are scaredy cats and when they are brave.

Learnables Foreign Language Courses

Join the two generations of homeschoolers who since 1976 have acquired a foreign language easily using *The Learnables*. Available in seven languages, *The Learnables* is a complete curriculum. Each book comes with audio recordings spoken by native speakers. Dr. Harris Winitz leads this overview.

Liberal Arts Opportunities for Homeschoolers at Northfield School

In addition to instruction at home, homeschoolers can access a wide variety of educational opportunities in the community at large. Northfield School, which offers a liberal arts program based on the Trivium and Quadrivium, has long been open to homeschoolers. Becky Elder, homeschooling mom and founder of the Christian Worldview Library, will review the many available opportunities at Northfield.

Nutrition and Breadmaking Basic Breadmaking: Kitchen Specialties

Join Shelly Vernon to discover the nutritional aspects of whole grains and learn how to incorporate them into your daily menu. You can improve your family's health just by changing from white flour to freshly milled whole grains. Bring your husband and any young entrepreneur and learn how to make 100% whole grain breads in just 75 minutes. Recipes and lots of nutritional information will be handed out, along with fresh samples.

Reaching Reluctant Writers: The Institute For Excellence in Writing

In this session, Janet Spittler will show how curriculum from the Institute For Excellence in Writing can help separate the complexities of writing into small, manageable steps, to help even reluctant writers succeed.

Simply Stated! Geography, History, Politics and Character: Kreative Simplicity

Simply Stated! Stemmed from a desire of two homeschool moms, Katie Campbell & Sydney Douglass, to find a simple approach to teach their children the geography of the 50 states. To their amazement, this study stretched past geography into history, science, political issues, and most importantly, character! This simple literature-based study will bring delight and enjoyment to your homeschooling because the authors have made it simple and done the homework for you.

Switched On Schoolhouse 2.0: Alpha Omega Publications

See the latest features in AOP's newest version of *Switched On Schoolhouse*, a comprehensive, interactive homeschool curriculum for grades 3-12 in CD-ROM format. SOS 2.0 offers core subjects of Bible, Language Arts, Math, Science, History and Geography, with a wide variety of electives.

Tapestry of Grace: A Biblical Worldview Curriculum

Tapestry of Grace is a chronological curriculum with a Biblical worldview covering four subjects – English (including Writing and Literature), History, Science, and Fine Arts. The program seeks to weave together the threads of God's plan to reveal His sovereignty and man's nature.

Teaching Math with Manipulatives: Math-U-See

Sometimes reading isn't enough. Seeing is better. In this workshop, led by Karen Shipman, learn how to incorporate manipulatives for a multi-sensory approach to math. Also discussed will be the new changes in the Math-U-See curriculum.

Unit Study Made Easy: Five in a Row

FIAR publisher Steve Lambert will show you how to move into the fun and effective world of unit study without hours of preparation or costly supplies. Unit study will change your homeschool from a rigid classroom into a delightful family learning experience.

What Great Teachers Know: KONOS Curriculum

Great teachers know how children learn best. They teach to the heart as well as the mind. They understand how to teach to the Right Brain, learning styles, the three levels of learning, and much more. Erin Blain, an 18-year veteran homeschooling mother of six, shares the secrets of becoming a great teacher.

What It Takes to Get Children to Memorize Scripture: Scripture Memory Fellowship

Memorizing Scripture calls for a carefully developed plan. Parents must exercise patience that is born in long suffering, perseverance that never surrenders, and prayer that seeks the Holy Spirit. In this session, Dr. N.A. Woychuk will show how Scripture Memory Fellowship can help parents faithfully teach God's Word to their children.