

# FRIDAY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

**TOPIC TRACK KEY**

- BIBLICAL FAMILY
- HOW TO TEACH
- UNIQUE
- COMPASS
- MID/HIGH/BEYOND

TIME	AMBASSADOR ROOM	SALON B/C	SALON A	SALON F	TIME	LOBBY / COURTYARD	SALON D/E	TRUMAN (HOLIDAY INN)	PERSHING (HOLIDAY INN)
8:45-10AM	<b>AMBASSADOR ROOM KEYNOTE</b> "For Such a Time as This - Planting Fruitful Gardens (Homeschools) in a Post-Christian World" - <b>Kevin Swanson</b>								
10:30-11:30AM	You Can Do This: Five Encouragements for Moms in the Trenches <b>Kevin Swanson</b> <span style="color: #00A08A;">●</span>	Homeschooling: Starting off Right <b>Trisha Pull</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	How Toxicity is Destroying Our Children's Health and Their Ability to Learn <b>Dr. Vaughn</b> <span style="color: #000000;">●</span>	<i>Vendor Talks!</i> Start or Lead Your Co-Op Like an Entrepreneur! <b>Jonathan Edmondson</b> <span style="color: #00A08A;">●</span>	10:45-11:45AM	Finding the Sweet Spot: How to Give Your Kids Everything They Need Without Overwhelming Them or You <b>Christy-Faith</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	Discipline With Love so We Don't Break Our Child's Spirit <b>Monica Irvine</b> <span style="color: #00A08A;">●</span>	Parenting the Child Neurological Disorders: A New Framework <b>Mike Sumler</b> <span style="color: #A9A9A9;">●</span>	How to Homeschool High School <b>Dara Halydier</b> <span style="color: #483D8B;">●</span>
11:30-1:30PM	<b>LUNCH</b>				11:30-1:30PM	<b>LUNCH</b>			
1:30-2:30PM	Resistant Kids, Lack of Motivation, Constant Push Back, Battles. Help! <b>Christy-Faith</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	Raising Our Boys to be True Gentleman, Who Live With Honor <b>Monica Irvine</b> <span style="color: #00A08A;">●</span>	<i>Vendor Talks!</i> Math Super Powers: Building for Success <b>Kerry Williams</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	Speech and Debate: A Means to an End <b>Janine Wilkins</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	1:45-2:45PM	The Homeschool High School - What Matters Most in Your Child's Life <b>Kevin Swanson</b> <span style="color: #483D8B;">●</span>	Empowered Homeschooling: Educate at Home with Confidence <b>Andi Elliott</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	Neurobiology of Movement and Learning Strategies to Regulate Behavior and Mature the Nervous System <b>Deana Lesher</b> <span style="color: #A9A9A9;">●</span>	Boy, Oh Boy: Raising Men of Depth and Character <b>Stephanie Smith</b> <span style="color: #483D8B;">●</span>
3-4PM	Making Math and Science Meaningful <b>Kevin Swanson</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	Raising Confident, Generous & Compassionate Ladies Requires Purposeful Parenting <b>Monica Irvine</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	<i>Vendor Talks!</i> Nutrition 101: Healthy Brain in a Toxic World <b>Sera Johnson</b> <span style="color: #000000;">●</span>	Homeschool Planning: Roadmapping and the Minimum Viable Day <b>Andi Elliott</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	3:15-4:15PM	Planning & Priorities <b>Trisha Pull</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	Why Leave Schooling to Do More Schooling? <b>Dr. Seann Dikkers</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	Dyslexia: Myths, Truths & Strategies <b>Suzanne Wandling</b> <span style="color: #A9A9A9;">●</span>	Phones, Social Media, and Gaming: Dragons to Slay or Friends Needing Boundaries? <b>Stephanie Smith</b> <span style="color: #483D8B;">●</span>
4:30-5:30PM	Goodbye Math Struggles: Mastering Techniques for More Successful Math Experience <b>Christy-Faith</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	For Those Moments When You Don't Like Your Child (But You Still Love Them) <b>Sean Allen</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	Personal Learning Profiles: Teach Them the Way They Learn! <b>Sue Nothstine</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	Missouri State Law & Record Keeping <b>Kim Quon</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	4:45-5:45PM	Hiding in Plain Sight: How Attitudes Can Make or Break Your Child's Education and Beyond <b>Stephanie Smith</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	10 Gifts of Routine <b>Trisha Pull</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	My Child is Not Learning - What is Going on? <b>Dr. Alexander Nelson</b> <span style="color: #A9A9A9;">●</span>	Teen Entrepreneurs in a Global Gig Economy: Turning Passion into Profits <b>Lisa Nehring</b> <span style="color: #483D8B;">●</span>

*Keynote Speaker!*

## FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS— PLANTING FRUITFUL GARDENS (HOMESCHOOLS) IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD

**KEVIN SWANSON**

**FRIDAY | 8:45 | AMBASSADOR ROOM**

Faith, family, and freedoms have faded in Europe and the Americas. But God has given us a tremendous opportunity now — islands of freedom and culture unlike anything we've seen. He appears to be using homeschooling as a catalyst for good things. How can your family plant fruitful, beautiful gardens at such a time as this? How does the Gospel of Jesus Christ break through in our homes?

