

Fanning the Flame

2 Tim 1:6-7

"Therefore, I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

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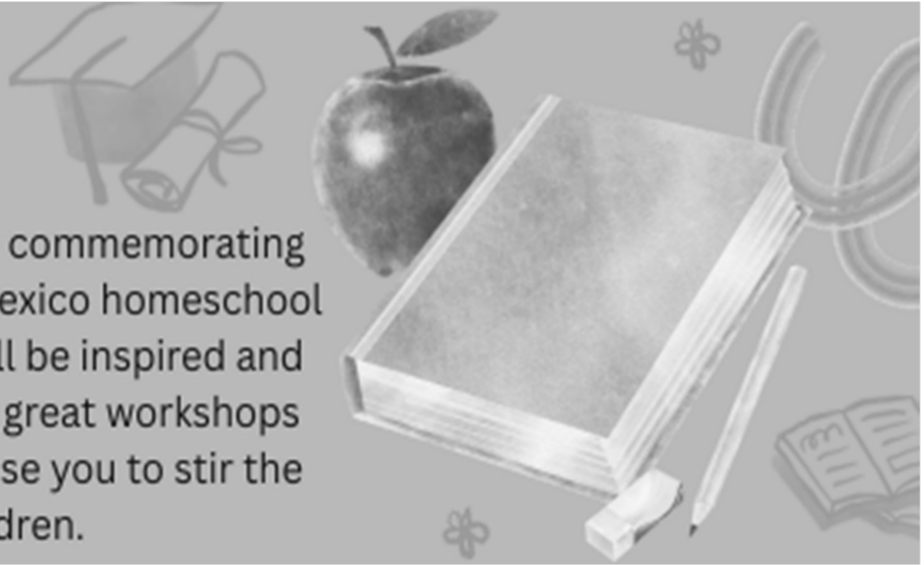
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2026 CAPE-NM
 HOMESCHOOL CONVENTION



Thank you for joining us. CAPE is commemorating 30 years of impact in the New Mexico homeschool community. We pray that you will be inspired and encouraged as you attend many great workshops to “Fan the Flame” and let God use you to stir the gifts that He has put in your children.

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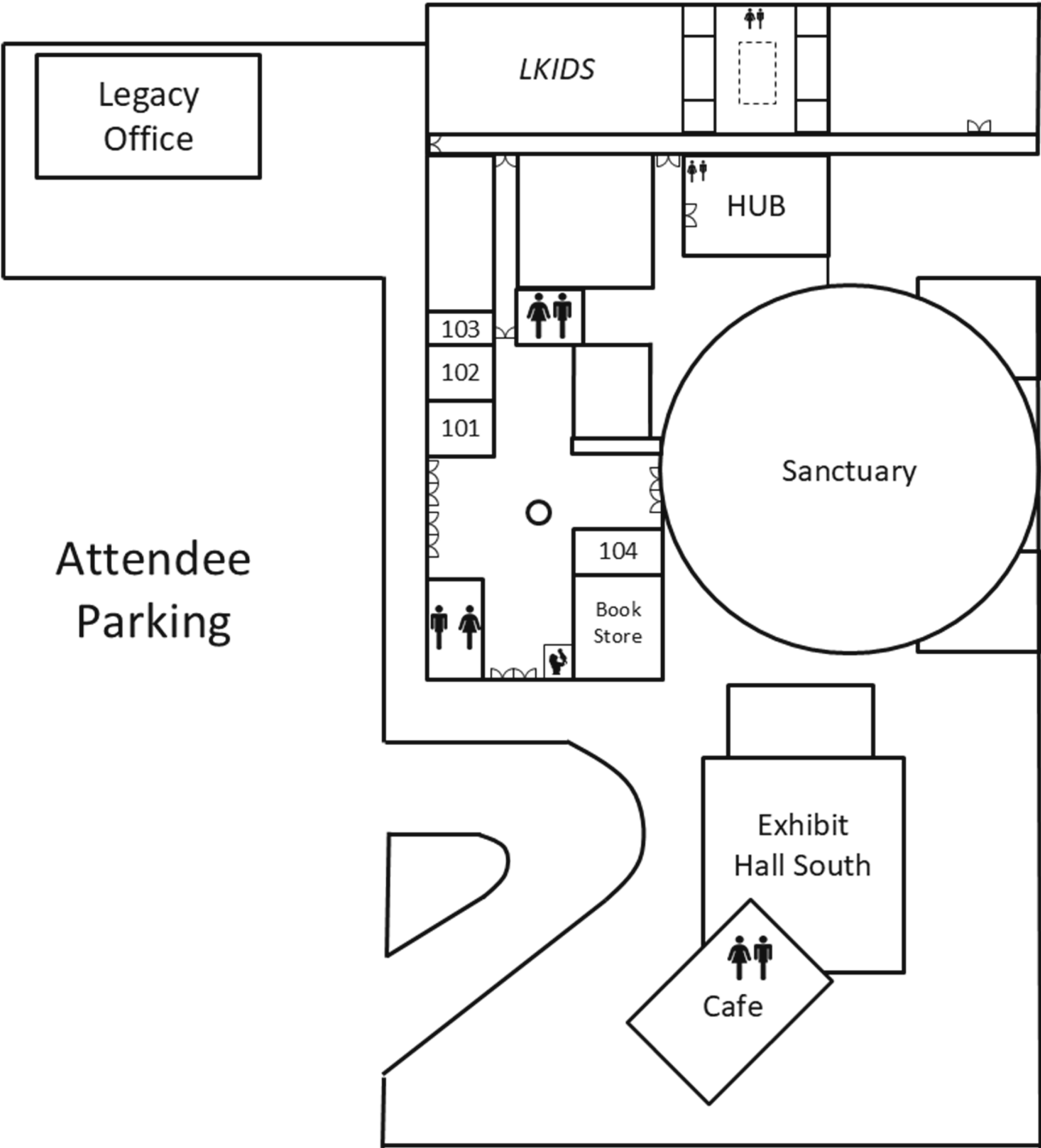
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2026 CAPE Homeschool Convention

