

MT State Home Educator's Convention 2012 - Mar 9-10, 2012, Carroll College, Helena, MT

"Homeschooling - The Healthy Choice" Registration Form

Family Name(s) (including ages of children under age 18):

Address: _____ City/ST/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

For Official Use only:

Check# _____

Date Rc'vd _____

Date Deps _____

CONVENTION ADMISSION FEES

1. Early-Bird Registration
(postmarked before Jan 31, 2012)
Family: \$150.00
Couple: \$60.00
Single: \$35.00
Youth (ages 13-18): \$25.00
Child (ages 5-12): \$10.00
2. Regular Registration (Feb 1-Feb 15, 2012)
Couple: \$85.00
Single: \$45.00
Youth (ages 13-18): \$35.00
Child (ages 5-12): \$14.00
3. Late Registration (Feb 16-Mar 9, 2012)
Adult: \$60.00
Youth (ages 13-18): \$45.00
Child (ages 5-12): \$15.00

One-Day Only Registration

- Single: \$25 (thru Feb 15); \$35 (after Feb 15)
Youth (ages 13-18) \$15 (thru Feb 15); \$25 (after Feb 15)
***Youth participating in iElect MUST attend both days!!**
Youth attending 1 day only must choose from adult workshops
Child (ages 5-12) \$10

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Family ConfiDance: no fee for this event but dessert or snack required for admission. Registration required.

PLEASE NOTE:

- *Youth (ages 13-18) may attend classes unaccompanied but a parent/guardian must also be registered and attending convention.
- *Children (ages 5-12) may not attend classes without an accompanying parent/guardian.
- *Children (ages 0-4) must remain with parents at all times.
- *Disruptive behavior and unsupervised loitering on the college campus and in all workshops/exhibit hall will not be tolerated.

	Adult Admission		Youth Admission (ages 13-18)		Children Admission (ages 5-12)		Family ConfiDance	
	Qty	\$ Amt	Qty	\$ Amt	Qty	\$ Amt	Qty	
								NO FEE
\$ Total								

Please pay with check made payable to:
Montana State Convention
157 Saddle Mountain Drive
Clancv. MT 59634

Grand \$ Total:

FOR WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION CHECK THE CONVENTION WEBSITE:

<http://montanahomeschoolconvention.com>

For questions contact 406-475-3568 or email montanaconvention2011@gmail.com

Workshop Registration

!!! If registering for one-day only, register for either Blocks A-D (Fri) or Blocks E-H (Sat), NOT both !!!

1st Adult Name: _____

2nd Adult Name: _____

FRI	1st Choice	2nd Choice	SAT	1st Choice	2nd Choice	FRI	1st Choice	2nd Choice	SAT	1st Choice	2nd Choice
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1st Youth Name: _____

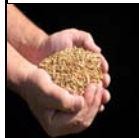
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Add additional names on additional pieces of paper

WORKSHOP BLOCK A

Friday - March 9, 2012 - 10:00-11:00 am



A1

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Tracy Klicka - Fresh Grace
The Homeschool Mom - God is Her Strength



A2

Bo and Maggie Stuart
Dwelling Together According to Knowledge



A3

Morna Gilbert
Achieving True Success as a Family



A4

Sharon Madsen
Learning is Neurologic
Part I



A5

William Estrada
Generation Joshua Teen Track
iElect



A6

Andrew Pudewa
Institute for Excellence in Writing
Conquering Corrupt Culture
by Raising Christian Communicators



A7

Debbie Holland
King's Highway Ministries
The Key to Revival

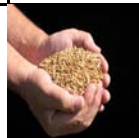


A8

Rick Jore
The Threat of Statism
to Christian Families and Homeschooling

WORKSHOP BLOCK B

Friday - March 9, 2012- 11:15-12:15 am



B1

Dan Stolebarger
Koinonia House Institute
Survey of the Old Testament



B2

Martha Kohl
Montana Historical Society
Free Resources for Teaching Montana History



B3

Debbie Holland
King's Highway Ministries
How to walk By Faith - Not Feelings



B4

Jeannie Penner
Answers in Genesis
Dinosaurs, Genesis and the Gospel Part 1
* Child Focused Class - Ages 6-10 *



B5

William Estrada
Generation Joshua Teen Track
iElect



B6

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Tracy Klicka - Fresh Grace
Preparing Your Child to live in the 21st Century
Helping our teens navigate the online world



