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GENERAL CONFERENCE INFO

WORKSHOP RECORDINGS

With so many workshops going on at the same time, it can be difficult to choose which one to attend. Good news! Workshops presented at the 2026 Homeschool Iowa Conference will be recorded and available for sale online. Information is available on page 14 or at the HI Information Booth. Please note: Some workshops, including exhibitor workshops, will not be recorded.

RESOURCES

Have questions? Need resources? Be sure to visit our volunteer staff at the Homeschool Iowa Booth or the Regional Reps Booth. Our veteran home educators love to answer your questions and encourage you along your homeschooling journey. We offer many resources that will assist you in understanding Iowa homeschool law, beginning homeschooling, homeschooling special needs, homeschooling through high school, and many other topics.

QUESTIONS AFTER THE CONFERENCE?

If you have questions once you get home, we are still available to help! Our team of Homeschool Iowa Regional Representatives would love to offer you assistance. These experienced homeschool parents are full of knowledge about local support groups, resources, curriculum, etc. Feel free to contact them with any questions you may have.

Additionally, our website is a wealth of information. Visit us online at homeschooliowa.org. We also have an online community on Facebook. Go to our Facebook page at homeschooliowa, click on the "Groups" tab, then join our Homeschool Iowa Discussion Group.

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All speakers and speaker workshops are subject to change. For current listings, visit www.homeschooliowa.org. While Homeschool Iowa is a Christian organization and, whereas, this belief guides the structure of the annual Homeschool Iowa Conference, Homeschool Iowa does not require attendees, speakers, or exhibitors to profess (declare, assert) agreement to the Homeschool Iowa statement of faith. In the same way, while we may not admit (accept, approve) an exhibitor or hire a speaker who is specifically "anti-Christian," we do admit speakers and exhibitors that are not explicitly "Christian" but that DO provide home educators, both Christian and non-Christian, with information, knowledge, or curriculum that is relevant, useful, and beneficial.

Please note that Homeschool Iowa does not necessarily endorse everything found in our exhibit hall or heard in a workshop.

By virtue of being an education forum, the Homeschool Iowa Conference does not attempt to filter all of the content you may see or hear at our conference. Homeschool Iowa believes that parent educators are competent and qualified to discern and make informed decisions regarding what material is good for their family. The Homeschool Iowa Conference is designed to serve a diverse variety of homeschoolers, as well as those who are considering home education. Our convention is not a place to define uniformity of belief and practice.

HOMESCHOOL IOWA CONFERENCE TEAM



Welcome to the 2026 Homeschool Iowa Conference! We are so excited you are here. Our fantastic team has been working hard over the last year to ensure you have a wonderful experience and leave feeling encouraged, equipped, and empowered. Please take a minute to review the schedule and the facility map. We have so many wonderful speakers you won't want to miss. If you have questions, feel free to grab one of our team members (look for us with the big name tags and our volunteers with the tan T-shirts). We would love to help you. If you have specific homeschooling questions or just need a hug, please stop by our Regional Reps booth in the RecPlex Commons next to the Homeschool Iowa Information Booth. We hope you will leave the conference feeling encouraged and confident in your homeschool journey for the next generation.

- *Joylynn DeFord*, Conference Coordinator



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Since its inception in 1992, Homeschool Iowa has been served by an amazing roster of homeschooling parents who were willing to offer their time and talents to promote and protect home education in Iowa. Our current board members are dedicated to continue and build upon those past high standards of service.



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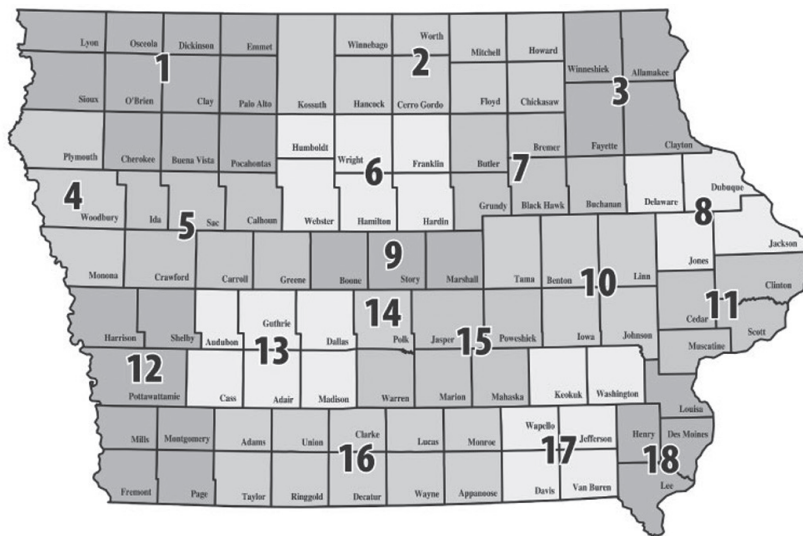
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REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Connect with Us for Encouragement, Wisdom, and Hugs!

Our Homeschool Iowa Regional Representatives, serving in 18 regions around the state, offer localized assistance. These veteran homeschooling moms have practical skills and wisdom that comes from years of experience.



homeschool iowa Homeschooling 101



Check our website, under the events tab, for listings of our Homeschooling 101 events scheduled across the state throughout the year. These free informational sessions presented by our Regional Representatives offer information and resources needed to start a homeschool journey.



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Position Open

Special Needs ADVISORS

These moms have personal experience homeschooling children with special needs and have volunteered to be available to help you. They may be contacted via the Member Portal of our website.



Andrea - Region 1



Sarah Beth - Region 2



Chelsea - Region 3



Kathy - Region 4



Molly - Region 5



Amy - Region 6



Jill - Region 7



Tracey - Region 8



Shellie - Region 9



Terri - Region 10



Brenda - Region 10



Donna - Region 11



Tracy - Region 12



Becky - Region 13



Donna - Region 13



Shelly - Region 14



Jenny - Region 15



Brandy - Region 16



Trisha - Region 17



Autumn - Region 18

BOX LUNCH PICKUP INFO:

Available in the Registration Area
in the RecPlex Commons

11:00AM-1:00PM
on Friday and Saturday

If you pre-purchased lunches online,
pick up your lunch tickets at the Registration area.
Additional box lunches may be purchased on site,
subject to availability.

CONCESSIONS:

Snacks and lunch options may be purchased at the
Commons area RecPlex concession stand.

COFFEE & TEA:

Available in the RecPlex Commons
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MOTHERS' ROOM

For the comfort and convenience of our parents and young
children, there is a private room available for nursing, diaper
changing, and other needs that arise with small children.

Located across the hall from the conference exhibit hall.

