

Workshop Descriptions-Friday

8:30-10:00 a.m. General Session

Israel Wayne: What About Socialization? @ LKIDS

Do you know where the theory of peer group socialization originated? Learn what really drives the question: "What About Socialization?" Israel will go back in history and reveal the engineers behind modern social education theory. You may be surprised to learn what is truly behind this infamous question.

10:30-11:30 a.m. Session 1

Brook Wayne: I Don't Have Enough Patience! @ LKIDS

Many moms feel like they don't have enough patience to home educate their children. What do you do when your worst fears are confirmed and you realize you don't have enough patience to continue homeschooling? Come learn about what patience is, what it isn't, where it comes from, and how to grow and thrive in the pressure cooker of mothering.

Renee Ellison: Homeschooling a Resistant Child: Diagnosis and Strategies @ HUB

Are daily battles with one or more resistant children over academics wearing you out? Often, a child will seem quite agreeable until you try to teach him or her something. Then the body language kicks up, sour expressions emerge, stubbornness sets in, and a general pathetic weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth begins. Chronic resistance to academics means something. We need to get at root causes in order to turn this daily duel into progressive energy that will result in a pleasant lifetime eagerness to learn. There are basically nine reasons for academic resistance. If you can successfully target which one you're dealing with, you'll be able to achieve some pretty wonderful results. You'll have the joy of seeing the resistance melt away.

Glenda Durano: College Admissions: What Homeschool Families Need to Know @ 101

What do universities look for in homeschooled applicants? What are the steps in the college application process? Are there any additional requirements for homeschoolers? How can we maintain a proper perspective in this crazy, competitive season? Independent Education Consultant and author Glenda Durano answers your questions about college admissions in this interactive workshop. It's everything you always wanted to know about college admissions but were afraid to ask!

Lanny & Marilyn Johnson: Intelligent Design in the Animals @ 102

This talk gives evidence for the existence of God. We see design in nature, and design points to an intelligent designer, not random chance and accident—a look at how animals are designed and what they can do points towards a Creator. Subjects are: Bombardier Beetle, Woodpecker, Sea Anemone, Sea Slug, Human Eye and Brain. The evidence demands a Creator!

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Daniela Byers-Classical Conversations: Classical Skills Help Us Navigate! @ 103

Do you see a need for you and your children to navigate difficult conversations, political or otherwise? Come learn about the five Common Topics of Classical Education which equip all of us to navigate politics, learning, and life. Let's seek truth by asking good questions!

Laurie Ross-Brennan-Laurie Ross-Brennan, LLC: Sensory Tips to Keep Students Happily on Task @ 104

Laurie Ross-Brennan is a Speech & Language Pathologist (SLP) who owns a private practice with 22 SLPs who treat all ages of clients with any type of speech and language disorder. Laurie is the only provider of Auditory Integration Training (AIT) in NM. She was the 2012 Employer of the Year, awarded by the New Mexico Professional Business Women Association. Successfully addressing sensory needs helps a person to focus, concentrate, follow directions, and finish work. Learn tips to implement immediately to help a student and educator stay on task. An overview of every sensory system and ideas to address each system in order to bring about a calm, focused student will be discussed.

1:00-2:00 p.m. Session 2

Israel Wayne: The Difference Between Schooling & Education @ LKIDS

Most people think of schooling when they hear the word "education." In reality, however, the two are not intrinsically linked in any way. Learn why most people are schooled, but never truly educated, and how you can ensure your children get a great education, even without schooling.

Joanna Miszkiel: Cultivating Morality in a Crumbling Culture @ HUB

As homeschool parents, we are often concerned with our child's educational foundation. However, there is more to education than just teaching academics, a LOT more. Have you ever wondered what is the best way to teach moral truths in such a way that your child makes them his own? The Lord has called us to raise up children and to train them in the way they should go. This includes teaching and instructing in topics such as purity, faithfulness, finances, technology, pornography, apologetics, and so much more! This workshop is designed to help you better understand Moral Maturity and what age is best to start teaching some of the "hard" topics. After establishing this, I will focus most of my time on the HOW TO section of this workshop. We all know we should teach these topics but often struggle with knowing the best age and way to go about teaching these things, particularly with the hard topics such as Pornography or Sexual Purity. In this section I will be covering some VERY effective and engaging ways to cover even the trickiest of subjects in a way that your child will not just learn that morality matters but actually take the messages to heart and make the morality their own! Come and learn how you can be the most instrumental part of developing your child's Moral Foundation in a way that will help them to bring glory to the Lord!

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Sandy Cannon: High School & Beyond @ 101

I thought the biggest homeschooling milestone would be getting all of my children reading. As high school approached, I realized I was sadly misinformed. My three adult children have all taken different paths. Their high school years were opportunities to prepare them for the unknown. This workshop is designed to help you navigate some of the basics of high school and what comes after.