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CAPE is YOU!

We are celebrating 30 YEARS as an organization that has served the homeschool families of New Mexico.

CAPE-NM is the acronym for Christian Association of Parent Educators of New Mexico. Homeschool families across New Mexico have united to support one another by supporting this nonprofit corporation that makes up CAPE-NM. Volunteer families who love the Lord, their families, and home education serve as a Board of Directors.

CAPE is dedicated to serving God by providing Biblical encouragement and information on home education resources to interested parents, legislators, and officials. As God provides, the ministry of CAPE will include hosting the annual Homeschool Convention and Curriculum Fair, Fall Family Retreat, the CAPE website, CAPE @ the Capitol (meeting, greeting, and blessing the legislators), Back-to-School Picnic, and supporting the many local homeschool groups in New Mexico.

CAPE is also dedicated to defending, protecting, and preserving home education and encouraging homeschool families to prayerfully exercise their citizenship. CAPE scrutinizes federal legislative proposals and monitors state issues concerning home education. We maintain an e-mail network to “get the word out” quickly when action is necessary.

Donations to CAPE, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit Christian organization, are tax-deductible because the primary purpose of this ministry is educational.



CAPE NM

Action Plan

- **PRAY for CAPE and the homeschool families of NM**
- **Volunteer or thank a volunteer**
- **Become a supporting member of CAPE**
- **Share CAPE and its events with others**
- **Sign up for CAPE Communiques -**
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Perhaps the greatest reason many homeschool families attend convention is the opportunity to connect with other homeschool families. The CAPE convention provides a warm and inviting atmosphere where homeschool parents can meet and encourage each other. If you are hurting or feel overwhelmed and would like to talk to a veteran homeschool mom or dad, come by the CAPE table. We will be happy to offer you support. If we can't help, we will point you to someone who can answer your questions.



SUPPORT GROUPS

Do you lead a support group or co-op? Do you belong to a group? We would love to add your group to our list! Please come by the CAPE table in the foyer and share your information! Thank you! groups@cape-nm.org

Events

MAY 16, 2026

Graduation Ceremony-3PM @ Legacy
Come and see how unique and inspiring a homeschool graduation can be. Celebrate these graduates with us!

AUGUST 2026 (DATE TBD)

Back To School Picnic
Join us at Hoffmantown Mission Field from 11-2. Connect with new and experienced homeschoolers.

OCTOBER 16-18, 2026

Fall Family Retreat-Sacramento, NM
Be refreshed. Spend the weekend being encouraged in your homeschool journey and spend time with other homeschool families.

FEBRUARY 4, 2027

CAPE @ the Capitol
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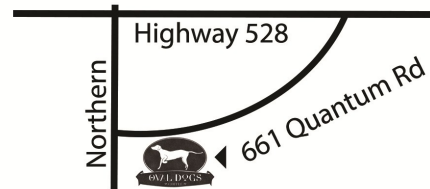


