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CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Woodlands | July 21-23, 2016

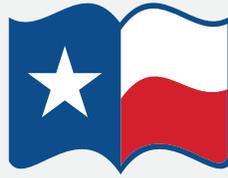


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As a coalition impacting over 150,000 Texas home school families with a staff and volunteer network of hundreds, Texas Home School Coalition (THSC) connects and provides your family with invaluable advocacy, information, and support. THSC is the recognized authority on home education and parental rights in Texas. As such **you can depend on us to protect and support your freedom as a Texas family.**

## THSC Members Help Shape History...

**THSC is founded.** Home schoolers push back against prosecution.

1986

**THSC bill passed:** Parents free to teach **driver's ed.**

1995

**THSC bill passed:** State **colleges** must end discrimination of home schoolers.

2003

**THSC kills 2 bad bills** giving doctors and grandparents ability to trump fit parents.

2013

1994  
Texas Supreme Court: **Home schooling is legal.**

2001  
THSC bill passed: Home schoolers free to participate in **dual credit classes.**

2007  
THSC bill passed: public schools must allow home school students to take **PSAT tests.**

2016  
**THSC stands up to rogue judge** and CPS for illegal removal of seven children.

# DEAR CONVENTION ATTENDEE:



For 30 years, we at the Texas Home School Coalition (THSC) have pursued the mission of empowering parents to raise and educate their own children. To that end, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2016 THSC Convention in The Woodlands.

Each family is unique, and our dedicated team of staff and volunteers has worked tirelessly to present you with exactly the Convention experience your family needs today. We invite you to connect, prepare, and be refreshed at workshops, in the Exhibit Hall, and through the many Convention programs and add-ons, all designed specifically with you in mind.

The greatest challenges, joys, struggles, and victories are those you face day in and day out raising up the next generation. Our 2016 Convention theme is Faith in the Trenches, and our heart is to equip and encourage you to press on in the vital endeavor of teaching and raising your children to be tomorrow's leaders. We pray your strength will be renewed as God uses the Convention to make smooth this journey called home schooling.

THSC has been an advocate for Texas parents and home schoolers since 1986, and we are privileged to continue serving your family today. Thank you for allowing us to assist you in the high calling of teaching your children.

Thank you for standing with us in *Keeping Texas Families Free*.

Have a great Convention!  
In your service and His,



P.S. Are you a THSC member? Did you know THSC members have access to complimentary customizable report cards, diplomas, and high school transcripts? Stop by the THSC booth, #404, to make sure you have access to these and other great benefits today.

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# GENERAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

## Shopping Only Passes

Shopping Only Passes are available for those who just want to shop! Adults, teens, and children with Shopping Only Passes may not attend workshops. You may upgrade a Shopping Only Pass to a full Convention Registration (including workshop admittance) for \$35 at the Registration Booth while space allows.

## Identification

Your name badge is your ticket for both days. Please have it visible at all times while at the Convention Center and do not share it with anyone. If you should lose your badge, just stop by the Information Booth for a replacement.

## Concessions and Dining

THSC convention attendees are welcome to bring in outside food (including sack lunches from home) as long as they are consumed in the public areas of the Marriott (i.e., foyer space and lobby seating areas. Please no food in the meeting rooms.) Pre-ordered lunches may be picked up in the Town Center Exhibit Hall foyer. Other on-site dining options include Ristorante Tuscany which is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Acqua Lounge is open for lunch and dinner. Starbucks Coffee Shop has breakfast and lunch options. The Acqua Lounge will also offer an additional concession stand in the hotel lobby for light lunch items, snacks, and beverages throughout the weekend. Visit the THSC Information booth for a list of local restaurants within a short walk of Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center.

## Book Check

For your convenience, a Book Check area will be available for your books and purchases during the hours the Exhibit Hall is open. You may leave your purchases to be stored safely until 6 PM. on Friday and 5:30 PM. on Saturday. No overnight storage is available. Book Check is located at booth #527.

## Workshop Recordings

Remember, workshops are first come, first seated. Popular workshops will fill up and seats may not be available. Please plan ahead and get in line early. Workshop ushers will do their best to fill all empty seats as space allows. All sessions will be professionally recorded and available for purchase on-site and online at [thsc.org/recordings](http://thsc.org/recordings).

## New Stroller and Rolling Book Cart Policy

Most strollers and carts are allowed in the Exhibit Hall. No side-by-side strollers or wagons will be allowed. Due to space constraints, strollers will not be allowed into Workshops but may be parked in designated Stroller Parking Areas. The Parking Areas will be monitored, however, please do not leave valuables in strollers while parked, because their security cannot be guaranteed.

## Nursing Mothers Room

For your convenience and privacy, a Nursing Mothers Room is located in the Spring room on the Upper Level. Nursing mothers are encouraged to be discreet or to take advantage of the unstaffed Nursing Mothers Room. (See location on the facility map on page 38)

## Mom and Tot Play Lounge

When your little ones need to stretch their legs, head up to the Upper Level and visit the Mom and Tot Play Lounge. It is equipped with toys for the kids and a comfortable seat for mom or dad! (See location on the facility map on page 38)

## Pets

No pets of any kind are allowed in the Convention Center. Seeing Eye Dogs or mobility dogs are welcome.

## Special Exhibit Hall Promotion

Buy on-site from THSC The Woodlands Exhibitors and be entered in a drawing to take place Saturday at 4:45 PM. at the THSC Booth #404. Four winners will receive \$200 in cash! See the Information Booth or page 39 for details. Please note, all receipts must be turned in by 4 PM Saturday.

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It takes a LOT of people to bring this Convention to YOU!



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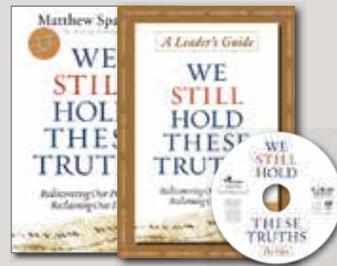
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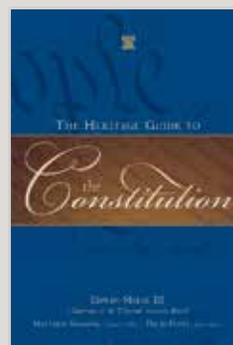
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# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



## ANDREW PUDEWA

Booth #814

Andrew Pudewa is the founder and director of the Institute for Excellence in Writing. Presenting throughout North America, 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 wonderful, heroic wife Robin have home schooled their seven children and are now proud grandparents of eight. They make their home in Northeastern Oklahoma's beautiful green country.

**Thursday, July 21, 1:00 PM | Texas Leaders Conference | Waterway 6**  
*Caution and Crazyness - How to Build Leadership Skills in Your Home Schooled Students*

**Thursday, July 21, 8:15 PM | Waterway 1-4**  
*Leadership Education: The Seven Keys of Great Teaching*

**Friday, July 22, 1:30 PM | Waterway 1-4**  
*Paper and Pen: What the Research Says*

**Saturday, July 23, 9:45 AM | Waterway 1-4**  
*Fairy Tales and the Moral Imagination*

**Saturday, July 23, 3:30 PM | Waterway 1-4**  
*Conquering Corrupt Culture by Raising Christian Communicators*



## BEV BRADLEY

Booth #604

Beverly Bradley, the wife of pastor Reb Bradley and mother of six grown children, disciples wives and mothers according to Titus 2:4-5. She is a powerful communicator and a popular keynote speaker at women's gatherings. Committed to teaching the Word of God without compromise, she speaks with sensitivity, humor, and biblical wisdom in addressing issues related to motherhood, marriage, and home schooling. Her frank, transparent style leaves her listeners challenged, yet hopeful in their walks with Christ. Many, in fact, have described Bev's ministry as "absolutely life-changing."

**Friday, July 22, 1:30 PM | Waterway 5**  
*Teaching Your Children To Love One Another*

**Friday, July 22, 4:00 PM | Waterway 1-4**  
*Warrior Mother: Fight FOR The Kids And Not WITH Them*

**Saturday, July 23, 9:45 AM | Waterway 5**  
*When the Home School Dream Doesn't Come True*



## JOHN R. ERICKSON

Booth #508

John R. Erickson has written and published 78 books and more than 600 articles and is best known as the author of the Hank the Cowdog series of books, audio-books, and stage plays.

His stories have won a number of awards, including the Audie, Oppenheimer, Wrangler, and Lamplighter Awards, and have been translated into Spanish, Danish, Farsi, and Chinese.

The Hank the Cowdog series began as a self-publishing venture in his garage in 1982 and has endured to become one of the nation's most popular series for children and families. Through the eyes of Hank the Cowdog, a smelly, smart-aleck Head of Ranch Security, Erickson gives readers a glimpse of daily life on a ranch in the West Texas Panhandle. USA Today calls the series "the best family entertainment in years."

**Friday, July 22, 7:30 PM | Waterway 1-4**  
*Hank's Family in Concert*

**Saturday, July 23, 9:45 AM | Waterway 6**  
*Toward an Animated Hank*



## REB BRADLEY

Booth #604

During more than 40 years of ministry, Reb Bradley has served as a pastor, church planter, pastoral instructor, radio counselor, and talk show host. Drawing from his mistakes as well as his successes, he works diligently as a writer and conference speaker to strengthen the Christian family, conducting seminars internationally on issues related to marriage, child training, and manhood. He is most noted for his best-selling book, "CHILD TRAINING TIPS: What I wish I knew when my children were young." Reb and his wife Beverly have six grown children and increasing numbers of grandchildren.

**Thursday, July 21, 7:00 PM | Waterway 1-4**  
*Solving the Crisis in Home Schooling: How We Raise Prodigals*

**Saturday, July 23, 1:30 PM | Waterway 7-8**  
*Reading the Mind of Your Home School Wife (For Fathers Only)*

**Friday, July 22, 9:45 AM | Waterway 1-4**  
*Influencing Your Children's Hearts (Not Just Behavior)*



## HEIDI ST. JOHN

Booth #607

Heidi St. John has been married to her husband Jay since 1989. Together they have seven children and two grandsons! The St. John's children range in age from under five to adult and have been home schooled all the way through high school.

A favorite conference and radio speaker, Heidi approaches marriage and parenting with humor and grace. Her passion to encourage moms and set them free to be who God has created them to be will bless and encourage you.

**Friday, July 22, 11:00 AM | Waterway 1-4**  
*The First Three Years: A Workshop for Home School Rookies*

**Saturday, July 23, 11:00 AM | Waterway 1-4**  
*Mom on a MISSION*

**Friday, July 22, 2:45 PM | Waterway 1-4**  
*EPIC: The Fight for Faith and Family in a New Age*

**Saturday, July 23, 1:30 PM | Waterway 1-4**  
*The Distracted Mom (iMom)*

**Friday, July 22, 7:30 PM | Waterway 7-8**  
*Becoming MomStrong (Encouragement by Chocolate, Ticketed Event)*

# FEATURED SPEAKERS



## ARTHUR MILIKH

Booth #304

Arthur Milikh conducts research on America's founding principles. As assistant director of The Heritage Foundation's B. Kenneth Simon Center for Principles and Politics, he oversees the Center's research portfolio, commissions essays, and give talks on the tenets of the American political tradition to policymakers, political leaders, and the public at large. Before joining Heritage, Arthur worked at the House Committee on Armed Services and the Hudson Institute. Arthur studied political theory at Emory University and the University of Chicago.

**Friday, July 22, 9:45 AM | Waterway 6**  
*How to Teach the American Founding*



## BECKY MULDROW

Booth #721

Becky Muldrow loves being a wife to her husband, Gene, and a homeschool mom to 10 fantastic kids ages 11-29. After seeing how well dual credit studies worked for her own children, and continually being asked how they did it, she founded Dual Credit at Home. This 49-week, online study plan program helps students of all ages pursue an accredited bachelor's degree by earning credits by exam.

**Friday, July 22, 4:00 PM | Waterway 5**  
*How to Build an Impressive High School Transcript*



## BEVERLY PARRISH

Booth #306

Beverly Parrish is a third generation educator and a mom of seven who began home schooling her kids in 1990....and she's still at it! Over the years, she has home schooled others, mentored new home school moms, tutored struggling students, and is a speaker at conferences. Several of her children have special learning issues, so she has spent that time actively educating herself on ways to help struggling learners. Since reading well is the foundation for mastering other subjects with greater ease, helping students conquer reading problems is her greatest passion. Bev is a Licensed Davis Dyslexia Correction® Facilitator. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and sailing with her family.

**Friday, July 22, 1:30 PM | Waterway 7-8**  
*Strategies for Struggling Learners and Exhausted Moms – Reading and Spelling*

**Saturday, July 23, 11:00 AM | Waterway 5**  
*Failure to Connect - Choosing Curriculum that Fits*

**Friday, July 22, 4:00 PM | Waterway 7-8**  
*New to Home Schooling: One, Two, Three: A Panel Discussion*



## BON CROWDER

Booth #700

Bon is a devoted math mom, education fanatic, and creator of MathFour.com. She has taught and tutored math to over 15,000 adults in living rooms, classrooms, and conferences. She takes pride in trying to be a good role model both mentally and physically for her students and children.

She has been quoted in the Wall Street journal, appeared on eHow.com, Synonym.com, Great Day Houston, NEA Benefits, and is an expert on NBC's Education Nation Parent Toolkit.

In addition, Bon writes iPhone apps for oilfield math and is the co-developer of That's Math! – an online learning tool for parents.

**Friday, July 22, 11:00 AM | Waterway 6**  
*Arithmetic to Algebra - Strengthening the Bridge*

**Friday, July 22, 2:45 PM | Waterway 6**  
*There's No Excuse for Your Dear Aunt Sally: Solving the Issues of PEMDAS & The Order of Operations in Math*



## DALE GAMACHE

Booth #209

Dale Gamache has more than 34 years experience teaching the Spanish language. He has taught elementary, middle and high school students in the Volusia County, FL school system including the past 29 years at Seabreeze High. Señor Gamache and his family established their own private Spanish language after-school program where they taught public, private, and home school children in the Daytona Beach, Florida area. They have instructed hundreds of elementary and middle school students in these after-school programs. They developed the LA CLASE DIVERTIDA DVD curriculum in 1999 while teaching these classes. Their program has reached tens of thousands of families all over the World. He and his wife Robin have also developed a survival Spanish computer program in conjunction with the Florida Baptist Children's Homes with a focus on missions for adults. Sr. Gamache instructs high school students from all over the country live (NOT virtual) thru internet classrooms for HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH I, II and III credit.