Glenda Durano: If God Can Do Anything, Why Doesn't He? @ 102

When life falls apart, it's easy to focus on the why instead of the Who. The storms of life often stir deep questions about God's goodness, and in our humanity, we pray for the storm to pass—for circumstances to change. While there's nothing wrong with that, there comes a time when we must learn to value God's presence in the storm more than our relief from it. Join author and speaker Glenda Durano as she shares how her daughter's unexpected journey into disability became a path to deeper faith. Through heartbreak and hard questions, she discovered hope in sorrow, stability in the storm, and life-changing truths that reveal God's redemptive power. This is a powerful story of redemption and revelation you won't want to miss.

Steve Thornberg-Alpha Omega Institute (AOI): Fun Ways to Include Biblical Creation in Your Curriculum @ 103

Incorporating biblical Creation into your curriculum can be intimidating for both newbie and veteran homeschoolers but is essential to provide a solid foundation for trusting every word of the Bible. In this presentation, ideas of how to seamlessly incorporate Creation into your curriculum will be discussed. Easy, intuitive approaches that fit your style of teaching provide your children with the foundation they need to be able to counter the evolutionary lies. AOI is committed to showing that biblical Creation is consistent with, and a logical conclusion of, scientific evidence from numerous disciplines (archaeology, astronomy, biology, geology, linguistics, logic, mathematics, worldviews, etc.).

Mindy Brouse-BiblioPlan: Multi-Age and Multi-Subject @104

Learn how to use BiblioPlan for the whole family for several subjects, reducing the parent's mental load, integrating subjects, and making conversations between all family members natural.

2:30-3:30 p.m. Session 3

Renee Ellison: How to TRAIN Your Children, Not Just DISCIPLINE Them @ LKIDS

Mom, here are practical, loving, nurturing discipline strategies that work. How to run ahead of your children in training them for the next time, not just getting rid of your current irritation. No monkey business! No ho-hum theory here—just teacher-proven, time-tested techniques used with scores of children at the worst times of the day in the worst settings, with happy results.

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Cathy Heckendorn: Raising Critical Thinkers Using Books and Media @ HUB

Ideas have consequences, and most of the ideas in books, movies, music, etc., have ideas that may go against the worldview you are trying to instill in your family. Do we just avoid them? Is that even possible in this day and age of media everywhere we look? Instead, come learn different ways to use these tools to our advantage as parents and prepare our children to start seeing the ideas that are being thrown at us daily.

Brook Wayne: Choosing Your Homeschool Style @ 101

Choosing your family's personal approach in homeschooling can make one's head spin! This session weighs individual learning styles, curriculum choices, and your own teaching style and provides an introduction to various methods. Given by a homeschool graduate and homeschooling mother of 11 (with students ranging from Preschool-12th grade).

Kathleen Cotter Clayton: Set the Math Worksheets Aside: Let's Play Games @ 102

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

John Kinzer-Noah Webster College: Seven Key Tools for Effective Teaching @ 103

Teaching key concepts to your children each year will deepen their Christian worldview and bring forth good fruit. Parents can focus on developing these biblical principles and practices to sharpen your students - help them with discernment for the choppy waters in the future. Teach with focus - you'll be glad you did! Includes helpful aids.

Crystal Boyack-Roots and Wings Community Music School: Becoming a Musical Family @ 104

Becoming a musical family doesn't mean you have to be musical. It simply means you make music together. In the car, in the kitchen, at bedtime or bath time—this workshop gives you simple skills and joyful songs to turn everyday moments into magical memories. Come prepared to sing, move, and leave with a little more bounce in your step and a song in your heart.

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4:00-5:00 p.m. Session 4

Israel Wayne: Influence vs. Control: How to Best Motivate Your Child @ LKIDS

There is a careful tension that must be maintained between being your child's authority figure and being their life coach. There is a necessary shift in approach that must take place as your children go through various stages of development. If this transition is not carefully managed, your parenting approach will likely backfire resulting in a lack of influence in your child's life. Learn the proper balance in this important message.

Lanny & Marilyn Johnson: Creation Versus Evolution @ HUB

This talk deals with the two different ideas of the origins of the universe and life. The main emphasis is on the ideas of evolution and what is wrong with them. Subjects include the Big Bang, the Second Law of Thermodynamics, "simple" cells, DNA, evolutionary tree, missing links, mutations, variation in kind, and artwork in science. One goal is to teach children to recognize artwork (story) and ask, "What's the evidence?" The evidence points to Creation as the best model of origins.

Anneliese Grafe: Planning Your Homeschool Year @ 101

Starting with a year-long view and zooming in to each week and then to each day, learn how to plan your year so you have a clear goal in mind and confidence to finish the semester and year strong.