*Keynote Speaker!*

## YOU CAN DO THIS: FIVE ENCOURAGEMENTS FOR MOMS IN THE TRENCHES

**KEVIN SWANSON**

**FRIDAY | 10:30 | AMBASSADOR**

This is pure encouragement from the Word of God. Every mom in the trenches needs spiritual encouragement to keep going. How do we stay encouraged? How do we as husbands and wives encourage each other when we face the heat of trial? As those who have been in the cauldron themselves, Kevin and Brenda Swanson can encourage you here. Story Power: Storytelling Basics for Kids and Teens

## HOMESCHOOLING: STARTING OFF RIGHT

**TRISHA PULL**

**FRIDAY, 10:30, SALON B/C**

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. It's my hope that you'll leave this session feeling equipped and confident for the school year ahead.

## HOW TOXICITY IS DESTROYING OUR CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND THEIR ABILITY TO LEARN

**DR. LAWRENCE VAUGHN**

**FRIDAY | 10:30 | SALON A**

In this workshop, Dr. Vaughn will break down the toxicities found in our food supply, personal care products, electromagnetic (EMF) exposure, and our environment in general. These toxins are getting into our children (and us!) and are affecting growth, motor skill development, brain function and overall health. In a man-made toxic world, how do we make wise choices and live the way God originally designed us to live? What practical steps can we make to choose God's creation over the man-made things of this world? Dr. Vaughn will also show the link between toxin exposure and the dramatic increase in chronic disease plaguing our children today. Find out how we can stop it and reverse it!

## START OR LEAD YOUR CO-OP LIKE AN ENTREPRENEUR!

**JONATHAN EDMONDSON,**

**HERZOG FOUNDATION**

**FRIDAY | 10:30 | SALON F**

Gain the tools and insights needed to establish or lead a successful Christian homeschool co-op or group with an entrepreneurial mindset. This workshop highlights the free training and mentorship provided by Herzog Foundation Homeschool, designed to empower you in building a thriving, faith-based educational community. Additionally, learn how the Herzog Foundation supports Christian education through free resources aimed at advancing educational opportunities in your community. Whether you are starting a new venture or seeking to refine your leadership approach, this session offers practical guidance and inspiration for success.

*Featured Speaker!*

## FINDING THE SWEET SPOT: HOW TO GIVE YOUR KIDS EVERYTHING THEY NEED WITHOUT OVERWHELMING THEM OR YOU

**CHRISTY-FAITH**

**FRIDAY | 10:45 | LOBBY/COURTYARD**

This workshop is a sanctuary for mothers who feel the weight of the quest for effective teaching, while juggling numerous responsibilities and the unrelenting demands of homeschooling, all without succumbing to burnout. Join us as we explore practical strategies to craft an enriching education for your children, fostering a peaceful home, and providing them with rich childhoods without sacrificing academic preparedness. Unveil the secrets of efficient time management and find solutions to streamline your homeschooling path. This session isn't just guidance; it's your field-guide in navigating challenges, ensuring your children receive what they need while maintaining your sense of balance and well-being.

## DISCIPLINE WITH LOVE SO WE DON'T BREAK OUR CHILD'S SPIRIT

**MONICA IRVINE**

**FRIDAY | 10:45 | SALON D**

I know you have felt the pain of regret when you have had a moment of failure when disciplining your children. I know many of you are fighting against habits you learned from your parents that you swore you would never do. I know you want to parent with love, honor and respect—but sometimes, you don't. Parents, did you know that it is God's perfect plan that his imperfect children raise his imperfect children? He knew you and I would not be perfect parents. He knew we would get it wrong on some days. However, still, He knew that the best people to raise your children are: YOU! It is! It's you. Listen to Master Motivator, Monica Irvine, share some invaluable insights in parenting with greater love, greater understanding and greater self-control. Mrs. Irvine will help you to understand the difference in disciplining to stop or start behavior and disciplining to change your child's heart. It makes ALL the difference. If you want a loving happy healthy relationship with your adult children, you must start creating that relationship today. Don't miss this!

## PARENTING THE CHILD WITH NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS: A NEW FRAMEWORK

**MIKE SUMLER**

**FRIDAY | 10:45 | TRUMAN (HOLIDAY INN)**

This workshop is designed to introduce the parent to the differences that children with neurological disorders face that create a different type of parenting technique. Ross Greene's Collaborative Proactive Solutions are discussed to begin the new framework.

## HOW TO HOMESCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL

**DARA HALYDIER**

**FRIDAY | 10:45 | PERSHING (HOLIDAY INN)**

Teaching high school does not have to be intimidating. It can be fun and engaging. Dara will share tips and tricks for successfully navigating your child through the teen years and on to the next years of work and/or college. She will have resource lists and reading lists, emotional support ideas for the teenager and parents, classes needed list, and how to set up a transcript with a transcript template included. Book with same title will be available this spring.

## RESISTANT KIDS, LACK OF MOTIVATION, CONSTANT PUSH BACK, BATTLES. HELP!

**CHRISTY-FAITH**

**FRIDAY, 1:30, AMBASSADOR**

Resistance in a child can take various forms— it can look like laziness, lack of motivation, or outright refusal. This workshop is your guide to investigation, revealing the intricate layers behind why kids don't work to their potential. Together, we'll decipher this red flag, explore its implications and, more importantly, learn how to pinpoint the specific support your child needs. Gain valuable insights into securing the buy-in both you and your child crave. Join me on this transformative journey, where we delve into the complexities of understanding and addressing resistance. Learn to turn challenges into opportunities for growth and collaboration, paving the way for a more hopeful, connected relationship and resolving the problem for good.

