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2025 LDSHE Sandusky Adult Schedule

Adult Schedule - WEDNESDAY					
	Guava	Mangrove	Portia	Tamarind	Wisteria
8:30 AM	Opening Announcements (Ballroom)				
9:00 AM	Opening Keynote: How to Help Our Children Survive Spiritual Battlefields - Connor Boyack (Ballroom)				
10:00 AM		Raise Doers of the Word so That Your Children Will Have Greater Joy as They Serve Their Fellowman- Monica Irvine	Better Together: Leadership Education- Adelin Bates and Lindy VanKomen	VENDOR Workshop: The Motivated Mind: Encouraging Intrinsic Drive- MD House	Let's Make a Friend- Sammie Clegg
11:00 AM		How to Train Your Kids to be Leaders- Merilee Boyack	Better Together: Charlotte Mason- Diana Housley and Jessica Storey	VENDOR Workshop: Family School: The Art of Teaching All of Your Kids Together No Matter Their Age- Venture Upward	Homeschooling with the Heart of a Dragon- Marcie Hill
12:00 PM	LUNCH 12pm-1pm Connor Boyack's Book Signing (Salon C)				
1:00 PM	Activities (Ballroom)				
2:00 PM	Watercolor Wonders: A Creative Adventure- Charlene Stevenson	Teach Your Kids to Lead with Love- Merilee and Connor Boyack	Better Together: Unschooling- Katie Huish and Ginny Ferguson	COMBO: Defense Against the Dark Arts- Chris Jones- (Ballroom)	
3:00 PM		Discipline with Love, So We Don't Break Our Child's Spirit- Monica Irvine	Better Together: Project Based Learning- Kami Harris and Joslyn Postma	Communication Hacks: Youcommunicateyou- Nicole Freeman	Disappointing Realities- Dana Mace
4:00 PM		Training Your Kids to be Independent- Merilee Boyack	How to Run a Simulation- Chris Jones	VENDOR Workshop: Raising Gentlemen Who Live with Honor in All Things- The Etiquette Factory	Detoxing your Child's Education, Practical Tips to Help Children to Love to Learn Again- Marilee Roose
5:00 PM	Dinner				
7:30-9:30 PM		Mentor Mom Chat	Talent Show (Ballroom)		

Adult Schedule - THURSDAY				
	Mangrove	Portia	Tamarind	Wisteria
8:45 AM	Adult Raffles & Announcements (Salon C)			
9:00 AM	Panel: The One-Room Homeschool: Teaching Across Ages and Stages Simultaneously- Sonja, Adelin, Lindsey, Bente	Celestial Conversations; Emotional Intelligence- Ann Ferguson	COMBO: The Great and Dreadful Day of the Lord- Keith Longmore (Salon C)	Managing Mental Matters- Louisa Wells
10:00 AM	Down and Out- Amber Majeski	Kalahari History & African Cultural Art Tour- Jerry Simon	VENDOR Workshop: Villain to Mentor: Becoming the Person your Teen Turns To Instead of Fights Against- Sidekick to Hero	Mentor Chat - Better Together: Project Based Learning and Unschooling
11:00 AM	The Intrinsic Value of Education: Helping Children to Love Learning by Giving Academic Service- Marilee Roose	COMBO: Hat Juggling- Paul Clegg (Salon C)	VENDOR Workshop: The Motivated Mind: Encouraging Intrinsic Drive - Kami Harris Coaching	Eat More Plants- Kimberly Blackwell
12:00 PM	LUNCH			
1:00 PM	Basic Self Defense Tactics- Alan Laney	Creating a Family Plan for Courtship/Dating that is Safe, Fun & Purposeful- Monica Irvine	COMBO: African Beadwork- Abeena Baako (Salon C)	Intense Stewardship: Models from the Book of Mormon- MD House
2:00 PM	Historical Dance Party- Jessica Storey	A Day in the Life of a Homeschooling Business Owner- Kara Laws	Hat Juggling: It's Ok to Be a Kid Too- Paul Clegg	Building Family Relationships- Amber Majeski
3:00 PM	FAMILY TIME WATERPARK DINNER			
7:00-10:30 PM	Mentor Mom Chat	Family Dance (Ballroom)		

Adult Schedule - FRIDAY				
	Mangrove	Portia	Tamarind	Wisteria
8:45 AM	Adult Raffles & Announcements (Salon C)			
9:00 AM	Mentor Chat - Better Together: Leadership Education and Charlotte Mason	7 Ways That Incorporating the Homesteading Mindset into Your Homeschool Curriculum Will Expand Your Joy- Amy Taye	Family History as World History- Laura York	Powerful Everyday Herbs & God's Powerful Promise to You!- Cami Jones
10:00 AM	Our Cells Seek Eternal Life- Amber Majeski	How to Put Fun Into Your Education- DeeDee Sauter	VENDOR Workshop: Awakening the Writing Genius in Every Child- Heidi Christianson	Mentor Men Chat
11:00 AM	Motivating Kids to Read for Fun- Brandon Mull	Marriage 725- Lindy Van Komen	COMBO: Impromptu Choir- Michelle Hale (Ironwood)	Life Skills and Leadership Development for Teens- Beth Hanson
12:00 PM	Lunch			
1:00 PM	ACTIVITIES (Ballroom) & VOLUNTEER MEETING (Salon C)			
2:00 PM	Anti-Fragile: A New Perspective on Growth and Empowerment for Raising Youth Who Can Do Hard Things- Kami Harris	Awakening the Writing Genius in Every Child- Heidi Christianson	VENDOR Workshop: The Intrinsic Value of education, Developing Talents through Academic Service- Kimber Online Academy	"DAD" CLASS - Awake and Arise: What the Lord is Calling You to Do to Hasten His Return- MD House
3:00 PM	Doctrinal Scholar Training- Amber Majeski		Only the Home Can Compare with the Temple in Sacredness- Matt Jones	Adventure Awaits: Creating Memorable & Meaningful Field Trips- Lindsey Forero
4:00 PM	Closing Keynote: Better Together- Brandon Mull			
5:00 PM	Book Signing- Brandon Mull (5:15-6:45pm) (Salon C)	DINNER		
7:00 PM	GRADUATION			

PRESENTER | BIOGRAPHIES

ABEENA BAAKO



THU 1:00 PM

African Beadwork

Tamarind



ADELIN BATES

Adelin Bates grew up in Utah. She graduated from Rick's College and later from Brigham Young University with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. Adelin moved to Ohio with her husband, David, and their first daughter in 2004. They have been there ever since. She loves the green of Ohio and the morning mists on the ponds, but misses the mountains of the west. She has ten children, five girls and five boys, and they have such a blast together! Her children are a lively bunch that keep her busy and she considers them and her husband as her greatest treasures. Adelin's passions include learning anything new or relearning things she has forgotten (because that happens a lot), reading all kinds of books, and crafting in all its varieties, most especially quilting. She loves ice cream, nature and the outdoors, camping, hiking, spending time with her family, and traveling.

WED 10:00 AM

"Better Together": Leadership Education

Portia

THU 9:00 AM

How to Get Started with Masses of Children: A Day in the Life

Mangrove

"You educate a man; you educate a man. You educate a woman; you educate a generation." —
Brigham Young



KIMBERLY BLACKWELL

Kimberly is a wife to her high school sweetheart of 25 years, mother of four beautiful daughters, homemaker, and a homeschool mother! Some of her favorite things to do with her family are singing and creating music, reading books aloud, traveling, riding bikes together, cooking nutritious plant-based meals, and attending the temple.

THU 11:00 AM

Eat More Plants

Wisteria



CONNOR BOYACK

Connor Boyack is the author of several dozen books, founder of a think tank that has changed over 100 laws, frequent public speaker, and outlaw beekeeper. He is best known as author of the acclaimed Tuttle Twins book series which has sold over six million copies. The Tuttle Twins books teach kids (and their parents!) the ideas of a free society. He is also executive producer of the Tuttle Twins animated cartoon series. A self-made entrepreneur, Connor is founder and president of Libertas Network, an association of family-facing initiatives that change hearts, minds, and laws to create a freer future. With his team he has changed over 100 laws, helped tens of thousands of kids become entrepreneurs, educated millions, and empowered families all over the world to learn about and defend the ideas of a free society. Connor lives near Salt Lake City, Utah, with his wife and two homeschooled children.