HOURS:

Friday 8:00 AM – 7:15 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:15 PM

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Meet the Speakers!

Keynote Speakers:



Andrew Pudewa

Andrew Pudewa is the founder and director of the Institute for Excellence in Writing. Presenting around the world, he addresses issues relating to teaching, writing, thinking, spelling, and music with clarity, insight, practical experience and humor. His seminars for parents, students, and teachers have helped transform many a reluctant writer and have equipped educators with powerful tools to dramatically improve students' skills. Although he is a graduate of the Talent Education Institute in Japan (Suzuki Method) and holds a Certificate of Child Brain Development, his best endorsement is from a young Alaskan boy who called him "the funny man with the wonderful words." He and his beautiful, heroic wife, Robin, have homeschooled their seven children and are now proud grandparents of eighteen, making their home in Northeastern Oklahoma's beautiful green country.



Heidi St. John

As a best-selling author, podcast host, speaker, and former Congressional candidate, **Heidi St. John** has been speaking on family, cultural, and political issues for nearly twenty years. She is the author of twelve books, including the bestselling *Becoming MomStrong: How to Fight with All That's in You for Your Family and Your Faith*. Heidi's passion to see God's people engage at the "intersection of faith and culture" is the heartbeat behind her popular podcast, which has been downloaded over 24 million times. Heidi has been married to Jay, her college sweetheart, since 1989. They reside just outside beautiful Vancouver, Washington, where their non-profit organization, Firmly Planted Family, and the Homeschool Resource Center are based. The St. Johns have seven children, all of whom have been homeschooled, and an ever-growing number of grandchildren.



Kevin Swanson

Kevin Swanson is a second-generation homeschooler, published author, radio personality, and director of Generations, a ministry dedicated to strengthening homeschool families across the country. Kevin and his wife, Brenda, have homeschooled and graduated five children, and continue to run an active family economy out of the house. Kevin has authored over 30 books, including *Upgrade: The 10 Secrets to the Best Education for Your Child*, *Family Life*, *The Story of Freedom*, *Epoch: The Rise and Fall of the West*, and *Worldview: What We Believe, What They Believe and Why They are Wrong*. He is a nationally recognized speaker on home discipleship and education, and hosts the daily Generations radio program heard by homeschool families around the world.

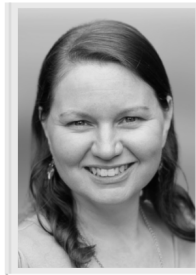
Additional Speakers and Workshops:



Trisha Pull



Audi Elliott



Kerry Williams



Kathie Morrissey



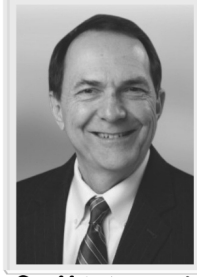
Dana Huss



Jeremy Vos



Ben DeFord



Scott Woodruff



Ebon Carter

Looking for Additional Speaker Bios?



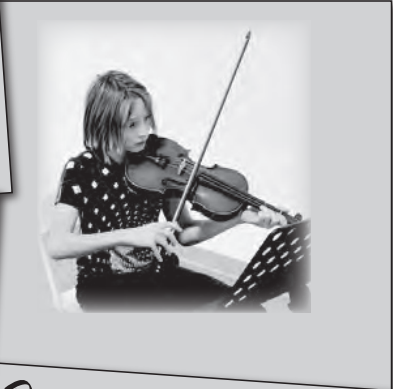
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Friday, June 5, 2026 | 8:30am-6:30pm

FRIDAY WORKSHOPS 2026 Conference

OPENING & KEYNOTE

8:30-10:00AM

OPENING WELCOME: Homeschool Iowa Team

Get a great start to your exciting conference experience! Meet our team members and hear brief highlights of what's new with Homeschool Iowa that directly impacts your family.

KEYNOTE: However Imperfectly: Lessons Learned from 30 Years of Teaching – Andrew Pudewa

In this talk, Andrew Pudewa shares many humorous experiences (and painful lessons) he has learned over 30 years of teaching and homeschooling. You will be challenged, reassured, and sure to leave with an expanded vision of your calling as a home educator.



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Holding to the historic Baptist faith, *The 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith*

The homeschool movement is like the leaven of Matthew 13:33. R.J. Rushdoony (1916–2001), is considered the father of the homeschool movement, which started very small and was ignored by the world. Today, what started as a small amount of leaven is spreading throughout the world, as millions of people worldwide are fleeing from the kingdom of men to the Kingdom of God, 2 Kings 4:40 (<https://www.freedomproject.com/2026/03/01/tnr3126/>)

The world knows that the homeschool *leaven* will overthrow the plans of the wicked that they have for the destruction of His Kingdom. Thus, they must do all they can to keep the children under their anti-Christian authority.

Homeschool or government school?


The issue is simple:

Whoever controls the child controls the future.

We can expect the war against homeschooling to intensify, and the establishment to attack homeschooling with increased vengeance.

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For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry in their homes, occupations & society in general, for the edifying of the body of Christ.
~ Ephesians 4:12



Session 1

10:30-11:30AM

FRIDAY

Christ-Centered Homeschooling in the 21st Century – Kevin Swanson

Are we holding strong to the vision? Are we allowing secularism to creep into our homeschools? Are we allowing worldly standards to establish our definitions of success? Have we clarified the differences between a man-centered education and a God-centered education enough? Kevin Swanson gets back to the basics on a biblical worldview in this presentation.

START HOMESCHOOLING SPECIAL TRACK:

Homeschooling: Starting Off Right – Trisha Pull

Starting the homeschool journey can be an overwhelming and intimidating process. How do you decide which curriculum to use? How should your home be set up for learning? What does the law require of homeschoolers? Is there a right way to homeschool? This session is designed to address beginning topics like state homeschool laws, how to choose curriculum, understanding your children's learning styles, finding support for you and your homeschool, and making learning a lifestyle. You'll leave this session feeling equipped and confident for your homeschool year ahead.

Training Character into Your Children – Kathie Morrissey

Character is the most important fruit that parents can nurture in their children, and it is the foundation for academic learning. Discover how character is learned and how to establish a plan for teaching it to your children. Kathie will give several creative ways you can encourage your children to develop in this important area. After hearing this, you will be motivated and full of ideas to use with your own children.

Building a Solid Math Foundation Because Confidence Matters – Kerri Williams

Just like a house needs a strong foundation to stand tall, children need a solid base in math to tackle more complex ideas with confidence. Without a solid foundation, things can start to crumble. In this session, you'll learn simple, effective ways to teach math from the ground up, helping children understand the basics in a way that builds their confidence. When kids have a solid math foundation, they don't just get the right answers. They feel empowered to keep growing, trying, and even enjoying math as they advance to more challenging concepts.