## RAISING OUR BOYS TO BE TRUE GENTLEMEN, WHO LIVE WITH HONOR

**MONICA IRVINE**

**FRIDAY, 1:30, SALON B/C**

Parents, I know you want to raise sons who live with honor, but our society continues to strip away opportunities for our children to do honorable things. Here's the great news...you can make sure that you are creating opportunities for your children to practice living with honor, but it requires parenting with purpose. What happens when our sons learn to live with honor? They:

- Grow in self-confidence and self-worth.
- Have endless doors of opportunity opened to them.
- Build healthier and happier relationships.
- Set the foundation of becoming devoted fathers and husbands.

Come and listen to master motivator Monica Irvine give important lessons for teaching your sons the skills of honor through small simple acts of generosity. It truly can change their lives and yours as well. You don't want to miss this!

## MATH SUPER POWERS: BUILDING FOR SUCCESS

**KERRY WILLIAMS**

**FRIDAY, 1:30, SALON A**

How do you help your children develop their math super powers? How can you empower them to use visualization and strategies to learn math facts? Come to this workshop and investigate techniques that will support your child's understanding, build their confidence, and succeed in their math journey!

## SPEECH AND DEBATE: A MEANS TO AN END

**JANINE WILKINS**

**FRIDAY, 1:30, SALON F**

Competitive Speech and Debate is more than an extracurricular activity and sport. If you want to teach your children apologetics, media literacy, logic, clear communication, quick thinking, personal expression, and civic reasoning, Speech and Debate might be just what you're looking for! Ultimately, competitive debate is the means to an end that everyone agrees on. Competitive speech—particularly debate—represents a form of high-level, intellectual play that involves critical thinking, skillful speaking, and a thorough knowledge of subject matter. Join Janine as she explains how the marriage of these skills can benefit your student, and be fun!

*Keynote Speaker!*

## THE HOMESCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL—WHAT MATTERS MOST IN YOUR CHILD'S LIFE

**KEVIN SWANSON**

**FRIDAY, 1:45, LOBBY/COURTYARD**

Kevin's parents graduated six children from their homeschool, and now, Kevin and Brenda Swanson have graduated their five children as well. Every parent wants 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. We clear the deck, and present basic goals for preparing your children for their life ahead. We will offer two tracks — the entrepreneurial track and the college track — and offer to parents and young people an exciting array of options and ideas that will accommodate their children's particular needs. Special mention will be made of the power of mentorship.

## HOMESCHOOLING WITH CONFIDENCE

**ANDI ELLIOTT**

**FRIDAY, 1:45, SALON D/E**

You made the hard decision to pull your kids from school, and now you are feeling like you don't have any idea what to do next. Maybe last year didn't go the way you think, and you don't know what to do next. Sometimes the co-op filled your time but left you with gaps in your child's overall education. In this empowering and practical session, Andi Elliott will guide you through the process of homeschooling successfully and confidently without relying on boxed curricula or rigid co-ops. Whether you're new to homeschooling or feel like you're drowning and need some help forward, this class will provide you with the tools and insights needed to create a successful learning environment for your children. Let this year be your best year yet!

## NEUROBIOLOGY OF MOVEMENT AND LEARNING STRATEGIES TO REGULATE BEHAVIOR AND MATURE THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

**DEANA LESHER**

**FRIDAY, 1:45, TRUMAN (HOLIDAY INN)**

Join Ms. Leshner to learn how the brain and nervous system mature and practice movement-based exercises to increase focus, attention and memory. Ms. Leshner will discuss how occupational therapy can strengthen foundational neurological integration to facilitate change in your child's cognitive development, no matter the diagnoses or age. There will be Q/A time at the end of this session.

## BOY, OH BOY: RAISING MEN OF DEPTH AND CHARACTER

STEPHANIE SMITH

FRIDAY, 1:45, PERSHING (HOLIDAY INN)

Boys can be exhausting, exhilarating, confusing, and comforting. What makes them tick? How can moms (and dads) raise boys to be men when the definition of “manhood” is ill-defined in our culture without resorting to simplistic stereotypes? Packed with information on the physical, emotional, and mental make-up of boys and addressing significant challenges they face, parents will be outfitted with practical and powerful tools to build boys into men of depth and character.

*Keynote Speaker!*

## MAKING MATH AND SCIENCE MEANINGFUL

KEVIN SWANSON

FRIDAY, 3:00, AMBASSADOR

Kevin Swanson obtained his Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering, but he would be the first to tell you he didn't like science very much (as taught in secular college).

Here, he expresses his passion to making mathematics and science meaningful to our children by bringing it back into a God-centered view. This presentation will radically change your view of these subjects, and help you to understand the right worldview foundations for these subjects.

## RAISING CONFIDENT, GENEROUS & COMPASSIONATE LADIES REQUIRES PURPOSEFUL PARENTING

MONICA IRVINE

FRIDAY, 3:00, SALON B/C

Come and learn how to give your daughters what is becoming a rare commodity...honor. Imagine what it feels like to watch your daughter continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of her life, because she knows she has endless potential and great responsibility. She matures with a desire to be a voice for good and a contributor in making our world a better place. She seems fearless, yet uses great wisdom. She is courageous, yet humble. She is KIND. You watch her as she exercises true empathy for those in need and although she holds herself to high standards, she never places herself above others. She has been taught by example of what a true lady is and she looks forward to one day being that example for her family. She is truly a lady. Parents, this Master Class will help you understand how to create the example your daughter needs to become this lady. You don't want to miss this.