Joanna Miszkiel: Equipping Your Child to Choose a Spouse Wisely @ 102

Marriages are crumbling all around us. The statistical rates of divorce and couples living together prior to marriage, or never even getting married, are escalating at alarming rates. What can you and I do to help prepare our children when the odds are stacked against them? Secondary only to a child's decision of whether or not to follow the Lord, I am convinced that THE MOST IMPORTANT and impactful decision a child will ever make in this life is whom they will seek to marry. As homeschool parents we can and should play a MAJOR role in that decision! Believe it or not, the equipping and preparation of that huge life decision starts within a young heart and is cultivated and nurtured in very purposeful and tender ways as they grow into young adults. Come and join us as we explore what your role as a parent can and should be in helping prepare our children for a marriage that can last in a world where foundations are crumbling.

Cynthia Star-Cynthia Star Books: What It Takes to Self-Publish on Amazon @ 103

Self-publishing has opened the door for writers of all ages — but what does it actually take to turn a manuscript into a book on Amazon? In this practical and encouraging session, author C. Star walks through the real process of self-publishing, including timelines, costs, common pitfalls, and what to expect along the way.

Kristin Overman-Abundant Days Education: Anchor Your Why: Mission & Worldview @ 104

Life's challenges can disrupt even the best homeschool plans. By defining a clear family mission, you create an anchor for those hard seasons. When a biblical worldview shapes every subject, it fuels motivation and perseverance for both you and your children. Gain tools to focus your mission and lead a more intentional, God-centered homeschool.

Workshop Descriptions-Saturday

8:30-9:45 a.m. General Session

Israel Wayne: Common Mistakes Christian Parents Make @ LKIDS

Many well-intentioned parents make harmful mistakes as they relate to their children. These mistakes often contribute to bitterness in their children. Over time, they can result in children rejecting their parents and their values. Learn to avoid these pitfalls.

10:00-11:00 a.m. Session 1

Cathy Heckendorn: Adventure in the Journey @ LKIDS

Sometimes we get so caught up in math and English and handwriting and science and, and, and.....and if we're not careful, we'll miss the actual journey of this homeschool life we've chosen. How do we take off the hat of teacher and remember we're still Mom at the end of the day? How do we still teach our children what they need to make their way in the world but still make memories that they can take with them? Join Cathy as she shares some of the lessons she learned about balancing the Martha-and-Mary life of a homeschool Mom.

Ryan Holets: The Battle for the Mind: Parenting with Courage in a Pornified Culture @ HUB

Homeschooling does not produce an immunity to the problems of internet safety, pornography, and the culture's assault on biblical sexuality. Many homeschoolers have just hoped that their children's lack of exposure to the world and distance from the public school environment will protect them; this has not worked. We need a proactive, well-informed, and relationship-based approach. This workshop will attempt to address these challenges with helpful, fact-based, and (most importantly) Christ-focused solutions for safeguarding our children's use of devices and computers, along with helpful ideas for discussing these topics with our children. Another aspect to this issue is that many parents are also facing difficulties from their own sexual brokenness, and the workshop will address how we as parents can seek healing and health in these areas. We cannot be a safe source of wisdom and healing for our children if we have not sought out and obtained the healing that Christ offers for ourselves. This workshop covers sensitive topics that parents may not want to expose younger children to.

Brook Wayne: Teaching Several Grades at Once @ 101

Teaching several grade levels all together can seem daunting. However, what might at first appear to be overwhelming can be turned into a benefit in your homeschool. Let's look together at planning ahead, group teaching, leading older children in sharing knowledge, and ideas that bring the family together.

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Luther Watts: Come Meet J.R.R. Tolkien! @ 102

Luther Watts has spent countless hours putting together an amazing portrayal of J.R.R. Tolkien, the author of *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings* (complete with props, set, costume, and accent!). Tolkien will share his life story, from his humble beginnings as a child, to his time in the trenches of WW1, to his fellowship with C.S. Lewis and the Inklings, to the events that inspired the writings of *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings*, and most of all how stories changed his life and gave him hope in his suffering from PTSD after WW1. Tolkien will explain the three gifts of stories, how and why he wrote fairy tales even when his colleagues criticized him, and how stories can give us hope in the dark times we are living through. Come be enchanted. You are living in a story told by a good storyteller.

Lanny & Marilyn Johnson-Alpha Omega Institute: Origins of Man @ 103

This talk looks at the origins of man and at the evolutionary lack of evidence. Subjects include: We all look at the evidence in different ways (same evidence-different bias), human evolution chart, Neanderthal man, Ramapithecus, Java man, Australopithecus (Lucy), Laetoli ash fields, Piltdown man, and Nebraska man. A goal here is to teach children to recognize artwork and to ask the question, "What's the Evidence?" The evidence does not point to evolution, but to Biblical Creation as the better answer!

