



2018 Thrive! Vendor Workshop Schedule

Thursday, May 31, 2018

Session 1: Thursday 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Montessori Library by Center for Guided Montessori Studies (Rachel Kincaid), **Montessori and Homeschooling: a Natural Pair**—Parents will understand how Montessori teaching is an organic and approachable method to use with their students of all ages. Ideas will be shared regarding lesson planning, organization, material making and time management. (Conference 1)

The Kingdom Code (Jimmie Byler), **Five Tips to Make a Budget Work for Your Family**—When it gets difficult to stretch those dollars, a new method can often be implemented. Learn five timely money management tips that work! Then, pass these on to your kids so they can successfully follow a budget and manage money with confidence. (Conference 2)

Miss Letterly (Alyssa Hubbard), **Learn to Read and Spell with Miss Letterly**—Join me as I share multi-sensory teaching activities and games that support my language resource book, *Learn to Read and Spell with Miss Letterly*. As a trained Orton-Gillingham teacher, I have developed many activities that have the illusion of fun, but still provide practice with fundamental reading and spelling skills. (Ardmore 1)

Simply Charlotte Mason (Laura Pitney), **Delightful Reading**—Relax with a truly gentle approach to teaching reading. Charlotte Mason style reading lessons include informal play, multi-sensory activities, basic phonics and enjoyable variety. This simple plan will carry your child from learning the alphabet to building words to feeling at home in the fascinating world of books. (Ardmore 2)

Session 2: Thursday 4:00-5:00 P.M.

The Etiquette Factory (Monica Irvine), **Disciplining Your Children without Breaking Their Spirits**—We'll discuss essential principles for effective discipline. Parents, if we're not careful, even with the best intentions, we can damage our children's precious spirits. If you have been feeling lately that you are not correcting your children as effectively as you would like, you will be so grateful that you attended. (Conference 1)

Rosetta Stone Homeschool (Teri Shepard), **Rosetta Stone Homeschool**—Experience firsthand the power of Rosetta Stone® Homeschool. We'll explore how this program provides students with a rich, interactive language-learning experience, while giving parents the tools to track student progress. (Conference 2)

Brain Balance (Doug Jackson), **Brain Based Approach to Academic, Behavioral and Social Struggles**—This workshop will focus on why certain children struggle academically, behaviorally and socially. We will look at research about ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia and other learning disorders. Also discussed will be things that parents are able to do to further understand their child and things that can be done to help. (Ardmore 1)

Western & Southern Life and Financial Group (Michael Chapman), **Building Your Yellow Brick Road for Your Families Protection and Financial Independence**—This is an overview of how to protect your family especially when depending on just one income. We'll demonstrate the importance of developing a plan for your family's protection and financial independence and about setting and monitoring financial budgets and goals. We'll explain the different types of insurance and their uses. (Ardmore 2)

Session 3: Thursday 5:20-6:20 P.M.

Patrick Henry College (Beth Crossmon), **How to Prepare Your Best College Application**—You have questions as you begin your high school journey. Where will my student attend college? How will he get there? What preparation should I give? Learn about the high school-to-college process from a Patrick Henry College recruiter who has helped families through the process and has had three sons attend PHC. (Conference 1)

Film School 4 Teens (Damon and Elise Evans), **Integrating Faith and Technology**—Is that phone in your child's face reinforcing or undermining his or her faith? We discuss how to develop critical thinkers who see the impact media has on their beliefs as well as their own potential to impact the world through technology. (Conference 2)

Logic of English (Dr. Christy Jones), **Nerf Guns and Shaving Cream: Teaching Reading and Spelling to Kids Who Can't Sit Still**—Engage your active learners, and let the fun begin! Dr. Christy Jones will reveal the natural kinesthetic components to reading and spelling and teach parents how to enhance learning for all students. Discover the God-given gifts of kinesthetic learners and how to work with them rather than against them. (Ardmore 1)