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 Eliana Louise Herbst
 Melissa Grace Hibbard
 Elijah Joseph Jilek
 Matthew Paul Johansson
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 Dax John-Paul Martin
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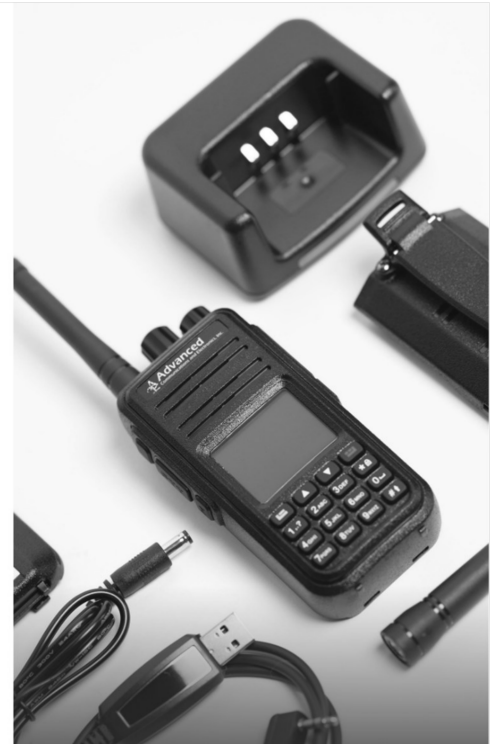
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Keynote Speakers



Israel Wayne is an author and conference speaker who has a passion for defending the Christian faith and promoting a Biblical worldview. He is the author of the books *Questions God Asks*, *Questions Jesus Asks*, *Pitchin' a Fit: Overcoming Angry and Stressed-Out Parenting*, *Education: Does God Have an Opinion?*, *Answers for Homeschooling: Top 25 Questions Critics Ask*, *Raising Them Up: Parenting for Christians*, *Foundations in Faith*, and *Foundational Truths*. He is also the site editor for ChristianWorldview.net and the founder of Family Renewal. Since 1995, Israel has traveled the nation speaking on family, homeschooling, apologetics, spiritual awakening, discipleship, and cultural issues. Israel has written articles (or been interviewed) for the following magazines and websites: *Answers* (Answers In Genesis), *Revive* (Life Action Ministries), *UnChained* (Pure Life Ministries), *The Old Schoolhouse*, *Samaritan Ministries*, CrossWalk.com, ChristianPost.com, ChristianBook.com, Christianity.com, GotQuestions.org, HonorBound.com, ReviveOurHearts.org, WorldviewWeekend.com, and many others. Israel has spoken at events, chapel services for ministries like American Family Association, Culture Proof, American Decency Association, Life Action Ministries, Pure Life Ministries, ARK Encounter, Creation Museum, Answers in Genesis, Teach Them Diligently, and many others. He is a frequent guest on national radio and television programs. Israel has been featured or interviewed in national and international media including *TIME Magazine*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *Epoch Times*, *Buzzfeed*, *Daily Mail* (UK), *Detroit Free Press*, *The New American*, *WORLD Magazine*, *CBN News*, *LifeSiteNews*, *HSLDA Court Report*, and affiliate stations for ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, NPR and PBS. Israel has been featured as the keynote speaker at various conferences with over 5,000 in attendance. Israel and his wife, Brook, (both homeschooled graduates) were joined in marriage in 1999 and have 11 homeschooled children.

Brook Wayne is an author and conference speaker. She is, with her husband, Israel, a co-founder of Family Renewal. Brook is a homeschooled graduate and homeschooling mother of 11.

Featured Speaker



Renee Ellison has more than 30 years of experience in the field of education—in Christian, private, secular, and homeschool settings. She home educated for nearly 20 years. Renee taught nearly all grade levels, was an elementary principal and head of a high school English department, was awarded Teacher of the Year, developed and ran gifted and talented programs, has conducted numerous teacher training workshops, and offers one-on-one mentoring of younger moms. Check out her Homeschool How-Tos YouTube channel.

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Workshop Speakers



Sandy Cannon has been home educating her children and helping other parents to educate their children in Albuquerque since 2003. Three of her four children are employed adults! The fourth will graduate in 2026. Sandy has led co-ops, mentored mothers, mentored R4 Robotics students, and taught independent classes throughout her home educating journey. She has been the director of the ABQ Regency Ball since 2016 and currently offers a variety of classes each semester through PLANT, Inc., including Exploring Classics, US Constitution, Math Quest, and How the World Works. In addition to being a Constitution Coach for Patriot Academy, she is also part of the team for STUFF, “Standing Tall United for Freedom,” which is a week-long civics program for home educated students in New Mexico.



Kathleen Cotter Clayton is the daughter of Dr. Joan A. Cotter, author and developer of the RightStart™ Mathematics program. Kathleen is involved with curriculum development and has written or co-authored 18 manuals. She has a degree in Home Economics and a minor in Business from the University of Minnesota and has two masters degrees from the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND. Kathleen and her husband, Steve, have six adult children and six delightful grandchildren. She teaches online middle school classes, designs and creates mathematical quilts, loves to travel, speaks across the US and Canada, and has presented at Cambridge University in England in 2022 and in Bologna, Italy, in 2024, sharing the mission to help children understand, apply, and enjoy mathematics.