Sr. Gamache has been a featured speaker on Foreign Language Acquisition at both homeschool and public school conventions throughout the country.

Dale and his wife Robin live in the Daytona Beach area and have one daughter, Erin (Jason) and a grandson Jensen born in 2014.

**Friday, July 22, 2:45 PM | Waterway 5**

*What Foreign Language Credits Will Be Accepted by Colleges and Universities? All Courses Are NOT Equal.*



## DAVID GIBBS III

Booth #406

Attorney Gibbs has been married to his wife Carin for over 20 years. They have been blessed with four children and make their home in the Dallas, Texas area.

Attorney David C. Gibbs III is the President and General Counsel of the National Center for Life and Liberty, a ministry organization that defends life and liberty freedoms nationwide. Mr. Gibbs speaks regularly to audiences in churches and conferences while also litigating cases as a trial attorney. He hosts the weekly radio program Law Talk Live on the Moody Radio Network and has authored five books including Fighting for Dear Life and Understanding the Constitution. Mr. Gibbs is also a frequent spokesperson on radio and television, having appeared on many major news and talk programs.

Attorney Gibbs graduated from Duke Law School and manages the Gibbs Law Firm with offices in Dallas, Texas; St. Petersburg, Florida; and Washington, D.C. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and numerous federal circuit and district courts nationwide. He has also been admitted to the State Bars of Florida, Minnesota, Colorado, North Dakota, Ohio, Texas, Tennessee, Michigan, and the District of Columbia.

Attorney Gibbs was the lead attorney in the Terri Schiavo case, representing the parents as they fought to save the life of their daughter. This case went before the United States Supreme Court twice in 10 days.

Attorney Gibbs believes: "If it's wrong, fight it. If it's right, fight for it." His life verse is Matthew 25:40, where Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

**Thursday, July 21, 3:15 PM | Texas Leaders Conference  
Waterway 6**

*Leading Through Tough Times*

**Friday, July 22, 2:45 PM | Waterway 7-8**

*Upcoming Policies: What's at Stake for Home Schooling in the Future: A Panel Discussion*

**Saturday, July 23, 11:00 AM | Montgomery B & C**

*Battle For Your Children: Protecting Them In This Complicated World*



## DUKE PESTA

Booth #709

Dr. Duke Pesta received his M.A. in Renaissance literature from John Carroll University and his Ph.D. in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature from Purdue University. He has taught at major research institutions and small liberal arts colleges, on a wide variety of subjects at the graduate and undergraduate level, including courses on Shakespeare, Renaissance literature, the Bible, Russian literature, Christian Apologetics, and C.S. Lewis.

He has been active in educational reform, and was instrumental in developing and implementing an elective Bible course that is currently available for public high school students in Texas. Dr. Pesta is an engaging and animated speaker, whose experiences as an educational reformer, university professor, high school teacher, and the administrator of an online home school curriculum uniquely qualify him to address the current state of education in our country. He speaks at home school conventions and educational conferences across the nation on topics including the necessity of homeschooling, the decline of morality and critical thinking in the public schools, and the myriad ways that the educational establishment indoctrinates students. He is currently in demand on the speaking circuit as one of America's foremost authorities on the dangers of Common Core.

Dr. Pesta has delivered over 400 talks on Common Core in 40 states. He has been interviewed on radio and television over 1500 times, including places as diverse as the United Kingdom, China, Canada, and Mexico. He has spoken on the lecture circuit on subjects ranging from the Founding Fathers, to the Christian Apologetics of C. S. Lewis, to the history of educational reform, to the politicization of the study of history in our nation's schools. He hosted a radio segment entitled Classical Gasp for public radio, which considered current events through the lens of historical precedent.

**Friday, July 22, 11:00 AM | Waterway 5**

*Teaching Christian Worldview*

**Friday, July 22, 2:45 PM | Waterway 7-8**

*Upcoming Policies: What's at Stake for Home Schooling in the Future: A Panel Discussion*

**Saturday, July 23, 9:45 AM | Waterway 7-8**

*Common Core: Dangers and Threats*



## FREDERIC GRAY

Booth #422

Frederic Gray is the founder of the Fathers of Faith and Daughters of Excellence father-daughter retreat, as well as the Unquenchable Love Marriage Workshop.

For over 20 years, Frederic has been speaking into the lives of others. In his teens, he began speaking to youth. In his twenties, he began speaking to churches, schools, and business groups. Churches, schools, home school organizations, youth organizations, abortion counseling centers, lectureships, and conventions have invited Frederic to speak on issues pertaining to families, marriage, parenting, and concerns for today's youth (including abstinence, student leadership, and healthy choices). One of Frederic's life missions is to do all he can to encourage, empower, and equip families to strengthen themselves with biblical solutions for life and the family. Embracing the core belief that "God has given us all things pertaining to life and godliness," he believes that the Bible is our instruction manual for every area of our lives. A national award-winning speaker, Frederic hosts marriage seminars and other events geared toward the family.

**General Sessions:**

**Thursday, July 21, 1:00 PM**

**(New to Home School Seminar) | Waterway 5**

*Home Schooling is a Journey, not a Destination....Get Started Right So You Can Hang in There Through Thick and Thin!*

**Friday, July 22, 11:00 AM | Waterway 7-8**

*A Dad's Duty: Balancing Teaching and Discipline (Guidance and Boundaries)*

**Saturday, July 23, 1:30 PM | Waterway 6**

*Fighting For Your Special Needs Child*

**Teen Staff Sessions:**

**What to Do when Negative Thoughts Overtake Your Mind**

**Preparing Now for a God-Honoring Future**



## HEATHER SANDERS

[HeatherSanders.com](http://HeatherSanders.com)

Heather Sanders is a freelance writer and copy editor living in Huntsville, Texas. She's written about education and reviewed educational products for more than a decade. She served as the managing editor and primary contributing writer to The Pioneer Woman's Homeschooling blog for seven years. A contributing editor to AlphaMom.com, Heather wrote the one-year series, "What Everyone Can Learn From Homeschooling Parents." Last year, she was blessed to contribute to Sonlight.com's e-book, "It Was Worth It! Real Stories to Inspire Your Homeschooling Journey."

Twenty-one years ago, she married Jeff, the love of her life, and shortly after they chose to "go forth and multiply." Having home schooled her three kids (one now a graduate) for the past 12 years, Heather has now transitioned her writing to focus on encouraging families to "faithsize" their lives so they can be content right here, right now.

Find her at [HeatherSanders.com](http://HeatherSanders.com), on Instagram: @morefromheather or via email: [heather@heathersanders.com](mailto:heather@heathersanders.com).

**Saturday, July 23, 9:45 AM | Montgomery B&C**  
*Troubleshooting 101: A Panel Discussion*

**Saturday, July 23, 1:30 PM | Waterway 5**  
*Faithsize Your Home School: Practical Tips to Combat Fear and Find Contentment*



## KATHY LEE

**Booth #708**

Kathy Lee has been speaking publicly for more than 25 years and has presented keynotes and workshops for events across the country. She is the author of *A Year of Playing Skillfully*, *The Homegrown Preschooler*, *101 Easy Wacky Crazy Activities for Young Children*, and *Solutions for Early Childhood Directors*. As a former administrator and teacher, she has extensive experience in the field of early childhood education. As the home schooling mother of 10 children, both biological and adopted, she also enjoys sharing her journey with others. She is lovingly described as passionate, authentic, and humorous.

**Thursday, July 21, 2:15 PM | Waterway 5**  
(New to Home School Seminar)  
*Making the Decision to Homeschool - Honest Thoughts From a Mom Who Has Been There*

**Friday, July 22, 9:45 AM | Waterway 7-8**  
*Make it Count*

**Friday, July 22, 4:00 PM | Waterway 7-8**  
*New to Home Schooling: One, Two, Three: A Panel Discussion*



## PATRICK NURRE

**Booth #608**

Patrick Nurre was in the second grade when he made his first big find – a large dinosaur bone in the alley behind his house! That was the beginning of a love for geology. Raised in beautiful Montana, he spent many days rockhounding near the Big Horn River. This early interest led him to a lifelong study of the world of geology. Patrick was trained in secular geology, but after becoming a Christian, he began to seriously reevaluate his previous evolutionary beliefs, and became, instead, a young-earth creationist.

Today, Patrick conducts geology classes (PreK-12) and seminars in the Seattle area, and speaks at numerous home school and church conventions on geology and our young earth. He also leads a variety of geology field trips every year, including Yellowstone Park, where he helps families discover the Biblical geology of the Park. Patrick is the vision behind Northwest Treasures, a 501(c)3 corporation, devoted to creating excellent geology kits, curricula and education for all ages. To help in this endeavor, Patrick has written several textbooks on geology. In the fall of 2012, he opened the Geology Learning Center, a museum/educational center in the Seattle area. Patrick and his wife, Vicki, have three wonderful children and one grandson, and live in Bothell, Washington.

**Friday, July 22, 4:00 PM | Waterway 6**  
*Why You Need to Teach Geology Again and Again and Again and... and How To Do It.*



## INTERACTIVE AND INFORMATIVE PANELS

Ever wish you could stop a workshop session and just ask a simple question? Now is your opportunity to be heard! Join our elite group of seasoned, veteran speakers and educators for three different Q&A panels. Be sure to submit your question on the form linked in the description as these are the questions gleaned from first.

**Friday, July 22, 2:45 PM | Waterway 7-8**

*Upcoming Public Policies: What's at Stake for Home Schooling in the Future*

**Saturday, July 23, 9:45 AM | Montgomery B&C**

*Troubleshooting 101*

**Friday, July 22, 4:00 PM | Waterway 7-8**

*New to Home Schooling: One, Two, Three*



## LARRY BLYTHE

**Booth #414**

Larry is the Director of the Apologia Online Academy, Apologia Educational Ministries. He also teaches in the Bible, Apologetics, and Worldview Department.

Larry was a career youth, associate, and senior pastor for over 20 years. He has a Master of Arts in apologetics from Southern Evangelical Seminary. Larry speaks nationally at many home school, apologetics, and other conferences, including overseas in Hungary and Nairobi, Kenya.

He was the Founder/Director of the Lay Institute for Biblical Studies and taught on various topics including cults, apologetics, theology, OT/NT, and social disciplines. Larry is one of the editors of the Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics.

In his 'spare' time he is a Wilson sponsored competitive racquetball player, juggles, performs Christian illusions, plays the trombone, guitar, and pennywhistle (not at the same time!), sews, and enjoys his wife, grown children, and grandchildren Elijah Jacob, Aedan, and Reagan.

### Teen Staff Sessions:

**If God Exists, Why Is There Evil?**

**Developing a Biblical World View**



## LYNDSAY LAMBERT

[FromAnOlderWoman.com](http://FromAnOlderWoman.com)

Lyndsay Lambert, a graduate of Texas Tech University, home schooled her four now-grown children for 16 years. She has assisted Tim, her husband of more than 40 years, in serving the home school community, first in helping to start and lead their local support group and then, from 1990 to 2013, in running the Texas Home School Coalition, the state organization committed to serving and protecting Texas home schoolers. She retired in 2013 to have more time to be a grandmother to her six grandchildren and to be the "older woman" that she believes God has called her to be. Check out her blog: [FromAnOlderWoman.com](http://FromAnOlderWoman.com)

**Thursday, July 21, 7:00 PM | Waterway 5**

*Ready, Set ... Now What Do I Do? (With Tim Lambert)*

**Saturday, July 23, 9:45 AM | Montgomery B&C**

*Troubleshooting 101: A Panel Discussion*

**Friday, July 22, 4:00 PM | Waterway 7-8**

*New to Home Schooling: One, Two, Three: A Panel Discussion*



## MARY JAMES

Booth #302

Mary James lives in Cedar Park, Texas, and is the mother of eight children. She began home schooling in 1989 and expects to be home schooling for many years to come. In 1999, Mary founded Smoothing the Way, a non-profit organization which seeks to meet the needs of new home schoolers. In addition to serving as president of Smoothing the Way, Mary serves on the Texas Home School Coalition Board of Directors and continues her popular speaking ministry at several home school conferences each year. In her workshops, Mary draws not only from her personal experience as a home schooling mom, but also from her many years of working with those families new to this lifestyle. Speaking from her heart with warmth and humor, she encourages her listeners to face the often daunting task of educating their children at home. For more information, visit [www.smoothingtheway.com](http://www.smoothingtheway.com).

**Thursday, 3:30 PM | Waterway 5**  
(New to Home School Seminar)  
*Which Way Do I Go?*

**Friday, July 22, 4:00 PM | Waterway 7-8**  
*New to Home Schooling: One, Two, Three: A Panel Discussion*

**Saturday, July 23, 9:45 AM | Montgomery B&C**  
*Troubleshooting 101: A Panel Discussion*



## NANCY FILECCIA

Booth #308

Nancy Fileccia is a 14-year home schooling veteran and co-owner of "A Journey Through Learning" lapbooks with her best friend Paula Winget. They create fun, hands-on learning products for home schooling families. Nancy also loves helping parents with their journey of international adoption. Nancy and her husband Rusty make their home in Shreveport, Louisiana, with their three children.

**Saturday, July 23, 11:00 AM | Waterway 7-8**  
*How to Keep Your School Afloat, While Your Life is Sinking*



## ROXANNE PARKS

Booth #103

Raised in Oklahoma City, Roxanne graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. She was an OU cheerleader and was able to cheer in one Fiesta Bowl and two Orange Bowls. She worked as an engineer in the oil industry for 10 years, both in California and then in Midland, Texas, where she met her husband, Bryan. They have four grown and graduated children, ages 20 to 25. She home schooled her children for 14 years and served in leadership of a large home school co-op. She has spoken to over 100,000 people in four countries and throughout the USA as a business and motivational speaker. God planted a seed in her heart over 14 years ago to start a retreat to encourage mothers. She is CEO (Chief Encouragement Officer) and Founder of Winter Summit Ministries, Inc., which is in its seventh year of hosting annual events to encourage home educating moms. Last year she published her first book, "Are You Enough? Encouragement for the Overwhelmed and Exhausted Homeschool Mom." You can reach her at [www.roxanneparks.com](http://www.roxanneparks.com) or [roxanneparks1@yahoo.com](mailto:roxanneparks1@yahoo.com)

**Friday, July 22, 9:45 AM | Waterway 5**  
*Waiting on God in a 3-Second World*

**Friday, July 22, 4:00 PM | Waterway 7-8**  
*New to Home Schooling: One, Two, Three: A Panel Discussion*

**Friday, July 22, 1:30 PM | Montgomery B&C**  
*12 Ways to Keep Your Sanity through Teenage Rebellion*

**Saturday, July 23, 9:45 AM | Montgomery B&C**  
*Troubleshooting 101: A Panel Discussion*



## DRS. TED AND JOHNNIE SEAGO

Booth #905

Drs. Ted and Johnnie Seago have been married for 38 years. They have raised 8 children and spent 22 years home educating their children. The Seagos have 13 grandchildren and live in the north Lake Conroe area.