Exhibitor Workshops

11:45AM-12:45PM

You can do it! The Church and Education Ministries – Herzog Foundation

Looking for ways for your church to serve local homeschooling families? At the Herzog Foundation, we believe that YOUR church can start an education ministry, and we have the free resources to get you there. This workshop will explore practical steps, legal considerations, and space-sharing frameworks necessary to establish a thriving co-op within a local church. Attendees will leave equipped with actionable strategies and inspired by real-life stories from churches that have successfully integrated education ministries into their mission.

No Need for FOMO (Fear of Missing Out): Creating Homeschool Traditions – BJU Press Homeschool

Homeschooling is more than academics. It's a chance to build a rich family culture filled with joy, connection, and meaning. This workshop will share creative ways to celebrate milestones, establish traditions, and adapt familiar school customs to reflect your family's values and unique homeschool journey. Leave inspired with practical ideas to make your homeschool effective and memorable for years to come.

Cultivating Confident Communicators: Building Skills & Character – NCFCA Christian Speech & Debate

NCFCA Christian Speech and Debate is a nationwide competitive league dedicated to helping students learn real-world communication skills that equip them for life. Their students become confident orators, inquisitive researchers, and steadfast advocates for a biblical worldview. This workshop will showcase how NCFCA empowers our competitors to excel in both competitive public speaking and everyday communication with poise and purpose.

Forage & Form: The Wild Path to Discovery – Upland, Inc.

Reframe how you and your students look at nature and your own backyards through a lens of adventure, resourcefulness, wonder, connection and unhurried observation. Learn what to look for and exciting ways to use or transform these finds into one-of-a-kind creative learning tools. You'll go home equipped with new ideas you and your family can't wait to explore.

Session 2

1:00-2:00PM

The Heart of the Home – Heidi St. John

Did you know that God places a high value on the role of homemakers? If you're wondering if the work of making dinner, keeping the house clean, changing diapers, and doing dishes carries eternal significance, this workshop is for you. Mom, you're irreplaceable. Come join Heidi St. John as she infuses your heart and home with the joy of homemaking. (Bonus! Heidi will be sharing some of her favorite recipes and tips for creating a home that your whole family will love to come home to.)

START HOMESCHOOLING SPECIAL TRACK:

Leveraging Learning Styles – Trisha Pull

One of the great benefits of homeschooling is the opportunity to personalize your children's education. A key ingredient in tailoring education is understanding each child's individual learning style. This facilitates easier learning, adds fun to school, and aids in choosing curriculum. This workshop will give you the tools to determine your child's learning style and ideas for how to better teach them. Additionally, you'll be able to learn about your learning and teaching style, too

Dealing with a Difficult Child – Kathie Morrissey

Do you struggle with a child who is difficult or challenging? Do you have one child who causes you exasperation and takes more time and energy than all your other children put together? How do you respond to the resentment and anger he stirs up in you? How do you respond to him? There IS hope and help!! Get answers to these questions that will encourage you and help you deal wisely and lovingly with that child.

Teaching Life Skills: Preparing Kids for Adulthood, Not Just Graduation – Andi Elliott

Homeschooling isn't just about finishing textbooks. It's about preparing kids for real life. In this workshop, we'll explore how to intentionally weave life skills into your homeschool: from daily chores and time management to financial literacy, problem-solving, and even entrepreneurship. You'll learn practical strategies to help your children grow in independence and confidence while still pursuing academics. Walk away with a clear vision for raising capable, resilient young adults who are ready not only for graduation but also for the responsibilities and opportunities of adulthood.

Session 3

2:30-3:30PM

Cultivating Language Arts – Preschool Through High School – Andrew Pudewa

Listening and reading well, speaking and writing clearly, and thinking and debating effectively are abilities that most parents hope to cultivate in their children. With that goal in mind, Andrew Pudewa explores various environments and activities that accelerate the development of these language skills, beginning with the youngest students and continuing into the high school years.

START HOMESCHOOLING SPECIAL TRACK:

Homeschooling with Confidence: Understanding Iowa's Homeschool Law – Scott Woodruff

This session covers everything you need to know about your state's homeschool law so you can homeschool with confidence. It includes a thorough presentation of the basics with plenty of time for questions.

Set the Math Worksheets Aside: Let's Play Games – Kerri Williams

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

KIDS PROGRAM

Kids will enjoy an action-packed missionary adventure program filled with songs, scripture memorization, and drama. Admission based upon available space. Children must be accompanied during the program by at least one parent.

Save the Date!

We've already started planning next year's conference, and we hope you'll join us!

Save the date, then watch our website for updates coming later this fall.

June 4-5



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Session 4

4:00-5:00PM

FRIDAY

War of the Worldviews: You Can Do Better for Your Child Than Public School – Heidi St. John

By now, it's clear that the agendas of woke ideologues have infiltrated almost every major institution in Western civilization. This begs these questions: "Does the public school deserve to have your children for 8 hours a day?" "Should my children be salt and light in the public schools?" Join Heidi St. John, mother of seven and well-known advocate for parental involvement in education, for an eye-opening, excuse-smashing exposé on the agenda for our public schools. See how the schools are pushing gender ideology, homosexuality, Critical Race Theory, and pro-abortion propaganda. Learn the true history of public schools, the real agenda of the National Education Association (NEA), the National Library Association (NLA), and more. You're not helpless in this battle for the heart and mind of your child. We'll discuss why an "exodus" from our public schools is happening and why homeschooling is growing in leaps and bounds.

TEEN SESSION:

Design Your Own Character – Chad Stewart, The Animation Course (Advance pre-paid registration required)

In this workshop, students will learn about the basic principles of design and how to apply them to the creation of their own original character. We'll touch on shapes, structure, and movement and how all of these will affect the overall final design. Bring your pencils, we're going to draw!

Homeschooling 101

5:00-6:30PM

Homeschooling 101 – Homeschool Iowa Regional Representatives (This session is open to the public, with no admission fee.)

Considering homeschooling? Not sure where to begin? This session will cover the basics. We'll offer a brief presentation of the Iowa homeschool legal options and a comprehensive overview of the essentials of home education. There will be a time for interaction and questions at the end.