B7

Home-School Mom's Panel
The Benefits of Cooperative Learning



B8

Andrew Pudewa
Institute for Excellence in Writing
Nature Deficit Disorder
Causes, Consequences and Cures

WORKSHOP BLOCK C Friday - March 9, 2012 - 1:30-2:30 pm		WORKSHOP BLOCK D Friday - March 9, 2012 - 2:45-3:45 pm	
	<p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER Tracy Klicka - Fresh Grace How Moms Can Grow Spiritually with a Growing Family</p>		<p>Dan Stolebarger Koinonia House Institute Survey of the New Testament</p>
C1		D1	
	<p>Arlene Diehl Homeschool and Organization</p>		<p>Martha Kohl Montana Historical Society National History Day Comes to Montana</p>
C2		D2	
	<p>Debbie Holland King's Highway Ministries Preparing ourselves for Christ's Soon Return</p>		<p>Debbie Holland King's Highway Ministries No Mind Change - No Life Change</p>
C3		D3	
	<p>Jeff Malcomson and Martha Kohl Montana Historical Society Teaching History and Critical Thinking Using Primary Sources</p>		<p>Linda Creighton Curriculum 101</p>
C4		D4	
	<p>William Estrada Generation Joshua Teen Track iElect</p>		<p>William Estrada Generation Joshua Teen Track iElect</p>
C5		D5	
	<p>Home-School Moms Panel Teaching a Child With Disabilities</p>		<p>Jeannie Penner Answers in Genesis Dinosaurs, Genesis and the Gospel Part 2 * Child Focused Class - Ages 6-10 *</p>
C6		D6	
	<p>Andrew Pudewa Institute for Excellence in Writing Teaching Boys and Others Who Would Rather Make Forts</p>		<p>Thrifty Home-School Moms Panel Making the Most of Your Budget</p>
C7		D7	
	<p>Trevis Butcher NCFCFA Let Your Voice Be Heard</p>		<p>Andrew Pudewa Institute for Excellence In Writing The Parental Rights Amendment</p>
C8		D8	

WORKSHOP BLOCK E

Saturday - March 10, 2012 - 9:00-10:00 am



E1

Debbie Holland
King's Highway Ministries
God Where are You?



E2

Bo and Maggie Stuart
Girls are a Lot of Trouble
Boys Cause a Lot of Trouble



E3

Andrew and Patty Metroka
Getting Your Graduate Ready for College
Transcripts, Tests - College Prep



E4

Andrew Pudewa
Institute for Excellence in Writing
Reaching the Reluctant Writer



E5

William Estrada
Generation Joshua Teen Track
iElect



E6

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Tracy Klicka - Fresh Grace
Order in the House - Peace vs. Chaos



E7

Veteran Homeschoolers Panel
Round Table Questions and Answers



E8

Steve White
Montana Coalition of Home Educators
History, Law, and the Next Generation

WORKSHOP BLOCK F

Saturday - March 10, 2012 - 10:15-11:15 am



F1

Dan Stolebarger
Koinonia House Institute
Introduction to Prophecy



F2

Patty Metroka and Vicki Hentz
Teaching PE



F3

Sharon Madsen
Learning is Neurologic
Part II



F4

Andrew Pudewa
Institute for Excellence in Writing
Spelling and the Brain



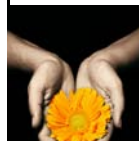
F5

William Estrada
Generation Joshua Teen Track
iElect



F6

Jeannie Penner
Answers in Genesis
Seven C's of Biblical History
* Child Focused Class - Ages 6-10 *



F7

Debbie Holland
King's Highway Ministries
Choice - Hypocrisy or Real Christianity



F8

Teen Pact Panel with Marissa Stockton
(Tentative)

WORKSHOP BLOCK G

Saturday - March 10, 2012 - 2:00-3:00 pm



G1

Debbie Holland
Kings Highway Ministries
The Way of Agape - Understanding God's Love



G2

Linda Creighton
Homeschooling 101



G3

Tim Kern
Chi-Alpha Ministries Pastor
Making College Your Missionfield



G4

Andrew Pudewa
Institute for Excellence In Writing
Fairy Tales and the Moral Imagination



G5

William Estrada
Generation Joshua Teen Track
iElect



G6

Home-School Dad's Panel
Round Table Questions and Answers



G7

Morna Gilbert
Character vs Achievement?!