WED 9:00 AM

Opening Keynote: How to Help Our Children Survive Spiritual Battlefields

Ballroom

WED 2:00 PM

Teach Your Kids to Lead and Serve with Love

Mangrove

**"All men who have turned out worth anything
have had the chief hand in their own education."**

-Sir Walter Scott



MERRILEE BOYACK

Merrilee Boyack loves life and loves every season of life-- especially this one! She enjoys hanging out with her family and discussing politics. She is an estate-planning attorney in Utah. Merrilee is also a professional lecturer and speaks all over the country and a published author. She loves to travel and meet people all over the world. Her perfect day is camping, reading a good book, taking a perfect hike, and eating FREE food. Her current passion is her work as a Pro-life advocate. She is the author of several books and talks, including *The Parenting Breakthrough*, *Strangling Your Husband Is Not an Option*, *In Trying Times, Just Keep Trying*, and her most recent, *The Star Leads Us to Him*. Merrilee and her husband, Steve, reside in Lehi, Utah.

WED	11:00 AM	<i>How to Train Your Kids to Be Leaders</i>	Mangrove
WED	2:00 PM	<i>Teach Your Kids to Lead and Serve with Love</i>	Mangrove
WED	4:00 PM	<i>Training Your Children to Be Independent</i>	Mangrove



SONJA BROOKSBY

Sonja Brooksby's life journey reads like a captivating novel, filled with chapters of love, learning, and laughter. With ten children as her greatest masterpiece, she has shaped young minds while traversing the globe, leaving a trail of heartwarming stories and cultural treasures in her wake. Her dedication to homeschooling since 1994 has nurtured not only their academic growth but their characters as well, fostering a love for learning and exploration that has taken them all over the world. As the Executive Producer of Lightstone Studios, Sonja's influence extends beyond her home. Her involvement in the *Liken the Scriptures* movies and work on set echoes her deep-rooted connection to stories that inspire and uplift. Her strength in the face of challenges is awe-inspiring; living with the chronic condition POTS for fifteen years, she remains a symbol of resilience, facing life's unpredictability with grace. From her mission in Guatemala in 1988-1989 to her marriage in the Las Vegas Temple in 1990, Sonja's life story is a testament to faith, love, and the pursuit of meaningful experiences.

THU	9:00 AM	<i>How to Get Started with Masses of Children: A Day in the Life</i>	Mangrove
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"EDUCATION IS THE MOVEMENT FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT."

-ALLAN BLOOM



HEIDI CHRISTIANSON

A credentialed teacher with a Masters in Education, Heidi Christianson has taught across university, community college, private, and charter school settings and homeschooled her five sons for over 20 years. Her commitment to personalized education led her to co-found a commonwealth school, develop curriculum, and co-author the book *The Learning Zone*. She has spoken at major homeschool conventions and serves as director of operations at the Leadership Education Mentoring Institute. Heidi also founded *The Genius Paradigm* and *Realizing Genius*.

FRI

2:00 PM

Awakening the Writing Genius in Every Child

Portia



PAUL CLEGG

Paul lives in Tennessee with his wife Sammie and their six children (five boys, one girl). He enjoys traveling, reading, fishing, chess, theology, and most importantly food. Paul grew up in an inner city, but spent the weekends on his family cattle/dairy farm. This upbringing gives life to his business practices, parenting style, relationships, and availed to a menagerie of experiences to be shared around a campfire. At nineteen he served a two-year mission in Frankfurt, Germany. Paul and Sammie have been married for sixteen years. Over these wonderful years they have moved thirteen times. It's often said, "We have a few more moves in us," because nomadic life suits them both. Working as a Manufacturing Consultant for Lantech Global, Paul is privileged to travel globally fulfilling many of his passions. "Working is only work if you don't enjoy it."

THU

11:00 AM

Hat Juggling

Salon C

THU

2:00 PM

Hat Juggling - its ok to be a kid too

Tamarind

"The man who does not read great books is no better than the man who can't." -Mark Twain

***"CHILDREN MUST BE TAUGHT HOW TO THINK, NOT WHAT TO THINK."
-MARGARET MEAD***



SAMMIE CLEGG

Sammie has been married to a super duper fella named Paul for seventeen years. They are the lucky parents of six crazy cool offspring that they have been homeschooling for six years. Her favorite things to do are eating (mostly chocolate), sewing, puzzle building, and reading. She has no idea what she wants to be when and if she grows up. She resides in the backwoods of Tennessee.

WED 10:00 AM

Lets Make a Friend

Wisteria



ANN FERGUSON

Ann Ferguson understands that the heart of a thriving homeschool family lies in the emotional connection between parents. Through her journey of homeschooling her autistic son—who recently achieved his Mechanical Engineering certification—she discovered that when she and her husband worked as a team, their son flourished. When they weren't in sync, everyone struggled. This firsthand experience showed her that strong communication skills and emotional safety were the keys to success. As a Master Mentor with experience in addiction recovery, and creator of the "Igniting Your Belief" program, Ann helps homeschooling couples develop emotional intelligence and availability, creating environments where authentic relationships and learning can thrive. Her passion is guiding parents to build truly connected celestial families. Ann lives in Southern Utah with her family, including 5 children and 5 granddaughters.

THU 9:00 AM

Celestial Conversations Emotional Intelligence

Portia

"Those who are filled with the love of Christ do not seek to force others to do better; they inspire others to do better." -Howard W. Hunter



LINDSEY FORERO

Lindsey Forero has been a home educator for over 20 years. She has loved teaching her 10 kids, and countless others, through public schools, co-ops, and educational conferences. Her beliefs in raising independent thinkers, finding joy through continual education, and the value of reading as curriculum inspired her to homeschool. She and her husband Fern have lived in Virginia their whole lives, though many of their kids have abandoned (sigh) them to attend college out West. Lindsey enjoys teaching about and creating art, playing board games, puzzling, reading, crafting, and most recently, quilting! She plans to continue learning new skills throughout her life, hopefully passing them on to her future grandkids someday.

THU 9:00 AM

Panel: How to Get Started with Masses of Children; A Day in the Life

Mangrove

FRI 3:00 PM

Adventure Awaits: Creating Memorable & Meaningful Field Trips

Wisteria



NICOLE FREEMAN

Nicole Freeman felt inspired to homeschool before she was married and had children. All it took was meeting two families with well-behaved, athletic, musical, intelligent, social, and extremely helpful around the house children and she was all in. She received her degree from Brigham Young University in Interior Design and was often asked if she was an Elementary Education Major. Teaching and children seemed to go together naturally for her. Naturally, complete overwhelm, indescribable joy, and tremendous growth also came. Currently, she is the mother of four boys and two girls. Their ages are twelve, fourteen, fifteen, seventeen, seventeen and eighteen. When she has a moment to look in the mirror and reflect, she frequently says to herself, "I don't know how you do it?" Nicole enjoys designing homes as a hobby, sewing, hiking, camping, being in, near or around water and books. Lots and lots of books!

WED 3:00 PM

Communication Hacks - Youcommunicateyou

Tamarind

"Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go any higher than you think."

— Benjamin Disraeli



MICHELLE HALE

Michelle Hale received a B.A. in Foreign Affairs from The University of Virginia and a M.A. in Comparative Literature from Brigham Young University. She also has 25 years of experience with the performing arts as an amateur dramatist, vocalist, and director. A dedicated member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she finds the greatest enjoyment in learning with her children and students and serving in her community and church. Michelle and her husband, Steve, live in Virginia with their five children.

FRI 11:00 AM

Impromptu Choir

Ironwood



BETH HANSON

Beth Hanson is a dedicated family advocate, entrepreneur, and educator with a passion for strengthening families through leadership and intentional culture development within the home. As a wife, mom of four, a homeschool educator, and a multi-business owner, she understands the dynamics of family life and the importance of cultivating strong leadership within the home.

Beth lives with her husband, 4 children, and Golden Retriever in Northern Arizona.

FRI 11:00 AM

Life Skills and Leadership Development for Teens

Wisteria



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KAMI HARRIS

Kami is a dynamic educator and coach with twenty years of homeschool experience, a teaching certification, and life coach certifications. Her journey began with a deep desire to rekindle her children's love for learning and it has blossomed into a mission to inspire others. In 2010, Kami co-founded iFamily Leadership Academy, serving as President, and has mentored hundreds of youth. She now trains mentors with the Leadership Education Mentoring Institute (LEMI).

Kami specializes in blending timeless educational principles with powerful mindset tools to help overwhelmed and exhausted moms create joyful, intentional homeschools. Drawing from her own triumphs and challenges, Kami teaches Christ-centered strategies to help families thrive. She empowers parents to master their thoughts, emotions, and systems, fostering deeper connections with their children. Kami is passionate about helping families turn frustrations into fulfillment and finding lasting joy in their homeschooling journey.