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Friday Conference Schedule

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ROOM	8:00-10:00am		10:30-11:30am	11:30am-1:00pm	1:00-2:00pm	2:30-3:30pm	4:00-5:00pm	5:00-7:00PM
ARENA	8:30-9:00	9:00-10:00	Christ-Centered Homeschooling in the 21st Century Kevin Swanson	11:45am-12:45pm	The Heart of the Home Heidi St. John	Cultivating Language Arts PreK-High School Andrew Pudewa	KEYNOTE: War of the Worldviews Heidi St. John	
	Opening Welcome	KEYNOTE: However Imperfectly Andrew Pudewa		You Can Do It! The Church & Education Ministries Herzog Foundation (EXHIBITOR)				
HARDWOOD COURTS <i>in Hy-Vee Fieldhouse</i>	EXHIBIT HALL 10:00AM-7:00PM							
COMMUNITY ROOM A/B	START HOMESCHOOL SPECIAL TRACK			11:45am-12:45pm	Leveraging Learning Styles Trisha Pull	Understanding Iowa's Homeschool Law Scott Woodruff		5:00-6:30pm
	Homeschooling: Starting Off Right Trisha Pull	No Need for FOMO: Creating Homeschool Traditions BJU Homeschool (EXHIBITOR)		Homeschooling 101 Open to the Public				
COMMUNITY ROOM C			Training Character Into Your Children- Kathie Morrissey	11:45am-12:45pm	Dealing with a Difficult Child Kathie Morrissey	Set the Math Worksheets Aside: Let's Play Games Kerri Williams	TEEN WORKSHOP The Animation Course Preregistration Fee Required	
ACTIVITIES ROOM	8:00-8:30		Building a Solid Math Foundation Kerri Williams	11:45am-12:45pm	Teaching Life Skills Andi Elliott	KIDS PROGRAM Walk-In Participation as Space Allows One Parent/Child Attending		
	Teacher Credit Course Orientation			Forge & Form: The Wild Path to Discovery Upland, Inc. (EXHIBITOR)				



REMINDER:

If you've registered for two-day admission, please remember to bring and wear your conference name tag lanyard when you return on Saturday.

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TAKE THE CONFERENCE HOME



Saturday Conference Schedule

Schedule Subject to Change

ROOM	8:00-9:00am	9:30-10:30am	10:30-1:00pm	1:00-2:00pm	2:30-3:30pm	4:00-5:00pm
ARENA	Renaissance Education Andrew Pudewa	Legacy & Influence: 3 Ways to Focus on the Now to Influence the Future Heidi St. John	11:45AM-12:45PM Learn Together – Do Life Together Classical Conversations (EXHIBITOR)	Help & Hope for the Overwhelmed Mom Heidi St. John	Reading Strategies for the Struggling Learner Andrew Pudewa	KEYNOTE: Prayers for the Battlefield Heidi St. John
HARDWOOD COURTS <i>in Hy-Vee Fieldhouse</i>			EXTRACURRICULAR SHOWCASE 10:30AM-1:00PM			
EXHIBIT HALL 9:00AM-4:00PM						
OVERLOOK ROOM	The 10 Secrets to the Best Education for Your Child Kevin Swanson	Homeschool Dads: Leading, Supporting & Engaging Panel	11:45AM-12:45PM Blind Chance or Creation? Solidify Your Faith (EXHIBITOR)	How to Divorce-Proof a Marriage Ebon Carter	A Biblical Worldview for History Kevin Swanson	
COMMUNITY ROOM A/B	Beyond the Bubble Andi Elliott	Nurturing Competent Communicators Andrew Pudewa	11:45AM-12:45PM Eight Ways to Cultivate Their Love of Learning Faith Baptist Bible College (EXHIBITOR)	The Homeschool High School Kevin Swanson	Homeschool Iowa Legislative Update Jeremy Vos	
COMMUNITY ROOM C	Managing Multi-Level Teaching Kathie Morrissey	Kids Who Learn Differently & the Parents Who Want Answers Kerri Williams	11:45AM-12:45PM Practical Apologetic Life Lessons Anderson Homeschool Academy (EXHIBITOR)	You CAN Teach Science Ben DeFord	TEEN SESSION The Animation Course Preregistration Fee Required	
ACTIVITIES ROOM	Finding Curriculum to Fit Your Family Trisha Pull	KIDS PROGRAM Walk-In Participation as Space Allows One Parent/Child Attending	11:45AM-12:45PM Teaching Math Without Burnout The Math Gift (EXHIBITOR)	Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, and Dyscalculia Dana Huss	From Loving to Cherishing Ebon Carter	

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SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

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Session 5

8:00-9:00AM

Renaissance Education OR Renaissance in Education?

– Andrew Pudewa

Would a renaissance education help bring about a renaissance in education? What sort of training and life did a young Shakespeare or da Vinci have? What elements of that can we recapture and apply in our tech-driven modern world? Andrew Pudewa contemplates craft, attentiveness, stock, imitation, constraint, freedom, and more!

The Ten Secrets for the Best Education for Your Child – Kevin Swanson

Don't miss the essentials! These are the most crucial and the most basic, age-old biblical principles for the education of a child. Faith and character are preeminent. The principle of individuality is the most liberating principle. Relationships lie at the heart of it. Life integration turns knowledge into an extremely useful and powerful tool for success. But how many of these elements are missed by conventional educators and by many homeschoolers as well? These are the basics, coming from Kevin Swanson's 53 years of experience in the movement, and his book, *Upgrade: The Ten Secrets to the Best Education for Your Child*.

Beyond the Bubble: Guiding Kids to Thrive in the Real World – Andi Elliott

As homeschool parents, it's natural to want to protect our children. But keeping them too sheltered can leave them unprepared for life's challenges. It can even lead to rebellion, pushing them toward the very things we hope to shield them from. In this workshop, you'll learn how to guide your kids through honest, ageappropriate conversations about feelings, choices, and real-world experiences. We'll explore practical strategies to build resilience, confidence, and sound judgment that will help your children become capable, self-assured, and ready to navigate the world beyond home.

Managing Multi-Level Teaching – Kathie Morrissey

Teaching multiple ages at once is no small task. It can feel overwhelming, exhausting, and frustrating. But with the right systems and mindset, it can become one of the most fruitful parts of your homeschool. In this session, Kathie Morrissey, homeschool mom of eight, will show you how to turn the chaos into calm. You'll learn practical strategies to structure your days, foster independence, and keep everyone on track, even when you're juggling toddlers and teens. You'll walk away encouraged and equipped with tools to make schooltime more peaceful, productive, and purpose driven.

Finding Curriculum to Fit Your Family – Trisha Pull

How do you choose wisely among the seemingly thousands of homeschool curriculum options available today? Can it work to have students of different ages use the same study materials? What other options are there for managing students at different levels? Let this workshop save you hours of research through a guided tour of popular teaching methods, learning styles, and resources for evaluating curriculums. We won't tell you what to use, but we will help you make choices that fit your individual students, and probably save you some money along the way.

