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CAPE Calendar of Events

May 18, 2019, 3:00 pm CAPE NM
Graduation Recognition Ceremony at
Legacy Church

June 20, 2019, 6:30-8:30 pm FREE
Getting Started Workshop at Legacy
Church

June 21-22, 2019, CAPE NM
Homeschool Convention



CAPE Back-to-School Picnic - August date TBD

October 18-20, 2019, Fall Family Retreat

February 3-7, 2020, TeenPact Leadership School

February 6, 2020, CAPE at the Capitol

Runner Applications



No convention would be possible without our youth servants. We call them Runners. Any homeschooled teenager ages 13-18 can volunteer to be a runner at the NM Homeschool Convention. What do they do? A little bit of everything. They help put up tables, put the table skirts on, answer questions of new homeschool parents. They hold babies, help carry boxes and bags and even do some cleaning during the convention. These teenagers are truly a blessing to us all. If you are attending convention and have a homeschooled teenager with a heart to serve, please fill out our runner application. We have a limited number of spaces and they fill up quickly. www.cape-nm.org/events-convention/homeschool-convention/runners/

Parents of Preschoolers

Attn: CAPE Members
Do you know any
POPS?
(Parents of Preschoolers)

If you know any parents whose oldest child is still in preschool that is considering homeschooling, they can get a free couples registration to the convention. First,

send them this email and let them know they can come to our FREE Getting Started workshop on Thursday, June 20th, from 6:30-8:30 pm at Legacy Church. Then, let them know they can participate in this scholarship program by sending an email to registration@cape-nm.org. Nicole and William can help them through the process of getting registered under this program.

Why Homeschool by Michael Smith, President, HSLDA



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As most parents and children are on their summer break it's inevitable that parents begin thinking about the next school year. Many are eagerly anticipating the time when they can "send the kids back to school," but others are considering whether there might be a better way to educate their children. With the rapid growth of homeschooling and hundreds of thousands of homeschool graduates, there are now many homeschool parents who have graduated all their children. One such parent is Diane Kummer who now works as a High School Coordinator for HSLDA giving advice to parents who are homeschooling teenagers. She gives an interesting perspective on why her family chose homeschooling and how it benefitted her children:

"I homeschooled both of my children from kindergarten all the way to their high school graduations, and I'm often asked why my husband and I chose to homeschool. The reasons are many, but one reason in particular stands out to me. Simply put, I homeschooled to spend time with my children.

"Time is a slippery commodity. It cannot be held. It slips and slides and then it's gone. I understand this concept much better now that my youngest has graduated from college. I'm grateful that my family made the most of our schooling years by choosing to teach our children at home. Homeschooling allowed us time to learn and to make great discoveries together as we snuggled up with books during the morning reading hour and met some interesting characters. Other times on our morning walks around the neighborhood we collected leaves and rocks and they became the visuals for the science unit I was teaching and were later used in the afternoon art project. One year during grade school, we enjoyed videotaping and journaling (combining science and English!) as we watched a mother bird build a nest outside of our living room window, and we laughed together when she later kicked the last of her offspring out of the abode. In the high school years,

homeschooling provided unhurried time to sort out current events in light of past history while analyzing the world through a biblical lens.

"My children and I learned more than academics from our time in the crucible of homeschooling. According to the Encarta Dictionary, a crucible is 'a place or set of circumstances where people or things are subjected to forces that test them and often make them change.' What a wonderful description of homeschooling! My family learned that close living and schooling environments brought out the best and worst in each of us, and that conflict - rightly handled - often resulted in productive change. Homeschooling provided plenty of time for our individual sins to rise to the surface, and I'm convinced that strong relationships with my grown children today are built upon years of working out disagreements. Homeschooling provided the opportunity to almost daily renew our commitment to resolving clashes and wrangling in a respectful way.

"When we take on the role of both parent and teacher, suddenly the lines between schooling, training, and living are blurred and are no longer separated into neat categories. I can't explain it, but homeschooling somehow allowed my time to be multiplied, not divided. Time spent teaching about the Great Depression suddenly morphed into a discussion on the dangers of spiraling debt, and time spent discussing the theme in *The Scarlet Letter* led to a conversation about the consequences of our behavior and the choices we make. Training a child to memorize the multiplication tables or teaching a teen to follow the order of operations in Algebra suddenly becomes a practical application of the wisdom in developing character traits such as diligence and following logical steps to a conclusion.

"Why did I homeschool? I homeschooled so that I could spend lots of time with my precious children. I wanted to multiply our time together rather than divide it between home and school. If you are being impressed to homeschool your children, don't be concerned about the demands on your time. Time invested with your child is always time well spent."

Diane's experience is common to homeschoolers. It's the mix of family time and one-on-one instruction that is so attractive to increasing numbers of parents.

Perhaps next school year you will consider switching to homeschooling.

To find out more information on homeschooling and how you can get started on the right foot, visit www.youcanhomeschool.org.

Attorney Mike Smith is the President of HSLDA, an organization that he helped found in 1983. Established to protect the right of parents to teach their children at home, HSLDA now represents over 80,000 member families. Mike and his wife Elizabeth began homeschooling their children in 1981. He has been defending families for 28 years.

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