As one of fewer than 500 individuals in the world who obtained the highest level of certification in educational counseling, **Glenda Durano** has worked with private, public, and homeschooled students in every aspect of the college planning process. An award-winning author and speaker, Glenda speaks frequently to students, families, and church groups about spiritual growth, prayer, disability, and education. She has published articles and devotions with *The Old Schoolhouse*, *Today's Christian Living*, *The Upper Room*, CBN.com, Inspiration.org, christiandevotions.us, and is author of several books including *Sacred Sight: Finding Hope Through Heartache*, *Desperate for God*, *College Admissions Made Easy: A Step-by-Step Guide*, and *College Planning For Christians: Finding Your Fit Without Losing Your Faith*.

Workshop Speakers



Anneliese Grafe is a pastor's wife and a mother of four currently homeschooled kids. She taught in public/private high schools both in the United States and overseas for five years before getting married. During this time, she helped develop the scope and sequence for all of Conroe ISD Algebra (Conroe, TX) and worked as an assistant principal of a small private school. She also has run a homeschool co-op near downtown since September 2020 which currently has 85 students. These experiences have equipped her with the tools needed to build a yearly calendar that gives both the structure to finish the school year strong and the flexibility to enjoy life as a homeschool family as opportunities arise.



Gerald and Lynda Grafe homeschooled their six children in New Mexico for a total of 27 years. They now have 17 grandchildren, all homeschooled. Twelve are in the Albuquerque area, active in several extracurricular activities. Both Lynda and Gerald are active in a large Barelbas-based homeschool co-op, as well as various sports camps and outreach activities through their local church. Their goal in home education is to keep in mind the long-term vision of the adult you want your child to become. Wisdom beyond knowledge, understanding beyond skill, discernment beyond obedience.



Cathy Heckendorn is a Homeschool Survivor. She loves that term because she went into homeschooling kicking and screaming, but after graduating all four of their children, she says it was the best decision ever made for her. Cathy has lived the challenges, comedies, struggles, joys, tears, and victories that home education has to offer, and now, she desires to encourage and empower other parents to embrace all those things as they set out on their own calling to “train up their children” and to share that not only can they survive, they can also watch their children thrive! Cathy has been married to her high school sweetheart, John, for almost 40 years. They have raised and graduated all four of their children and now enjoy watching them take the reins of their own lives as they marry and have children to train up themselves. Besides volunteering and supporting CAPE-NM in several areas, Cathy enjoys all the amenities that living on a ranch provides, reading books, playing games with friends and family, and curling up on the couch with a hot cup of tea and a friend.

Workshop Speakers



Ryan Holets is a second-generation homeschooler, husband, and father of six who knows firsthand that raising kids takes courage—especially in today’s culture. Ryan brings a practical, faith-filled, and refreshingly honest perspective to parenting and discipleship. Drawing from his own struggles and experiences, he challenges parents to engage in the battle for their children’s minds with wisdom, grace, and Christ-centered hope.



Lanny and Marilyn Johnson are former evolutionists trained in the sciences. Creation teaching was instrumental in bringing them to a settled assurance that all of God’s Word can be trusted. In 1993, God led them to join Alpha Omega Institute and establish the Children’s Ministry to fortify children and families with the truth of the Bible and to help them avoid the pitfalls of evolution.



Joanna Miszkiel was raised in Los Lunas, NM, in a family of 12 children. She was homeschooled through high school and was a runner at the CAPE homeschool conventions in her younger years. After graduation from high school, she obtained a BSN at the University of New Mexico and has worked as a floor nurse at UNMH Pediatrics for the last 16 years. She worked full-time at the hospital for 7 years, but chose to go down to two days a month as soon as God blessed her and her husband with children. She has been married to Brad Miszkiel for over 10 years and together they have four beautiful children, ages 2 to 9 years old. Brad and Joanna own a small farm where they raise animals, have a large garden, and homestead. Joanna currently homeschools her oldest two children and plans to homeschool all her children through high school.



Luther Watts is a senior in high school, homeschooled since first grade with Classical Conversations. He’s grown up in Albuquerque since 2010. He has been acting for nine years with various homeschool drama groups throughout Abq and has already portrayed J.R.R. Tolkien in 10 separate one-hour presentations. Luther believes that stories have a way of drawing us in and that Tolkien was a master of using stories to share the gospel with others. Luther plans on attending Biola University in the fall to continue his classical education through the Torrey Honors College.