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Session 6

9:30-10:30AM

Legacy and Influence: Three Ways to Focus on the NOW to Influence the Future – Heidi St. John

Did you know that you have influence? You do! The question is: What are you doing with the influence that God has given you? You have influence with your children, your friends, your family, and your co-workers. What are you doing with it? How is your faith influencing those around you? In this powerful presentation, Heidi will share six character traits of leaders who have successfully navigated the ups and downs of leadership and used their influence to make a difference in the lives of those around them. Your legacy is already being built. What will it be?

Homeschool Dads: Leading, Supporting & Engaging – Panel Discussion

Homeschool dads, you are more than a principal or substitute teacher. You have a key role to play in your family's homeschool journey! This informal Q&A panel of seasoned homeschool fathers will share their experiences, their wins and losses, and their words of encouragement. This session offers a chance to ask honest questions and to receive practical insights from those who have been on this journey for a while. Discover how you can shape the vision of your family's homeschool, how to support your wife, and how to take an active, meaningful role in your children's education. Join us for real-world perspectives and connection with other homeschool fathers!

Nurturing Competent Communicators – Andrew Pudewa

Many teachers and parents assume that good readers will naturally become good writers. Others think that writing talent is a natural ability. Some have it. Others don't. Both are myths. History and modern research demonstrate how good writers develop the two most critical skills needed for a high level of aptitude in writing. With humor and insight, Andrew Pudewa explains these two easy, but powerful skills, that build language patterns and nurture competent communicators.

Kids Who Learn Differently and the Parents Who Want Answers – Kerri Williams

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

KIDS PROGRAM:

Kids will enjoy an action-packed missionary adventure program filled with songs, Scripture memorization, and drama. Admission based upon available space. Children must be accompanied during the program by at least one parent.

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Extracurricular Showcase

10:30AM-1:00PM

SATURDAY

Learn about extracurricular opportunities for homeschooled students across the state in this special display area offering information and one-on-one discussions with various providers, including homeschool sports teams, music groups, and other programs. Extracurricular Showcase displays will be located along the east wall of conference exhibit hall.

Exhibitor Workshops

11:45AM-12:45PM

Learn Together—Do Life Together – Classical Conversations

Classical Conversations empowers you to guide your child's educational development at every age (and teaches you, too!). Its Christ-centered homeschool curriculum is rooted in the classical model and is in tune with the way children naturally learn. Classical Conversations believes education is best experienced together, and that's why community is the bedrock of its homeschool model. Their homeschool program helps you cultivate an inquisitive, thoughtful child through an intentional, community-based approach. Learning together with families like yours, you're equipped with the tools and support to teach a Christ-centered worldview that's rooted in the classical model.

Blind Chance or Creation? – Solidify Your Faith

Get equipped to stand up to the godless dogma of evolution that permeates society. Simple questions can expose the shaky foundations of evolutionists and atheists. Also learn how to spot the logical fallacies that are commonly used

Eight Ways to Cultivate Their Love of Learning – Faith Baptist Bible College

Ultimately, one of the desired goals of homeschooling is to cultivate your child's love of learning. However, there are times when butting heads, subjects outside of interests, demands of a rigorous lesson plan, or an over-zealous parent's drive to cross things off of a long to-do list will kill your kid's natural desire to dig deeper and learn more. In this workshop, we will take a deep breath and look at eight ways to turn around the frustration, and encourage their natural love of learning.

Practical Apologetic Life Lessons – Anderson Homeschool Academy

Experience this practical presentation of Christian apologetics based upon Dr. Anderson's creation devotional book. In this workshop, God's incredible creative power will be illustrated with unique props, including a plumb bob, a sand tube, and a spinner top, to demonstrate lessons in biblical truths.

Teaching Math Without Burnout: How to Add Structure Without Losing Flexibility – The Math Gift

If math is the subject that quietly drains your energy every single day, you're not alone. Math can quietly become the hardest part of homeschooling, especially in the early and elementary years, because it requires so much daily attention and decision-making. If you're wondering whether your child is really making progress, how much help is too much, or why math seems to take so much energy, this workshop is for you. Designed for homeschool parents of children in grades 1–6, this session will show you how to bring helpful structure to your math time without locking yourself into rigid schedules or losing flexibility. You'll learn what steady progress actually looks like at these ages, how to reduce daily stress and guesswork, and how to teach math with more confidence without feeling like you have to be the expert.

Help and Hope for the Overwhelmed Mom – Heidi St. John

Parenting. It's exhausting and exhilarating, frustrating and fascinating. Like all things that are God-breathed, it's a Kingdom-building exercise. It's a masterful strategy, this idea of using all-night feedings and miscarriage and labor and teenagers (see how teens and labor go hand in hand?) and even homeschooling to teach us to trust the heart of the Father. But that's exactly what God wants you to learn to do. Join Heidi St. John for an hour of encouragement and inspiration that will lift you up and remind you of the WHY of homeschooling.

How to Divorce-Proof a Marriage – Ebon Carter

Is your marriage facing challenges or obstacles? Do the problems seem overwhelming or too big to handle at times? This workshop will clearly define God's intention for marriage but also outline three very simple, practical habits that you can use right away. These habits can strengthen your connection, build resilience, and help "divorce-proof" your relationship. Ebon's goal is to equip and inspire you to build something lasting and deeply rooted in God's plan for marriage.

The Homeschool High School – Kevin Swanson

Kevin's parents graduated six children from their homeschool, and now, Kevin and Brenda Swanson have just about graduated their five children as well. All parents want their children to be successful. We will take a careful look at the word "success" and touch on our children's calling and purpose in life. Let's clear the deck and consider basic goals for the life preparation each of our children will need. We'll examine two tracks (the entrepreneurial track and the college track) and offer to parents and young people an exciting array of options and ideas that accommodate an array of unique needs. Special mention will be made of the power of mentorship.

You CAN Teach Science! – Ben DeFord

Science is messy and expensive. Ever wonder whether you're "doing it right" or "doing enough"? In this workshop, Ben will offer his insight as a middle school science teacher on where you should probably splurge and where it's okay to cut your science budget. He will also describe some of his favorite science tools that you can buy once and use for years with multiple scholars. Hopefully, you'll walk away from this workshop feeling encouraged and equipped with new ideas, resources, and the confidence that you *can* teach science!

Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, and Dyscalculia – Dana Huss

This comprehensive seminar delves into three common learning differences—dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia—affecting students' reading, writing, and math abilities. Educators, parents, and tutors will gain a clear understanding of how each condition presents in the classroom, their underlying causes, and how they can often overlap. The seminar will provide practical strategies for identifying these learning challenges early and explore targeted interventions that support student success in reading, writing, and math. Participants will leave equipped with effective instructional techniques, accommodations, and tools to help students overcome these barriers and achieve academic growth.