Ted and Johnnie have spoken at countless home schooling conventions, conferences, workshops and seminars in the areas of parenting, marriage, college options, education trends, home organization, political engagement, classroom creativity and student motivation.

Pastor Ted Seago is a life-long educator and has served 42 years as a local church pastor. He is currently serving as Pastor of Community Life at Restoration Church in Montgomery, Texas. He has Bachelor and Masters degrees in education from Lamar University and earned his Doctor of Education degree from University of Houston. In addition to his pastoral duties, Ted has served as a Headmaster, classroom instructor and college professor.

Dr. Johnnie has been an educational leader in public, private and home education since 1981. She has earned a Bachelor degree from Lamar University, Masters of Education from University of Houston and a Doctor of Educational Leadership from Liberty University. She is an adjunct professor at Witherspoon Seminary and Ann Bradstreet Women’s College, a professor with Liberty University, a life coach and team building expert with Team Doctor and Doctors of Education.

Drs. Ted and Johnnie K. Seago own and operate Parent and Child Educational Services (PACES), a home education-facilitating ministry. PACES has guided the education of over 3,000 home school families providing private consultations, classes, online curriculum, social events, field trips, international travel and testing services.

**Friday, July 22, 4 PM | Montgomery B&C**  
*Post High School Options*

**Saturday, July 22, 1:30 PM | Montgomery B&C**  
*Teaching Multiples*



## TIM LAMBERT

Booth #404

Tim Lambert, president of the Texas Home School Coalition (the state home school support organization since 1986), has been involved in home school leadership in Texas since 1984. He and his wife Lyndsay taught their four now-grown children at home for 16 years, graduating the last two in 2000.

Since 1996 THSC has published the quarterly Texas Home School Coalition Review magazine, which reaches nearly 60,000 Texas home school families. As the head of the organization for the leading home school state in the country, Tim is recognized as an authority on home education issues in Texas. In this capacity, he has testified before numerous Texas legislative committees on issues related to home schooling. He often deals with state government agencies, including the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, on home education issues, and he has served as an expert witness on home education in a number of court cases. He has often addressed such conferences as the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers on the topic.

Tim holds a B.A. in political science from Texas Tech University and is active in the political arena, having served eight years as Republican National Committeeman for Texas. He is committed to serving the home school community and protecting parents’ right to choose the method of education of their children.

**Thursday, July 21, 2:00 PM | Texas Leaders Conference**  
*State of the State - What Leaders Need to Know*

**Thursday, July 21, 7:00 PM | Waterway 5**  
*Ready, Set ... Now What Do I Do? (With Lyndsay Lambert)*

**Friday, July 22, 1:30 PM | Waterway 6**  
*Home School Families, Grandparents, and the Battle for Parental Rights*

**Friday, July 22, 2:45 PM | Waterway 7-8**  
*Upcoming Policies: What’s at Stake for Home Schooling in the Future: A Panel Discussion*

**Saturday, July 23, 11:00 AM | Waterway 6**  
*The War Against Free Speech and THSC’s Battle Against the Texas Ethics Commission*



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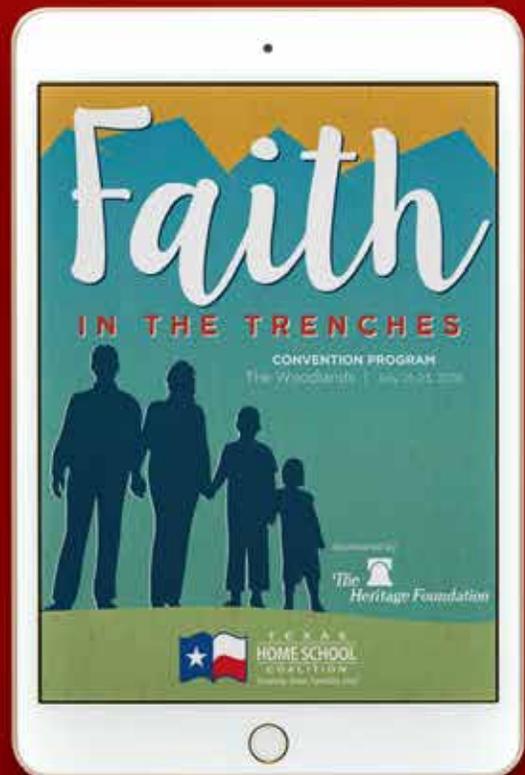
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# CONVENTION SCHEDULE & WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY, JULY 21

10:00 AM Teen Staff 3-Day Program Begins  
 12:00 PM Registration Opens  
 1:00 PM Local Vendor Spotlight Opens



Texas Leaders Conference  
 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM (Waterway 6)

**1:00 PM - Andrew Pudewa - *Caution and Crazyness: How to Build Leadership Skills in Your Home Schooled Students***  
 By example, we are producing the next generations of leaders. How can we be more intentional in providing the skills they need to thrive in our world today and tomorrow?

**2:00 PM - Tim Lambert - *State of the State: What Leaders Need to Know***  
 Join fellow support group leaders and Tim for this candid review of current and potential issues impacting home schooling families in the great state of Texas.

**3:15 PM - David Gibbs III - *Leading Through Tough Times***  
 Most home school parents will never face a truancy officer on their doorstep, but how would you help members of your support group if they were faced with that situation? Attorney David Gibbs III litigates parental rights and home schooling cases all over the country, and regularly provides practical legal advice to home schoolers on a vast range of issues. Whether you are new to home school leadership or are a seasoned leader, this session will take a look at the issues currently facing home school families and the hot topics that could affect your by-laws, board, and membership.

**3:45 PM - Leader's Voice**  
 This is a time for leaders to ask and respond to questions concerning support groups, home education laws, home school group leadership, starting a home school group, and more.

**New To Home School Seminar (Waterway 5)**

**1:00 PM - Frederic Gray**  
***Home Schooling is a Journey, not a Destination.... Get Started Right So You Can Hang in There Through Thick and Thin!*** - Deciding to home school is only the beginning of the journey. As you travel on your own personal home schooling journey, you will face many detours and roadblocks, empty gas tanks, and bad weather. You may even have a not-so-willing travel companion. Don't turn back! This talk will help you learn how to keep your gas tank full, navigate those obstacles, and engage the whole crew. Come hear how you can not only reach your destination but enjoy the journey!

**2:15 PM - Kathy Lee**  
***Making the Decision to Home School - Honest Thoughts From a Mom Who Has Been There*** - What are the benefits and challenges of home schooling? Will my child be socialized? How

will my child match up with government-educated children? How do I handle all of the questions from family and friends? Am I even qualified? As a home school mom of 10, Kathy speaks candidly about her family's decision to home school and the challenges they have faced along the way.

**3:30 PM - Mary James**  
***Which Way Do I Go?***

Join Mary for an explanation of the most popular teaching methodologies (textbook, living book, unit studies, classical, and unschooling). She will end the afternoon by giving attendees a close-up look at the convention exhibitors.

5:00 PM Exhibit Hall Opens  
 Special Buddies Open House  
 6:00 PM Teen Staff 3-Day Program Dismissed  
 7:00 PM Exhibit Hall Closes

**GENERAL SESSIONS (Waterway 1-4)**

**7:00 PM - Reb Bradley**  
***Solving the Crisis in Home Schooling: How We Raise Prodigals***  
 Multitudes of home school parents around the country, including leaders, have graduated their first batch of kids, only to watch their graduates go wayward. Many were model home schoolers while growing up, but sometime after their 18th birthday they began to reveal that they didn't hold to their parents' values. In this session, Reb exposes common blind spots in parenting which contribute to the breakdown of relationship between parents and children and thereby increase prodigal tendencies. For veteran and beginning home schoolers, this is a "Don't Miss" session.

**8:15 PM - Andrew Pudewa**  
***Leadership Education: The Seven Keys of Great Teaching***  
 Exploring the practical elements of the Thomas Jefferson education model, Andrew will explain the seven keys as well as the five learning environments as developed by DeMille and his colleagues. (There's even an unofficial "eighth key.") With humorous stories from his own family's experience, Andrew will delight homeschooling moms looking for tips on how to escape the "conveyor belt" approach to doing "school" at home.

**BEGINNER WORKSHOP (Waterway 5)**

**7:00 PM - Tim and Lyndsay Lambert**  
***Ready, Set ... Now What Do I Do?***  
 Where do I get curriculum? Do I have to make bulletin boards? How do I teach several grades at once? Do I need to have lesson plans and give grades? Do I need a lawyer? What about socialization? Exactly what is the law in Texas concerning home schooling? Tim and Lyndsay Lambert answer these questions and more as they give advice to new home schoolers.

8:00 PM Registration Closes  
 9:00 PM Local Vendor Spotlight Closes  
 9:30 PM Evening Programs Conclude

## FRIDAY, JULY 22

**8:30 AM Kids Convention, Preteen Programs Begin (Woodlands United Methodist Church)**  
**Special Buddies Program Begins**  
**Teen Staff Program Begins**  
**Registration Opens**

**9:00 AM Exhibit Hall Opens**

**9:45 AM Adult Workshops Begin**

**Reb Bradley | Waterway 1-4**

***Influencing Your Children's Hearts (Not Just Behavior)***

According to Proverbs 29:17, properly disciplined children are a joy and delight to their parents. Many home school parents are convinced of this truth and are diligent in their training and discipline. Sadly, many of these parents discover that the authority which easily controlled their children when young is insufficient to influence them as teenagers. What they lack is a relationship with their children's hearts (Prov 23:26). In this session, Reb will help parents discover how they lose the hearts of their children and reveal to them what the Bible says they can do to gain them back.

**Roxanne Parks | Waterway 5**

***Waiting on God in a 3-Second World***

Needing to breathe and jump off of her treadmill, Roxanne shares how resting and waiting on God will bring a freedom to the urgencies we seem to face daily.

**Arthur Milikh | Waterway 6**

***How to Teach the American Founding***

We will discuss how to teach the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, America's most important political documents. First, turning to the Declaration, we will examine our founding principles—natural rights, equality, and liberty. The Declaration, however, doesn't tell us how to protect these things. That's what the Constitution does. We will therefore next turn to the Constitution to examine the mechanisms by which it safeguards our rights and our nation as a whole.

**Kathy Lee | Waterway 7-8**

***Make it Count***

In this world filled with technology and devices, intentional parenting is a MUST. Children get one shot at childhood and it is our job to make it count. In this presentation, Kathy gives practical tips on how to engage and connect with your child. We will take a trip down memory lane that will make you laugh and possibly shed a few tears. Either way, you will be challenged and hopefully changed to take on parenting with a newfound passion.

***Explore the Possibilities of Online Learning with Monarch***  
 Alden Bridge

With Monarch online curriculum from Alpha Omega Publications, you get the most complete curriculum for your child's Christian education. Monarch gives you unprecedented access to 50 courses for grades 3-12 in the five subjects of Bible, history and geography, language arts, math, and science. Monarch is also subscription based, making it affordable for every home school family. Discover how Monarch's media-rich lessons and automatic grading can change the way you home school. Other features of Monarch include:

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***Incorporating the Classics Into Your Curriculum***

College Park

You already have plenty to do covering the core subjects, but we can help you incorporate the classics into your curriculum without sacrificing other areas of education. Latin and classical history will broaden your child's educational experience in more ways than you can imagine.

**Exhibitor: Memoria Press**

***How's YOUR home school day going?***

Cochran's Crossing

Is your home school day fraught with disorganization, stress, sick days, and chaos? Learn a few secrets our family of 10 has employed in our 18 year home schooling career. Cut the chaos with simple organizing tips to keep your day on track; meal planning musts; enlist your helpers; maximize classroom brain power; no more (or at least fewer) sick days for a stress-free home school day.

**Exhibitor: Sharing Great Health, Inc.**

***Raising Boys to Be Gentlemen***

Creekside Park

Come listen to renowned motivational speaker Monica Irvine as she teaches skills that parents need in order to help their boys reach their full potential both academically and personally. Today, being a true gentlemen is something that stands out for all the right reasons and never before have these attributes been more appreciated. Don't miss this opportunity to make sure that you are giving your children every resource for success. You will be so grateful that you attended. Dads come and bring the whole family.

**Exhibitor: The Etiquette Factory**

**LEGEND**

**S** Special Needs/Struggling Learners

**HS** High School

**N** New Home Schoolers

**M** Moms

**D** Dads

## Friday, July 22, 11:00 AM Workshops

**Heidi St. John** | Waterway 1-4

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***The First Three Years: A Workshop for Home School Rookies***

If home schooling up til now feels more like drudgery than delight or if the thought of home schooling makes your knees shake and your palms sweat, this is the workshop for you! Perhaps you've been hearing from "experts" that view home schooling as just another form of education like any other. Public schools think that way, but home schooling is nothing like the school system. It's just the opposite. Learning at home is an adventure, a journey, a new lifestyle. Join veteran home school mom of seven (including one home school graduate!) Heidi St. John as she talks about the three things you've got to know as a new home schooler that will set you on a track for success and enjoyment with your children.

Although you're nervous now, it will all be okay. Home schooling is worth it. So sit back and relax. You'll soon discover that home schooling is a journey like no other. Take it in stride that you will stumble and stumble, stick your foot in it, take wrong turns, backtrack, start again, and again . . . and your child will be just fine. Come and bring a friend for a dose of information and encouragement. You can do it!

**Duke Pesta** | Waterway 5***Teaching Christian Worldview***

In this engaging talk, Dr. Pesta offers a simple and compelling argument explaining the need for—and the beauty of—a genuinely Christian worldview. Most Christians understand—emotionally and spiritually—the benefits and virtues of Christian living but when challenged, they often struggle to explain the logical and pragmatic appeal of Christian thinking. By championing the enduring intellectual and rational basis of Christian ideals—in contrast to such modern philosophical movements as romanticism, naturalism, and progressivism—Dr. Pesta provides a practical, common sense, and easy to use rubric that explains—in a rational and humorous manner—why Christian thinking remains the very best hope for mankind.