Exhibitor Speakers

Crystal Boyack is passionate about helping families grow together through music. A leader in violin pedagogy, she specializes in joyful, play-based learning that builds both skill and beautiful humans. In 2025, she established Roots & Wings Community Music School—a home for families nurturing musicians from birth through 9 years old.

Mindy Brouse has been homeschooling longer than she wants to realize and has graduated six kiddos now. Her caboose is only 10, so there are still plenty of years ahead, with a twist this time, as Jubilee has Down syndrome. Mindy loves to read more than is typically admired, so please ask her what she is reading. Many plot twists have occurred in her life, but she holds steadfastly to the Lord.

Daniela Byers, a long-time NM homeschool mom, has enjoyed the accountability, support, and equipping of a weekly Classical Conversations community for 15 years. She has seen how the Grammar, Dialectic, and Rhetoric Skills have equipped her children to Know what is True, Do what is Good, and Love what is Beautiful. She loves to encourage parents that they, too, can homeschool through high school!

John Kinzer and his wife, Marcie, homeschooled all four of their children through high school. John converted to Christ from humanism in 1972. He taught and administered in Christian schools beginning in 1981. In 1994, he and Marcie began Rio Grande Enrichment Studies, LLC, to assist families who homeschool. He currently teaches classes in history, literature, and science in high school and mid high. For the past several years, he has taught history and geology classes for Noah Webster College. He currently serves on the Board for Noah Webster College. John also teaches history, America's Christian History, and Christian Worldview seminars to interested adults.

Kristin Overman is married with six children. After her first CAPE Convention 14 years ago, she was inspired to homeschool and now equips and encourages others. She is the author of *Proverbs for Parenting* and founder of Abundant Days Education, creating Christ-centered resources. She now lives in Raleigh, NC and leads speech and debate, volunteers with 4-H, and is passionate about making disciples and leaders.

Exhibitor Speakers

Nicole Radigan is a wife to William and mom to six kids. They have homeschooled all six all the way through high school, and their oldest four children have graduated. She and her family own more than 5,000 books and have checked out about 9,000 from the library. They have spent ~ 10,000 hours reading stories and collecting the best ones. She has always loved sharing great books with other children! She believes stories are the way God speaks to our hearts - drawing us to Him! She loves His story best!

Denise Raykovics is the Citywide Program Director for LifeWise Academy. She is a native of Albuquerque with over 40 yrs experience in the field of ministry and education. She works in APS and has built schools in Latin America and produced Christian children's programming in Europe. Her heart is to share the Gospel in public schools and see lives changed for eternity.

Laurie Ross-Brennan, M.S. CCC/SLP, is a Speech & Language Pathologist and owner of Laurie Ross-Brennan & Associates, open since 1984. Her current staff of 25 includes 22 Speech & Language Pathologists who focus on treating all ages of clients with any type of speech and language disorder. Laurie received advanced training by Dr. Guy Berard in July 1993 in Auditory Integration Training (AIT). Every year she treats over 200 AIT clients in her Albuquerque and Santa Fe clinics. Laurie was the 2012 Employer of the Year, awarded by the New Mexico Professional Business Women's Association. In keeping with her excellence in business, Laurie was a finalist for the Entrepreneur of the Year award and the New Mexico Ethics in Business award. Laurie routinely speaks at conventions for business owners, healthcare professionals, educators, and parents. Laurie and her staff's primary focus is to change the lives of every patient who walks or rolls through her door. She graduated from UNM and raised her three children in Albuquerque. Laurie is a fifth-generation New Mexican.

Cynthia Star has self-published 14 books across multiple genres, including children's stories and a #1 Amazon self-help title. Writing formerly as Cynthia Star, she now creates young adult fantasy adventures and shares practical insight to help new writers bring their own stories to life.

Exhibitor Speakers

Steve Thornberg's passions include studying the Bible, enjoying his family, volunteering with the Alpha Omega Institute, and numerous outdoor hobbies, including ranching. He came to salvation in Christ during high school and became aware of Creation ministries years later at graduate school. A speaker came to the university and presented biblical Creation and many supporting scientific evidences. Since then, Steve has shared his faith and love for biblical Creation to many, including to fellow scientists during his nearly 30-year career as a research chemist.

Byron Zahm is a father of seven with 30 years of homeschooling experience. His life was transformed by Christ while hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, leading him to a degree in Cross-Cultural Studies. He now merges his passion for missions with the outdoors through wilderness ministry, father-son courses, and the 2013 Shadow of Everest Expedition, dedicated to sharing the Gospel on every trail.