Friday, June 1, 2018

Session 4: Friday 11:00 A.M.-NOON

BJU Press/HomeWorks by Precept (Debbie Overly), **LOL & u need English!**—In the world of texts and tweets and increasingly casual communication, is it still worth the effort to teach your child grammar and writing? How can an understanding of grammar help your child become a good writer? Learn how you can be certain that your child is getting all the parts and pieces he needs for a solid foundation of communication skills with a biblical worldview with BJU Press. (Conference 1)

ShillerLearning: Montessori at Home (Rachel Kincaid). **Maximizing Potential with Montessori Teaching Tips**—Montessori is a unique educational approach that nurtures a child's intrinsic desire to learn. Discover the power of the Three Period Lesson, multi-sensory teaching and the importance of presenting concepts and terms in the concrete before moving the child to the abstract. (Conference 2)

ARTistic Pursuits Inc. (Ariel N. Holcomb), **You can Teach ART: Debunking the Myths**—It's time to debunk common myths about art! Gain a fresh perspective that allows you to cultivate focus, individuality, and create deeper connections with your kids through skills gained in art class. Understand artistic development and utilize these stages with ease. Join Ariel and discover what art education can do for *your* family. (Ardmore 1)

Foreign Languages for Kids (Kit J. Strauss), **Knowing a Foreign Language Is Fun, So Learning One Should Be Too!**—We will discuss myths about foreign language learning and why homeschoolers are in a great position to teach foreign language, with minimal time, effort and stress! Learning a foreign language is one of the best tools you can give your child. You will be amazed at how easy and fun it can be! (Ardmore 2)

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The Kingdom Code (Chris Weaver), **Teach Your Children How to Make & Manage Money—God's Way!**—Introducing The Kingdom Code, a groundbreaking program teaching money management, budgeting and entrepreneurial skills to kids from a biblical perspective. Discover how integrity, confidence and a strong work ethic can be developed while students create and operate a business of their very own! (Conference 2)

Tower Garden by Juice Plus Company (Emilie and Caroline Gray), **Teach Math, Science and Healthy Eating through Growing Your Own Plants with No Dirt!**—Learn how to use a curriculum centered around the Tower Garden, an aeroponic gardening system, which uses no dirt and only 3 feet of space indoors or out. Grow your own fruits and vegetables. Math, literacy and science are all included in the lesson plans. Make learning fun with the Tower Garden! (Ardmore 1)

TalkBox.Mom (Adelaide Olguin), **Travel the World while You Homeschool**—Climb the Temple of the Sun to discover the Aztecs. Take a train through the Amazon. Walk the beaches of Normandy. TalkBox.Mom will take you behind the scenes to show you the how-to of taking your homeschool abroad and look inside their budget that makes homeschooling on multiple continents possible. (Ardmore 2)

Session 6: Friday 2:00-3:00 P.M.

Institute for Excellence in Writing (Laura House), **Experience Excellence in Writing**—Come and discover award-winning Excellence in Writing, a method of teaching composition that really works. Using this program, students of all ages will learn to write stories, reports and essays with style. This workshop will give you an overview of the program and show you how you can get started. (Conference 1)

Tomorrow's Filmmakers (Justus McCranie), **Christian Filmmaking 101**—Why are films so powerful? How does a film impact the culture? In this talk, we learn just how powerful films can be and how to use them for God's glory. (Conference 2)

BJU Press/HomeWorks by Precept (Laurie Beachell), **Passion for God > Passion for Parenting**—Is my passion for God greater than my passion for parenting? (Ardmore 1)

National Christian Forensics and Communications Association (Vera Williamson), **NCFCA--Speech and Debate for High School**—Learn how the competitive activity of speech and debate can teach your students to think critically and communicate effectively. NCFCA is a national homeschool speech and debate league that seeks to teach students to address life issues from a biblical worldview in a manner that glorifies God. (Ardmore 2)