**Bon Crowder** | Waterway 6***Arithmetic to Algebra - Strengthening the Bridge***

Algebra is arithmetic on steroids, but it's still just arithmetic. In this session, see what the bridge between arithmetic and algebra looks like - the similarities and differences. See algebraic manipulations in regular number arithmetic. Learn how to talk about the bridge with your children so they can feel super smart practicing arithmetic and get excited about learning official algebra!

**Frederic Gray** | Waterway 7-8

D

***A Dad's Duty: Balancing Teaching and Discipline (Guidance and Boundaries)***

"Home schooling...that's my wife's thing." Dads across the country are more than ever getting involved in their family's home education. As that happens, there are a lot of assumptions, miscommunications, and a whole lot of questions about how to get involved. Moms, come with your husbands so you can encourage them to take an active role in your family's educational journey.

***Healthcare Freedom with Samaritan Ministries***

Alden Bridge

Come learn how over 196,000 Christians share more than \$17 million in medical needs each month, without the use of health insurance.

**Sponsor: Samaritan Ministries*****The Top Five Life Lessons 90% of Homeschool Families Miss***  
College Park

Sometimes we can get so focused on the ABC's and 123's, that we miss the big picture of character development and living for the glory of God. This simple, but powerful and life-changing, workshop will help you rise above the day-to-day existence of homeschooling and help you see the BIG PICTURE of why you do what you do.

**Exhibitor: Cat and Dog Theology/UnveilinGLORY*****I Hate Math, But I Want My Kids To Love It: RightStart™ Math!*** | Cochran's Crossing

Math was not your favorite subject. Now you're the teacher and you don't want your kids to suffer like you did. Learn a curriculum that will provide ways to learn and practice math other than through memorization. Join us and learn what is needed to unlock understanding in math.

**Exhibitor: RightStart Mathematics / Activities for Learning*****Preparing Students for College Writing***

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Creskide Park

College writing requirements are increasingly becoming more rigorous, and students are expected to arrive with certain skills. This workshop will present an overview of these skills and make suggestions on how to develop readiness. Among these proficiencies are higher level writing tasks, such as analysis, synthesis, argumentation, and evaluation. Most college writing requires students to form their own opinion and support it with evidence. This is argumentative writing, and it demands critical thinking across the curriculum. Whether making an assumption about a short story in a literature course, analyzing a scientific method in a biology class, or drawing conclusions about a marketing strategy, students must be able to think and write strategically, critically, and independently.

**Exhibitors: Belhaven University - High Scholars**

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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Team Schedule for Lunch Break

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

Special Buddies Mandatory  
Lunch Break

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Adults Lunch and Shopping  
Break

### Friday, July 22, 1:30 PM Workshops

**Andrew Pudewa** | Waterway 1-4

#### *Paper and Pen: What the Research Says*

Recent years have seen an enormous increase in the use of technology in education for even the youngest students. But is technology really the cure—all that many believe it to be? While traditional skills such as cursive penmanship are seen as unnecessary in the modern world, the actual research tells a different story. Learn the compelling reasons to choose paper books instead of electronic devices for reading, to handwrite instead of type when note-taking, to teach cursive instead of printing for penmanship, and to grab a pen instead of pencil for composition. Discover how to unleash creativity that goes beyond technology.

**Bev Bradley** | Waterway 5

#### *Teaching Your Children To Love One Another*

As parents we pour ourselves into our children and hope the care we give them will foster love between brothers and sisters. Sadly, too few parents find their love bears that kind of fruit -- their homes are characterized by sibling rivalry and disorder. For many the thought of warmth and affection between brothers and sisters is an unattainable dream. Fortunately, it need not be just a dream. In this workshop, Beverly draws from the Scriptures to teach parents how they can kindle peaceful, loving relationships between brothers and sisters.

**Tim Lambert** | Waterway 6

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#### *Home School Families, Grandparents, and the Battle for Parental Rights*

The battle for home schooling today is in the family courts, not the truancy courts. Come be informed about these new dangers and learn the best ways to prepare yourself for the ever present dangers associated with CPS. Listen as Tim shares more about the danger that vindictive in-laws pose to single parents and how that could impact your right to home school.

**Beverly Parrish** | Waterway 7-8

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#### *Strategies for Struggling Learners and Exhausted Moms – Reading and Spelling*

Learning shouldn't be so hard for our children or so exhausting for us as moms! Come learn some practical things that can help open the door of understanding for your child in the areas of reading and spelling. We'll cover small changes you can make in presenting your current curriculum that can help both mom and child find success.

**Roxanne Parks** | Montgomery B & C

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#### *12 Ways to Keep Your Sanity through Teenage Rebellion*

Roxanne gives 12 insightful ways for understanding and keeping sanity through the often-turbulent years of hormones and teenagers.

#### *Maximizing Your Child's Learning Style*

Alden Bridge

Understanding your child's learning personality, modality, environment, interest, and talent can transform your homeschool experience. Through real-life examples, participants will learn how to identify their child's learning style, which will assist in enhancing his or her educational and personal experience. The information gained from this workshop will increase a child's self-esteem, family harmony, and academic success. Adopting this simple methodology to learning style will enhance the way a child learns and parents and teachers teach.

**Sponsor: Laurel Springs**

#### *Creation Evangelism*

College Park

We all have times when we feel like we just can't get a conversation moved toward salvation, but have you ever considered using creation? As you learn more fascinating facts about God's special creation, experience the excitement of using this information to share the gospel with others! Through personal testimonies, stories, and practical applications, Dr. Martin will equip and inspire you to use truths about God's creation to boldly share the Gospel.

**Exhibitor: Biblical Discipleship Ministries**

#### *Whole Family Spanish*

Cochran's Crossing

Working foreign language into your daily school schedule isn't easy, but Señora Gose has tips and tricks- and even a handy rubric - to get you learning Spanish with the whole family in a low stress way.

**Exhibitor: Flip Flop Spanish**

#### *Building Christian Character*

Creekside Park

Godly character stands as the most prized goal in Christian education. More than merely teaching a child about certain things, a God-centered education involves the substance of his character—who he is. In this workshop, we will share practical advice on how to use the “windows” of opportunity in a child's learning and development to build their character, teach academic skills, and strengthen their knowledge of and love for God's Word. We will include a brief presentation on how to use the Building Christian Character curriculum for both child training and education.

**Exhibitor: Center For Essential Education**

## Friday, July 22, 2:45 PM Sessions

**Heidi St. John** | Waterway 1-4***EPIC: The Fight for Faith and Family in a New Age***

When you became a parent, you enlisted in a spiritual army. You engaged in an epic battle between good and evil. Join Heidi for an hour that will change the way you see your role and equip you for the battles yet to come.

**Dale Gamache** | Waterway 5***What Foreign Language Credits Will Be Accepted by Colleges and Universities? All Courses Are NOT Equal.***

Many changes are happening in the computer age to Foreign Language instruction but not all are acceptable to colleges and universities. Dale Gamache will share his research on this very important topic in this interesting and informative workshop. He will also try to ease the anxiety these ever-changing requirements can cause by sharing how these requirements can be met in the home school arena.

**Bon Crowder** | Waterway 6***There's No Excuse for Your Dear Aunt Sally: Solving the Issues of PEMDAS & The Order of Operations in Math***

The classic memory device for order of operations, PEMDAS, presents interesting (and sometimes disastrous) results as students progress from Algebra to higher math. In this session, we'll take an in-depth look at what the order of operations is, what it's not, and ways to help your child keep all the nuances straight.

**Tim Lambert, David Gibbs III, Duke Pesta, Joel Anand Samy** | Waterway 7-8***Upcoming Public Policies: What's at Stake for Home Schooling in the Future***

The stakes for home schooling have never been higher than they are right now. Join David Gibbs, Tim Lambert, Joel Anand Samy, and Duke Pesta in this valuable time of questions and answers. As home schooling advocates, this session will address how the rise of home schooling's popularity and its successful graduates have created a dynamic where home schooling is looked at by many elected and appointed officials with increasing scrutiny, suspicion, and even intolerance. When we consider that issue, coupled with Common Core and the homosexual and gender identity movements—both of which are highly influenced by elected officials—it's clear that the impact of the coming elections on home schooling in America cannot be overstated.

**Emcee: Sarah Singleton****Valerie Felder** | Montgomery B & C***Taking the Struggle Out of Home School Logistics***

This presentation focuses on facing and conquering those sometimes nightmarish internal operations of managing both a home and a school. Strategies presented center on supports from God's Word that not only teach the importance of order but also provide tips on how to achieve that order. Organization

is not about being perfect but about seeing your way more efficiently through myriad tasks. Major emphasis is on family structure as it relates to time management. Maintaining a home of adequate order is key to more effective parenting and equipping your children to become absolutely amazing!

***Hands-On Learning/Robotics and Science***

Alden Bridge

This presentation will overview how to utilize learning tools to increase interest and interaction of children and teens in the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) disciplines.

**Sponsor: Robots-4-U*****Tips, Tricks, and Tools of the College Search***

College Park

Come and learn from one of our experienced admissions counselors how to prepare your student for their college search. Every attendee will get a free High School Resource Guide to help you plan the last three years of high school.

**Exhibitor: Patrick Henry College*****The Three Keys to a Great Education***

Cochran's Crossing

At Classical Conversations we believe there are three keys to a great education - classical, Christian, and Community. Join us as we dive into these topics in detail. Discussions will include the trivium, the true meaning of a Christian education and the purpose of community.

**Exhibitor: Classical Conversations**

Creekside Park

***Writers in Residence***

The stories, essays, and reports your children create as they grow will become the archives of their childhood. We must help our children capture, polish, and share their unique, God-given voices for His glory. Apologia's new writing curriculum, *Writers in Residence*, is authored by Debra Bell. Find out how to make home school writing pain-free!

**Exhibitor: Apologia**

## Friday, July 22, 4:00 PM Workshops

**Bev Bradley** | Waterway 1-4***Warrior Mother: Fight FOR The Kids And Not WITH Them***

Why is it that while moms so often desire a close relationship with their children they end up in conflict with them? Not only is home schooling nearly impossible when there is tension in the family but the ability to influence children's values is lost. In this session, Beverly opens the Word to reveal important help for family harmony. She shares about the transformation in her own home when she recognized the spiritual warfare directed at her own children and made the choice to fight FOR them and not WITH them.

**Becky Muldrow** | Waterway 5

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### *How to Build an Impressive High School Transcript*

Join Becky Muldrow in this session and learn how to create a high school transcript for your student. From volunteer credits to transcript design, we've got you covered. You'll even receive a free template that you can modify for your family!

**Patrick Nurre** | Waterway 6

### *Why You Need to Teach Geology Again and Again and Again ... and How to do it*

The common approach to teaching Geology is to hit it once, probably in 8th Grade, but Geology is the beginning point of understanding biology, astronomy, paleontology, anthropology, archaeology, and so much more. If we hope to win the battle for our children's minds in the area of worldview, it is vitally important that we teach geology and related subjects with the importance that it deserves. This seminar will equip you on how to teach geology effectively.

**Panel: Lyndsay Lambert, Mary James, Kathy Lee, Valerie Felder, Beverly Parrish** | Waterway 7-8

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### *New to Home Schooling: One, Two, Three*

Everyone is new to home schooling at some point in their journey, but just because you have a year or two under your belt doesn't mean you no longer have questions. If you are within the first three years of your journey, please join us for this treasured time of sharing, insight, and encouragement.

**Emcee: Roxanne Parks**

**Drs. Ted and Johnnie Seago** | Montgomery B & C

### *Post High School Options*

HS

A review of all the "other" options a home school graduate may consider, such as internships, online classes, travel, work-study programs, ministry, and local college classes.

### *College 101*

Alden Bridge

An information-packed, interactive presentation to help students and parents get ready for application to the colleges of their choice.

**Sponsor: Dallas Baptist University**

### *ART: Unveiling the Mystery of Creativity*

College Park

See what the subject of art is really about. You'll be surprised to learn that the power of seeing and creating is something that even the most NON-ARTISTIC parents can present to their children with ease. Learn practical ways that awareness and creativity can be nurtured in every child! You won't want to miss this inspiring presentation on the power of art.

**Exhibitor: Artistic Pursuits, Inc.**

### *Critical Thinking Skills are Critical in ACE*

Cochran's Crossing

Critical thinking skills are an important part of a child's learning

process – from learning their ABC's to Algebra to Physics. The ACE curriculum has activities at every level that give students the opportunity to develop and use critical thinking skills. These skills will help any student maximize learning.

**Exhibitor: ACE-Accelerated Christian Education**

### *Dyslexia? Autism? ADHD? Spelling and Comprehension Problems? WE CAN HELP!* | Creekside Park

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Learn simple steps you can take to avoid or overcome learning disabilities when you use the new, proven, and award-winning curriculum, Reading and Spelling Pure & Simple. This workshop explains how we learn to read and spell with a brief discussion of recent research and how these lessons will change the way your student processes information in the brain. Learn why some students dislike or struggle with reading – including but not limited to those with learning disabilities (Comprehension and Spelling deficits, Dyslexia, ADHD, Autism Spectrum, Dysgraphia, and ESL).

Parents can be confident that their children will be good readers who have comprehension skills, a strong vocabulary, and the ability to spell accurately. The curriculum, which consists of 90 lessons, is all-inclusive and complete; there are no additional worksheets or yearly levels to purchase. Leave this workshop knowing how to relax with and guide your student so that reading is easy – the way it was meant to be. Recommended by The Mel Gabler's Educational Research Analysts, www.TextbookReviews.org.

**Exhibitor: Real Reading Company**

**6:00 PM Teen Staff Dismissed**

**Kids Convention, Preteen Programs Pick-up  
(Please be prompt)**

**Special Buddies Pick-up**

**Dinner Break**

**Exhibit Hall and Registration Close**

**7:30 PM Evening Programs**



**Heidi St. John** | Waterway 7-8 (Ticket Holders Only)

### *Becoming MomStrong (Encouragement by Chocolate)*

Today's mothers are living in challenging times. We're facing things that our mothers could never have imagined. From internet predators to the rise of domestic terrorism to the discovery of GMO's, BPA's, and STD's... our lives are vastly different than the generation before us. Many moms are struggling with fear of the future and worry about raising children in today's culture—but God says loud and clear, "Do not be afraid! Be strong and courageous!" Mom, you have a mission. Your mission (should you choose to accept it) is to raise the next generation of teachers, doctors, judges, police officers, grocery store clerks, attorneys, nurses—and parents. Yes! You are raising the next generation of parents. Look around. It doesn't take very long for one generation to hand the baton to the next, and as mothers we've got to be ready to prepare our children for whatever they

[FRIDAY, Evening Programs, Continued]

may face as followers of Jesus Christ. Join Heidi St. John for an hour that will challenge and change you as she talks about what it will take to “Become MomStrong” -- drawing on truths from God’s Word to answer the tough questions this generation of kids is asking and prepare moms to meet the challenges head-on.