G8

Tracy Klicka
When Jesus Waits -
What Can We Learn from His Silence?

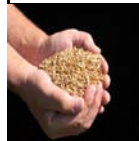
WORKSHOP BLOCK H

Saturday March 10, 2012 - 3:15-4:15 pm



H1

Dan Stolebarger
Koinonia House Institute
Introduction to Spiritual Disciplines



H2

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Tracy Klicka - Fresh Grace
To Stand Before Kings - Giving our Children
A Vision for the Glory of God



H3

Linda Creighton
Why is it so Difficult for My Child to Learn?



H4

Andrew Pudewa
Institute for Excellence in Writing
Humor in Teaching



H5

William Estrada
Generation Joshua Teen Track
iElect



H6

Debbie Holland
Kings Highway Ministries
Restoring the Joy of Our Salvation



H7

Jeannie Penner
Answers in Genesis
A Jurassic Ark Mystery
* Child Focused Class - Ages 6-10 *



H8

Esther Paul and Trevis Butcher
NCFCA
Changing the World from the Public Platform

Friday Class Synopses:

Workshop Block "A"

Friday – March 9, 2012 – 10:00 am-11:00 am



A1 - The Homeschool Mom – God is Her Strength

Tracy Klicka – Fresh Grace: Keynote Speaker

As the widow of HSLDA attorney Chris Klicka, mother of five home-schooled teens, two college-age adult children (one married), as well as the daughter of aging parents, Tracy Klicka experiences overwhelming moments every day. Yet God is the refuge and strength of every mother who humbly cries out to Him. Come and be encouraged as Tracy shares how God's grace has been her sufficiency and can be yours, too.



A-2 Dwelling Together According to Knowledge

OR - Men Are From Crete and Women Are From Who Knows Where!

Bo and Maggie Stuart

This class deals with acknowledging our strengths and differences, allowing us to navigate through homeschooling as a married couple.



A-3 "Achieving True Success as a Family"

Morna Gilbert

Families are the foundation of our nation - what goes on in the family goes on in the nation. Does your family qualify as a family of character? Do you have occasional tensions or problems in your family? Are there things about other members of your family that irritate you? Do you sometimes wish you could be in a different family? If you answer yes to one or more of these questions and believe that character is important for your family, then you

qualify to become a character family! This workshop will give parents the tools they need to understand what character is, why character is important, how to discipline based on character and learn to build character together. The character family idea is simply a tool that families can use to center their lives around qualities that bring success. It is designed, not to be a burden or "something else" to add to a busy schedule, but as a way to view life from a positive perspective and strengthen the family. All attendees will receive four (4) free Scriptural Character lessons!



A-4 Learning Is Neurological: Workshop #1

Sharon Madsen

Consider with me in detail the origin and purpose of the Evolutionary-Birthered Phonics Philosophy of Education and compare it to the Word's answers to these questions: 1) What characterizes godly instruction? 2) What is the godly "goal of instruction?" 3) What is God's "method of instruction?" 4) What is the "indispensable content" of instruction? 5) Who is able to teach? 6) Who is able to learn? 7) What are promised results of godly instruction? Do I duplicate, perhaps innocently, the world's anti-God method of instruction, believe its philosophy, use its terms, and follow a curriculum (even when I say I "don't use a curriculum") patterned after evolution's "conditioned response, selection of the fittest, godless ideology?" Has God left me no "witness" by which to identify "destructive instruction?" Can I by "Spirit-made-known truths" teach better than the world teaches, even if my personal instructional experience has huge holes in it? Finally, do my "in-home" teaching results differ from the world's "at-large" results? Let's rejoice together as we perform explicit tasks and document explicit answers from the Divine Revelation.



A-5 Conquering a Corrupt Culture by Raising Christian Communicators

Andrew Pudewa – Institute for Excellence In Writing

"Conquering" implies that we are in an extended campaign --a war-- for the heart of our Christian society, now corrupted by a continuous onslaught of relativism in thought, art, and morality, resulting in a culture of death, debt, and despair. We, as Christian homeschoolers, must have more than just "nice" reasons to homeschool-it's not about academics; it's about reclaiming Western Civilization for Jesus Christ, and the choices we make every day have eternal significance as we strive to raise up a generation of young people who will be empowered to communicate the truth in a world of liars and lead their clueless peers through the coming crises. We have an immediate and urgent responsibility to raise up an army of "culture warriors."



