

OCHEC 2012 Convention – Workshop Topics

Cori Dean

Working Together – Working together as a family is an essential learning goal of every homeschool both for growing students and for the sanity of the mom who wants to conquer the laundry mountain. In this workshop we first look at the biblical basis for teaching our children to work together, then discuss the basics of working together in order to develop self care skills, hospitality skills and a servant's heart. Because Working Together is framed around acquiring practical life skills, this seminar also includes how to set up a routine that will get the whole family involved in the essentials of running a Christian household. *** Note: I have an exciting new publication, Working Together: Teamwork Starts at Home Base released in 2011 that corresponds to this seminar.***

In Search of the Secret: The Practical Road to Contentment. – Do you ever wonder what is it that you are searching for, what would make you truly happy? Living in a homeschooling family is a counter-cultural lifestyle just as being content is a counter-cultural value nowadays. In this seminar, we will search out the secret of the true meaning of contentment; how to practically work towards this ever elusive paradise in a home that is lived in 24/7, and on a limited income. Looking at our goals and expectations, our priorities, our stuff, our money, and our relationships, we will set out on a journey that will prepare us to not only endure the trials of everyday life as a home educating family but to thrive and to be truly content.

Sylvia Funk

Homeschooling the Child with a Label and/or a Disability - A child labeled, whether with ADHD, Dyslexia, Autism, Brain Injury, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome etc, is typically expected to achieve less. The label often limits the child from achieving their full potential. As expectations are lowered so are opportunities to succeed. For example: It is a common misconception that a child with Down Syndrome can not learn to read, or a child with ADHD will always be impulsive and unfocused, or a brain injury will never be overcome. When given the correct tools in the form of a Neurodevelopmental Program parents can break the bonds that accompany labels. A Neurodevelopmental Program, which combines Neurological Organization along with an Academic program, can be your strongest weapon against the limiting impact of a label.

Robin Gilman

Multi-level Teaching - Robin will be sharing on different aspects of teaching many children touching on scheduling, doing some subjects together, training children to help around the house, and prioritizing.

Stress Free Homeschooling - Robin will be sharing on home schooling without stress. She will talk about prioritizing, serving God, and balancing the teaching of academics with the rest of life. She will encourage participants in the uniqueness of each family and in the ways that God directs and provides unique opportunities for the homeschooling family. "I love to encourage parents to relax and enjoy the journey."

Louise House

Homeschooling 101 - Are you just starting the home education adventure? As you look ahead it can be exciting and overwhelming. Come and let Louise help you get ready to have the adventure of a lifetime. Learn about planning your day and choosing your curriculum. Find out what subjects you need to teach and how you can manage teaching multi-levels and so much more. Above all, come and let your heart be encouraged as Louise shares about being a blessing to your children and being blessed by the Lord as you begin a journey that can transform your family.

Calvin Smith

Living in the 'Real' World... - This talk explains the key concepts surrounding the creation/evolution issue and shows how it affects your entire World View. Many topics relevant to youth (media, science, ethics, evangelism, morality) are explored. It demonstrates the foundational cause of the culture wars that rage in our society, how young people are affected, and shows there is no controversy between 'real science' and the Bible.

Evangelism in a Post Modern (Evolutionized) World - Many Christians and Christian leaders have noticed a dramatic decrease in the effectiveness of their evangelistic efforts. What is the answer in a culture that is increasingly hostile or indifferent to the Gospel message? The Bible holds the key! Examine an in depth biblical approach to reaching and reclaiming our Christian heritage by a re-examination of the importance of the book of Genesis.

Dean Anderson

Internet Innocence: Protecting Your Household With Easy Security Tips -

Does your household have an on-line device? Are there ways to know as a parent where your child has been (on the web)? How do I protect my household from wandering onto sites that are not appropriate? What resources are there that don't block you out of everything? These are some questions we need to ask with progression of the World Wide Web. Come and find out how to implement free resources to keep your household accountable without them even knowing it. Links to on-line tutorials will be provided to allow you to "parent your household's access to the Internet."

Diane Geerlinks

The Journey of Home Education - The decision is made: "Now what?" Where is the first trail marker on this "Home Education Journey?" How do you cross the bridge from school to home? Who will be your trail guide? Is there a place to get off and enjoy the sights? Diane will share some lessons learned about traveling this journey: lessons about knowing your destination, planning your mode of transportation, and packing the appropriate materials. Yes, you can be assured that there will be amazing discoveries as well as challenging experiences. Diane is eager to encourage parents on this homeschool journey, with all its joys and struggles. You will be inspired and encouraged to travel down this path with confidence!

Laziness, Late Bloomer or Learning Disability - You decided to homeschool your child. The curriculum is bought, the lessons are planned, the school room is ready, and you are filled with excitement. And then... instead of peace and harmony, you feel like you're in a battle with your child. Is he just being stubborn? Is this a battle of the wills? You've heard many people say, "Don't worry, they'll catch up". But, you are the parent and you wonder will this really change? In this workshop, Diane will share strategies, suggestions, and teaching tips to launch your struggling learner on the road to success. There is HOPE!

Jacki Knight

Fearless - I Can Teach Math! - We all use math every day! Do you have a "mental block" or do your "palms sweat" when you have to teach your children their math. Jacki Knight knows and understands your fears and she will help you come to the realization that math really is fun and not as scary as it seems!

Paul Faris

The Third Wave of Homeschooling Persecution - Homeschooling in Canada has enjoyed a great deal of success over the last 20 years, but there are storm clouds on the horizon. Current trends projected into the future suggest we may be in for a stormy ride over the next years. But do not despair, we will be looking at how we can not only weather the storm, but come through it stronger than before.

The Battle for the Child - Canadian parents are in a battle for the souls of their children. We at HSLDA invite you to join us on the front lines of this battle as we seek to protect the right of Canadian parents to direct the upbringing of their children. Sometimes the only thing standing between us and the future indoctrination of our children, as foreseen in Brave New World, are a few good men and women who simply refuse to surrender the minds of their children. In this seminar Paul offers insight into where the battle lines are being drawn and what we can expect in the next several years.

Bettie VanGils Kloet

Workshop Title Movin' and Groovin' - Challenge yourself to increase your personal fitness level this year! Learn some noisy, creative moves to do at home! How's your core strength? Test yourself and make a plan to use at home! How's your balance? Lean on a friend and try some new balance challenges! Need some gift ideas? Try out some equipment that you could use at home to develop balance, strength and cardiovascular fitness. Most important, come and play; learn how to have fun while getting healthy!! Test yourself against other teens and against fitness standards. Wear comfortable clothes and be prepared to MOVE!

Karen Knor and Joanne van't Voort

Highschool and Beyond - The little blessings God has given us have suddenly grown into the teen years, and we need to prepare them for the work world. Your teens still need guidance, and parents are the best resource God has given for Godly instruction. In this session we hope to touch on the topics of curriculum, are "credits" necessary, volunteer opportunities, and highschool co-ops. We will also share our experiences in how to get your student into college, university, or apprenticeships.