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Reading Strategies for the Struggling Reader or Nonreader – Andrew Pudewa

As schools have made reading their new god, they believe that producing good readers will solve all their academic problems. As a result, many children—the dyslexic, the easily distracted, the auditorily challenged—are left behind in the rush to improve test scores. What schools do not know (but what many parents and teachers discover) is that reading is not simply being able to rapidly decode symbols with the eyes. With humor and insight, Andrew Pudewa shares stories and strategies for helping students who need to engage the cognitive processes of reading but who are more likely to excel through a wider variety of practical, creative, and imaginative approaches.

A Biblical Worldview for History – Kevin Swanson

As the author of six books on world history, American history, missions history, and the history of Christian liberties, Kevin Swanson shows how a Christian view of history is so very different from an evolutionary, materialistic, and humanistic view that is taught in schools today. Most of the Bible is history. Jesus appears in history. The Gospel is a historical event. If you are passing on the faith to your children, this will be a critical element of it. It is essential that we pass on “the mighty acts of God” as recorded in history, and see them as just that: the mighty acts of God.

Homeschool Iowa Legislative Update – Jeremy Vos

Receive a first-hand report on what happened in the 2026 Iowa Legislative Session from our Homeschool Iowa lobbyist, Jeremy Vos. You’ll learn about Homeschool Iowa’s advocacy efforts on behalf of Iowa homeschooling families and hear the inside scoop about all things legislative affecting home educators in our state.

TEEN SESSION:

Hands On! Animation Flip Book – Chad Stewart, The

Animation Course (Advance pre-paid registration required)
In this workshop, students will get a chance to create their own animation by using the tried-and-true animation exercise of “The Bouncing Ball.” This exercise was first used at Disney Studios in the early 1920s and 1930s, and the lessons it teaches are still applicable today.

From Loving to Cherishing – Ebon Carter

Do you remember your first date with your spouse? Take a moment and think about how you felt while holding hands and gazing into their eyes. God intended for marriages to maintain that cherishing nature throughout the entire journey. In this workshop we will discuss the distractions and barriers that arise and how we can successfully tend the garden of our relationship to always treasure their presence

KEYNOTE & CLOSING

4:00-5:00PM

Prayers for the Battlefield – Heidi St. John

Are you weary? Today’s parents are up against a lot. We’re shepherding children in a time when the war for their hearts and minds has reached a fever pitch. And, yes, the battle is real, but so is our God! Come spend an hour with mother-of-seven, Heidi St. John, as she offers hope and teaches parents how to pray for their kids at every stage of development. We’ll get real about the struggle, but we won’t focus on it. You’re raising a special generation of warriors! Don’t give up. You were born for this!



Exhibitors

Anderson Homeschool Academy

Mark Anderson and his wife, Zelda, have a long legacy of homeschooling experience. At their booth, they will share a variety of resources, including books that Mark has written and resources from their creation ministries group.

The Animation Course

The Animation Course offers live online animation and drawing classes taught by Chad Stewart, a former Disney and Sony animator and a longtime homeschool dad! The 12-week courses are perfect for ages 11–18 and are designed to help students learn real animation and drawing techniques used in professional studios, while building discipline, creativity, and confidence.

BadgerMomma

BadgerMomma's ministry is to disciple moms to disciple their children under dad's authority. To this end, they offer books as a teaching tool for moms to grow in their faith (and to homeschool their children), creation media, and Learn to Spin kits, for students to learn to make yarn.

The BC Messenger

The BC Messenger is a monthly podcast offering a collage of topics relating to "real science, real Bible, real history, real world." Your hosts, Steve and Jennifer Hall, present enlightening discussions on various topics from the research work of Dr. Gerald Aardsma (The Biblical Chronologist), providing a desperately needed data-rich apologetic for the foundations of the Christian faith.

Bethlehem College and Seminary

At Bethlehem College and Seminary, you can graduate as a mature adult ready to witness for Christ with wisdom and wonder. God is most glorified in you when you are most satisfied in Him, and, at Bethlehem College, you can relish this great truth as you mine the treasures of the Bible and consider the Great Books—works of history, literature, philosophy, and theology that have stood the test of time.

Beyond Speech Tx

Beyond Speech Tx LLC provides speech therapy especially for homeschool families, targeting speech sound errors, stuttering, language delays, Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), and much more.

BJU Press/ Homeworks by Precept

BJU Press Homeschool provides a complete curriculum for preschool through 12th grade woven with a biblical worldview, critical thinking skills, and hands-on learning with instruction options using traditional parent-led textbooks and professionally taught video courses.

CampusGPS

CampusGPS is a virtual college search and readiness program for students and their families. They specialize in serving students with learning differences, identifying appropriate post-secondary options, and working on executive functioning, social, emotional regulation, and independent living skills to increase college readiness. The program is individualized to the student's needs.

The Character Corner

The Character Corner provides curriculum for building godly character in your kids, biblical parenting resources, and many additional homeschool resources.

Christian Light Education

With Christian Light Education, you can homeschool successfully as a busy parent, keep multiple children on track without running yourself ragged, and give your children a quality Bible-based education. It provides incremental learning, systematic daily review, and a simple and effective design.

Classical Conversations

When you homeschool with Classical Conversations, they connect you with a local community of like-minded families who not only learn together, but do life together. Classical Conversations equips homeschool parents with the confidence to raise bright, observant students who have a lifelong love of learning.

Concordia University, Nebraska

At Concordia University, you'll be surrounded by peers, professors, and a distinctive community of believers that will not only help you discover what you're meant to do, but also the joy of being part of something bigger than yourself. By intentionally combining our Christian Lutheran faith, rigorous academics, and practical real-life experiences, Concordia will help you fulfill a higher purpose in your vocations and your life.

The Confessional County/ Ascension Reformed Church

Pastor Ray Simmons, author of *The Confessional County*, shepherds the Ascension Reformed Church in Red Oak, Iowa. It is the anchor for a Christian settlement with the mission to develop a Christian county within 20 years. They are strong supporters of home education and have sponsored a localized homeschool conference the past two years.

Convention of States Action

Convention of States Action provides educational resources and information about the Convention of States Project, including brochures and guided explanations of the Article V amendment process. Their booth offers attendees the opportunity to learn how the process works, ask questions, and engage in informed discussion about the role of states in proposing constitutional amendments.

Daughter of the Wilds

Daughter of the Wilds offers clean fantasy adventure books for young adults. Looking for a great story with none of the worldly influence that most books of today are rife with? Try The Arda Series! Action, adventure, sword fights, and more. These books are perfect for the whole family to enjoy!