A-6 iElect – Teen Track

William Estrada – Generation Joshua

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A-7 The Key to Revival

Debbie Holland – King’s Highway Ministries

Seeing living examples of Christ is what will bring our sons and daughters, our friends and acquaintances to the Lord. When they see Christ’s real Love, hear His supernatural wisdom and experience His power through us, they’ll know, Jesus is real. He is alive. And He cares. It’s the reason and the purpose we were called!



A-8 The Threat of Statism to Christian Families and Homeschooling

Rick Jore – Former State Legislator and Home Educator

A frank discussion of why parents, especially fathers, must be eternally vigilant in regard to protecting their families from every attack. Former Representative Rick Jore draws on his experience in the Montana legislature to candidly convey his thoughts on the perpetual attack on the Biblical family and homeschooling by secular humanist statism.

Workshop Block “B”

Friday – March 9, 2012 – 11:15 am-12:15 pm



B1 Survey of the Old Testament

Dan Stolebarger – Koinonia House Institute

A review of the Old Testament with and emphasis on the integrity of deliberate design of the entire Bible: 66 books penned by over 40 authors over a period of several thousand years, and yet virtually every detail in the text – every number, place, name, and even the structures hidden beneath the text itself, reveal a master plan which transcends the perspective of any of the individual writers, and demonstrates an extraterrestrial origin from outside our time domain.



B2 Free Resources for Teaching Montana History

Martha Kohl – Montana Historical Society

In addition to its footlocker and tour programs, the Montana Historical Society (in partnership with the Montana State Library and OPI) has created an abundance of online resources that are ideal for homeschoolers. Montanans now have online access to primary source documents, accurate historical information, research guides, and lesson plans. Learn about the resources the Society has created expressly for students and teachers as well as other great, free online resources for teaching history, including the Library of Congress's American Memory site.

Martha Kohl is a Historical Specialist at the Montana Historical Society where, among other duties, she creates curriculum and oversees the Montana: Stories of the Land textbook, online teachers guide, and companion website. She is the author of the book I DO: A CULTURAL HISTORY OF MONTANA WEDDINGS (Montana Historical Society Press, 2011).



B3 How to Walk by Faith – Not Feelings

Debbie Holland – King’s Highway Ministries

How can we get beyond our emotions when we are so hurt we can feel it in the deepest part of our stomach? How is it possible to go against the tide and choose to follow God when everything within us is screaming to do just the opposite?



B4 Jeannie Penner - Answers in Genesis

Dinosaurs, Genesis, and the Gospel Part 1 (Child focused class – ages 6-10)

Part 1 of the DVD Dinosaurs, Genesis and the Gospel will be shown. Ken Ham and Buddy Davis use music and Bible teaching to explain that God created animals, including dinosaurs, on day six of the creation week. Teaches other interesting facts about these “terrible lizards” and explains their place on the ark. Following the presentation there are fun activities and handouts that the group will work through together.



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B6 Preparing Your Child to Live for Christ in the 21st Century *Helping Our Teens Navigate the Online World*

Tracy Klicka – Fresh Grace: Keynote Speaker

Our children have an opportunity to engage in our world through technology like no other generation has ever before. Computers and communication tools like email, Facebook, instant messengers, and texting can be used in ways that glorify God, but can also be a means to draw our hearts away from Him. In this talk, Tracy shares some practical tips and experience to help parents and teens navigate this ever-growing world of social networking for the glory of God.



B7 The Benefits of Cooperative Learning *Home-School Mom's Panel*

A panel of home-school moms will share how they have started and facilitated home-school co-ops, as well as the benefits and challenges of facilitating and participating in cooperative learning. There will be opportunity for the audience to interact with the panel in questions and answers. These skilled moms will be an encouragement to anyone interested in starting, facilitating or participating in a cooperative environment.



B8 Nature Deficit Disorder: Causes, Consequences, & Cures: *Andrew Pudewa – Institute for Excellence In Writing*

“Nature Deficit Disorder” refers to the costs of alienation from nature, among them: diminished use of the senses, attention difficulties, and higher rates of emotional and physical imbalances. It can affect individuals, families, and communities. Although we as homeschoolers strive to provide the best education for our children, we may also be overlooking the importance of sufficient time in a natural environment--an essential component of raising children in an environment saturated with goodness, truth, and beauty.