WED

3:00 PM

"Better Together": Project-based Learning

Portia

FRI

2:00 PM

Anti-Fragile--A New Perspective on Growth and Empowerment for Raising Youth Who Can Do Hard Things

Mangrove



MARCIE HILL

Marcie loves learning with people and finds joy in discovering the 'ordinary miracles' in each day. Her homeschooling adventure alongside her wonderful husband and crew of six children has led them on many twists and turns through California, Idaho, Colorado and now New Jersey, with several RV road school/world school trips in between. Spending time together in nature, music and literature are her favorites. Before motherhood she began a fun career in HR and Organizational Development consulting for high tech companies and nonprofits after completing both a BA and MBA at BYU. She loved growing up in an Air Force/Foreign Service family throughout Asia and served an LDS mission in Taiwan.

WED

11:00 AM

Homeschooling with the Heart of a Dragon

Wisteria

**"Education can never stop! "The more we read, the more we learn. The more we learn, the fuller life seems."
- L.M Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables**



M.D. (MIKE) HOUSE

In late 2020, M.D. House semi-retired from a successful career in Corporate Finance and Business Leadership that allowed him to experience all facets of designing, producing, marketing and selling products to customers across the world. He enjoyed that career, and still consults part-time, but being able to pursue his passion for creative writing has been a tremendous blessing.

During that first career, he published one science fiction novel, called Patriot Star. Since embarking on his new journey with much more time and focus for writing, he's published a sequel (Kindred Star), along with seven religious historical fiction novels (which were a surprise) and his first fantasy novel, Crossroads of Awakening Memory, Book 1 of the epic fantasy series called The End Times Convergence.

His docket is filled with new projects, including Book 3 in the Patriot Star series, more Barabbas spin-offs, and additional volumes in the End Times Convergence (plus some side projects, of course). He is also now the President of LDSPMA (Latter-day Saints in Publishing, Media, and the Arts).

THU 1:00 PM

Intense Stewardship: Models from the Book of Mormon

Wisteria

FRI 2:00 PM

"Dad" Class - Awake & Arise: What the Lord is Calling You to Do to Hasten His Return

Wisteria



DIANA HOUSLEY

Having homeschooled from the beginning, and with five children (currently ages eleven to eighteen), Diana now has over sixteen years of homeschooling under her belt. She is now embarking on a new phase of parenting as her oldest recently graduated from their homeschool and is in the mission field. Diana loves to travel, but when she is home and not actively homeschooling, she enjoys reading classic literature, being in nature, and taking naps! She lives with her husband and children in the beautiful woods of northwestern New Jersey.

WED 11:00 AM

"Better Together": Charlotte Mason

Portia

**"I have never let my schooling interfere
with my education"**

- Mark Twain



KATIE HUISH

An eclectic homeschooling mother of five, with one fledged, Katie Huish has loved homeschooling her kids for five years in the Bronx and fourteen years in the mountains of Virginia. She pursued many majors at BYU, finally settling on Horticulture and Botany where she met her husband, Ryan. They have been spending their lives planting seeds, pulling weeds, getting their hands dirty, and trying to graft their family into the true vine.

WED 2:00 PM

"Better Together": Unschooling

Portia



MONICA IRVINE

Monica Irvine is a retired homeschool mom, creator and President of The Etiquette Factory, author, TN State Senate Candidate, Board Member for TN Right to Life and Legislative Assistant Director for Family Watch International. Mrs. Irvine comes with decades of experience guiding and supporting parents in their divine roles. As an author of multiple books on parenting and raising good humans, Mrs. Irvine is a sought after speaker across the country, speaking to thousands of parents every year. Don't miss an opportunity to hear her speak.

WED 10:00 AM

Raise Doers of the Word so that Your Children Will Have Greater Joy as they Serve their Fellowman Mangrove

WED 3:00 PM

Discipline with Love, So We Don't Break Our Child's Spirit Mangrove

THU 1:00 PM

Creating a Family Plan for Courtship/Dating that is Safe, Fun & Purposeful Portia



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Friday, 1:00pm in Salon C



CAMI JONES

Cami Jones and her fabulous husband received the call to homeschool their four amazing children eighteen years ago and have never looked back (okay maybe peeked through partially closed lashes before they knew one of their children had dyslexia and before her wonderful husband assumed the math portion of the family's education ;)

Cami loves life, people, and to learn! She is currently in school to become an herbalist. She loves to simplify (except books-which she loves to hoard like any good dragon), read and discuss most types of books, work on puzzles-both jigsaw and logic, go on adventures and sightsee with her wonderful family, play in nature and tinker in her gardens-she even loves to weed! She loves her Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ most of all and is honing her ability to be quick to observe the Holy Ghost.

FRI 9:00 AM

Powerful Everyday Herbs & God's Powerful Promise to You!

Wisteria



MATT JONES

Matthew Jones has been a homeschooling dad for 18 years helping his wonderful wife teach their four phenomenal children. He currently works full-time on the maintenance staff of the Washington D.C. Temple. He has also worked in the Nauvoo Illinois and Boise Idaho Temples and has been involved in varying duties for the Columbia River, Spokane, and Moses Lake Washington, Pocatello Idaho, and Smithfield Utah Temples. He also holds a journeyman electrical license. He loves seeing new places, experiencing new things, reading a good book, and spending time with family.

FRI 3:00 PM

Only Home Can Compare with the Temple in Sacredness

Tamarind

"THE GREATER DANGER FOR MOST OF US LIES NOT
IN SETTING OUR AIM TOO HIGH AND FALLING
SHORT; BUT IN SETTING OUR AIM TO LOW, AND
ACHIEVING OUR MARK." -MICHELANGELO



CHRIS JONES (MR. C)

Chris Jones (alias Mr. C) is a mysterious figure of legend and myth. Not much is known about him except that he can be lured out of hiding by groups of curious teenagers (and sometimes their parents). Hints about him can be sussed out of his many novels and nonfiction books, while closer inspection is offered in his classes and writing workshops that attract students from all over the country. He is rumored to live in Utah with his wife, whichever of their eight children happen to be home, and an increasingly murderous cat.

WED 2:00 PM

Defense Against the Dark Arts

Salon D

WED 4:00 PM

How to Run a Simulation

Portia



ALAN LANEY

Alan Laney has served for over 49 years as a Law Enforcement officer in various capacities including Asst. Chief of Police, Detective Capt. SWAT Comander, Coroner's Office Investigator and as an International Police Advisor in Iraq. He trained police officers in the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy for twenty years. He has served in the youth program for most of his adult life teaching self defense and related topics.

THU 1:00 PM

Basic Self Defense Tactics

Mangrove



KARA LAWS

Kara homeschools her two oldest children in the middle of nowhere Utah. While homeschooling her boys, she also runs a business and teaches other homeschoolers how to do the same. Kara Laws is a best-selling author and a business educator.

Kara has been starting and selling businesses for almost twenty years. She teaches new business owners all the steps, in the correct order, to ensure they build a solid business foundation.

Her best-selling book, *Don't Suck at Business*, breaks business down in fun, easy-to-understand ways that keep entrepreneurs pushing their businesses forward.

THU 2:00 PM

A Day in the Life of a Homeschooling Business Owner

Portia



KEITH LONGMORE

Keith is currently retired after 32 years in the Seminaries and Institutes system of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was raised in Colorado and Nebraska. Keith received a BA degree in Elementary Education and M.ed degree in Education. He speaks ASL (deaf parents), and Spanish (mission to Argentina). He is married to Karen and they have five children and eleven grandchildren. Keith is an avid long distance/touring cyclist. He also loves history and living in his “Old Kentucky Home”.

THU 9:00 AM

The Great and Dreadful Day of the Lord

Salon C



DANA MACE

Dana Mace is a woman of faith dedicated to service, adventure, and resilience. A BYU Provo graduate (1997–2003) with a degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and a minor in Psychology, she earned her commercial pilot’s license, became a flight instructor, and flew charitable missions. After an 18-month mission in Brazil, she entered real estate investing—flipping up to 100 homes a year, earning multiple awards, and serving on the board of the 7 Figure Foundation. When the COVID-19 pandemic forced her to close her real estate business, she pivoted to buying and selling land. On the personal side, Dana met her husband in Chesapeake’s singles branch, married in 2005 at the DC Temple, and now lives in Smithfield, VA, currently raising and homeschooling 5 children ages 12-14.

WED 3:00 PM

Disappointing Realities

Wisteria



Don't forget to collect your beads!