**John R. Erickson | Waterway 1-4**

***Hank’s Family in Concert***

Join John and Kris Erickson as they invite you into the endearing and wholesome world of Hank the Cowdog, Head of Ranch Security. Enjoy hearing the Ericksons sing the songs and tell the stories you’ve come to love in the Hank the Cowdog books.

**John R. Erickson | Waterway 6**

***Toward an Animated Hank***

Author John Erickson talks about HTC Productions’ efforts to translate the Hank the Cowdog series of books into animated programs for commercial television. He will take the audience through the process of creating preproduction materials: an illustrated book called a “pitch pack” and an animated 11 minute pilot episode. The steps include: raising money, writing scripts, character designs, initial sketches, animatic, voice talent, and finished animation. With the pilot and a pitch pack, HTC will move to the next step, seeking partners for full production and distribution.

**Duke Pesta | Waterway 7-8**

***Common Core: Dangers and Threats***

Dr. Pesta is a widely sought-after national expert on the origins and dangers of Common Core. He has delivered more than 400 Common Core talks in 40 states, participated in thousands of radio interviews and TV spots, and interviewed about Common Core in international forums spanning from Canada to the United Kingdom to China. His Common Core presentation details the ideological and educational nightmare behind this big government takeover of the public school classroom. Besides explaining the origins and ambitions of this one-size-fits-all boondoggle, Dr. Pesta enumerates the many threats posed to private and home schools from the Common Core and its related network of federal and corporate entities, all of which exploit and profit from the “standards” in a number of insidious ways. Dr. Pesta also provides up-to-date details about the scam of Common Core standardized testing and offers a complete account of how parents, activists, and legislators are fighting Common Core from coast to coast.

**SATURDAY, JULY 23**

**8:30 AM Kids Convention, Preteen Programs Begin  
(Woodlands United Methodist Church)**

**Special Buddies Program Begins**

**Teen Staff Program Begins**

**8:30 AM Registration Opens**

**9:00 AM Exhibit Hall Opens**

**9:45 AM Adult Workshops Begin**

**Saturday, July 23, 9:45 AM Sessions**

**Andrew Pudewa | Waterway 1-4**

***Fairy Tales and the Moral Imagination***

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) 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.

**Bev Bradley | Waterway 5**

***When the Home School Dream Doesn’t Come True***

Many parents begin home schooling with a dream. With near total control over the influences in their children’s lives, they are confident they will bring their children to the ultimate place of academic, moral, and spiritual superiority. However, increasing numbers of home school parents are discovering that when their children reach adulthood, all the sheltering and all the training failed to produce the results they envisioned. In this session, Beverly helps parents avoid the mistakes which contribute to the demise of home school graduates and brings words of encouragement to those who feel like they have already failed.

**Lyndsay Lambert, Mary James, Heather Sanders,**

**Valerie Felder, Peggy Ployhar | Montgomery B & C**

***Troubleshooting 101: A Panel Discussion***

Join our panel of veteran home school mothers as we discuss ways to troubleshoot common challenges associated with home educating. Come hear veteran speakers and home school moms share from years of experience about how they have successfully home schooled multiple children while balancing home and family.

**Emcee: Roxanne Parks**

***Teaching Lifelong Entrepreneurship***

**Alden Bridge**

Entrepreneurship is not a one time action or job choice. It is a way of thinking that has shaped our country’s founding and the successful businesses we see today, businesses such as Apple and Microsoft. This session will present practical steps you can take in your home school to encourage and foster an entrepreneurial spirit in your children. They may or may not start their own businesses, but day-to-day activities you can do with your children will train their thinking to be willing to creatively and courageously push toward the new and the unknown. Our

country needs another generation of strong entrepreneurs. Whether they become corporate entrepreneurs or leaders in their circle of influence, developing an entrepreneurial spirit in your children will be of tremendous value for the rest of their lives.

**Sponsor: World Magazine**

### ***Protecting Eyes, Hearts, and Souls in a Digital Age***

College Park

The internet is an incredible tool that has put a world of knowledge at our fingertips. Over the last 15 years, we have seen dramatic changes (good and bad...) in this digital frontier. What problems do our families face in today's digital world? How do we as parents navigate this increasingly complex landscape and safeguard ourselves and our families, while still taking advantage of its benefits? Join the Full Armor Systems family, a software company dedicated to protecting the family from online dangers, for a crash course and Q&A on the potential pitfalls we all face in the "information age."

**Sponsor: Full Armor Systems**

### ***Dyslexic Thought and Perception- A Different Perspective***

Cochran's Crossing

An explanation of the Davis Dyslexia Correction Program begins with an understanding of how a dyslexic person thinks. The Davis program respects and seeks to capitalize on the great strengths of a dyslexic thinker, rather than focus endlessly on the way experts say their brains are wrong. It is a simple approach, and quite unlike other interventions and remediation typically recommended for dyslexic thinkers. Would it be the right fit for your child?

**Exhibitor: Learn Your Way**

### ***The Confident Reader*** | Creekside Park

Reading is the key to accessing knowledge, and confidence in reading begins with our reading foundation. Teach your young student to love reading and inspire them to be a life long learner by giving them the key. Express Readers was a program built by teachers for the many diverse needs of kids, with the goal to bring back the joy to reading and to the experience of learning how.

**Exhibitors: Express Readers**

## **Saturday, July 23, 11:00 AM Sessions**

**Heidi St. John** | Waterway 1-4

### ***Mom on a MISSION***

Are YOU on a mission? If you're a mom—you've been given a mission. Sometimes it might feel like "mission impossible" but it's the most important thing you'll ever do. In this 60-minute session, Heidi gives hope to the weary mom and fresh perspective to frame a vision for running the race God has put before mothers: the task of raising the next generation. You'll leave inspired and ready to get back to mission control with new tools in your toolbox and reassurance that YOU are just the right mom for your kids.

**Beverly Parrish** | Waterway 5

### ***Failure to Connect - Choosing Curriculum that Fits***

Home education gives us the opportunity to choose or design a curriculum that allows our children (and our families) to be who they are uniquely created to be. So why do we sometimes simply follow the crowd? One size does NOT fit all! Let's look at the things that make a curriculum or method of teaching a good choice...or a disaster! Let's assess our family, the teacher (mom or dad!), the kids, and the curriculum and see if it fits.

**Tim Lambert** | Waterway 6

### ***The War Against Free Speech and THSC's Battle Against the Texas Ethics Commission***

Learn why THSC has sued the Texas Ethics Commission and learn how the US Supreme Court decision in Citizens United in 2010 opened the way for non profit groups to speak on political issues and how that impacts our freedom. Join Tim in this informative session as he explains how Texas is limiting the speech of groups like THSC and how this legal and political battle could affect our freedom to home school.

**Nancy Fileccia** | Waterway 7-8

### ***How to Keep Your School Afloat, While Your Life is Sinking***

One thing that all parents who choose to homeschool will eventually encounter is a difficult time in their lives. Life alone is hard. Babies are born, jobs are transferred, finances fall, and kids get sick. But if you are also teaching a kindergartner to read, a 4th grader multiplication facts, and a 9th grader how to do a first research paper, it can quickly become more than most people can bear. Many times we want to throw up our hands and scream, "Where does my help come from?" During the school year of 2006, Nancy Fileccia, co-owner of A Journey Through Learning Lapbooks, was thrown a whopping curve ball. Her then eight-year-old daughter was diagnosed with a terminal brain disease called BATTANS. On top of juggling doctors appointments, hospital stays, and severe depression, she had to ensure the education of her other children thrived. Several times she considered just giving up and sending them to school, but she never had peace about it. She knew that with God's help they would find a way, and they did! During Nancy's talk, she will share with parents how to keep going in rough times. She will give some practical ideas on how to keep your homeschool moving forward, even when everything around you is crashing down.

**[Saturday, July 23, 11:00 AM, Continued]**

**David Gibbs III** | Montgomery B & C

***Battle For Your Children: Protecting Them In This Complicated World***

What used to be considered sexual immorality in our culture is not only accepted—it's promoted. Synchronous with this tragic trend is the increasing number of sexual threats facing our kids from within and outside the home schooling community—many from places we would never suspect. During this session, Attorney Gibbs III will explain the threats that exist for home school children and, most importantly, what you as a parent can do to keep your children safe.

***Starting Your Own Home School Business 101***

Alden Bridge

Many ask how their sons or daughters can learn business ownership while home schooling. This session will give practical steps for 2nd through 12th graders to start and run their own businesses as a part of a home school curriculum. This session highlights true stories from Jonathan Bailie's life as he started his first business in 2nd grade and turned that business into a six-figure income in high school. The purpose of this session is not to encourage home schoolers to focus on making a lot of money; the goal is to teach them the value of hard work, perseverance, failure, and many other life skills that can be learned through small business development and ownership.

**Sponsor: World Magazine**

***How Can I Teach My Kids a Foreign Language When I'm Not Fluent in That Foreign Language?***

College Park

Not many parents have the language skills to teach their children a foreign language. In my seminar, we will explore the different options out there to teach foreign language at home. I will give encouraging answers to many of the questions I have heard repeatedly during my 32 years of Spanish instruction of children ages 4-18 and my 15 years of home schooling.

- \*What is the best age to start teaching a foreign language?
- \*What language should I teach?
- \*Should I teach Greek, Latin, or some other language?
- \*How can I teach a language that I don't know myself?
- \*What should I look for in a language program?
- \*How can I help my children become fluent in a language?
- \*How do I teach foreign language to my high schooler at home?
- \*Do my children need a foreign language to graduate from high school or to be accepted at a community college or university?

**Exhibitor: La Clase Divertida (The FUN Class!)**

***8 Steps to Earning a Bachelor's Degree during High School***

Cochran's Crossing



Earning an accredited degree during high school can save your family years of time and thousands of dollars. Becky will show you how to replace high school-level studies with college-level studies using the tried and true credit-by-exam method.

**Exhibitor: Dual Credit at Home**

***An Introduction to Special Needs Home Schooling***

Creekside Park



Home schooling is the ultimate form of an individualized education and thus it's not a wonder why so many parents of special needs children consider taking a look at this option for schooling their children. In this talk, Peggy Ployhar, the Special Needs Consultant for the Texas Home School Coalition (THSC) will go over the process involved to legally withdraw a child from public school; what options as a home school parent you still have to use public school special education services; how Texas law defines your rights as a home school entity and educator; what advocacy, support, teacher training and curriculum resources are available within the home schooling community and through THSC for special needs families; and how families have seen this option open up new doors of learning for their special needs children.

**Exhibitor: Peggy Ployhar, THSC Special Needs Director**

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Please See pg.46 Teen Staff Team Schedule for Lunch Break
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Special Buddies Mandatory Lunch Break
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Adults Lunch and Shopping Break

**Saturday, July 23, 1:30 PM Sessions**

**Heidi St. John** | Waterway 1-4



***The Distracted Mom (iMom)***

Do you have a rooster in your house? You might—if you find that you're easily side-tracked by things like social media, off-balance, behind, and often overwhelmed by all you have to do. Join Heidi for an honest, funny hour of learning how to root out your roosters and stay on track. Perfect for a busy mom who needs a new strategy to conquer all she has to do. You'll leave with five strategies for staying focused and encouragement for your journey. Don't miss it!

**Heather Sanders** | Waterway 5

***Faithsize Your Home School: Practical Tips to Combat Fear and Find Contentment***

Do you secretly covet schoolrooms you see online or even among your home schooling friends? Are you worried that your home school doesn't measure up because you haven't enrolled in the "right" co-op or cannot afford the curriculum everyone else is using? Do you question why God called you to home school because you don't feel equipped to teach your children?

Believe it or not, whether you home school already, are considering home schooling for the first time, or have dedicated several years to home schooling your children, these questions are universal - perhaps more than you may realize.

When we allow the father of lies to plant seeds of comparison, doubt, and anxiety into our choice to home school, we harvest fear, which if not recognized and dealt with, will stir up

discontentment and wreak havoc on our ability to trust God with our children's education.

If you are tired of feeling overwhelmed or struggling against discontent, join Heather Sanders as she shares the lessons her family learned by "faithsizing" into a 960-square-foot lake cabin desperately in need of renovations. She'll present practical tips based on eternal truths for how to obediently and faithfully align your home school with God's calling on your family.

**Frederic Gray** | Waterway 6

### *Fighting For Your Special Needs Child*

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In our journey of dealing with Apraxia with our son, we learned a lot about how to navigate the waters of educating a special needs child. From private therapy to trying to use public school resources to wondering where the money was going to come from, we learned a ton. This talk is about sharing the lessons we've learned with you to speed up your learning curve and to encourage you with the blessings that come with special needs children.

**Reb Bradley** | Waterway 7-8

### *Reading the Mind of Your Home School Wife (For Fathers Only)*

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Women are by nature very different from men. Their emotional needs, their ways of seeing things, their thought processes, and their communications often leave their husbands baffled. The woman who home schools, because of the overwhelming nature of home education, has especially unique needs. Based on surveys of home school moms, this workshop will present to men those things their home schooling wives wish they could communicate. The man who understands and applies this teaching will be the proper protector of his family and will find his wife grateful and more at peace.

**Drs. Ted and Johnnie Seago** | Montgomery B&C

### *Teaching Multiples*

Teaching Multiples features practical ideas including schedule, activities, encouragement, resources, and Q&A on the logistics of home schooling a houseful of kiddos.

### *News Content in the Home Schooling Environment*

Alden Bridge

Does consistent exposure to news content improve the home schooling environment? Do home schoolers need regular media access? Today's world inundates us with information on a daily basis. Social media, television, radio, and podcasts bombard the mind with as many as 1,000 unique messages per day. How do we filter these messages, analyze their content, and evaluate their significance?

At each developmental stage, a student's brain processes information in new ways, creating contexts that guide current and future decision making. These critical cognitive abilities are vital to your home schooler's personal and professional success. This session demonstrates the value of strategic media access at each age level of the home schooling experience. Jonathan will offer tools for the integration of news content into the daily home schooling experience that will increase the student's

critical and communicative abilities and facilitate opportunities for influence.

**Sponsor: World Magazine**

***Building Lifelong Learners with Math-U-See*** | College Park  
Come see how to teach math using a skill based, multi-sensory approach from counting to Calculus. Teach your child to understand math and build a foundation for a lifelong love of learning.