## NUTRITION 101: HEALTHY BRAIN IN A TOXIC WORLD

SERA JOHNSON

FRIDAY, 3:00, SALON A

Learn how to train up a healthy generation in a world full of convenience food and harmful toxins using award-winning nutrition and health curriculum “Nutrition 101: Choose Life!” for all grades and ages as a health or science credit. Discover God's good food and nutrients that support a healthy brain and the body's ability to eliminate harmful toxins. Plus, find out how aromatherapy supports optimal brain health, sensory integration, attention, memory and learning potential.

## HOMESCHOOL PLANNING: ROADMAPING AND THE MINIMUM VIABLE DAY

ANDI ELLIOTT

FRIDAY, 3:00, SALON F

Are you feeling overwhelmed planning your school year? Struggling to fit in your curriculum along with the extras you want to include? Perhaps in previous years, you couldn't complete everything or spent so much time reworking the schedule that you felt discouraged. Roadmapping is designed to give you a flexible yet organized overview of your year, helping you outline your goals and tasks without getting bogged down in fine details. Andi will discuss techniques such as loop scheduling, journaling, & more. This class will provide ideas to help you structure a plan to stay on track and accomplish what you set out to achieve for the year, offering a clear path to success without overwhelming specifics.

## PLANNING & PRIORITIES

TRISHA PULL

FRIDAY, 3:15, LOBBY/COURTYARD

Balancing school, home, activities, church, and relationships can prove challenging. How do we decide what to do and when? How do we keep from scheduling every minute or every day? How do we keep from aimlessly wandering through our days with no plan? This session will explore priorities and how we can use them to practically plan and effectively shape our days to be productive and meaningful.

## WHY LEAVE SCHOOLING TO DO MORE SCHOOLING?

DR. SEANN DIKKERS

FRIDAY, 3:15, SALON D/E

Education and discipleship are not the same as mass schooling. They have different traditions and different expectations. Have you ever asked, “How do I know if they are on pace?”, “What if they miss something?”, “How do I know if they are learning?”, or even thought, “I'm not sure I know enough to teach high school!”? Then this session should settle your mind and help you plan for discipleship with excitement. Explore some of the key differences and save massive amounts of time and stress trying to recreate schooling at home.

## DYSLEXIA: MYTHS, TRUTHS, & STRATEGIES

SUZANNE WANDLING

FRIDAY, 3:15, TRUMAN (HOLIDAY INN)

Do you and your child work hard in reading or writing, yet experience slow growth? Are you frustrated or stuck? Is it possible you are “buying into” the myths about dyslexia – waiting it out, asking your child to “try harder,” or thinking – “My student is so smart, he/she could not be dyslexic!”? In this workshop, we'll discuss the characteristics of dyslexia, when to reach out to a professional, and hands on strategies to begin closing the gap.

## PHONES, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND GAMING: DRAGONS TO SLAY OR FRIENDS NEEDING BOUNDARIES?

STEPHANIE SMITH

FRIDAY, 3:15, PERSHING (HOLIDAY INN)

What does the research show about the impact of smart phones, social media, and video gaming? How is it different for boys and girls? Are certain ages more vulnerable than others? A wealth of research is condensed so you can make knowledgeable and wise decisions. There's too much at stake to just "hope for the best!" You will leave with age-specific recommendations and greater confidence in deciding whether these technologies are dragons needing slaying or friends needing boundaries in your family.

*Featured Speaker!*

## GOODBYE MATH STRUGGLES: MASTERING TECHNIQUES FOR MORE SUCCESSFUL MATH EXPERIENCE

CHRISTY-FAITH

FRIDAY, 4:30, AMBASSADOR

Does your child face anxiety or resistance, or maybe you feel like you're failing as a homeschool parent? Transform math tears into triumphs with Christy-Faith, an expert in engaging reluctant learners. You'll discover secrets to turning stress into success with proven techniques and actionable strategies.

After all, it is possible to create a positive, enriching math environment where your child thrives. While the focus is on math, the skills you gain will enhance all subjects, turning your family's educational journey into a joyful adventure.

## FOR THOSE MOMENTS WHEN YOU DON'T LIKE YOUR CHILD (BUT YOU STILL LOVE THEM)

SEAN ALLEN

FRIDAY, 4:30, SALON B/C

No one wants to admit it, but most every parent has that moment (or moments) where they're having a difficult time liking their child. It usually has something to do with the destruction of your personal property, or a recurring character flaw (like dishonesty), or the fact that you both have personality traits that are uncomfortably similar. Whatever the cause, left unchecked these feelings can grow into something much stronger than mere "dislike." In this talk we'll explore the root cause of these feelings and offer some practical advice to help you avoid the situations that bring them about.

## PERSONAL LEARNING PROFILES: TEACH THEM THE WAY THEY LEARN!

SUE NOTHSTINE

FRIDAY, 4:30, SALON A

Do you know how you and your children learn? What if you are teaching your children the way you learn, but that is not how they learn? In this fun, interactive workshop, we will show you how to create Learning Profiles for yourself and your children. You will discover how personality types, learning styles, love languages, grit, and self-esteem affect learning and behavior and how to personalize your teaching.

## MISSOURI STATE LAW & RECORDKEEPING

KIM QUON

FRIDAY, 4:30, SALON F

Thinking About or New to Homeschooling in Missouri? Need a refresher on Missouri record keeping? Come learn about the Missouri laws relating to homeschooling such as compulsory attendance, record keeping requirements, withdrawing your child from public school, and more. We will discuss helpful suggestions for keeping your mandated records including lesson plans, journals, evaluations, portfolios, and logging hours. This will be an informative and encouraging session for new and seasoned homeschoolers. Be informed and confident in your homeschooling adventure!

## HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT: HOW ATTITUDES CAN MAKE OR BREAK YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION AND BEYOND

STEPHANIE SMITH

FRIDAY, 4:45, LOBBY/ COURTYARD

Curriculum, learning styles, methodology, organization – it all matters in homeschooling. But hiding in plain sight is what can make or break not only your homeschool journey, but will profoundly influence your child's decisions in adulthood about faith, career, and relationships: attitudes. Learn about the lasting and significant impact of attitudes – both positive and negative. Discover how you can be the exception and be intentional about cultivating the attitudes in yourself and your child(ren) that can lead to exceptional lives.

## 10 GIFTS OF ROUTINE

TRISHA PULL

FRIDAY, 4:45, SALON D/E

It's easy to view routine as an imposition to our otherwise fun and carefree ways. While routine requires sacrifice, it also delivers many benefits. In this session we will discuss 10 gifts routine provides and some practical ways to implement routine that works for YOUR family at any stage and age.

## MY CHILD IS NOT LEARNING -- WHAT IS GOING ON?

DR. ALEXANDER NELSON

FRIDAY, 4:45, TRUMAN (HOLIDAY INN)

Join Dr. Alex as he discusses skills regression, behavioral issues, and attention problems you face with your students. Dr. Alex will be exploring some of the possible reasons behind why a child will not learn, aiming to equip you to work better with your students. Dr. Alex will also discuss conditions that are becoming more and more common but hard to identify, such as Autoimmune Encephalopathy, Functional Neurological Disorder, and Anxiety, along with how these conditions relate to skills regression and what you as a parent educator can do about it.

## TEEN ENTREPRENEURS IN A GLOBAL GIG ECONOMY: TURNING PASSIONS INTO PROFITS

LISA NEHRING

FRIDAY | 4:45 | PERSHING (HOLIDAY INN)

What if your teen could combine their high school academics with practical entrepreneurial skills to launch their future? In this workshop, we'll explore how students can prepare to thrive in the global gig economy. From business basics to marketable skills like freelancing, digital marketing, and e-commerce, we'll show how directed entrepreneurial studies integrated with accredited academic courses can give teens a competitive edge. Your teen will gain the tools to earn while they learn and build a strong foundation for both college and career. Don't miss this opportunity to help your student turn their passion into a profitable future while achieving academic excellence.

# SATURDAY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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9-10AM	Education Revolution: Why Our Children Deserve More Than Industrialized Schooling <b>Christy-Faith</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	Play More <b>Dr. Seann Dikkers</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	Leave the Homeschool Room: Travel the World <b>Adelaide Olguin</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	Homeschool with Confidence: Understanding Missouri and Kansas Homeschool Laws <b>Scott Woodruff</b> <span style="color: #008080;">●</span>	9:15-10:15AM	Maximizing the Power of Mentorship <b>Kevin Swanson</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	<i>Vendor Talk!</i> Exploring Learning Styles for More Effective Instruction <b>Nancy Bjorkman</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	Exploring Functional Approaches to ADHD without Medication <b>Dr. Alexander Nelson</b> <span style="color: #A9A9A9;">●</span>	High School Fun! All Subjects Without All the Textbooks <b>Dara Halydier</b> <span style="color: #483D8B;">●</span>
10:30-11:30AM	Fathers Filled with Faith and Love <b>Kevin Swanson</b> <span style="color: #008080;">●</span>	Why Kids are Leaving Faith and What You Can Learn From It <b>Stephanie Smith</b> <span style="color: #008080;">●</span>	Raising Historians: Cultivating a Love for History in Young Minds <b>Annie Nourse</b> <span style="color: #008000;">●</span>	Can Single Parents Homeschool? Yes, They Can!! <b>Maureen Werner</b> <span style="color: #404040;">●</span>	10:45-11:45AM	The Special Needs Blueprint: Research-Backed Do's, Don'ts, and How-To's for Unique Learners <b>Christy-Faith</b> <span style="color: #A9A9A9;">●</span>	Managing the Mess <b>Trisha Pull</b> <span style="color: #404040;">●</span>	Fine Motor and Handwriting Skills - Laying a Foundation <b>Jean Wetherilt</b> <span style="color: #A9A9A9;">●</span>	Degree Without Detours: Earn a Bachelor's Degree in High School <b>Lisa Nehring</b> <span style="color: #483D8B;">●</span>
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*Featured Speaker!*

## EDUCATION REVOLUTION: WHY OUR CHILDREN DESERVE MORE THAN INDUSTRIALIZED SCHOOLING

**CHRISTY-FAITH**

**SATURDAY | 9:00 | AMBASSADOR**

Christy-Faith courageously exposes the harsh truth: mainstream schools are letting our kids down. In a straight-shooting, thought-provoking address, Christy-Faith skillfully dissects the outdated education system and champions a revolutionary approach that advocates for individual growth, sparks a genuine love for learning, and aims to reclaim childhood while restoring family connection. This session serves as a rallying cry, questions the status quo, and demands a radical overhaul in how we educate our children. Brace yourselves for an eye-opening session that challenges the narrative on traditional schooling and awakens you to the liberating truth about homeschooling. Empowered by the transformative insights shared, you will be emboldened to stand resolute in your commitment to homeschooling, recognizing its unparalleled advantages and propelling your family toward an inspired educational journey.