Developing Great Relationships

Developing Great Relationships believes a healthy marriage takes effort. Life never seems to slow down, so it's easy to put your marriage on cruise control. That's usually when the bumps happen. As a biblically based nonprofit ministry, Developing Great Relationships helps encourage healthy marriages through various efforts, including weekend marriage retreats.

Discovery Toys

Discovery Toys learning products have been enriching the lives of children and families for 48 years! Discovery Toys believes hands-on learning activities enhance children's abilities to develop critical thinking skills while giving them opportunities that are fun and play filled. Families that play together help their children to develop positive, lifelong memories!

Dr. Aardsma's Vitamins

Dr. Aardsma's Anti-Aging Vitamins enable the body to fight and repair the damage of aging at the cellular level. The dropper bottle contains two newly discovered vitamins which are not the same as the traditional vitamins or any other supplement available today.

Emmaus University

Emmaus University provides undergraduate and graduate education that leads to a dual-major in both Bible/Theology and a professional degree such as Business Administration, Computer Science, Teacher Education, Applied Mathematics, Counseling Psychology, and more!

Experience History through Story

Experience history through story with award-winning and bestselling historical fiction from Midwest authors, Jocelyn Green, Heather Kaufman, and Jamie Ogle. Through careful research and compelling storytelling, these authors offer immersive, engaging books to supplement and enhance any upper grade history curriculum.

Faith Baptist Bible College

Faith Baptist Bible College provides a thoroughly biblical, academically excellent college education preparing leaders for life and ministry in churches, families, and communities around the world.

Generations

Generations' vision is to pass on the faith to the next generation through the biblical family, discipleship, and education. They equip families and churches around the world through their daily radio programs, discipleship resources, the Christian Curriculum Project, and discipleship events and retreats.

Godstruck Ministries 4 Kids

Godstruck Ministries 4 Kids offers Scripture CD/MP3 albums, Bible curricula, sign & movement videos, and various additional products.

Growth Reading Center (Absolute Reading & Dyslexia Tutoring)

Growth Reading Center (Absolute Reading and Dyslexia Tutoring) is an accredited tutoring company that offers one-on-one virtual tutoring with live instructors for struggling readers and children with dyslexia. They use an Orton-Gillingham-based curriculum that emphasizes phonemic awareness, phonics, decoding, and encoding using a structured literacy approach that aligns with the science of reading.

Harding University/Making the Grade

Harding University is a private Christian school of about 5,000 students located in Searcy, Arkansas. Recently voted "The Most Homeschool-Friendly College in Arkansas," Harding has a robust academic environment, vibrant community, and a Christ-centered foundation where students can share and grow in their faith.

Heidi St. John

Heidi St. John is a best-selling author, podcast host, speaker, and former Congressional candidate. She is the author of twelve books, including the bestselling *Becoming MomStrong: How to Fight with All That's in You for Your Family and Your Faith*. Heidi's booth will offer products that exemplify her passion to see God's people engage at the "intersection of faith and culture."

HEPPNER'S LEGACY Homeschool Resources

HEPPNER'S LEGACY Homeschool Resources has worked individually with families for four decades to help them find methods and resources to make home education a success.

They have carefully selected a wide array of excellent products that you can trust, for all ages and subjects, including many hard to find items. This includes curricula, manipulatives, science supplies, fiction, biographies, audios, maps, timelines, unit studies, games, and much more. Special orders are always welcome.

Herzog Foundation

The Stanley M. Herzog Charitable Foundation's mission is to catalyze and accelerate the development of quality Christ-centered K-12 education so that families and culture flourish.

Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)

Home School Legal Defense Association is an advocacy organization that passionately defends homeschool freedom in Iowa and across the nation so that every family can provide the very best educational experience for their children.

Homeschool Builders

Homeschool Builders is dedicated to equipping parents to organize, educate, and thrive in their homeschool journey. They provide practical parent support, homeschool-specific planners, and curriculum that supports confident homeschooling while integrating life skills, entrepreneurship, and family-centered learning.

Homeschool for the Win

Homeschool for the Win is a podcast hosted by Jose Lopez, WIN Coach and founder of Discover Your WIN, and Jeanette McBee, owner of Homeschool Help with Jeanette. Through the podcast and social media, they are building a homeschool community for families seeking practical guidance, encouragement, and support as they navigate homeschool life and prepare students for what comes next.

Homeschool Iowa Foundation

The Homeschool Iowa Foundation was created in December 2012 as a supporting organization of Homeschool Iowa. Its mission is to build a legacy of funding and leadership for the advancement of Christian homeschooling and discipleship in Iowa.

Hymns Illustrated

Hymns Illustrated helps families turn hymns into teachable moments. Through their Hymn of the Month Club, they provide monthly, print-at-home hymn studies (25+ pages each) with activities, coloring pages, and Scripture connections that make God's Word meaningful and memorable for children.

Imprint Learning Strategies

Imprint Learning Strategies helps exhausted parents transform chaos into calm by supporting their child's nervous system first, so connection, confidence, and learning can unfold naturally.

Indian Hills Community College

Indian Hills Community College is a comprehensive community college serving southeast and south central Iowa, offering affordable, career-focused education, and transfer opportunities. The college is especially known for its Advanced Technology programs, which provide hands-on training in high-demand fields such as information technology, advanced manufacturing, transportation, and skilled trades. Students learn using industry-standard equipment and real-world scenarios, preparing them for immediate employment or continued education.

Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW)

Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW) offers language arts curriculum and resources that provide clear, step-by-step instructions for teachers and students, making the process of learning to write effective and enjoyable.

Iowa Christian Conservatory of the Arts

Iowa Christian Conservatory of the Arts offers arts classes for students, pre-K through high school, with an emphasis on glorifying God through excellence. They encourage students to delight in their creator through music, dance, and the visual arts.

Iowa Homeschool Family Camp

Iowa Homeschool Family Camp is a special opportunity to connect with like-minded families through uplifting sessions and relaxed free time. Nestled in Lansing, Iowa, the camp is a place where memories are made, hearts are challenged, and the Lord is magnified.

Iowa Right to Life

Iowa Right to Life's mission is to help change hearts and minds about the sanctity of life. They want to help Iowans become knowledgeable about fetal development, alternatives to abortion and options to assist loved ones while planning a natural approach to end-of-life care. They offer free educational resources and publications that clearly communicate the preciousness of life.

Kelly Family Games

Kelly Family Games makes fun, clean table games as a tool to bring families together for an enjoyable shared experience. They want to help families "keep the fun in family."