Workshop Block “C”

Friday – March 9, 2012 – 1:30 pm-2:30 pm



C1 How Moms Grow Spiritually with a Growing Family

Tracy Klicka – Fresh Grace: Keynote Speaker

Struggling herself with the frustrations and interruptions that seven children inevitably bring, Tracy Klicka has a strong desire to encourage other moms not to forget their number-one priority. She shares realistic ways a mother can find time to walk with her Lord in this busy season of life.



C2 Home-School and Home Organization

Arlene Diehl



C3 Preparing Ourselves for Christ’s Soon Return

Debbie Holland – King’s Highway Ministries

Scripture tells us that we are to prepare ourselves for Christ’s soon return. What does this mean for each of us personally? What’s at stake? How do we overcome the world, the flesh and the devil?



C4 Teaching History and Critical Thinking Using Primary Sources *Jeff Malcomson and Martha Kohl – Montana Historical Society*

Jeff Malcomson, a public historian at the Montana Historical Society, will lead an informative, one-hour workshop exploring methods in teaching history with primary sources. This workshop will explain how to make use of historical documents, photographs, artwork, and other media in history lessons. Jeff will demonstrate the differences between primary and secondary sources in history and how to engage your students using historical materials created during the time-periods being studied. Through interactive exercises, participants will also learn how to use these materials to develop critical thinking skills in their students.

BIO:

Jeff Malcomson earned his MA in History at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. With over 15 years experience as a public historian specializing in government records archives, he is passionate about state and local history. He has worked in Colorado, Arizona, and since 2005, he has been government records archivist for the Montana Historical Society. He and his wife, Andrea, home school their three girls.



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C6 Teaching Children with Disabilities Home-School Mom's Panel

In this question and answer session the audience can interact with home-school moms who have successfully taught children with physical and learning disabilities. Hear these moms share about the challenges and rewards of educating their special needs children at home.



C7 Teaching Boys & Other Children Who Would Rather Make Forts All Day: Andrew Pudewa – Institute for Excellence In Writing

Children like to do what they can do; they want to do what they think they can do, and they hate to do what they think they cannot do. If you want excited and enthusiastic children who learn well, you must understand these key laws of motivation, and focus on the essential requirement of relevancy. If it matters, children will learn it, and if it doesn't, they won't. This session will enlighten you with specific ways to find and create relevancy for children, even when they have no apparent interest.



C8 Let Your Voice Be Heard: Effective NCFCA Communication Training Trevis Butcher - NCFCA

Come and learn more about the National Christian Forensics & Communication Association, the nation's third largest high school speech & debate league, which effectively trains home schooling students in the art of speaking in a fun & gracious competition environment. Students fine-tune their skills through a variety of events, including interpretive, impromptu and platform speaking, in addition to Team Policy Debate & Lincoln Douglas Value Debate. Details about the league can be found at <http://NCFCA.org>

Workshop Block “D”

Friday – March 9, 2012 – 2:45 pm- 3:45 pm



D1 Survey of the New Testament

Dan Stolebarger – Koinonia House Institute

This course continues from the survey of the OT to pursue a strategic grasp of the entire Bible. This survey of the NT continues to emphasize the integrity of design of the entire Bible and its extraterrestrial origin.

“The New Testament is in the Old Testament concealed; the Old Testament is in the New Testament revealed.”

A consolidated geographic presentation of the four Gospels is reviewed, exploring the distinctive perspectives of each. The essential messages in each of the Epistles are summarized. The Book of Revelation is presented as the essential capstone of the entire 66 books of the Bible, and the climax of each thread, which was begun in Genesis. The origins of the Biblical texts and a critique of the shortcomings of the modern texts are also included.



D2 National History Day Comes to Montana

Martha Kohl - Montana Historical Society

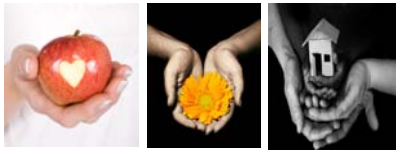
Cosponsored by MSU-Billings and the Montana Historical Society, the Montana National History Day program makes history come alive for America's youth by engaging them in the discovery of the historic, cultural and social experiences of the past through hands-on experiences and presentations. NHD inspires children through exciting competitions and project-based learning. Learn more about National History Day and other resources that can enrich your study of state, national, and world history.



D3 No Mind Change – No Life Change!!