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April 17,
Friday
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8:30-10:00
***General**
Session

JOIN US @ 8:30 FOR OUR OPENING SESSION IN LKIDS

What About Socialization? by Israel Wayne



	LKIDS	HUB	101 *Nuts & Bolts*	102	103 Exhibitor	104 Exhibitor
Session 1 10:30-11:30	I Don't Have Enough Patience! Brook Wayne	Homeschooling a Resistant Child: Diagnosis and Strategies Renee Ellison	College Admissions: What Homeschool Families Need to Know Glenda Durano	Intelligent Design in the Animals Lanny & Marilyn Johnson	Classical Skills Help Us Navigate! Daniela Byers Classical Conversations	Sensory Tips to Keep Students Happily on Task Laurie Ross-Brennan Laurie Ross-Brennan, LLC
Lunch Break						
Session 2 1:00-2:00	The Difference Between Schooling and Education Israel Wayne	Cultivating Morality in a Crumbling Culture Joanna Miskiel	High School and Beyond Sandy Cannon	If God Can Do Anything, Why Doesn't He? Glenda Durano	Fun Ways to Include Biblical Creation in Your Curriculum Steve Thornberg, Ph.D. Alpha Omega Institute	Multi-Age and Multi-Subject Mindy Brouse BiblioPlan
Session 3 2:30-3:30	How to TRAIN Your Children, Not Just DISCIPLINE Them Renee Ellison	Raising Critical Thinkers Using Books and Media Cathy Heckendorn	Choosing Your Homeschool Style Brook Wayne	Set the Math Worksheets Aside: Let's Play Games Kathleen Cotter Clayton	Seven Key Tools for Effective Teaching John Kinzer Noah Webster College	Becoming a Musical Family Crystal Boyack Roots & Wings Community Music School
Session 4 4:00-5:00	Influence vs. Control: How to Best Motivate Your Child Israel Wayne	Creation Versus Evolution Lanny & Marilyn Johnson	Planning Your Homeschool Year Anneliese Grafe	Equipping Your Child to Choose a Spouse Wisely Joanna Miskiel	What It Takes to Self-Publish on Amazon Cynthia Star Cynthia Star Books	Anchor Your Why: Mission & Worldview Kristin Overman Abundant Days Education

Exhibit Hall Shopping from 10:30 AM until 6:00 PM

Saturday April 18, 2026



8:30-9:45
*General Session

JOIN US @ 8:30 FOR OUR OPENING SESSION IN LKIDS
Common Mistakes Christian Parents Make by Israel Wayne



	LKIDS	HUB	101 *Nuts & Bolts*	102	103 Exhibitor	104 Exhibitor
Session 1 10:00-11:00	Adventure in the Journey Cathy Heckendorn	The Battle for the Mind: Parenting with Courage in a Pornified Culture Ryan Holets	Teaching Several Grades at Once Brook Wayne	Come Meet J.R.R. Tolkien! Luther Watts	Origins of Man Lanny & Marilyn Johnson Alpha Omega Institute	Unlock the Puzzle With RightStart Math Kathleen Cotter Clayton RightStart Mathematics
Session 2 11:30-12:30	What Is the Father's Role in the Home? Israel Wayne	Twelve Optimal Ways to Trigger the Brain—with any subject matter Renee Ellison	Selecting Extracurricular Activities with Intention Gerald & Lynda Grafe	Encouragement for Moms: Q & A Led by Sandy Cannon and Cathy Heckendorn	Favorite Books for All Ages: Show and Tell Nicole Radigan 8StoryLovers	Why Wilderness? Byron Zahm Solid Rock Outdoor Ministries

Lunch Break

Session 3 2:00-3:00	Homeschooling Without Losing Your Mind Brook Wayne	Top-Notch Home Management Strategies Renee Ellison	Kids Who Learn Differently and the Parents Who Want Answers Kathleen Cotter Clayton	Homeschool Dad Roundtable Led by Ryan Wolking, Quenton Howe and John Heckendorn	Bible Education in the Public Schools Denise Raykovics LifeWise Academy-Albuquerque
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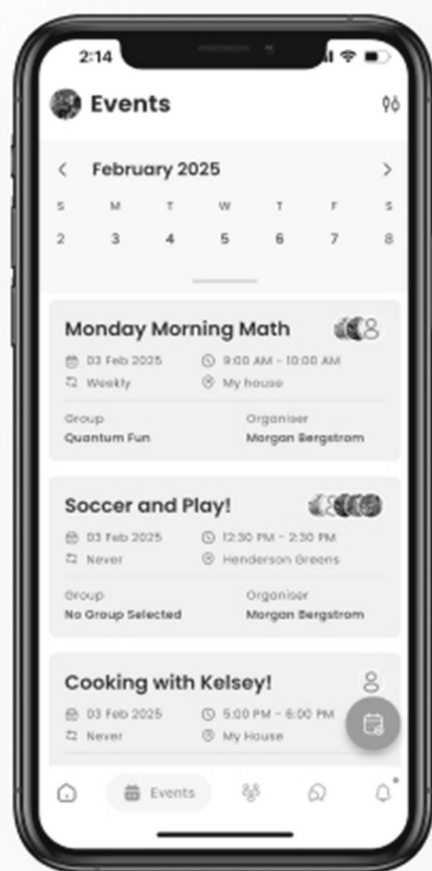
Session 4
3:15-4:15
*General Session