## PLAY MORE

**DR. SEANN DIKKERS**

**SATURDAY | 9:00 | SALON B/C**

It's easy to recognize how valuable play is to our children. They love it! It is not so easy to convince ourselves that play has a variety of long term benefits and that play is actually learning. It is arguably the most pure form of learning we have. Dr. Dikkers will walk us through an overview of the physical, developmental, social, and academic benefits of non-directed outdoor play time.

## LEAVE THE HOMESCHOOL ROOM: TRAVEL THE WORLD

**ADELAIDE OLGUIN**

**SATURDAY | 9:00 | SALON A**

Want to bring your homeschool alive by experiencing what you're learning by traveling? Then do it! Whether you have one child or twenty, I'll show you how we get hundreds of free flights, negotiate Airbnb prices, get free hotels, and create unforgettable homeschooling moments on five continents. After this workshop, you'll walk away with all the resources and strategies to make this a safe and fun reality for your family. Yes, this is perfect whether you want to travel throughout your state, the States, or the world!

## HOMESCHOOL WITH CONFIDENCE: UNDERSTANDING MISSOURI AND KANSAS HOMESCHOOL LAWS

**SCOTT WOODRUFF**

**SATURDAY | 9:00 | SALON F**

Having decided to homeschool a child, the parent's next job is to take some time to fully understand the homeschool laws. A family that does not do this runs the risk of a court intervening in their family's life. In this session, Attorney Scott Woodruff will fully explain first the Kansas homeschool law, then the Missouri homeschool laws. You can homeschool confidently once you are solid on understanding and following the homeschool laws!

*Keynote Speaker!*

## MAXIMIZING THE POWER OF MENTORSHIP

**KEVIN SWANSON**

**SATURDAY | 9:15 | LOBBY/COURTYARD**

Young people are less prepared for life, family, and work than they ever have been. The situation could not be more dire. Yet, the revival of mentorship and discipleship has been a saving grace for the day. In fact, there is nothing better for spiritual and economic preparation for the marketplace than mentorship. Kevin will speak of leveraging a work opportunity into a mentorship. He will speak from 12 years of experience with mentoring and what makes it so successful.

## EXPLORING LEARNING STYLES FOR MORE EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION

**NANCY BJORKMAN**

**SATURDAY | 9:15 | SALON D/E**

Gain a fresh perspective on how your children's actions and attitudes help you discover their natural bent, so you can plan strategies that will help them grow into the person they were created to be. We'll peel back the layers to reveal pieces of the puzzle that go beyond the usual "auditory, kinesthetic, and visual" discussions. This workshop will provide you with insight into your children on a new level to help you reach and teach them more effectively.

## EXPLORING FUNCTIONAL APPROACHES TO ADHD WITHOUT MEDICATION

**DR. ALEXANDER NELSON**

**SATURDAY | 9:15 | TRUMAN (HOLIDAY INN)**

Join Dr. Alex in this session as he helps parents in identifying, treating and managing ADHD without medication from a brain-based and nutritional perspective.

## HIGH SCHOOL FUN! ALL SUBJECTS WITHOUT ALL THE TEXTBOOKS

**DARA HALYDIER**

**SATURDAY | 9:15 | PERSHING (HOLIDAY INN)**

Text books have their place, but all textbooks and no fun makes a lot of homeschoolers want to throw schooling out the window! Dara will share ideas about how to carry on the spontaneity of homeschooling fun through the high school years without compromising on the necessary knowledge needed to get into college. Having five boys in or through college, she has insight and experience about what is really required to attend college. She will inspire your creative genius to think outside the textbook box and enjoy the last few years your teenager will be home.

## FATHERS FILLED WITH FAITH AND LOVE

**KAREN SWANSON**

**SATURDAY | 10:30 | AMBASSADOR**

Here is a challenge to fatherhood. How do we avoid the traps of apathy and anger? Fatherhood is a test of our faith and love, but also, the means by which we grow in these areas. Here Kevin speaks to the great need of the day: fathers!

## WHY KIDS ARE LEAVING THE FAITH AND WHAT YOU CAN LEARN FROM IT

**STEPHANIE SMITH**

**SATURDAY | 10:30 | SALON B/C**

Young people raised in Christian homes and churches are choosing to walk away from the faith in dismal numbers. Why? You will learn what research shows are the causes and what you can do to minimize this becoming your family's story. While there are no perfect-kid formulas, there are profound ways you can influence your children's decisions in adulthood. Not just for parents of teens, this positive message will benefit moms and dads with children of all ages.

## RAISING HISTORIANS: CULTIVATING A LOVE FOR HISTORY IN YOUNG MINDS

**ANNIE NOURSE**

**SATURDAY | 10:30 | SALON A**

What does history mean to you? Is it a long list of useless dates? Supposedly important people muddled with places of little significance? Are you dreading teaching your children the dry facts of the past? Join me as I share the secrets of making history come to life! As I make history approachable and applicable for students young and old, you will learn to share the richness that our creator wove through time and learn tools to make history the most exciting subject you will teach.

## CAN SINGLE PARENTS HOMESCHOOL? YES, THEY CAN!!

**MAUREEN WERNER**

**SATURDAY | 10:30 | SALON F**

Single parents face many challenges. Single parents who homeschool face yet another set of challenges. Is it possible to be successful at this task without a spouse in the picture? Maureen Werner answers a resounding YES to that question. She has found God to be a Source of great strength, guidance, and wisdom, and testifies to having experienced His goodness and care all along the way. In this session, you'll hear more about her family, schedule, lessons learned, as well as some tips and tricks she implements for making this all-important aspect of her family life work.