AMBER MAJESKI

Dr. Majeski, Associate Professor and Program Coordinator for Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) at Penn State York, started at BYU in Family Science while working as a religious scholar in the Religion Department. She holds a Masters in Sociology & Criminology from Eastern Michigan University and PhDs. in HDFS and Gerontology from Purdue University. Dr. Majeski has a passion for family-centered education and crafted unique educational plans for her children applying what she studies in the home. Her professional research includes: Adult Family Relationships, Fathering Adult-Children, Divine Motherhood, and Volunteerism. Her teaching experience includes, Family Relationships, Adult Development and Biology of Aging, and Social Science Statistics and Excel. She has worked with LDS Family Services including the Addiction Recovery Program and JustServe.org. Cutting across all of her research, teaching, and service is her personal study of the intersection of Natural and Behavioral Sciences with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

THU	10:00 AM	<i>Down and Out</i>	Mangrove
THU	2:00 PM	<i>Building Family Relationships</i>	Wisteria
FRI	10:00 AM	<i>Our Cells Seek Eternal Life</i>	Mangrove
FRI	3:00 PM	<i>Doctrinal Scholar Training</i>	Mangrove



BRANDON MULL

Brandon Mull is the #1 New York times bestselling author of the Fablehaven, Dragonwatch, Beyonders, Five Kingdoms, and Candy Shop War series. He also created the Spirit Animals series for Scholastic, leading a team of authors. A kinetic thinker, Brandon enjoys popping bubble wrap and pacing. He lives in Utah with his wife and their eleven kids.

FRI	11:00 AM	<i>Motivating Kids to Read for Fun</i>	Mangrove
FRI	4:00 PM	<i>Closing Keynote: Better Together</i>	Ballroom

“Learning is never easy, but it’s worth every second.”



JOSLYN POSTMA

Joslyn is a mother of five with over a decade of experience in guiding her children's education at home. Last year she sent her fourth child into adulthood. Joslyn loves the adventure of discovery and dabbling in new experiences. A few of her recent adventures include woodcarving, farming, and she is currently learning chess. Joslyn is an encourager of personalized education and nurturing a love of learning in her children. She enjoys mentoring her children as they pursue their own adventures.

WED

3:00 PM

"Better Together: Project-based Learning

Portia



BENTE RODRIGUEZ

Bente Rodriguez is the mother of fifteen amazing children ages 29 to eight. At first, she and her husband, Todd, never even thought of homeschooling; but as their oldest son was getting ready to enter kindergarten, they decided to give it a try (after all, how can you mess up a kindergartener?). A bit overwhelmed at first, they took it year by year, and before long, realized they were in it for the long haul. They've been schooling their children for 23 years and have at least ten more to go! Grandchildren, college kids, missionaries and youngers still at home keep her life full and never boring! She is a lover of simplicity, learning, reading, homesteading, being outside, milking her cow and, most of all, her family!

THU

9:00 AM

Panel: One-Room Homeschool: Teaching Across Ages & Stages Simultaneously Mangrove



Thank you, Presenters!

We couldn't have done it without you.



MARILEE ROOSE

Marilee Roose currently serves as the Administrating Manger of the Glenn J Kimber Online Academy. She is most happy when she is serving or mentoring someone. She has lived in Utah along the Wasatch front her whole life, and has been married to Carl Roose for 43 years while raising 5 children, 3 of whom were homeschooled & went to Kimber Academy.

Marilee has a two-year certificate from the Institute of Children's Literature and was a certified Parliamentarian with the National Association of Parliamentarians for many years. She has run for various political offices. She was a co-founder of the American Statesmanship Club, a 501c3 nonprofit whose mission was to prepare children and adults to be actively involved in Parliamentary Procedure and government. She served Dr. Cleon Skousen for a short time as his videographer and tried to soak up as much of his wisdom as she could. She holds current Life and Health Insurance licenses in 19 States and when not actively working at GJKOA she still loves helping people protect themselves and their families from the unexpected.

WED 4:00 PM

Detoxing your Child's Education, Practical Tips to Help Children to Love to Learn Again Wisteria

THU 11:00 AM

The Instrinsic Value of Education. Helping Children to Love Learning by Giving Academic Service Mangrove



DEEDEE SAUTER

DeeDee Sauter was raised in the public schools and hated most of her experiences. It happens. She still excelled academically and eventually traveled through college to earn a master's degree in nursing. She did a bunch of things but loved teaching nursing the most. She forgot how much she loved it until her oldest was eleven and homeschooling became a way of life. Friends, co-ops, frustration, chickens, goats, rabbits, and everything-all-at-once is now an amazing norm.

FRI 10:00 AM

How to Put Fun into Your Education

Portia

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” — Nelson Mandel



JERRY SIMON

Jerry Simon is the Director of Sales at Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Sandusky, Ohio. A 39 year veteran of the northern Ohio hospitality industry, he has been with Kalahari Resorts for fifteen years. Jerry is fortunate to have been born and raised just ten miles from Kalahari Resort and considers himself a proud "local" representing one of the greatest family resorts in the Midwest. Jerry, and his wife, Kristy, have three adult daughters and their spouses, along with one grandchild.

FRI 2:00 PM

Awakening the Writing Genius in Every Child

Portia



CHARLENE STEVENSON

Charlene Stevenson is a dedicated mother of six with twelve years of homeschooling experience. Residing on a small hobby farm in southern Ohio, Charlene has not only embraced the joys of homeschooling but also nurtured a connection to family roots as the eighth generation living on their farm. Before embarking on the homeschooling journey, Charlene used her keen eye and creative skills to capture moments through photography. With a prior thriving photography business, she brings a wealth of creative insights into the homeschooling experience. Charlene has been attending LDSHE conference for the last ten years and has volunteered in many capacities. She is currently serving as the Venue Coordinator.

WED 2:00 PM

Watercolor Wonders: A Creative Adventure

Guava

*“Education is not the filling of a pail, it is the lighting
of a fire.” -W.B. Yeats*

“The mind once enlightened cannot again become dark.” —
Thomas Paine



JESSICA STOREY

Jessica Storey calls herself the accidental homeschooler and is still going strong in her twelfth year. She grew up in a small town in Florida where all her free time was spent riding horses, dancing, creating art of some sort, or dreaming of being in musicals. She graduated with a creative writing degree from Louisiana State University but devoted all elective hours to dance and theatre. Soon after graduating, she married the love of her life and is now the mother of seven children, college down to one year old. Jessica trained horses and riders for several years and taught ballet classes to children and adults. After relocating to a homestead in rural Tennessee in 2013, she founded a ballet school. Watching her children run wild on the farm, studying history, and building a library bring her incredible joy. She is passionate about teaching children and assisting parents who are beginning their home

WED

11:00
AM

"Better Together": Charlotte Mason

Portia

THU

2:00
PM

Historical Dance Party

Mangrove



AMY TAYE

Amy Taye has been homeschooling since her oldest child, now sixteen, started preschool. Her career in Public Health led her to seek the healthiest options for her family– mentally, physically, and spiritually. Combining homeschooling with homesteading has helped her accomplish that goal. Homesteading has given her family many opportunities to learn new skills, work together, eat fresh nourishing food, and grow in gratitude for all of God's creations. She lives with her husband and five children on a five acre homestead in Central Maryland, called the Mid Atlantic Homestead. She is the author of the Homestead Garden Journal and Planner.

FRI

9:00
AM

7 Ways That Incorporating Homesteading Mindset into Homeschool Will Expand Your Joy Portia

"Do not confine your children to your own learning, for they were born in another time."

—Chinese proverb



LINDY VAN KOMEN

Lindy Van Komen is a life long autodidact. (And she likes to use words to amuse and confuse her children.) Her current endeavors include playing with homesteading, mentoring scholars in her local homeschool co-op, working on her Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy, and (always at the top) loving her 5 home-educated, strong willed, loving, and spicy kiddos. Her past 13 years working with families during the childbearing year as a Birth Mentor and Birth Doula have also been pivotal to her journey. Life has not often gone the way Lindy planned, but with each new path she is practicing adjusting and moving forward with faith.

WED 10:00 AM

"Better Together": Leadership Education

Portia



LOUISA WELLS

Louisa Wells believes her life's mission is to teach and lead her nine children in paths of righteousness. She appreciates homeschooling as one of her most valuable tools in doing so. She is grateful for all the people she has met and the wisdom she has gained while attending LDSHE over the years. To help others in return, she hopes to bring encouragement and energy to her classes. She hopes to provide helpful principles and hacks while reminding everyone that their best efforts will be enough.

THU 9:00 AM

Managing Mental Matters

Wisteria



LAURA YORK

"Laura York is a vibrant homeschooling mother of six who's turned the adventure of life into an inspiring journey of faith, love, and resilience. Having called many corners of the United States home, she brings a wealth of diverse experiences and a heart full of stories from her family's travels. A devoted wife, a loving mother, and a disciple of Jesus Christ Laura strives to lead her family with grace, humor, and a whole lot of faith. Laura has been married to her best friend (Aaron) for 27 years, Where faith, laughter and board games have helped carry their family through the ups and downs of this grand adventure of life.

Whether she's teaching her children to read, navigating life's twists and turns, or living out the gospel in her everyday life, her experiences are a testament to the power of love, faith, and the joy found in the everyday moments."

FRI 9:00 AM

Family History as World History

Tamarind 24

LDSHE Photo Guide

Help us capture the joy of LDSHE! We can't be everywhere at once—so grab your camera and join the fun.