Kathleen Cotter Clayton-RightStart Math: Unlock the Puzzle with RightStart Math @ 104

Have you heard the buzz about RightStart Math? Come hear about our philosophy and what sets us apart from other programs. We teach children that a real mathematical problem is like a puzzle, that math is more than memorization, and that math is fun. Come and learn what's special about our math curriculum!

11:30-12:30 p.m. Session 2

Israel Wayne: What Is the Father's Role in the Home? @ LKIDS

What does the Bible say about the duties and responsibilities of a Christian husband / father? Israel will look at what the Scriptures teach on this important topic.

Renee Ellison: Twelve Optimal Ways to Trigger the Brain—with any subject matter @ HUB

Discover the fastest route and the shortest distance for mastering new information. Innovative, jaw-dropping methods useful for any home educator. Tips that even teachers wish they had learned in their education majors, but didn't. Come learn simple teacher secrets gained only by years and years of experience in the trenches with children who "don't get it." Just watch—you'll be so fired up about gaining this bag of tricks, you'll start using them tomorrow.

Gerald & Lynda Grafe: Selecting Extracurricular Activities with Intention @ 101

In this practical workshop, you will explore how to choose extracurricular activities or co-ops that truly support - rather than compete with - your family's goals. We will walk through questions that will help you discern which activities are a good fit for your family. Learn to be intentional about how your time and efforts are used.

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Sandy Cannon & Cathy Heckendorn: Encouragement for Moms: Q & A @ 102

Ever feel weary and wonder if you're doing this homeschool thing right? Ever find yourself wishing you had someone you could talk to for the answers and encouragement you need right now? Then, drop in as young mother Sarah Yu spends time with Sandy Cannon and Cathy Heckendorn being encouraged to live out her life loving her husband and children, just as described in Titus 2:5. Maybe you have questions you would love to ask more experienced ladies. If so, drop them off at the CAPE table in advance, or write them down during the workshop so that Sandy & Cathy can try to address the relevant topics in your life.

Nicole Radigan-8StoryLovers: Favorite Books for All Ages: Show and Tell @ 103

I grew up starved of good stories and way too many textbooks. When I had my own children, I wanted to feed their imaginations with the truly excellent, true and beautiful stories. But how do I find those stories? I began a 20-year quest to find and collect a large number (now 6,000) of GREAT stories for my kids to choose from. I didn't want to waste time or train their tastes to read twaddle or insubstantial or dumb books, so I began developing a process to distinguish a good story from a not good story. How did I do that? Let's go through some books together, and I'll show you! Also, come see our 125+ Favorite Picture Books EVER and our 125+ Favorite Chapter Books EVER!!! I will have these books on display and also have lists of my six kids' favorite books!

Byron Zahm-Solid Rock Outdoor Ministries: Why Wilderness? @ 104

Byron welcomes you to join SROM's session. Learn how God has always used wilderness as a place to meet with Him and be transformed, in His Presence.

2:00-3:00 p.m. Session 3

Brook Wayne: Homeschooling Without Losing Your Mind @ LKIDS

What do you do if you feel you have bitten off more than you can chew in the homeschooling journey? What do you do with fears that you aren't enough for your children? Come examine mindsets that hinder moms, and learn how faith, gratitude, and servanthood can be fleshed out in daily life.

Renee Ellison: Top-Notch Home Management Strategies @ HUB

Super tips you wish a whole string of grandmothers had passed down to you. Scores of techniques to make getting through your school day and home life easier, more productive, and happier. Save time~~save energy~~reduce stress.

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Kathleen Cotter Clayton: Kids Who Learn Differently and the Parents Who Want Answers @ 101

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

Ryan Wolking, Quenton Howe, & John Heckendorn: Homeschool Dad Roundtable @ 102

Three experienced homeschool dads will guide an open discussion on topics such as leadership, spouse support, and practical engagement strategies. They will share insights that they have gained from multiple years of homeschooling. Please come to the CAPE table to submit any additional written questions or topics that you would like to discuss (by 10 a.m. on Saturday morning).

Denise Raykovics-LifeWise Academy-Albuquerque: Bible Education in the Public Schools @ 103

LifeWise Academy offers Bible education for public school students during school hours. Almost no one knows this is possible. LifeWise provides a program that any community can implement to reach students with the gospel. LifeWise classes are held off school property, privately funded, and parent-permitted. Come to hear more about LifeWise Academy!

3:15-4:15 p.m. Closing General Session

Israel Wayne: Transform Learning Through the Art of Questions @ LKIDS

Whether you are a parent seeking to motivate your reluctant learner or you desire to break through your own limitations, you will make more progress if you learn to listen better and ask the right questions (the right way!). Learn how you can help yourself (and others) recognize hidden assumptions and overcome obstacles through learning the art of asking questions.