Debbie Holland – King’s Highway Ministries

Without a renewed mind, our lives will remain the same as they’ve always been, no matter what we do or try. No matter how many Bible studies we attend, no matter how many Scriptures we know or how much we pray, without a mind change, our lives will still have the same problems the same failures and the same defeats as they always have. The battle is truly waged in our minds!



D4 Curriculum 101:

Linda Creighton – Home Educator

Montana Home Education Events Corporation Board Member

Do you need help navigating through the maze of curriculum available? What REALLY works best for my child? It all looks SO good--how do I choose? How can I avoid wasting money on curriculum that sounds good? Come and hear some tips on choosing the basics for your home school.



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D7 Making Pennies Squeak – Making the Most of Your Resources

Thrifty Home-School Mom’s Panel

Join a panel of thrifty moms to ask questions, get answers and share ideas on how to use your resources as efficiently as you can and make those pennies squeak ☺



D8 The Parental Rights Amendment

Andrew Pudewa – Institute for Excellence In Writing

Today parental rights are coming under assault from federal judges who deny or refuse to recognize these rights. Adding further danger to the child-parent relationship, international law seeking to undermine the parental role is advancing on the horizon. Together, these threats are converging to create a “perfect storm” that looms over the child-parent relationship. Only a constitutional amendment will ensure that the courts of our nation protect the fundamental right of parents to raise their children. And only a constitutional amendment will override international law that seeks to undermine the parental role. Andrew will explain the national organization and movement, encourage all to get involved, and answer questions based on the literature and presentations of leaders of parentrights.org.

Saturday Class Synopses:

Workshop Block "E"

Saturday – March 10, 2012 – 9:00 am-10:00 am



E1 God Where Are You? Why Are You Letting This Happen to Me?

Debbie Holland – King's Highway Ministries

Have you ever felt this way? Have you ever experienced a time in your life where everything is turned upside down and you feel completely abandoned by God? No matter how much you read the Word, pray and seek Him, He remains distant and silent.



E2 Girls Are a Lot of Trouble - Boys Cause a Lot of Trouble

OR- How Estrogen Makes Testosterone an Exploding Gas!"

Bo and Maggie Stuart

This class deals with a variety of topics enabling young adults to avoid some of the pitfalls of relationships at that stage.



E3 Getting Your Graduate Ready for College – Transcripts, Tests and College Prep

Andrew and Patty Metroka

Navigating through the high school years as a home school family can be a challenge. This workshop will help you to plan out the high school years for your student and show you ways to maintain appropriate records. With a proper plan in place you will be prepared should your student decide to pursue a college education.



E4 Reaching the Reluctant Writer

Andrew Pudewa – Institute for Excellence In Writing

Many children really do not like to write. Why? This workshop will answer that basic question and teach a specific and successful method of separating the complex process of writing into the smallest possible steps, making it possible for even the most reluctant writer to produce short but complete compositions. He will be proud and motivated to write again, if you remove the problem of what to write, you will be free to help your child learn how to write, using source texts, key word outlines and “dress-up” checklists. Results guaranteed!



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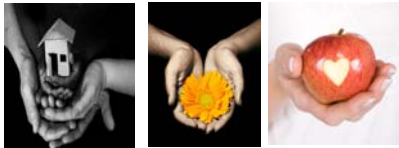
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E6 Tracy Klicka – Keynote Speaker – Fresh Grace Order in the House! Peace vs. Chaos in the Home

In this workshop, Tracy Klicka will discuss the wisdom of doing "all things decently and in order," and will highlight principles of ordering one's day and organizing the home for the glory of God.



E7 Round Table Discussion Questions and Answers with a Panel of Veteran Home-Educators

"I love the idea of homeschool but find it overwhelming." Get some practical advice and suggestions from veteran home-educators on how they make homeschooling work for their families.



E8 Homeschool: History, Law and the Next Generation Steve White – Montana Coalition of Home Educators

This workshop is designed to give a foundation of the formation of Montana's homeschooling law, and the details of complying.

Parents and students need to understand the importance of home education for our country and state. Today's families are constantly being challenged in their efforts to train their children. This morning's session will be an encouragement to "press on" and will include examples of how the homeschool community has achieved their victories with hard work and sacrifice in past battles.