What to snap:

VENUE- Show off the space with or without people.

CLASSES - Smiling faces, action shots, and engaged learners
(not just backs of heads!).

CONNECTIONS - Friends talking, laughing, playing games, or posing together.

Tips: Portrait mode is best, but landscape works too. Focus on faces and fun!
Let's make memories together—one photo at a time!



Upload your photos
here



Tonight's Family Activity
7pm - Talent Show (Ballroom)



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Adult Schedule - WEDNESDAY

	Guava	Mangrove	Portia	Tamarind	Wisteria
8:30 AM	Opening Announcements (Ballroom)				
9:00 AM	Opening Keynote: How to Help Our Children Survive Spiritual Battlefields - Connor Boyack (Ballroom)				
10:00 AM		Raise Doers of the Word so That Your Children Will Have Greater Joy as They Serve Their Fellowman- Monica Irvine	Better Together: Leadership Education- Adelin Bates & Lindy VanKomen	VENDOR Workshop: The Motivated Mind: Encouraging Intrinsic Drive- MD House	Let's Make a Friend- Sammie Clegg
11:00 AM		How to Train Your Kids to be Leaders- Merilee Boyack	Better Together: Charlotte Mason- Diana Housley and Jessica Storey	VENDOR Workshop: Family School: The Art of Teaching All of Your Kids Together No Matter Their Age- Venture Upward	Homeschooling with the Heart of a Dragon- Marcie Hill
12:00 PM	LUNCH 12pm-1pm Connor Boyack's Book Signing (Salon C)				
1:00 PM	Activities (Ballroom)				
2:00 PM	Watercolor Wonders: A Creative Adventure- Charlene Stevenson	Teach Your Kids to Lead with Love- Merilee and Connor Boyack	Better Together: Unschooling- Katie Huish and Ginny Ferguson	COMBO: Defense Against the Dark Arts- Chris Jones- (Ballroom)	
3:00 PM		Discipline with Love, So We Don't Break Our Child's Spirit- Monica Irvine	Better Together: Project Based Learning- Kami Harris and Joslyn Postma	Communication Hacks: Youcommunicateyou- Nicole Freeman	Disappointing Realities- Dana Mace
4:00 PM		Training Your Kids to be Independent- Merilee Boyack	How to Run a Simulation- Chris Jones	VENDOR Workshop: Raising Gentlemen Who Live with Honor in All Things- The Etiquette Factory	Detoxing your Child's Education, Practical Tips to Help Children to Love to Learn Again- Marilee Rose
5:00 PM	Dinner				
7:30-9:30 PM		Mentor Mom Chat	Talent Show (Ballroom)		

WEDNESDAY | CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

8:30 - 8:55am

Welcome to LDSHE and Opening Announcement (Ballroom)

9:00 - 9:50am Opening Keynote

How to Help Our Children Survive Spiritual Battlefields (Ballroom)

Connor Boyack

10:00 - 10:50am

Raise Doers of the Word so Children Have Greater Joy as they Serve (Mangrove)

Monica Irvine

Parents, we must get our children off the couch, out of the house and outside of themselves. Teaching our children to serve and to become selfless is literally the medicine to improving almost anything, including: sibling unity, respect for family and family relationships, self confidence, selflessness, compassion, empathy, self respect and so much more. Come and listen to master motivator, Monica Irvine, share wonderful ideas that will inspire your family to become selfless while having a blast!! It will be so fun!!

Better Together: Leadership Education (Portia)

Adelin Bates & Lindy VanKomen

How do you teach leadership education in your home? What is that anyway? We will give you practical and varied examples from a day in the life of our homeschools.

Vendor Workshop: Letting the Lord Guide Your Journey (Tamarind)

MD House

One of the keys to seeking and receiving the Lord's guidance is coming to fully realize that he cares what you think, how you feel, and what you want. You're not a minion or a slave - you're a son or daughter of God, and our eldest brother will treat you as such. I've seen abundant proof of that in my own life, especially as I've transitioned from my first career to a second. I'm LOVING that journey!

Let's Make a Friend (Wisteria)

Sammie Clegg

Sometimes its hard to find our person or people in life. Come to class and lets make a friend together. Maybe you will find your new bff, or at least someone you can tolerate a little more than the others.

11:00 - 11:50am

How to Train Your Kids to be Leaders (Mangrove)

Merrilee Boyack

Our kids are facing a challenging world. They will need to rise up to be the leaders of our future. But how do we train them to do so? We will discuss amazing practical tips on how to prepare the rising generation to build strong families, lead in the Church and change the world! Here is the "how-to" you've been looking for to train strong, capable young people to fulfill their destiny to lead!

Better Together: Charlotte Mason (Portia)

Diana Housley and Jessica Storey

Vendor Workshop: Family School: Teaching All Kids Together No Matter the Age (Tamarind) *Venture Upward*

There are so many amazing things we want to teach our kids, but only so many hours in a day. It is easy to get overwhelmed trying to cram it all in and still have time for laundry and meals. Come learn all about how to teach your kids together, no matter their age and do all the subjects you want with looping.

Homeschooling with the Heart of a Dragon (Wisteria)

Marcie Hill

Do you love learning with your children but find your energy draaaaaggin'? How do you keep the 'zest' for learning alive? In this workshop style discussion we will explore some proven ways to keep from drowning in all the demands on our time. I will draw much (but not exclusively) from various moms' experiences within the Well Educated Heart community. Whether you are new to this approach or have been trying it for a while, I'm excited to learn together!

2:00 - 2:50pm

Watercolor Wonders: A Creative Adventure (Guava)

Charlene Stevenson

Join us for "Watercolor Wonders: A Creative Adventure" where we'll dive into fun watercolor techniques and unleash your inner artist! In this hands-on class, you'll explore different painting styles and create your very own bookmark to take home. No experience needed—just bring your creativity and let's paint!

Teach Your Kids to Lead with Love (Mangrove)

Merrilee and Connor Boyack

Christ tells us to do His works. But how do we teach and train our kids to do this? We will discuss incredible tips, examples, and guidelines on teaching our children how to serve in their families, communities, and throughout the world. You will learn about life-changing Family Service. And if any of your children are struggling with their "rascal" nature, this class is critical. Teach your kids that they can change the world and this is how they can do it!

Better Together: Unschooling (Portia)

Katie Huish and Ginny Ferguson

Defense Against the Dark Arts: COMBO (Ballroom)

Chris Jones

In a society bombarded by media produced by agendas of all kinds, a superbly-calibrated deception detector and a world-class defensive radar system are essential for preserving a clear mind. Learn how to detect and defeat some of the most insidious techniques with practical examples backed by science--and spirit.

3:00 - 3:50pm

Discipline with Love, So We Don't Break Our Child's Spirit (Mangrove)

Monica Irvine

I know you have felt the pain of regret when you have had a moment of failure when discipling your children. I know many of you are fighting against habits you learned from your parents that you swore you would never do. I know you want to parent with love, honor and respect, but sometimes, you don't.

Parents, did you know that it is God's perfect plan that his imperfect children raise his imperfect children? He knew you and I would not be perfect parents. He knew we would get it wrong on some days. However, still, he knew that the best people to raise your children was YOU! It is! It's you. Listen to Master Motivator, Monica Irvine, share some invaluable insights in parenting with greater love, greater understanding and greater self control. Mrs. Irvine will help you to understand the difference in disciplining to stop or start behavior and disciplining to change your child's heart. It makes ALL the difference. If you want a loving happy healthy relationship with your adult children, you must start creating that relationship today. Don't miss this!

Better Together: Project Based Learning (Portia)

Kami Harris and Joslyn Postma

Communication is both verbal and nonverbal. Is it possible to be kind, compassionate, helpful, and reflect love in our communications with one another? YES! We will discuss practical applications: get to know you and who you are communicating with, how to communicate effectively and apply tactics to de-escalate conflict. Believe it or not, it starts and ends with YOU.

Disappointing Realities (Wisteria)**Dana Mace**

In life, we all face moments when reality falls short of our expectations—times of disappointment that can challenge our faith and resolve. In this session, we'll explore the concept of "disappointing realities" through honest reflection and scriptural insights. Drawing on personal experiences and lessons from the scriptures, we'll discuss practical strategies for accepting setbacks, learning from them, and transforming disappointment into opportunities for growth. Whether it's in our personal lives or our larger journey of faith, this talk will help you navigate life's challenges with resilience and hope. Join us for an engaging discussion on turning life's setbacks into stepping stones towards a stronger, more fulfilled self.

4:00 - 4:50pm**Training Your Kids to be Independent (Mangrove)****Merrilee Boyack**

We want our kids to grow up and be independent adults. But how? Where do we start? What do they need to know? We will discuss how to train our kids to be independent with practical tips, a training guide, and more! You'll learn how to teach finances, work, self-management and way more. This is the class you've been looking for to rear independent kids!!