*Featured Speaker!*

## THE SPECIAL NEEDS BLUEPRINT: RESEARCH-BACKED DO'S, DON'T'S, AND HOW-TO'S FOR UNIQUE LEARNERS

**CHRISTY-FAITH**

**SATURDAY | 10:45 | LOBBY/COURTYARD**

Homeschooling a child with special needs can often feel like an emotional rollercoaster, leaving you questioning your abilities and wondering if you're truly doing what's best. Take heart, because peaceful, joy-filled days brimming with a love of learning are just around the corner. In this workshop, we'll explore research backed game changers that empower you and your child to thrive so you can have steadfast assurance that you are on the right path and that you are your student's "most perfect" special ed. teacher. With over 20 years' experience and proven success helping thousands of students with unique learning profiles, Christy-Faith shares her strategies to help create happier, more fulfilled divergent learners.

## MANAGING THE MESS

**TRISHA PULL**

**SATURDAY | 10:45 | SALON D/E**

If you've ever thought "There aren't enough hours in a day" concerning managing life as a homeschool mom, this workshop is for you. Managing meal planning, chores, routines, housework, schedules, lesson plans and schoolwork can prove a daunting task. Come hear from a homeschool mom who has regularly been host to a laundry pile taller than her dryer. This session aims to provide helpful and practical tips for managing every area of homeschool life and thoughts on how to train our children to help us. We can't make more hours, but we can help you manage the mess a little more easily.

## FINE MOTOR AND HANDWRITING SKILLS - LAYING A FOUNDATION

**JEAN WETHERILT**

**SATURDAY | 9:15 | TRUMAN (HOLIDAY INN)**

What do tooth brushing and handwriting have in common? This workshop will explore the developmental components and foundational pillars needed to build functional fine motor skills for handwriting and other life skills. Tips and ideas will be shared to be easily implemented in your current home school plan.

## DEGREE WITHOUT DETOURS: EARN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN HIGH SCHOOL

**LISA NEHRING**

**SATURDAY | 10:45 | PERSHING (HOLIDAY INN)**

Sound too good to be true? In this unique program, your teen can earn college credits while still completing their high school requirements—no detours, no delays. This program is designed to streamline the path to higher education by giving students the opportunity to fast-track their academic journey, earning an accredited 4- year college degree while meeting high school graduation requirements. Set your teen up for both high school and college success by fast tracking a debt free degree!

*Featured Speaker!*

## OVERCOMING SELF-DOUBT: THE QUIET BATTLE OF HOMESCHOOLING

**CHRISTY-FAITH**

**SATURDAY | 1:30 | AMBASSADOR**

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

## YELLING IS LAZY

**SEAN ALLEN**

**SATURDAY | 1:30 | SALON B/C**

Yelling to curb disobedience is merely a quick fix with a short shelf-life. What's worse, it rarely reaches the heart of our children for good. This talk will explore the reasons why we as parents often yell at our children and the damaging effect it can have on our relationship with them. We'll also look at a number of practical ways you can discourage disobedience without all the shouting.

## CHAMPIONING CHAOS: HOMESCHOOLING HACKS FOR TEACHING MIXED AGES & TODDLER TORNADOES

**STEPHANIE MCPHILOMY**

**SATURDAY | 1:30 | SALON A**

Uncover the secrets of seamlessly managing a diverse homeschooling environment, which includes toddlers exploring their world and teens focusing on advanced subjects. Come for ideas and activities to engage those young learners as well as your older students. We will delve into time management techniques, resource organization, and practical tips for orchestrating a harmonious educational experience for all.

## HOW CAN I TEACH MY DISTRACTED CHILD TO FOCUS? ALTERNATIVES TO MEDICATION

**BETTY JO RUSSELL**

**SATURDAY | 1:30 | SALON F**

Is your child easily distracted during lessons? Do you struggle to keep them focused? Have you been pressured to put them on medication? In this workshop, we'll explore how understanding the cognitive functions of your child's brain can offer lasting solutions for attention and distraction. We'll introduce the three key phases of learning—Input, Elaboration, and Output—and explain how difficulties in these areas may be causing your child to lose focus. You'll learn how to identify where your child struggles and how to support them in each phase, with practical, easy-to-implement strategies. By using the mediated learning approach advocated by Dr. Reuven Feuerstein, a preeminent Jewish psychologist, you'll help your child build focus naturally within a Christ-centered learning environment.



## CARROTS, NOT STICKS: DESIGNING LEARNING FOR JOY

DR. SEANN DIKKERS

SATURDAY | 1:45 | LOBBY/COURTYARD

What drives our learning? What convinces anyone to pursue knowledge, invest, and embark on great endeavors? Is 'boredom' necessary, or to be avoided? Why do we learn new skills? This session will explore learning for joy, motivational strategies, and outline practical planning tools that will help you take any content and foster joy in the process. If your child is less than motivated, this session may help answer why and offer key approaches you can use starting tomorrow.