Workshop Block “F”

Saturday – March 10, 2012 – 10:15 am-11:15 am



F1 Introduction to Bible Prophecy

Dan Stolebarger – Koinonia House Institute

Bible prophecy suffers as much from its enthusiasts as it does from its detractors. This course begins with a tutorial on the boundaries of reality itself, with an emphasis on the nature of the time domain. It then explores the nature of Bible prophecy, its track record of the past, and a summary of the classic Biblical scenario of the end times. This will include a review of the various controversial views of eschatology (study of the end times), and an emphasis on precision in the use of terms, etc.

This course establishes a foundation for the use of Biblical prophecy as an apologetic, as well as being an essential prerequisite for surveying the strategic trends presently evident on our near horizon.



F2 Teaching Physical Education

Patty Metroka and Vicki Hentz

A practical look at teaching physical education in your home school.



F3 Learning Is Neurological: Workshop #2

Sharon Madsen

Enter with me into these foundational issues about “Attaining Language Literacy.” Can we teach our children the thing we can “do” when “knowledge” does not attend our “doing?” How does “doing accompanied by knowing” as well as “doing unaccompanied by knowing” shape our teaching? How do we “make up for” “lack of knowledge?” Is “lack of knowledge” the “chief obstacle” preventing us from “generating” Literate Students—students who possess understanding of all “literacy tools”: 1) knowledge of the standard for correct English speech; 2) ability to choose from among English sentence structures when speaking; 3) knowledge of penmanship so the brain’s neurological learning avenues can join to construct as well as sort out print; 4) knowledge of the oral/written partnership between English sounds and their symbolic companions [What they must understand to spell literately!]; 5) ability to identify in print the oral/written partnership between English sounds and their symbolic companions [What they must understand to read literately!]; 6) ability to apply these “tools” in self-study; 7) ability to apply all the above when writing [What they must understand to write literately!]? “See” how the sweet and gentle Spirit, by the Living Word, “fills up our lack of knowledge” as we participate in seven “literate student” activities.



F4 Spelling and the Brain

Andrew Pudewa – Institute for Excellence In Writing

Many children (and some adults) have difficulty learning to spell, but the difficulty may not be with the student so much as with the method of presentation. Find out in this workshop how spelling information is most efficiently stored in the brain, and why. With a greater insight into the nature of spelling and neurological function presented in this workshop, the parent/teacher will be well equipped to meet the needs of all their children, not just the “naturally” good spellers.



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F6 Jeannie Penner - Answers in Genesis

Seven “C’s” of Biblical History - (Child focused class – ages 6-10)

Children will be taught the Six Days of Creation, draw a wall mural, and then expand to teach the Seven C’s of Biblical History.



F7 The Choice – Hypocrisy or Real Christianity?

Debbie Holland – King’s Highway Ministries

This Bible study was designed for the younger generation. (14 to 24 year olds.) Some of the questions that will be answered are: How can we remove our masks and be genuine Christians? How can we genuinely love those who have hurt or betrayed us? Why is it so hard to be a Christian?



F8 Teen Pact

Jeff Laszloffy – Montana Family Foundation

Workshop Block "G"

Saturday – March 10, 2012 - 2:00 pm-3:00 pm



G1 The Way of Agape- Understanding God's Love

Debbie Holland – King's Highway Ministries

Just because we are Christians doesn't mean that God's Love automatically flows from our lives. Are you willing to allow God to perform a miracle through you? Are you willing to lay down your will and your life so that God's Love can be released through you to others? This is truly the end time message for the Church.



G2 Homeschooling 101

Linda Creighton – Home Educator

Montana Home Education Events Corporation Board Member

Not really sure you want to homeschool? Pretty sure you are not able to homeschool and do a good job? Positive that you will ruin your child if you homeschool? Come and enjoy an informal look at the history, pros and cons, legal requirements, and how to get started homeschooling. Hopefully you will get enough encouragement to not only get your year off to a good start, but enough to last the whole year.



G3 Making College Your Mission Field

Tim Kern – Chi-Alpha Campus Director and Chi-Alpha State Representative

Are you nervous about going to a secular university? Or, struggling to send your child off to the secular campus? Have you heard the scary statistics (8 out of 10 Christian students fall away from Christ)? Well, this class is to inform you and challenge you about the incredible opportunity that the church has right now in influencing tomorrow's leaders today. The college campus is the largest unreached people group in America! In this class we will talk about the campus as a strategic mission field and how you or your child can make a difference without losing your faith in college. We'll also talk about helpful ways to keep the "scary statistic" from happening to you.