How to Run a Simulation (Portia)**Chris Jones**

For durable, soul-changing instruction, nothing comes close to life itself--except a simulation. In a few intense hours or days you can construct an experience that will leave a lasting impact and bring students face-to-face with tough choices in a sandbox environment--real choices, with manageable consequences. Learn the techniques to run a memorable simulation for ten or a hundred participants from a veteran of dozens of events.

Vendor Workshop: Raising Gentlemen Who Live with Honor in All Things (Tamarind) *The Etiquette Factory*

To raise honorable men, one must teach their children to sacrifice. Come and listen to renowned motivational speaker, Monica Irvine, as she helps parents parent with greater purpose. We all want to raise Godly men who will honor their wives, their families and themselves. Mrs Irvine will give incredible insight on specific skills that guide our sons towards a life of honor in all things. Don't Miss This!

Detoxing Child's Education: Practical Tips to Help Children to Love to Learn Again (Wisteria) *Marilee Rose*

In today's culture, we have truly embraced the conveyor belt, one system fits all learning model. Most of us went through this in public education. It is the most successful system of learning ever devised. It has met all of it's intended goals. 3% of the graduates with leadership ability, everyone else able to follow directions and work for the betterment of society, and about 10% dropping out altogether to find their own way.

This has left a toxic landscape where families and children feel they aren't good at certain subjects and where they learn because they have to and not because they want too. We can turn this around and steer our children into a love of learning and help them develop the innate gifts they are born with. Allowing all to become the best versions of themselves and chart a course that will be pleasing to God, themselves, their families, and communities.

BEADS! BEADS! BEADS!

It's 20 Years of LDSHE! To celebrate we are having a special treasure hunt for each of our attendees! To commemorate this milestone, both the youth and the adults will be able to collect 20 natural stone beads, one for each year of conference. By Friday, everyone will have a stunning and unique bracelet just like their LDSHE experience.

Make sure you have your name tag with you so you can get a stamp. No tag, No stamp, No Bead.

The **Beads Needs Desk** will be located in front of the Portia Room.

Hours: Wednesday-Friday 1:00-3:00 p.m
Thursday night during the dance.

Bead locations and answers to all your other bead related questions can be found by scanning the QR code.



Happy Hunting!

How to Train Your Kids to be Leaders | Merrilee Boyack

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Training Our Children to Be the Leaders of Our Future

Our job is to train our children to be the leaders of the family, church, community, and world!

- I. Why is it important to train our kids to be leaders?
- II. What are the attributes of a great leader?
- III. Leadership training for kids

- 1. Personal Awareness and Preparation– BE
 - a. Understand gifts/talents/strengths
 - b. Understand weakness
 - c. Experience coping
- 2. Experiences – WHERE
 - a. Home
 - b. Church
 - c. Community
- 3. Public Awareness – SEE
 - a. Analyze existing leaders
 - b. Exposure to issues
- 4. Inspire – INSPIRE
- 5. Training – PLAN
 - a. Adult interaction –
 - b. Public speaking –
 - c. Organizational skills –
 - d. Goal-setting from VERY young
 - e. Take ACTION
 - i. Problem solving –
 - ii. Choice - DECIDE
- 6. Evaluate the Impact – EVALUATE

Leadership Cycle: BE – SEE – INSPIRE -- PLAN – ACT – EVALUATE – BE

WEDNESDAY

Teach Your Kids to Lead with Love | Merrilee and Connor Boyack

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Teach Your Kids to Lead With Love

I. Do your children suffer from the “ME-ME-ME” Syndrome?

II. Goal of parents is to help children become disciples of Christ

It is our responsibility—indeed our quest—to teach our children to be disciples of Christ.

- a. Teach principles of love, charity, selflessness
- b. Best way is through experience
- c. For some difficult children, this will help save them.
- d. Impact of service on family
 1. Learn at an early age that the world does not revolve around them.
 2. A side benefit of that is that these kids learn to value and appreciate what they have so much more.
 3. It makes you feel great!
 4. It will help build confidence in family members.
 5. You will learn to share!
 6. You'll learn new things.
 7. Family service is the opportunity to learn and develop new skills and talents.
 8. You'll get a chance to share your talents that you have.
 9. Family service will increase family unity and identity.
 10. It will promote the sharing of your family values.
 11. You'll meet new people and make new friends.
 12. As the family works together, you'll gain deeper respect and greater love for each other.

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13. You'll have the coolest stories to share with others!
 14. The family members will feel proud of who they are and how they've helped. True self-esteem is earned bit by bit. They will gain a deep understanding of who they really are.
 15. Children will get a much better perspective of their lives, problems, and how they fit in God's plan.
 16. Your family will have amazing discussions talking about important and serious issues.
 17. You'll have a blast!!!

III. How to teach through Family Service

- a. Family culture of service
- b. Example of parents
- c. Constant awareness and exposure to issue

IV. How to implement Family Service

- a. Start at home
- b. Expand to community
- c. Family service projects

Planning a family service project:

1. Make the projects as hands-on as possible.
2. Try to involve family members as much as possible.
3. The important part is to make the experience real.
4. To begin with, you may want to try some simple projects and build a rhythm of success.
5. Follow your children's cues. Also, follow what interests the family and kids.
6. Get permission
7. Watch for growth opportunities.
8. Model good behavior.
9. Be safe.
10. Reinforce the process.

V. Impact of family service = discipleship to the core

Wednesday Class Notes

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Tonight's Family Activity
7pm - Family Dance (Ballroom)



Adult Schedule - THURSDAY

	Mangrove	Portia	Tamarind	Wisteria
8:45 AM	Adult Raffles & Annoucements (Salon C)			
9:00 AM	Panel: The One-Room Homeschool: Teaching Across Ages and Stages Simultaneously- Sonja, Adelin, Lindsey, Bente	Celestial Conversations; Emotional Intelligence- Ann Ferguson	COMBO: The Great and Dreadful Day of the Lord- Keith Longmore (Salon C)	Managing Mental Matters- Louisa Wells
10:00 AM	Down and Out- Amber Majeski	Kalahari History & African Cultural Art Tour- Jerry Simon	VENDOR Workshop: Villain to Mentor: Becoming the Person your Teen Turns To Instead of Fights Against- Sidekick to Hero	Mentor Chat - Better Together: Project Based Learning and Unschooling
11:00 AM	The Intrinsic Value of Education: Helping Children to Love Learning by Giving Academic Service- Marilee Roose	COMBO: Hat Juggling- Paul Clegg (Salon C)	VENDOR Workshop: The Motivated Mind: Encouraging Intrinsic Drive - Kami Harris Coaching	Eat More Plants- Kimberly Blackwell
12:00 PM	LUNCH			
1:00 PM	Basic Self Defense Tactics- Alan Laney	Creating a Family Plan for Courtship/Dating that is Safe, Fun & Purposeful- Monica Irvine	COMBO: African Beadwork- Abeena Baako (Salon C)	Intense Stewardship: Models from the Book of Mormon- MD House
2:00 PM	Historical Dance Party- Jessica Storey	A Day in the Life of a Homeschooling Business Owner- Kara Laws	Hat Juggling: It's Ok to Be a Kid Too- Paul Clegg	Building Family Relationships- Amber Majeski
3:00 PM	FAMILY TIME WATERPARK DINNER			
7:00-10:30 PM	Mentor Mom Chat	Family Dance (Ballroom)		

THURSDAY | CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

8:45 - 8:55am

Raffles and Announcements (Salon C)

9:00 - 9:50am

One-Room Homeschool: Teaching Across Ages & Stages (Mangrove) *Adelin, Sonja, Lindsay, Bente*

Here is your chance to ask whatever questions you want (we don't promise to answer all of them...lol) to us who chose to have large families AND homeschool them! Come and join the conversation with four women who supplied the world with 45 children. Guaranteed laughter!

Celestial Conversations; Emotional Intelligence (Portia)

Ann Ferguson

Discover the transformative power of emotional intelligence in creating a celestial home environment. Through an engaging interactive experience, learn to expand your emotional vocabulary and master a practical framework for identifying and healing communication breakdowns. Ann Ferguson shares proven strategies for healthy accountability, authentic validation, and deepening your connection with the Savior for divine guidance in your family relationships. Experience firsthand how these tools can strengthen your marriage and create the emotionally safe environment essential for your children's spiritual and emotional growth. Join us for this interactive session that will give you practical tools to elevate your family's communication and connection.

The Great and Dreadful Day of the Lord: COMBO (Salon C)

Keith Longmore

How great will be the Second Coming? What's so dreadful about it? Should I be scared or excited? Putting the Second Coming into peaceful perspective.