**Exhibitor: Demme Learning**

***PARENTS OF BEGINNING READERS (Pre-School through 2nd grade) Featuring the Award-Winning Book, Reading and Spelling Pure & Simple: Phonics-Based Lessons for Elementary, Teen, and Adult Students*** | Cochran's Crossing

Are you looking for a reading curriculum to start your child off right? Are you lost in the debate regarding sight words versus phonics? Are you afraid your child is "reading" by looking at the pictures and guessing the words? Come and get the confidence you need to ensure that your child gets a solid start in reading and spelling.

Parents want the assurance that they are creating good readers with excellent comprehension skills, a strong vocabulary, and the ability to spell. This workshop will explain how students learn to read and spell. Simply put, research shows that good readers process information using the language and vision area of the brain; poor readers, by comparison, use the area of the brain that involves memorization. Poor readers "read" by recalling memorized words and guessing at the words they have not yet memorized. Come understand the reading process so you can have confidence in your selection of curriculum and gain insight into how to avoid or lessen the effect of learning disabilities. You will also learn about the award-winning curriculum, Reading and Spelling Pure & Simple. You will understand why it is structured the way it is and how it works.

The book's creator, Deede Cauley, will demonstrate the simple, easily accomplished, enjoyable process that will create a confident reader with automatic and excellent comprehension. There is no wasted time, since both reading and spelling are learned at the same time. The process allows comprehension to become automatic in all of a student's reading. There are no additional worksheets or yearly levels to purchase. You will leave this workshop knowing how to teach your child so that reading is easy – the way it was designed to be.

**Exhibitor: Real Reading Company**

### ***Joyful Sound Homeschool Choir- 23 years and counting!***

Creekside Park

Join us for a sampling of our homeschool performing arts (choir and dance) live and in person, followed by a question and answer session with our director, Paula Spencer. A panel of our students, parents, and even some alumni will also be there to answer questions and reflect on the joy that participating in this program has brought to their lives. If your child loves to sing, dance, and act while sharing Christ's love with others, this is a workshop you won't want to miss!

**Exhibitor: Joyful Sound Homeschool Choir**





# TEXAS LEADERS CONFERENCE - SOUTH

## ADULT LEADERS THURSDAY, JULY 21

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM | Waterway 6

Home school group leaders deserve a little TLC!

Welcome to the Texas Leader's Conference; we are so glad you are here! Please enjoy your time of fellowship with Texas home school group leaders during these engaging sessions we have prepared especially for you!



### 1:00 PM Welcome and Introductions

### 1:00 PM Keynote address with Andrew Pudewa

#### *Caution and Craziness - How to Build Leadership Skills in Your Home Schooled Students*

By example, we are producing the next generations of leaders. How can we be more intentional in providing the skills they need to thrive in our world today and tomorrow?

### 2:00 PM State of the State with Tim Lambert

#### *What Leaders Need to Know*

Join fellow support group leaders and Tim for this candid look at and review of current and potential issues impacting home schooling families in the great state of Texas.



### 2:45 PM Break

### 3:00 PM Announcement of the South Texas Leader of the Year

### 3:15 PM David Gibbs III

#### *Leading Through Tough Times*

Most home school parents will never face a truancy officer on their doorstep, but how would you help a member of your support group if they were faced with that situation? Attorney David Gibbs III litigates parental rights and home schooling cases all over the country and regularly provides practical, solid legal advice to home schoolers on a vast range of issues. Whether you are new to home school leadership or are a seasoned leader, this session will take a look at the issues currently facing home school families and the current hot topics that could affect your by-laws, board, and your membership.



### 3:45 PM Leader's Voice

This is a time for leaders to ask and respond to questions concerning home school groups, home education laws, home school group leadership, starting a home school group, and more.

### 4:30 PM Adjourn



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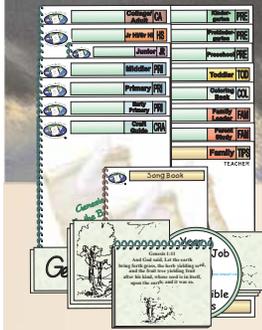
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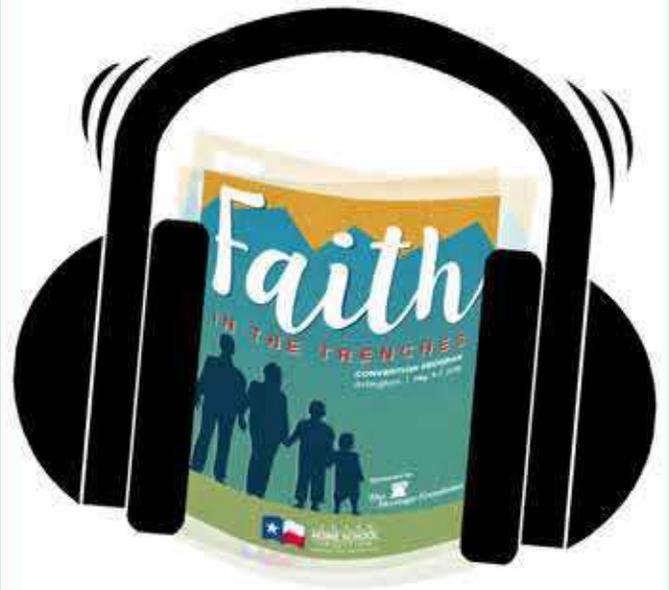
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# CONVENTION SCHEDULE - THURSDAY, JULY 21

Exhibit Hall	Registration Open
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Upper Level Foyer	
Local Vendor Spotlight 1:00-9:00 PM	

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1:00 PM-4:30 PM	Caution and Crazyness- How to Build Leadership Skills in Your Home Schooled Students <b>Andrew Pudewa</b>	State of the State What Leaders Need to Know <b>Tim Lambert</b>	Leading Th... <b>Da</b>
New To Home School Seminar   Waterway 5 See Page 18 f			
1:00 PM -4:30 PM	Home Schooling is a Journey, not a Destination <b>Frederic Gray</b>	Making the Decision to Home School <b>Kathy Lee</b>	

# CONVENTION SCHEDULE - FRIDAY, JULY 22

	KEYNOTE AND FEATURED WORKSHOPS					EXHIBITOR WORKSHOPS	
	Waterway 1-4	Waterway 5	Waterway 6	Waterway 7-8	Montgomery B&C	Alden Bridge Sponsor Workshops	College Park Exhibitor Workshops
8:30 AM	REGISTRATION OPENS						
	EXHIBIT HALL OPENS						
9:45 AM	Influencing Your Children's Hearts (Not Just Behavior) <b>Reb Bradley</b>	Waiting on God in a 3-Second World <b>Roxanne Parks</b>	How to Teach the American Founding <b>Arthur Milikh</b>	Make it Count <b>Kathy Lee</b>	Teen Staff Program (Private Event)	Explore the Possibilities of Online Learning with Monarch <b>Alpha Omega Publications</b>	Incorporating the Classics Into Your Curriculum <b>Memoria Press</b>
11:00 AM	The First Three Years: A Workshop for Home School Rookies <b>Heidi St. John</b>	Teaching Christian Worldview <b>Duke Pesta</b>	Arithmetic to Algebra - Strengthening the Bridge <b>Bon Crowder</b>	A Dad's Duty: Balancing Teaching and Discipline (Guidance and Boundaries) <b>Frederic Gray</b>	Teen Staff Program (Private Event)	Healthcare Freedom with Samaritan Ministries <b>Samaritan Ministries</b>	The Top Five Life Lessons 90% of Home School Families Miss <b>Unveilingglory</b>
12:00 PM	LUNCH AND SHOPPING						
1:30 PM	Paper and Pen: What the Research Says <b>Andrew Pudewa</b>	Teaching Your Children to Love One Another <b>Bev Bradley</b>	Home School Families, Grandparents, and the Battle for Parental Rights <b>Tim Lambert</b>	Strategies for Struggling Learners and Exhausted Moms - Reading and Spelling <b>Beverly Parrish</b>	12 Ways to Keep Your Sanity Through Teenage Rebellion <b>Roxanne Parks</b>	Maximizing Your Child's Learning Style <b>Laurel Springs</b>	Creation Evangelism <b>Biblical Discipleship Ministries</b>
2:45 PM	EPIC: The Fight for Faith and Family in a New Age <b>Heidi St. John</b>	What Foreign Language Credits Will Be Accepted by Colleges and Universities? All Courses Are NOT Equal <b>Dale Gamache</b>	There's No Excuse for Your Dear Aunt Sally - Solving the Order of Operations in Math <b>Bon Crowder</b>	Upcoming Policies: What's at Stake for Home Schooling in the Future <b>Political Policy Panel</b>	Taking the Struggle Out of Home School Logistics <b>Valerie Felder</b>	Hands-On Learning/Robotics and Science <b>Robots-4-U</b>	Tips, Tricks, and Tools of the College Search <b>Patrick Henry College</b>
4:00 PM	Warrior Mother: Fight FOR the Kids and Not WITH Them <b>Bev Bradley</b>	How to Build an Impressive High School Transcript <b>Becky Muldrow</b>	Why You Need to Teach Geology Again and Again and Again and How to Do It <b>Patrick Nurre</b>	New to Home Schooling: One, Two, Three <b>Panel Discussion</b>	Post-High School Options <b>Drs. Ted and Johnnie Seago</b>	College 101 <b>Dallas Baptist University</b>	ART: Unveiling the Mystery of Creativity <b>Artistic Pursuits, Inc.</b>
6:00 PM	DINNER BREAK						
7:30 PM	"Hank's Family in Concert" <b>John R. Erickson</b>			ENCOURAGEMENT CHOCOLATE Becoming MomStrong <b>Heidi St. John</b>			

Specific Times	
Through Tough Times <b>David Gibbs III</b>	Leader's Voice
For Specific Times	
Which Way Do I Go? <b>Mary James</b>	

General Sessions - Sessions Waterway 1-4		Beginner Session Waterway 5
07:00 PM	Solving the Crisis in Home Schooling: How We Raise Prodigals <b>Reb Bradley</b>	Ready, Set... Now What Do I Do? <b>Tim and Lyndsay Lambert</b>
08:15 PM	Leadership Education: The Seven Keys of Great Teaching <b>Andrew Pudewa</b>	

WORKSHOPS		Exhibit Hall
Cochran's Crossing Exhibitor Workshops	Creekside Park Exhibitor Workshops	Registration opens at 8:30 AM Exhibit Hall opens at 9:00 AM
How's YOUR Home School Day Going? <b>Sharing Great Health, Inc.</b>	Raising Boys to Be Gentlemen <b>The Etiquette Factory</b>	
I Hate Math, But I Want My Kids to Love It: RightStart™ Math! <b>RightStart Mathematics by Activities for Learning</b>	Preparing Students for College Writing <b>Belhaven University - High Scholars</b>	
Whole Family Spanish <b>Flip Flop Spanish</b>	Building Christian Character <b>Center for Essential Education</b>	
The Three Keys to a Great Education <b>Classical Conversations</b>	Writers in Residence <b>Apologia</b>	
Critical Thinking Skills are Critical in ACE <b>Accelerated Christian Education</b>	Dyslexia? Autism? ADHD? Spelling and Comprehension Problems? <b>Real Reading Company</b>	

	 <b>TEEN STAFF™</b>	 THS SCHOOL CONVENTION  <b>INNER PRINCESS</b>	 <b>Special Buddies™</b>
8:30 AM	Program Begins	Doors Open	Doors Open
8:45 AM		Program Begins	Program Begins
12:00 PM	Lunch - Provided one day, please check team schedule on page 46	Lunch - Provided	Mandatory Lunch Break
1:00 PM			Resume at 1:15 PM
6:00 PM	Dismissed	Child Pick Up	Child Pick Up

# CONVENTION SCHEDULE - SATURDAY, JULY 23

KEYNOTE AND FEATURED WORKSHOPS						EXHIBITOR		
	Waterway 1-4	Waterway 5	Waterway 6	Waterway 7-8	Montgomery B&C	Alden Bridge Sponsor Workshops	College Park Exhibitor Workshops	
8:30 AM	Registration Opens							
9:00 AM	Exhibit Hall Opens							
9:45 AM	Fairy Tales and the Moral Imagination <b>Andrew Pudewa</b>	When the Home School Dream Doesn't Come True <b>Bev Bradley</b>	Toward an Animated Hank <b>John R. Erickson</b>	Common Core: Dangers and Threats <b>Duke Pesta</b>	Troubleshooting 101: A Panel Discussion	Teaching Lifelong Entrepreneurship <b>World Magazine</b>	Protecting Eyes, Hearts, and Souls in a Digital Age <b>Full Armor Systems</b>	
11:00 AM	Mom on a MISSION <b>Heidi St. John</b>	Failure to Connect - Choosing Curriculum That Fits <b>Beverly Parrish</b>	The War Against Free Speech and THSC's Battle Against the Texas Ethics Commission <b>Tim Lambert</b>	How to Keep Your School Afloat While Your Life <b>Nancy Fileccia</b>	Battle for Your Children: Protecting Them in This Complicated World <b>David Gibbs III</b>	Starting Your Own Home School Business 101 <b>World Magazine</b>	How Can I Teach My Kids a Foreign Language When I'm Not Fluent in That Foreign Language? <b>La Clase Divertida (The FUN Class!)</b>	
12:00 PM	LUNCH AND SHOPPING							
12:45 PM	Ren Fest Performance - Town Hall Foyer							
1:30 PM	The Distracted Mom (iMom) <b>Heidi St. John</b>	Faithsize Your Home School: Practical Tips to Combat Fear and Find Contentment <b>Heather Sanders</b>	Fighting for Your Special Needs Child <b>Frederic Gray</b>	Reading the Mind of Your Home School Wife (For Fathers Only) <b>Reb Bradley</b>	Teaching Multiples <b>Drs. Ted and Johnnie Seago</b>	News Content in the Home Schooling Environment <b>World Magazine</b>	Building Life-long Learners with Math-U-See <b>Demme Learning</b>	
2:30 PM	COFFEE BREAK AND SHOPPING IN THE EXHIBIT HALL							
2:30 PM				Special Fellowship for Dads			Special Fellowship for Minority Families	Special Fellowship for Bloggers
3:30 PM	<b>CLOSING CEREMONIES</b> Conquering Corrupt Culture by Raising Christian Communicators <b>Andrew Pudewa</b>							
4:45 PM								
5:30 PM	DINNER BREAK							
6:00 PM	The Family Experience begins   Waterway Ballroom					Pure Flix Movies Alden Bridge		
7:30 PM	Doors open for The Amazing Chemistry Show (show begins at 8:00 PM)							