G4 Fairy Tales and the Moral Imagination

Andrew Pudewa – Institute for Excellence In Writing

Are fairy tales good, even important for Christian students? Where did they come from, what can they teach our children, and should we spend our valuable time reading them? In this session we will discuss several basic themes in fairy tales and traditional children's literature (goodness, truth, beauty, hope, honesty, wishes, etc.) as well as key archetypes of literature and their importance to the moral imagination. With the confusion surrounding modern fantasy writing, many parents feel uncertain in discerning the good and important literature from misleading and confusing books, stories, and movies.



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G6 Roundtable Discussion - Questions and Answers

Home-school Dad's panel

A great opportunity for dads to connect and ask questions of veteran home-educating dads!!! Join in this roundtable discussion, low-key question and answer session and get your questions answered ☺



G7 Character vs Achievement?!

Morna Gilbert

In a world where academics is "king" - why have we become a culture that lacks the motivation to do what is right because it is right to do? Learn how to build a solid foundation in your home where ALL are MOTIVATED to achieve PLUS have a right heart attitude in the process! What is the number one need of every person on planet earth? How can we use creation and science to exemplify the qualities of excellent character? What is the difference between values and character? Is everything a character issue? Learn when to take a healthy break from academics when you hit the learning wall? This workshop is practical and powerful - guaranteed to give you tools that will last a lifetime. Consider yourself warned: this workshop is NOT just for your children! All attendees will receive four (4) free Scriptural Character lessons!



G8 When Jesus Waits – What Can We Learn from His Silence?

Tracy Klicka – Keynote Speaker – Fresh Grace

Workshop Block "H"

Saturday – March 10, 2012 – 3:15 pm-4:15 pm



H1 Intro to Spiritual Disciplines

Dan Stolebarger – Koinonia House Institute

This introductory class takes us “back to the basics.” It begins with the call to Discipleship. Dan gives us a look at our Jewish roots, focusing on what it meant to be a talmidim, what it means to follow in the dust of your Rabbi, and includes a study of the Sh’ma.



H2 To Stand Before Kings – Giving our Children a Vision for the Glory of God

Tracy Klicka – Fresh Grace: Keynote Speaker

God has instilled in each of our children a passion for glory. The question is, “whose glory are they after?” In this keynote Tracy encourages parents’ as they explore the Scriptures together and gain a vision to inspire our children toward living exciting, fulfilling lives based on a God-glorifying pursuit of their hearts’ desires.



H3 Why is it So Difficult For my Child To Learn?

Linda Creighton – Home Educator

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Learning styles are an important aspect in helping your child to learn. Did you know that you tend to teach in the learning style that works best for you? However, if your child has a different learning style, there may be increased friction in your home. While not a comprehensive seminar on learning styles, this workshop will jump-start your thinking on how to increase the learning potential of your students.



H4 Humor in Teaching and Speaking

Andrew Pudewa – Institute for Excellence In Writing

The power of humor and mirth to aid in effective teaching is certain. Although some people have more of a natural inclination toward humor than others, everyone can study and learn how to use the elements of humor to improve their teaching and speaking skills. Learn to incorporate the rhetorical techniques of Misunderstanding, Absurdity, Hyperbole, Exaggeration, Understatement, Double Entendre, and more.



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H6 Restoring the Joy of Our Salvation

Debbie Holland – King’s Highway Ministries

Why is worship the single most important thing a Christian can learn to do? What is the connection between worship and joy? How is worship different than praise?



H7 Jeannie Penner - Answers in Genesis

A Jurassic Ark Mystery - (Child focused class – ages 6-10)

Using the “Jurassic Ark Mystery” DVD the Creation Team travels the world in a fun-filled quest to uncover the mysteries of the dinosaurs. When did they live? How did they die? What do their remains reveal? What about Noah’s flood and were there dinosaurs on the Ark? Join the adventure as Buddy and the team explore the “X-tinct Files” to reveal the incredible answer to the great dinosaur mystery. Children will also help to assemble a model of the ark and work on some other fun activities as a group.



H8 Let Your Voice Be Heard: Effective NCFCA Communication Training

Esther Paul and Trevis Butcher - NCFCA

High Schoolers, gather around! Competitors from the National Christian Forensics & Communication Association (NCFCA) will demonstrate some of the pieces they enjoy, as well as lead some fun, hands-on activities to introduce you to the exciting world of competitive speech & debate!