Managing Mental Matters (Wisteria)

Louisa Wells

We all know that prioritizing our mental health is important, but it can be complicated when you consider multiple family members' needs. In this class we will discuss why and HOW to manage our mental health while homeschooling. (Please note that Louisa is not a mental health professional).

10:00 - 10:50am

Down and Out (Mangrove)

Amber Majeski

Feeling sad or down, so did Joseph Smith. This course will cover techniques used to express emotions to protect against symptoms of depression, and how to respond when loved ones are feeling symptoms of depression.

Kalahari History & African Cultural Art Tour (Portia)

Jerry Simon

This presentation will convey the intriguing story of Kalahari Resort CEO, Todd Nelson, and his journey from a small-town farm auctioneer to the entrepreneur of some of the finest entertainment and convention destinations in the country. This, coupled with his philanthropy efforts, and his mission to celebrate the African culture, is very enduring, inspiring and motivational. This presentation will be followed by a tour showcasing many of the African cultural artifacts that adorn the resort.

Vendor Workshop: Villain to Mentor (Tamarind)

Joey Mascio

Before we became parents of teens, we imagined how it would be. We would be our child's best friend and they would come to, confide in, and listen to us. But, in reality they often view us as the bad guy. We try to walk that line between friend and parent but it comes across as either fake or passive aggressive. We notice our communication with them weakening and our influence over their life fading. In this presentation, I will show how the skills I teach in Sidekick to Hero can help parents change into a mentor mindset that will allow you to ask the right questions, set firm boundaries, and increase connection with a child of any age so you stop feeling like the villain and become their trusted advisor.

Mentor Chat- Better Together: Project Based & Unschooling (Wisteria)

11:00 - 11:50am

Intrinsic Value of Education: Help Children Love Learning by Giving Academic Service (Mangrove) *Marilee Roose*

There is an underlying value to learning every core subject that is developed independently from the study of that subject. If you know what it is and concentrate on this, intrinsic value, your children will learn the subject more quickly, thoroughly, and develop talents they would otherwise miss. When children feel the "why" of a subject, it helps them want to learn the "how." Benjamin Franklin said, "Learning to serve God, family and community should be the aim and end of all true learning."

Hat Juggling: COMBO (Salon C)

Paul Clegg

Come learn how to juggle. In real life. And not just hats. Maybe some fire sticks as well. Ok well maybe just some things that seem like they are on fire. Everyone wears a lot of hats and sometimes it's hard to keep them all in order and in the air. Let's talk about the ones we can keep, the ones we can let go, and then ones that really define who we are as a person.

Vendor Workshop: The Motivated Mind: Encouraging Intrinsic Drive (Tamarind) *Kami Harris*

Are you exhausted from nagging, bribing, or battling your child to complete their schoolwork? Many homeschool moms feel trapped in a cycle of resistance and frustration. But here's the truth: there's nothing wrong with your child. Their brain is simply following its natural programming—to seek pleasure, avoid pain, and conserve energy. In this class, you'll learn how to break through these instincts by fostering intrinsic motivation. Discover how to inspire curiosity, confidence, and a love for learning in your child. Drawing on Daniel Pink's Autonomy, Mastery, and Purpose framework and Edward Deci's Self-Determination Theory, we'll explore practical strategies to create an environment where your child feels ownership of their education. If you're ready to turn resistance into resilience and frustration into meaningful progress, join us to learn how to motivate your child from the inside out and transform your homeschool experience.

Eat More Plants (Wisteria)

Kimberly Blackwell

What is all this talk about "plant-based eating"? Would y'all like to know how to eat with more of a plant-based mindset? My family and I have been eating only plants for over 7 years and we feel GREAT!! Come get some ideas on how to eat more plants and how to LOVE doing it!!

1:00 - 1:50pm

Basic Self Defense Tactics (Mangrove)

Alan Laney

Students will learn key-self defense techniques that include situational awareness, trusting instinct, basic strikes, and escape techniques from grabs and holds. We will dive into why self-defense is essential for everyone, especially women, and explore some practical techniques that are both easy to learn and highly effective.

Creating a Family Plan for Courtship/Dating that is Safe, Fun & Purposeful (Portia)

Monica Irvine

Parents, first...relax! Let's remember that with God, all things are possible and let's also remember, FEAR does not come from God. With that said, it's time to get excited and look forward to the years that your children will begin the process of choosing their spouse.

Imagine your children being committed to keeping themselves pure and chaste so that they can enter marriage without regrets and with great anticipation for intimacy designed to be between a husband and his wife. Imagine you and your children being able to openly discuss specific plans, real temptations, hopes and dreams with honesty and without inhibition.

Parents, you can have this with your children, but creating a very specific family plan is essential.

When do you start teaching your children the plan? As soon as they can talk and throughout their life.

Listen to Master Motivator, Monica Irvine, as she walks you through principles and specific plans to create purpose and success. It is essential that you and your teens are completely united on the long term goal of remaining virtuous. Don't miss this!

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African Beadwork: COMBO (Salon C)

Abeena Baako

Intense Stewardship: Models from the Book of Mormon (Wisteria)

MD House

Real-life examples of people who exercised incredible faith and took full advantage of their talents and opportunities to serve Heavenly Father's children abound in the Book of Mormon.

We are ALL leaders in various aspects and spheres of responsibility, empowered by our covenants (including premortal covenants) to organize efforts, overcome obstacles, and marshal miracles.

2:00 - 2:50pm

Historical Dance Party (Mangrove)

Jessica Storey

Come learn how to party like it's 1825. We will learn several popular social dances of the past. No special attire or experience needed to help bring the fun of dancing back to the future.

A Day in the Life of a Homeschooling Business Owner (Portia)

Kara Laws

Homeschooling while running or starting a business takes unique organization and skills. Kara Laws has been raising babies and running businesses for over eleven years. She will walk you through her tips and tricks to bring in that extra income without neglecting schoolwork.

Hat Juggling: It's Ok to Be a Kid Too (Tamarind)

Paul Clegg

I'm a dad, I'm an employee, I'm a fisherman, I'm an artist, I'm so many different things, and wear so many hats, and at time it's more than one. Which one is the most important hat and how do I know which one I need right now? How do I remember that sometimes our kid hat is just as important as the parent hat? Life can be a circus, let's talk about the hat juggle routine.

Building Family Relationships (Wisteria)

Amber Majeski

What can we do to change things when someone isn't feeling loved or connection in our family? We will explore techniques that can be applied to a variety of family relationships including parents and children, siblings, or couples.

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The Great and Dreadful Day of the Lord | Keith Longmore

President Harold B. Lee, General Conference, October 1972 Priesthood Session

“Let me give you the sure word of prophecy on which you should rely for your guide instead of these strange sources which may have great political implications.

Read the 24th chapter of Matthew—particularly that inspired version as contained in the Pearl of Great Price. (~~JS—M 1.~~) Then read the 45th section of the Doctrine and Covenants where the Lord, not man, has documented the signs of the times. Now turn to section 101 and section 133 of the Doctrine and Covenants and hear the step-by-step recounting of events leading up to the coming of the Savior.

Finally, turn to the promises the Lord makes to those who keep the commandments when these judgments descend upon the wicked, as set forth in the Doctrine and Covenants, section 38.

Brethren, these are some of the writings with which you should concern yourselves, rather than commentaries that may come from those whose information may not be the most reliable and whose motives may be subject to question. And may I say, parenthetically, most of such writers are not handicapped by having any authentic information on their writings.”

As the last of the last days unfold, it may seem to many of the faithful that Satan is winning. But if the faithful are conversant with the signs and prophecies in the scriptures, they will recognize in the midst of the chaos, revealed signs. When these signs are seen, they will increase our faith as we recognize the hand of God and His foreknowledge of these events and His revealing of them to His prophets and from prophets to us.