Session 7: Friday 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Logic of English (Dr. Christy Jones), **Teaching Handwriting with Success**—Developing fluid, legible handwriting is a foundational to education, yet this basic skill is often neglected in today's world of computers. Come explore the history of handwriting education, methods for teaching handwriting so that all students succeed, games and practice ideas, best practices for teaching cursive and manuscript and more. (Conference 1)

Notgrass History (Donna Ellenburg), **Your Child Can Love History with Notgrass**—Notgrass History combines engaging lessons, primary source documents, full-color photographs and illustrations, classic literature and hands-on activities to help children understand and enjoy history, government, civics and economics. (Conference 2)

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RightStart Mathematics by Activities for Learning, Inc. (Eve Hullette), **Math Is More than Just Numbers with RightStart! Math**—Poetry is beautiful because it has rhyme, reason and pattern. It is so much more than letters, just as math is so much more than numbers. RightStart™ Math becomes poetry when it's explored and understood. Do you see the patterns in math? Does math paint a picture? If you said no, you need to come and discover the beauty of math. (Ardmore 2)

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Apologia (Michelle Vantrease), **Exploring Homeschooling with Apologia**—Why do you homeschool? What do you hope to achieve? Every homeschool family should ask themselves these questions. Apologia is here to help you as you answer them. Come explore our resources and curricula which will help you find joy as you build strong families through an atmosphere of learning together. (Conference 2)

TalkBox.Mom (Adelaide Olguin), **Don't Learn a Foreign Language. Actually Talk in One!**—Shift from learning grammar and vocabulary to easily using the language in your day-to-day life. Learn how to speak a foreign language the same day you start, and move all the way to fluency without tears or frustration. Learn one critical step holding back the majority of students learning a second language. (Ardmore 1)

North Carolina HOSA: Future Health Professionals (Katrina Coggins), **Interested in Healthcare? Check out HOSA!**—Join Katrina Coggins to discuss the benefits of HOSA for students interested in healthcare professions. HOSA provides leadership opportunities, local to international events focused on healthcare and networking opportunities with students and educators. (Ardmore 2)

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Session 9: Saturday 11:00 A.M.-NOON

ARTistic Pursuits (Ariel N. Holcomb), **Cultivating Creativity through ART**— Art class can be a unique opportunity to teach skills that not only develop your children as artists, but as grounded, confident, and creative individuals. Know your children better through their art. Learn simple, but powerful tools that anyone can use to reap the benefits of a quality art education. (Conference 1)

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Southeastern University at cfa church (Pastor Kevin Smith), **Called to Ministry, now What?**—In this session, you will learn what actionable steps you need to take to follow the call of God on your life. Whether you are called to be a lead pastor, youth pastor, children's pastor, or worship pastor, this is your one-stop shop for all things ministry. Q&A to follow. (Conference 1)

Surprise Ride (Bethany Mulcahy), **Experiment with Mars Sand Science Kit Demo**—Surprise Ride delivers hands-on science and art kits to homeschoolers wanting to take a break from the screens and learn by having fun. In this demo, we will demonstrate one of our most popular kits, the Experiment with Mars Sand Science Kit. This kit fits into the science curriculum really well. (Conference 2)

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Demme Learning (Gretchen Roe), **Spelling You See—Spelling Success Achieved in Cooperation with How the Brain Learns**—Spelling You See's research-based methods empower students to develop skill and confidence in spelling through an effective, engaging, low-stress learning experience using four activities: listening, reading, copy-work, and dictation. Join us to learn how to teach spelling without stress or drama. (Ardmore 2)

Session 11: Saturday 1:50-2:50 P.M.

Norwex (Melanie Goggans), **Teaching Responsibility and Stewardship through Homekeeping**—In this workshop you'll learn how Norwex products can eliminate harmful chemicals in your home and how they can partner with you to teach life lessons while reducing the burden on your family and enabling you to be a better steward with what you have. (Conference 1)

Tomorrow's Filmmakers (Justus McCranie), **Visual Storytelling**—Can you tell a story without saying any words? Can you get a message across with just seeing something on the screen? In this talk, we learn all about visual (Conference 2)