WORKSHOPS		Exhibit Hall
Cochran's Crossing Exhibitor Workshops	Creekside Park Exhibitor Workshops	Town Center Exhibit Hall
		Registration opens at 8:30 AM Exhibit Hall opens at 9:00 AM
Dyslexic Thought and Perception- A Different Perspective <b>Learn Your Way</b>	The Confident Reader <b>Express Readers</b>	
8 Steps to Earning a Bachelor's Degree during High School <b>Dual Credit at Home</b>	An Introduction to Special Needs Home Schooling <b>Peggy Ployhar, THSC Special Needs Consultant</b>	
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Special Fellowship for Families with Single Parents	Special Fellowship for Families with Special Needs Children	
		<i>Shopping Spree</i> winners will be announced <b>4:45 PM</b>
		<b>Exhibit Hall closes at 5:30 PM</b>

	 <b>TEEN STAFF™</b>	 <b>THSC 2016 CONVENTION</b> <b>INNER PRINCESS</b>	 <b>Special Buddies™</b>
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8:45 AM		Program Begins	Program Begins
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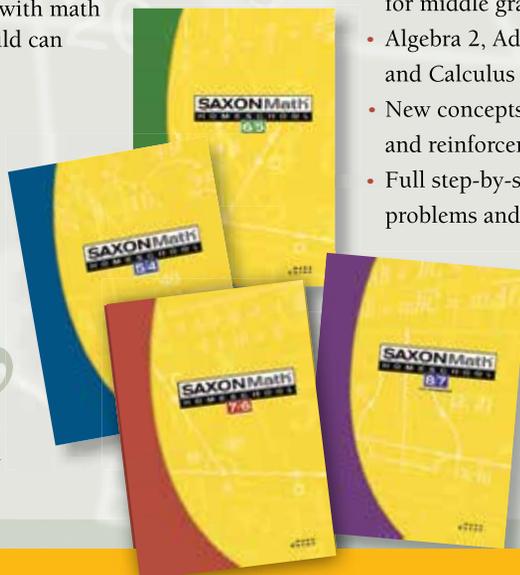
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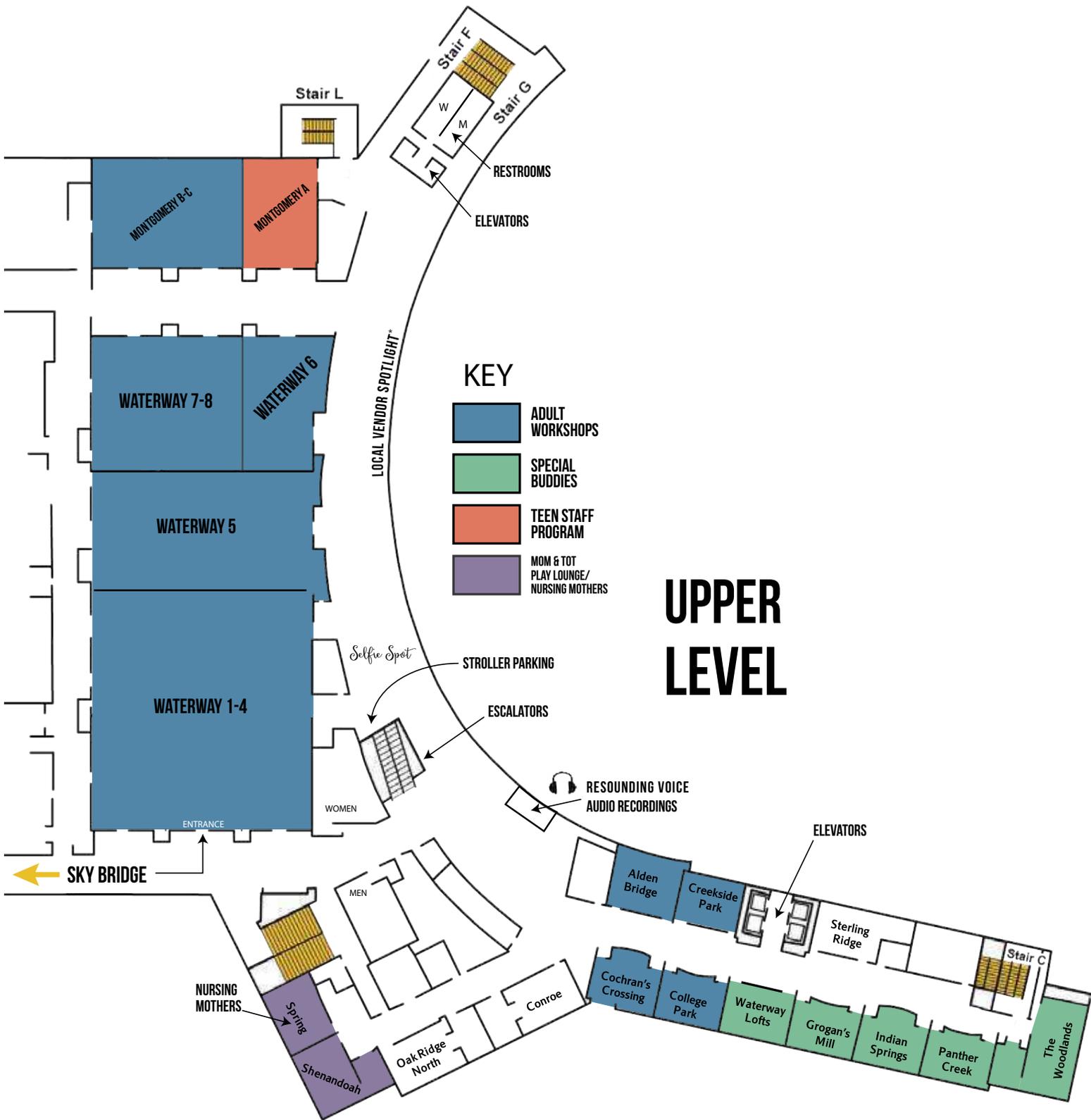


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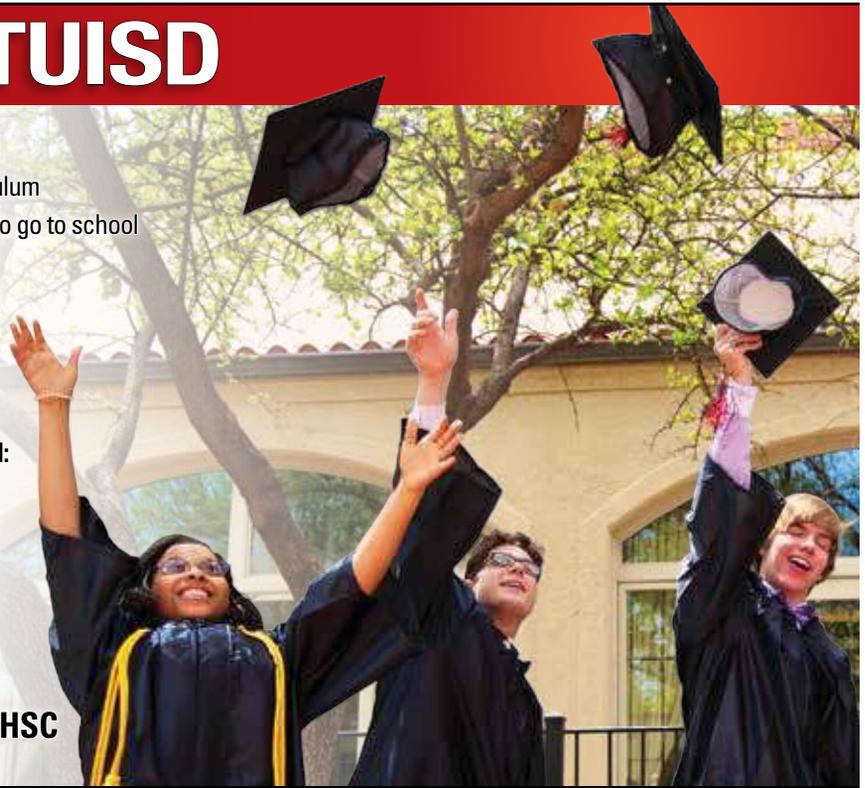
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**THSC SPECIAL NEEDS DEPARTMENT BOOTH #505**

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## EVENING SCHEDULE

**6:00PM** Doors open for the Family Experience and Optional movie time

**7:30PM** Doors open for the “Amazing Chemistry Show”

**8:00PM** Josh Denhart and the “Amazing Chemistry Show”

**9:00PM** Adjourn



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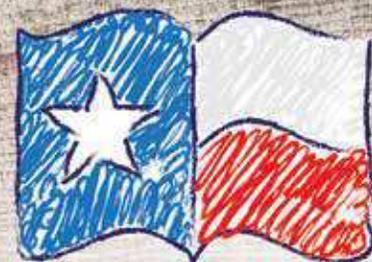
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# KIDS CONVENTION SCHEDULE



**THSC** kids  
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SCHEDULE			
FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
8:30 AM	Doors Open		
8:30 AM	Rotation of Small Group, Large Group, Little Theater, The Invention Lab & God's Art Studio	8:30 AM	Rotation of Small Group, Large Group, Little Theater, The Invention Lab & God's Art Studio
12:00 PM	<b>LUNCH Provided</b>	12:00 PM	<b>LUNCH Provided</b>
1:00 PM	Rotation of Small Group, Large Group, Little Theater, The Invention Lab & God's Art Studio	1:00 PM	Rotation of Small Group, Large Group, Little Theater, The Invention Lab & God's Art Studio
		5:30 PM	<b>CHILD PICK UP</b>
6:00 PM	<b>CHILD PICK UP</b>		

## Attention Parents! (Applies to Kids Convention, Inner Princess, & Mighty Men of Valor)

### Located off-site:

#### The Woodlands United Methodist Church (TWUMC)

2200 Lake Woodlands Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77380

### DROP OFF

Please sign your children onto their teams beginning at 8:30 AM on Friday and Saturday.

**DROP OFF/SIGN IN** for **INNER PRINCESS** and **MIGHTY MEN OF VALOR** is in the TWUMC foyer.

**DROP OFF/SIGN IN** for **KIDS CONVENTION** will be at their team stations.

### LUNCH

**Lunch and a snack will be provided for your child on-site both days.** Please do not send additional food/snacks with your child unless it is necessary for health reasons. Please make your child's team leader aware of these situations.

### PICK UP

It is imperative that you sign in/out at the team's location each time you drop off and pick up your child.

Pick-up is at **6:00 PM on Friday** and **5:30 PM on Saturday.** Please pick your children up promptly.

Parents may pick up children at any time other than during the Large Group times (restriction for security reasons).

# PRETEEN PROGRAM SCHEDULE



FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
8:30 AM	DOORS OPEN/SMALL GROUP		
9:00 AM	Team Activity	9:00 AM	Large Group
10:00 AM	Large Group	9:40 AM	Team Activity
11:00 AM	Small Group		
11:30 AM	Large Group	11:10 AM	Large Group
12:00 PM	LUNCH Provided		
12:30 PM	Large Group	12:30 PM	Large Group
1:30 PM	Small Group	1:30 PM	Small Group
2:00 PM	Large Group	1:45 PM	Team Activity
2:30 PM	Team Activity	3:00 PM	Large Group
4:00 PM	Large Group	3:20 PM	Team Activity
4:30 PM	Team Activity	4:20 PM	Small Group
		5:30 PM	PRETEEN PICK UP
6:00 PM	PRETEEN PICK UP		

TIME		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
8:30 AM	8:30	Survey/Memory Verses & Activity Book		Memory Verses/Activity Book	
	8:45	Singing & Scripture Memory		Singing & Scripture Memory	
9:00 AM	9:00	Running the Race		Message from Timothy	
	9:15				
	9:30				
10:00 AM	9:45	Derby Car Familiarization		Derby Race (Group 1)	Flight Dynamics (Group 2)
	10:00				
	10:15				
	10:30				
11:00 AM	10:45	Singing & Scripture Memory		Singing & Scripture Memory	
	11:00	Dr. Jobe Martin		Dr. Jobe Martin	
	11:15				
	11:30				
11:45					
12:00 PM	12:00	LUNCH PROVIDED		LUNCH PROVIDED	
	12:15	LUNCH PROVIDED		LUNCH PROVIDED	
	12:30	Skit		Skit	
	12:45	Skit		Skit	
1:00 PM	13:00	Derby Qualify (Group 1)	Flight Dynamics (Group 2)	Flight Dynamics (Group 1)	Derby Race (Group 2)
	13:15				
	13:30	Singing & Scripture Memory		Singing & Scripture Memory	
	13:45	Singing & Scripture Memory		Singing & Scripture Memory	
2:00 PM	14:00	Mighty Men of Valor		AWARDS	
	14:15	Mighty Men of Valor		AWARDS	
	14:30	Questions/Answers		Proverbs & God's Word	
	14:45	Questions/Answers		Proverbs & God's Word	
3:00 PM	15:00	Flight Dynamics (Group 1)	Derby Race (Group 2)	Questions/Answers	
	15:15			Questions/Answers	
	15:30			Questions/Answers	
4:00 PM	15:45	God's Love		Discovery Challenge	
	16:00	God's Love		Discovery Challenge	
	16:15	Satan's Deceptions		Skit	
	16:30	Satan's Deceptions		Skit	
5:00 PM	16:45	Questions/Answers		Run the Race for the Prize	
	17:00	Discovery Challenge		Run the Race for the Prize	
	17:15	Discovery Challenge		Run the Race for the Prize	
	17:30	Discovery Challenge		Run the Race for the Prize	
6:00 PM	17:45	Transport to Lobby		Transport to Lobby	
	18:00	Student Pick Up - 5:30 PM		Student Pick Up - 5:30 PM	
	18:00	Student Pick Up - 6:00 PM		Student Pick Up - 6:00 PM	

**Pick up locations will be the same as drop-off** unless you pick up your child **BEFORE 6:00 PM on Friday and 5:30 PM on Saturday**. Before this time, check with Information at TWUMC to see where your child's team is located in their rotation.

### NEW Security Information!

Parents' cell numbers must be written on the child's wristband. Parents will be given ID numbers matching their child's wristband. Parents must present these ID numbers in order to pick up their children.

If your child shows any sign of illness, we ask that you refrain from bringing him/her to the children's or preteen programs. If your child becomes ill while attending our program, you will be contacted immediately.