Lifestream Brain + Body Clinic

Lifestream Brain + Body Clinics helps children who are struggling with learning, focus, behavior, and development issues. These include attention and focus challenges (ADHD/ADD), Autism Spectrum differences, dyslexia and other learning difficulties, coordination and motor delays, and emotional regulation and explosive behaviors. Their approach looks beyond labels to understand how your child's brain is functioning—and how to help it improve.

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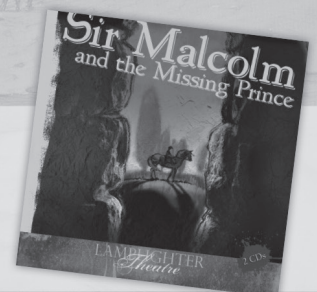
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Logos Homeschool Academy

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Marantha Baptist University

Marantha Baptist University exists to develop leaders for ministry in the local church and the world “to the praise of His glory.” As a Christian liberal arts university located in Watertown, Wisconsin, they offer a wide variety of degrees from biblical studies to education to nursing, and also have a seminary on campus, a college prep high school, and a 2-year Bible institute.

The Math Gift

The Math Gift supports homeschooling families by taking the most complex parts of math off their hands. Their expert-led online classes and one-on-one support for grades K-12 provide clear structure, thoughtful pacing, and deep understanding without parents needing to plan, directly instruct, or second guess every step. Families stay in control of their homeschool while The Math Gift handles the math—from basic to advanced—with intention, experience, and care.

Natural Health Improvement Center

Natural Health Improvement Center is a holistic healthcare clinic in Waukee, Iowa, specializing in women’s and children’s health the natural way.

NCFCA Christian Speech and Debate

NCFCA Christian Speech and Debate helps teens learn real-world communication skills that equip them for life. Students who engage in their program become poised speakers, curious researchers, and resilient advocates for a biblical worldview. Participants build wisdom and character from constructive feedback and develop the critical thinking abilities necessary to understand and speak into our culture with compassion and integrity.

Paper Pie

PaperPie Learning offers educational children’s books and more. You’ll find quality products from Usborne, Kane Miller, Smart Lab Toys, and Learning Wraps-Ups.

Premier Bookkeeping and Signing Services

Premier Bookkeeping and Signing Services helps business owners get their financial books organized and prepared for tax filing. Bookkeeper, Andrea Pabody, provides personalized service and innovative solutions enabling clients to make confident business decisions.

Rachel Newhouse, Author

Rachel Newhouse is a homeschool graduate who writes clean Christian sci-fi for middle grade and young adult readers. Her RED RAIN series features no sexual language or content. It has strong Christian characters and themes as well as pro-homeschool and pro-conservative messages.

RightStart Math

RightStart™ Mathematics is an elementary and middle school math curriculum that uses Math Card Games to help your child learn and apply concepts, practice math facts, and develop an enjoyment of mathematics. Their RightStart Tutoring series is also available for math for students needing help.

Rod & Staff (Truth & Life Ministries)

Rod & Staff Publishers (Truth & Life Ministries) offers a complete Bible-based curriculum to assist Christian parents in the work of raising their children in the nurture and fear of the Lord. They also have many preschool books and character building storybooks for the whole family.

Scholaright

Scholaright provides everything you need to measure your homeschool success. They offer affordably priced plans to help you organize your homeschool courses, assignments, and grades across multiple terms and years for at least 10 students. Use their tools to generate professional transcripts and quarterly reports.

Solidify Your Faith

Solidify Your Faith helps you explore the topics of creation and freedom with an open mind that is neither limited by theories of blind chance nor susceptible to propaganda.

Step By Step

Step By Step provides neuro-development consultations and services for families who have children with special needs/neuro-diverse learners. They offer curriculum for math and sensory integration and provide INP (Individual Neuro-organizing Programs) to help children reach their God-given potential.

Sylvan Learning Center

Sylvan Learning Center offers personalized tutoring and academic support designed to meet the unique needs of homeschool families. They offer customized learning plans in reading, math, writing, and study skills, along with flexible scheduling with both in-center and online options. Sylvan also provides test prep, academic skill-building, and confidence-boosting instruction to help students stay on track and reach their goals.

Teaching Textbooks

Teaching Textbooks is the award-winning homeschool math app designed specifically for homeschoolers, offering Math 3 through Pre-Calculus. It requires no lesson plans, allows instant access online and offline, automates grading, offers step-by-step audiovisual solutions for every single problem, and provides a free tutor helpline.

The Tuttle Twins

The Tuttle Twins’ goal is to explore the themes of liberty, free market economics, civics and personal responsibility in a way that is entertaining and educational. With both printed and online materials for toddlers through teens, they equip the next generation with the tools needed to restore and preserve the freedoms intended by the Founding Fathers.

EXHIBIT HALL HOURS:

FRIDAY

10:00am-7:00pm

SATURDAY

9:00am-4:00pm

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Upland, Inc.

Upland, Inc. builds up kids and families with vibrant tools and skills that reconnect them to creativity, nature, and hospitality. It starts at home, and Upland walks alongside with great intention and enthusiasm for an adventurous way of life immersed in beauty, truth, wonder, and artisanship.

Upper Iowa University

Since 1857, Upper Iowa University has been preparing students to succeed, both in the classroom and in the world. Their rich history, coupled with a student-centered mission, has created a springboard for UIU to become a recognized innovator in education. UIU is known for its unique course offerings, online learning programs, affordability, and the success stories of their alumni. They also provide opportunities for dual enrollment, traditional, transfer, military, international and graduate students.

Upstream Health

Upstream Health offers practical, family-friendly kits that take the guesswork out of natural health—combining targeted labs, clear guidance, and real solutions for lasting results. They also have a faith-based membership option called Upstream+ that provides personalized plans, deeper insights, and expert support for families ready to go further in their health journeys.

Vero Health Center

Vero offers neurologically based chiropractic care focused on how the nervous system influences the body's ability to heal, adapt, and perform. They educate people on the connection between spinal health, nerve function, and everyday symptoms like pain, stress, and fatigue through simple, non-invasive screenings. Their goal is to raise awareness first and offer a clear, informed next step for those who want to improve how their body functions, not just how it feels.

Wildbits Computing Company

Wildbits designs and manufactures modern 8-bit home computers that are the perfect platform for teaching the fundamentals of programming and computer hardware to children 9+. They believe that every generation should have their own Atari/Commodore/Apple II type computer on which they can explore, play, and create at their own pace unburdened by the many layers of complexity present on the modern PC.

Wildhaven Woods

Wildhaven Woods provides books, supplies, and other resources related to homesteading, pioneer history, and nature study. Learn the old-time skills that will help you save money, feed your family, and become more self-sufficient. biographies as well as unit studies and other homeschool, missions, and Christian growth materials, including titles by national author/speaker Heidi St John.



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