## DAYTIME SOLUTIONS FOR WORKING HOMESCHOOLERS

RHONDA MCAFEE

SATURDAY | 1:45 | SALON D/E

Come hear veteran homeschool mom and founder of the Home Education Network (HEN), Rhonda McAfee, explain what homeschooling means today. Rhonda gives examples on how you can customize your children's education to fit your family's needs. You don't have to teach all the subjects at home! Rhonda shares about how you can access a plethora of online curriculum programs and utilize HEN's Learning/ Enrichment Center for kids (K- 6th) Monday thru Friday to make your work day and homeschooling both possible.

## DYSLEXIA, ADHD, AUTISM & MORE: SIMPLE STRATEGIES TO TEACH OUR EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS ANYTHING!

AIMEE EUCCE

SATURDAY | 1:45 | TRUMAN (HOLIDAY INN)

Discover the tried-and-true strategies that can transform how your exceptional learner engages with their education. Say goodbye to frustration and hello to progress!

## SERVING OUR NATION AS AN OFFICER?

TRAVIS RAYFIELD

SATURDAY | 1:45 | PERSHING (HOLIDAY INN)

Has your student expressed interest in the military? Do you have questions about scholarship opportunities available in the military? If so, this session may be for you. This session will provide a brief introduction of the two most popular scholarship options for recent high school graduates - Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and military academies (for example, the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY). After this introduction, the workshop will focus on a Q&A session tailored towards the attendees.

*Keynote Speaker!*

## RAISING A MAN OF GOD—THE BLESSING AND CHALLENGES OF RAISING SONS

KEVIN SWANSON

SATURDAY | 3:00 | AMBASSADOR

As one who is a father of a son and a mentor of 20 other young men over the last 16 years, Kevin speaks on the unique challenges of raising sons and introducing them to manhood. He will address what God wants for our boys as revealed in His Word.

## NO ORDINARY DAYS

SEAN ALLEN

SATURDAY | 3:00 | SALON B/C

Have you ever had a particularly rough homeschool day and asked yourself, "Why is this so hard?" The answer? There's more riding on the success of your homeschool than you think. Sadly, it seems that all of the "ordinary" tasks we're burdened with often obscure this fact. But here's the thing - what you're doing is anything but ordinary. Despite the various fronts of opposition and their best attempts to portray your homeschool as worthless, or worse, radical, the truth is this dying world desperately needs what you're doing; and it's one of the many reasons that for the homeschooling parent, there can be no ordinary days.

## INSIDE-OUTSIDE (MINISTERING TO CHILDREN THROUGH THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY)

JACINDA BERSTLER

SATURDAY | 3:00 | SALON A

As homeschool parents, we minister to children in many ways, both inside and outside the Christian family and our churches. Homeschool parents have exciting positions that allow them to evangelize and disciple their children at home. What a privilege we have to be entrusted with such a task! How can we take it further to the community and the world? How can we model the Great Commission and involve our children as we do it? Can you be a homeschool parent and a child evangelist in your area? Not only is it possible, but your homeschoolers can be a part of this Inside-Outside ministry of evangelism. Let Child Evangelism Fellowship® show you their time-tested (since 1937) effective methods.

## READING PROBLEM?

### LET'S FIX IT!

CARLA COX

SATURDAY | 3:00 | SALON F

Is your child experiencing reading difficulties? This workshop uses a question/answer format to tailor the content for your child's specific needs. After 42 years of experience, I have seen and fixed almost every reading problem imaginable. Come prepared with your questions. I want to help your child become a successful reader.

## THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

DR. SEANN DIKKERS

SATURDAY | 3:15 | LOBBY/COURTYARD

No child should sit in front of a screen all day. If we can agree on that, then the core question for parents is, "How much, if any, screen time is good for children?" This workshop explores what research and common sense say about cognitive growth and the strengths and weaknesses of digital tools for learning. Given the fact that many of our children are entering workplaces that use computers, Dr. Dikkers will shed light on how we can equip them over time, give them spiritual armor and ethics around usage, and find balance for a healthy family.

## LIFE SKILLS, WHAT ARE THEY?

ANDI ELLIOTT

SATURDAY | 3:15 | SALON D/E

Empowering your children with essential life skills is crucial for their development and future success. This class will guide you through the importance of equipping your kids with practical skills such as financial literacy, problem-solving, home management, and more. We'll explore why these skills are vital for building independence, resilience, and confidence. Learn effective strategies for integrating life skills into your daily routines. Discover how fostering these abilities prepares your children for the challenges and opportunities of adulthood, setting them on a path to becoming capable and self-sufficient individuals.

# SATURDAY WORKSHOP BREAKDOWN

## **HOMESCHOOLING THROUGH TRAUMA AND LIFESTYLE CHANGES**

**ROBIN JAMES**

**SATURDAY | 3:15 | TRUMAN (HOLIDAY INN)**

During our homeschool journey, God had other plans. Join me as I share how God's plans for our family took us by surprise yet offered us opportunity to embrace His plan and how we adjusted to the changes. I will discuss changing your perspective to acclimate to new challenges, create new expectations, and how to exchange your disappointments for God's glory in your journey. Finding Hope With Grace.

## **TAKING CARE OF MOM: HOW TO AVOID BURNOUT**

**DARA HALYDIER**

**SATURDAY | 3:15 | PERSHING (HOLIDAY INN)**

"When Mama ain't happy, nobody's happy." So how can you keep Mommy happy? By making sure that her needs are met! What are those needs and how can she take the time to meet those needs without feeling guilty or leaving something else undone? Dara will teach the five stages of burn-out and the solution to overcoming burn-out while giving helpful ideas to meet the needs of Mom so that she is filled up and able to meet the needs of her family.