The THSC Teen Staff Program is one-of-a-kind. It was created to serve the Convention but has grown to be so much more! Teen Staff not only serves our beloved Convention attendees, it allows teens to develop valuable skills and provides a platform for teens to create friendships, all within a positive atmosphere of excitement. Each teen will be placed on a team. Over the course of the Convention, teams will move through a series of workshops, activities, and service jobs. Teens in this program are pushed to be hard working, mature, and responsible. They are encouraged to be team players and leaders in every activity in which they participate.

Your teen's schedule is determined by what team he/she is on. Don't know your teen's team name? Ask at Base Ops or Book Check.

## ATTENTION, PARENTS! New for 2016!

**3-day Program:** Lunch provided Friday AND Saturday

**2-day Program:** Lunch provided Friday OR Saturday (see schedule)

Lunch for your teen is provided on some days; the other day your teen may meet up with you or eat on his or her own with friends. Please plan accordingly. We recommend that you schedule a specific time and place if you wish to meet up with your teen.

### Also New for 2016!

To better serve the needs of the Convention, we are excited to announce that Teen Staff will partially take place at The Woodlands United Methodist Church where Kids Convention is held. Shuttle service and close oversight will be provided while transporting your precious cargo to and from The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Convention Center.

### Teen Staff Schedule

The Teen Staff schedule is a complicated one with many moving parts! Below is a skeleton schedule for parents to reference. Teens will receive a detailed schedule at check-in.

If you need to find your teen during scheduled events, check with Base Ops (located in the upstairs foyer of the Convention Center near Montgomery A) or at Book Check (Booth #527 in the Exhibit Hall).

Teen Staff will be treated as young adults. They do not need to be "checked in" or "checked out" by parents. Teens will move about the facility freely during service jobs, breaks, or other scheduled activities. If you wish to meet up with your teen, please make prior arrangements about when and where to meet. Please make your teen aware of your own family rules for the Convention.

All questions regarding the TSP should be directed to the TSP Base Ops.

TEAMS			TEAMS		
<b>Thursday</b>	Alpha / Bravo / Charlie / Delta Echo/ FoxTrot / Golf / Hotel / India / Juliet	Yankee / Zulu (3 Day Program)	<b>Thursday</b>	Kilo / Lima / Mike / Nov / Oscar Papa / Quebec / Romeo / Sierra / Tango	Uniform / Victor (3 Day Program)
10:00 AM		Welcome/Morning Activities	10:00 AM		Welcome/Morning Activities
11:45 AM		Lunch (not provided)	11:45 AM		Lunch (not provided)
12:45 PM		Afternoon Activities	12:45 PM		Afternoon Activities
6:00 PM		Dismissed for the Day	6:00 PM		Dismissed for the Day
<b>Friday</b>			<b>Friday</b>		
8:30 AM	Welcome	Morning Activities	8:30 AM	Welcome	Morning Activities
9:00 AM	Morning Activities		9:00 AM	Morning Activities	
12:00 PM	Shopping and Lunch (not provided)		10:00 AM	Shuttle Transportation to Church	
1:00 PM	Regroup with Team		12:00 PM	Service and Lunch (provided)	
1:15 PM	Afternoon Activities	Lunch (provided)*	2:00 PM	Afternoon Activities	
2:30 PM	Afternoon Activities	Afternoon Activities	5:30 PM	Shuttle Transportation to Convention Center	
6:00 PM	Dismissed for the Day		6:00 PM	Dismissed for the Day	
<b>Saturday</b>			<b>Saturday</b>		
8:30 AM	Welcome	Morning Activities	8:30 AM	Welcome	Morning Activities
9:00 AM	Morning Activities		9:00 AM	Morning Activities	
10:00 AM	Shuttle Transportation to Church		12:00 PM	Shopping and Lunch (not provided)	
12:00 PM	Service and Lunch (provided)		1:00 PM	Regroup with Team	
2:00 PM	Afternoon Activities		1:15 PM	Afternoon Activities	Lunch (provided)*
4:30 PM	Shuttle Transportation to Convention Center		2:30 PM	Afternoon Activities	Afternoon Activities
5:00 PM	Teen Staff Wrap Up		5:00PM	Teen Staff Wrap Up	
5:30 PM	Program Concludes		5:30 PM	Program Concludes	
6:00 PM	Optional Service Time until 7pm		6:00 PM	Optional Service Time until 7pm	

\*includes shuttle transportation to the Church and back to the Convention Center  
Orange highlighted times denote teens will be off-site at The Woodlands United Methodist Church

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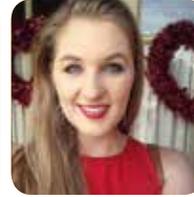
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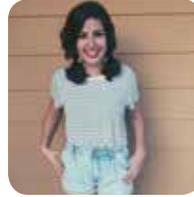
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The Teen Staff Planning Team is a group of people who love working with teens, love THSC, and love the Teen Staff Program! We are parents and home school grads. We plan every detail of the TSP and are pleased to do so! Our team is Peter and Rita Lambert, Brian and Anita Crumbly, Rachael Seida, Ashley Singleton, Victoria Hornsby, Kelsey Craig, and Madison Baldrige.

## SPEAKERS



### LARRY BLYTHE

See Bio on page 12

#### **If God Exists, Why Is There Evil?**

If there is a good God, then why does evil exist? Why doesn't God stop it? These questions are used by many atheists to deny God. But we must ask, "If God stopped all evil, He might start with you and me because we both commit evil every day." To end evil on earth, God would have to take away our free will. But if he takes away our free will, he takes away our ability to love as well. Learn how to answer the evil dilemma in this seminar.

#### **Developing a Biblical Worldview**

Between 58-88 percent of young people walk away from their faith after they leave high school. One of the top reasons is that they have not been trained in a biblical worldview ahead of time to anticipate the intellectual and moral challenges of college. Youth who have a biblical worldview are less likely to engage in risky behavior and more likely to have a positive impact on their generation for Christ. We will consider the nature of a biblical worldview, why it is so important, and practical steps to help young people develop a biblical worldview.



### FREDERIC GRAY

See Bio on page 10

#### **What to do when Negative Thoughts Overtake Your Mind**

The Apostle Paul painted a picture for us about doing things you don't want to do and sometimes not doing things you really want to do. This picture not only applies to our actions, but also to our thoughts. Ultimately, the battle for our mind is the most important battle we will ever fight; a battle that must be won. Our culture has become expert at training us to think negative, self-destructive, dark, and poisonous thoughts. What do you do when these negative thoughts overtake your mind? Join Frederic as he takes you into the battlefield

of negative thought and teaches you how to successfully navigate past the poison and into the strength of positive thoughts.

#### **Preparing Now for a God-honoring Future**

Why do people get married? What is the purpose of marriage? If marriage is supposed to be so great, why do so many people around us have troubled and broken marriages?

Beginning right now, how can we prepare for marriage in a way that is consistent with the joy that God intended for marriage? The answers are all in the Bible, particularly in Jesus. The Bible teaches that the church is the bride of Christ. What did Jesus do to court his 'bride'. The answers are simple, profound, and enlightening. By preparing your heart while a teenager for a God-honoring marriage later in life, you are setting a course for success. This session will make preparation for marriage, whenever that day may come, easy to understand and to apply in a way that honors God, your parents, and your future spouse.

*Teens are expected to conduct themselves in a manner respectful of the TSP, Convention leaders, and speakers. For the benefit of the TSP as a whole, teens who are disrespectful and uncooperative will be excused from the program.*

## A Ministry for Individuals with Special Needs

Respite is something every mom and dad needs, and THSC recognizes this need is especially great for special needs home schooling families. The THSC Buddy Programs were designed with the unique needs of these families in mind. There are four programs from which you can choose to make your child's THSC Buddy Program experience a perfect fit for his or her unique needs:

1. **Extra Special Buddies** – The traditional Special Buddies® program you know and love. Buddies stay in one room, with one caregiver assigned to them for the whole weekend. They will be led in various VBS-style Bible story readings and activities that are specifically modified to each buddy's physical and cognitive abilities.

2. **Club Special Buddies** – This is the traditional Special Buddies® program with a VBS twist. Buddies will be placed in small groups and will participate in activities that mirror the Kids Convention program. Most buddies will be paired with a peer who will aid them with activities.



3. **Special Buddies Crew** – A new program designed for older or more mature students who desire to be a helpful part of the Special Buddies® program. Crew members will be closely supervised by the Special Buddies staff, yet at the same time they will have the opportunity to serve others while learning new skills alongside an adult mentor.

4. **Buddy Helpers** – Buddy Helpers allows children who can be mainstreamed into the Kids Convention program to do so alongside a specially-trained Buddy Helper. Buddies who participate in this program have the opportunity to take sensory breaks but are encouraged to spend the majority of their time in the Kids Convention program.

## Special Buddies® Program Schedule

Thursday	
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Open House for Special Buddies® Families / Room Assignments
Friday & Saturday	
8:30 AM	Registration and Doors Open
<b>Mandatory Lunch</b>	
12:00 PM to 1:15 PM	Parents must pick up their children promptly. Buddies may remain in SBP rooms with their parents/caregivers to have their lunch.
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1:15 PM	Program Resumes
Friday - 6:00 PM Saturday - 5:30 PM	Child Pick-up Parents must pick up their children promptly.

### Exhibitors offering curriculum, products, or services for individuals with Special Needs:

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- Discovery Toys
- Learn Your Way
- Little Giant Steps
- Memoria Press
- Nature's Workshop Plus
- Real Reading Company
- Rightstart Math
- Why Games

**MISTY**  
DIRECTOR  
SPECIAL BUDDIES



**PEGGY**  
SPECIAL NEEDS  
CONSULTANT



## MEET OUR STAFF

Misty Northcutt has been with the Special Buddies® program almost since its conception and is dedicated to providing excellent care for special needs children. Along with her dedicated family, husband Justin (a foster care specialist) and their two children, the Northcutts all have hearts as big as Texas for the special needs community. Misty also directs a well-trained staff that is able to provide care for children who have specialized needs. Misty's background as a foster parent, caretaker, and private school teacher in a special needs classroom has perfectly equipped her to serve as the Special Buddies® Program Director.

Peggy Ployhar, as the Texas Home School Coalition's Special Needs Consultant, leads the special needs ministry for THSC. This ministry includes consultations, event speaking, relevant blogging and *Review* articles, special needs curriculum reviews, the THSC Special Needs Facebook support group, and the THSC Buddy programs at THSC Conventions.

Buddy Helpers is under the direction of Meg Breedlove, a stay-at-home, special needs home schooling mom, who holds two master's degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Marriage and Family Counseling and Religious Education.

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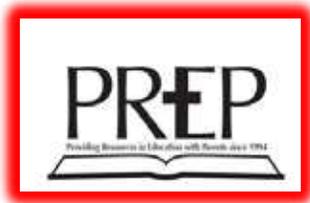


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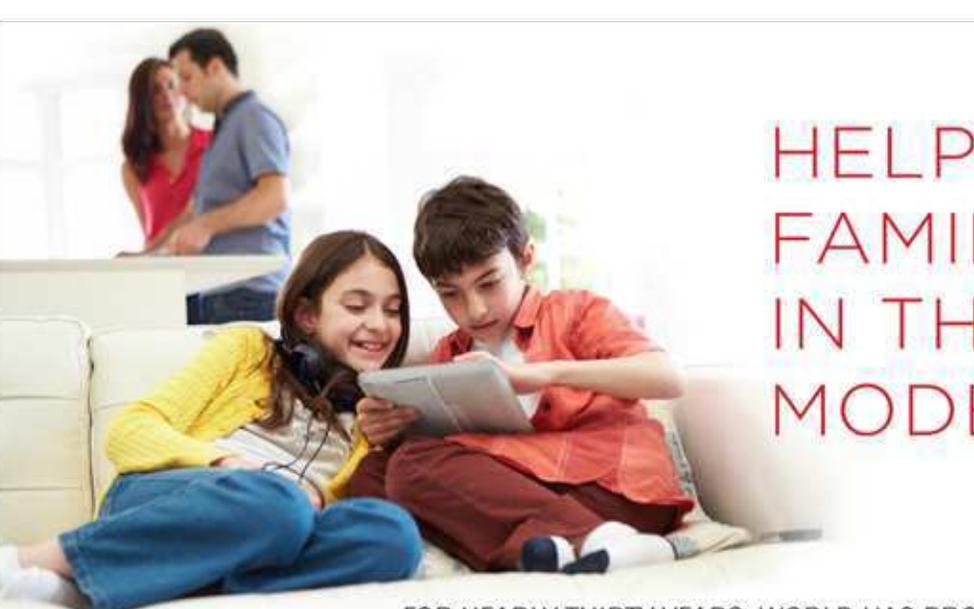
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### **Christian Youth Theater (CYT Houston)**

Christian Youth Theater is an after-school children's theater arts training program for students ages 4 - 18.

### **Classical Conversations of Spring/Woodlands**

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### **Homeschool Christian Youth Association**

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### **Homeschool Christian Youth Association (HCYA Warriors Basketball)**

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### **Houston Homeschool Athletics**

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### **PREP Classes**

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### **Salt & Light Homeschool Sports**

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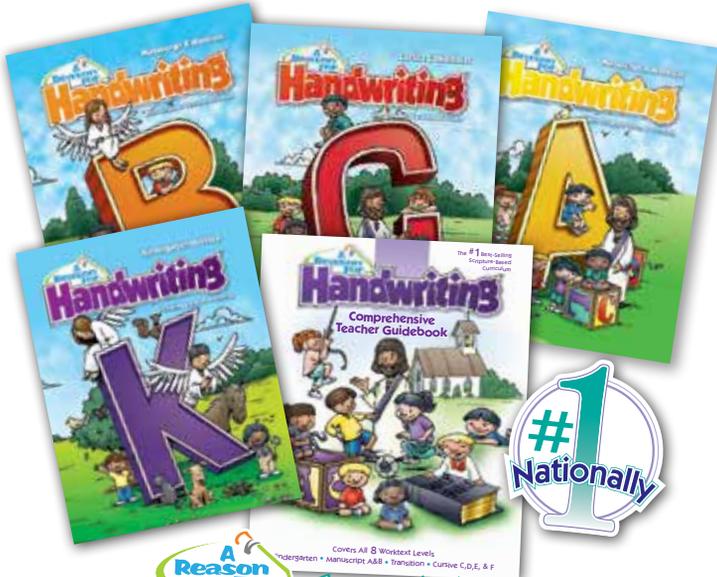
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