CLOSING OUT THE CONVENTION WITH A BANG @ 3:15 IN LKIDS
Transform Learning Through the Art of Questions
by Israel Wayne



Exhibit Hall Shopping from 10:00 AM until 5:15 PM

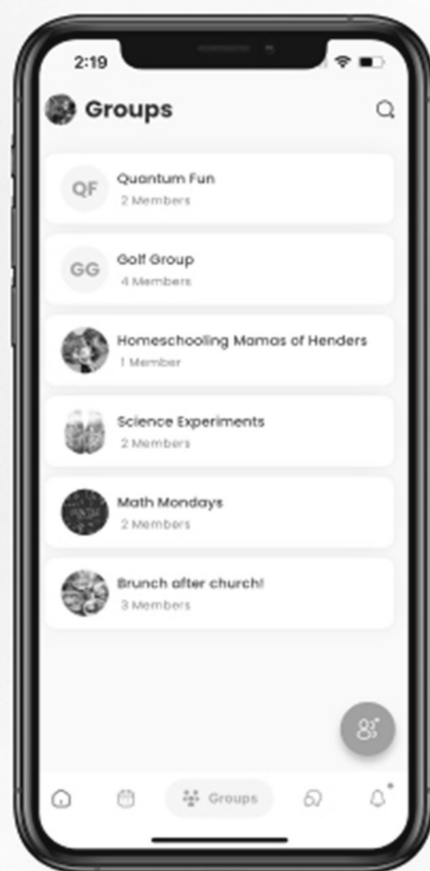
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- Children's Program
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Workshop Descriptions-Friday

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!

Workshop Descriptions-Friday

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!

Workshop Descriptions-Friday

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.

Workshop Descriptions-Friday

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.

Workshop Descriptions-Friday

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.

Workshop Descriptions-Saturday

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.

Workshop Descriptions-Saturday

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.

Workshop Descriptions-Saturday

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.

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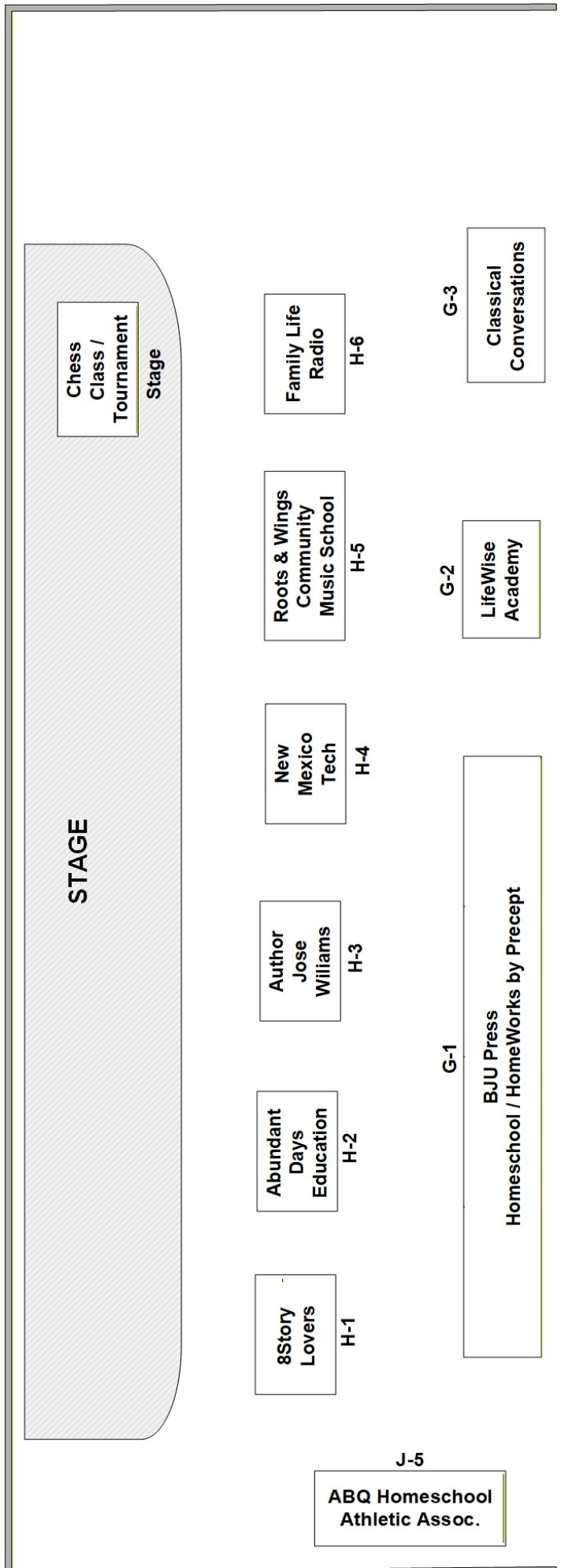
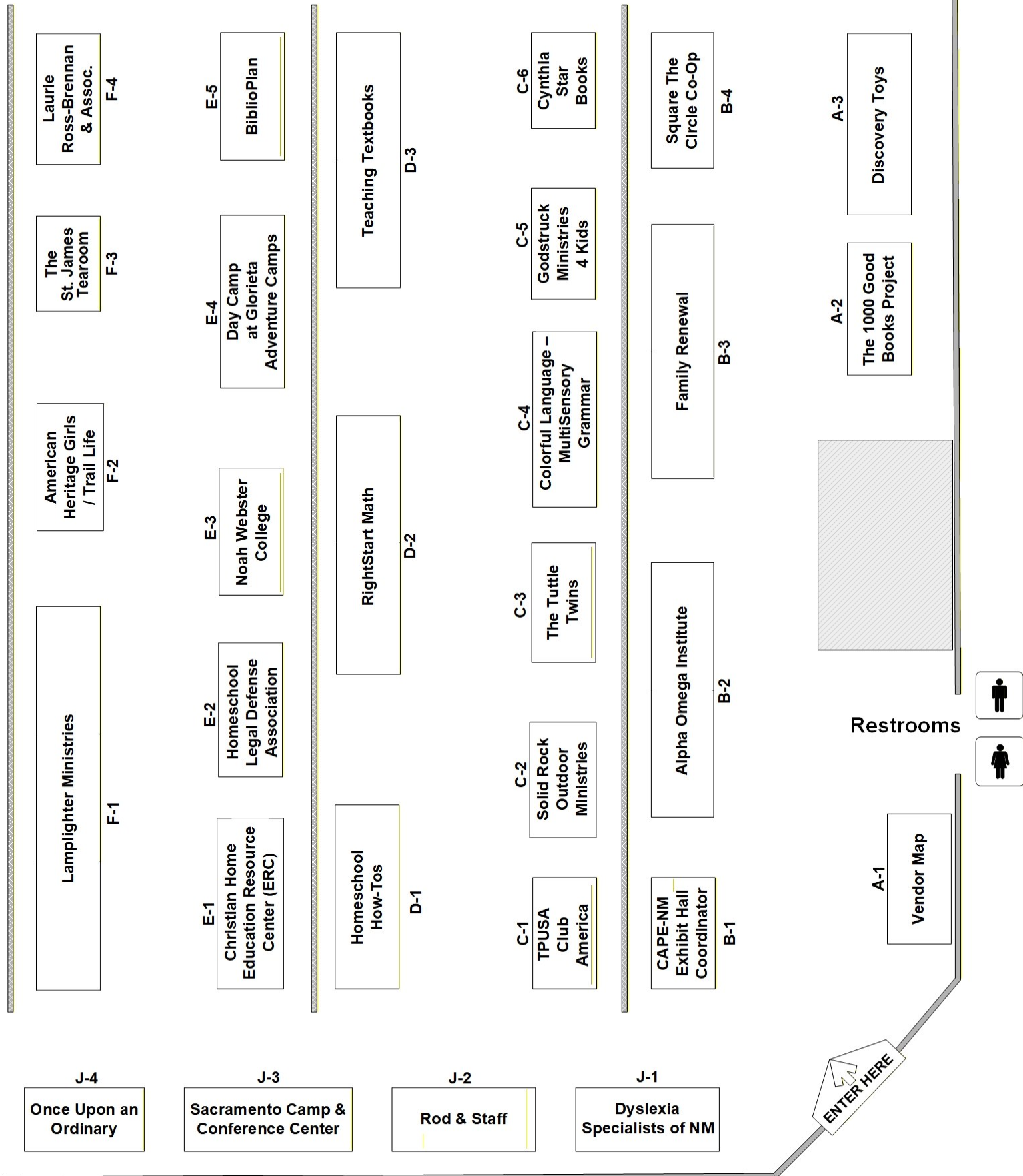


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