(Music, “Will He Ever Come” Michael McClean)

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Wellness Wheel

University of California-Irvine

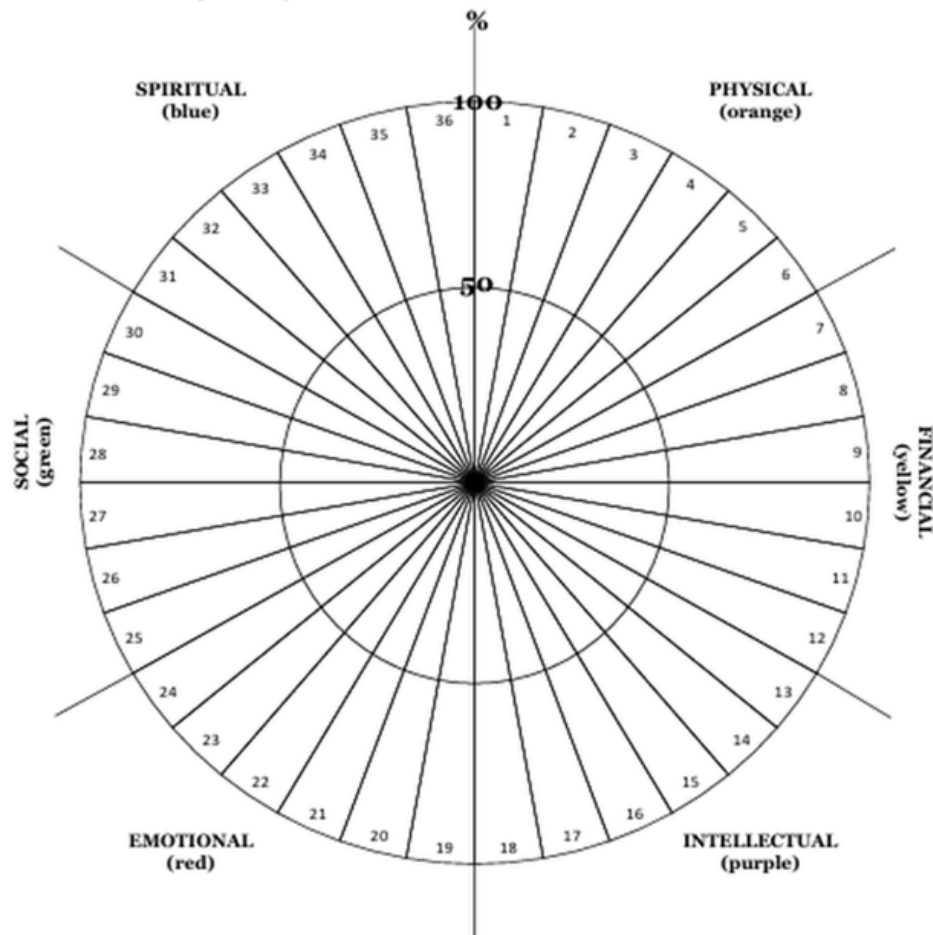
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Assessing Your Life Balance

“A wheel runs most smoothly when well balanced.”

Instructions:

Read each statement and fill in the corresponding pie shaped section of the wheel to the degree you are achieving this. For example, question one is: “I eat a balanced nutritional diet”; if you feel you are doing this 100%, of the time, color in all of section one. If you feel you do this, 60% of the time, color 60% of the section. Repeat for all 36 sections of the wheel.



From R. Robertson & G. Micros, *Life Balance Assessment and Action Planning Guide*, 2001-2 and Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, *Your Guide to the Wellness Wheel*.

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Sections & Statements

Physical: Orange

1. I eat a balanced, nutritional diet.
2. I exercise at least three times a week.
3. I take responsibility for my physical health.
4. I am generally free from illness.
5. I have annual check-ups and specific medical checks as prescribed.
6. If at all, I use tobacco, alcohol, or prescribed drugs responsibly and moderately.

Financial: Yellow

7. I live within my means and take responsibility for my financial decisions.
8. My spending and saving habits reflect my values and beliefs.
9. I actively plan for periods in my life when I may not have income.
10. I pay bills on time and positively manage credit.
11. I balance present-day spending with saving for the future.
12. I have similar financial beliefs and practices as those with whom I am close.

Intellectual: Purple

13. I enjoy learning new skills and information.
14. I have positive thoughts (low degree of negativity & cynicism).
15. I am generally satisfied with my vocation/major.
16. I commit time and energy to professional growth and self-development.
17. My work is stimulating, rewarding, and reflects my values.
18. I pursue mentally stimulating interests and hobbies.

Emotional: Red

19. I have a sense of control in my life and am able to adapt to change.
20. I perceive "problems" as opportunities for growth.
21. I am able to comfort or console myself when I am troubled.
22. I have a sense of fun and can laugh at myself.
23. Others would describe me as emotionally stable.
24. I believe I am responsible for my feelings and how I express them.

Social: Green

25. I have at least three people with whom I have a close, trusting relationship.
26. I am able to resolve conflicts in all areas of my life.
27. I have satisfying social interactions with others.
28. I am aware and able to set and respect my own and others' boundaries.
29. I am aware of the feelings of others and can respond appropriately.
30. I have a sense of belonging to a group or within organizations.

Spiritual: Blue

31. I have a sense of meaning and purpose in my life.
32. I have a general sense of serenity.
33. I am happy with the beliefs I hold.
34. I practice prayer, meditation, or engage in some type of reflective growth.
35. Principles/ethics/morals provide guides for my life.
36. I trust others and am able to forgive others and myself.

Your Plan

Remember:

- Each person is unique.
- There is no "right" or "wrong" wheel.
- Responses will vary depending on age and stage of life.

Consider the wheel you have created as a source of feedback. Feedback is something we can choose to use or ignore.

Reflection:

Which section(s) has the most color? _____

Which section(s) has the least color? _____

What do you like about your wheel?

What would you like to change?

Where could you make investments (time, energy, money) to bring more color to your wheel?

Other insights or reflections:

Setting Goals:

As a result of this assessment, I intend to improve my life balance by:

My first step will be:

I will share my plans with _____ and ask for support by saying _____."

I will review my progress on _____. (date)

Challenging Negative Thinking Patterns

Common Cognitive Distortions:

- Filtering- looking through a negative lens
- Discounting the positive- dismiss any positive aspects as irrelevant
- All-or-nothing thinking- assume either/or must be true
- Overgeneralizing- consider an isolated event to be a pattern. Often using words like always or never, everything or nothing
- Catastrophizing- jump to extreme negative conclusions
- Fallacious expectations- expecting others to act in a way you feel is fair, expecting others or to change their behavior to your expectations, or believing you are/should be in complete control of a situation
- Blaming- blame others for your situation
- Emotional reasoning- accept your own emotions as facts

Questions/statements to ask to break free:

- Is it true? Is it ALWAYS true?
- I am considering all the facts? What are the facts instead of feelings?
- What is the other person's point of view?
- Am I being grateful for someone else's efforts? Or am I acting entitled?
- What would a friend think about this situation?
- What would I think about or say to a friend if I saw them experiencing the same situation?
- Is there a more positive way to consider this?
- How am I feeling? How are my feelings coloring my viewpoint?
- Is there some part of this that I need to apologize for or repent of?
- This challenge is actually normal for my situation.
- The weather is affecting me. That is normal.
- I am not broken. It is human to have ups and downs.

The Motivated Mind: Encouraging Intrinsic Drive (Vendor Workshop) | Kami Harris

Extrinsic:

Intrinsic:

Research shows that intrinsically motivated people:

Journal: Where do most of the motivators in your homeschool fall?
How can you shift more toward intrinsic motivators?

AUTONOMY:

Definition:

Key Ideas Autonomy:

Journal: How can you encourage autonomy in your home?

What are some ways you can give more choices in your homeschool?

How can you communicate clearly that your children have ownership
of their education?

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COMPETENCE: (Daniel Pink uses the term Mastery--which is similar.)

Definition:

Journal: I invite you to picture one of your children that you are currently struggling with and write down one area where you think they may feel competent.

Key Ideas Competence:

RELATEDNESS:

Definition:

Journal: Consider the child whose motivation you're most concerned about. What's one specific way you can show them they are valued, understood, and cared for?

Key Ideas Relatedness:

PURPOSE: (Vision)

Definition:

Key Ideas Purpose:

Journal: How can you connect your child's learning with a meaningful purpose?

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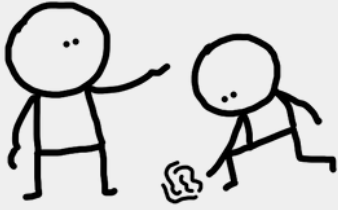
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Want to help with next year's conference?
Attend the Volunteer Meeting
Friday, 1:00pm in Salon C

Tonight's Family Activity
7pm - Graduation
(Ballroom)



This QR code is for this year's class surveys. Please take a couple minutes to fill this out for each class you attend. We take each comment into consideration when planning future conferences. Thank you!



Adult Schedule - FRIDAY

	Mangrove	Portia	Tamarind	Wisteria
8:45 AM	Adult Raffles & Annoucements (Salon C)			
9:00 AM	Mentor Chat - Better Together: Leadership Education and Charlotte Mason	7 Ways That Incorporating the Homesteading Mindset into Your Homeschool Curriculum Will Expand Your Joy- Amy Taye	Family History as World History- Laura York	Powerful Everyday Herbs & God's Powerful Promise to You!- Cami Jones
10:00 AM	Our Cells Seek Eternal Life- Amber Majeski	How to Put Fun Into Your Education- DeeDee Sauter	VENDOR Workshop: Awakening the Writing Genius in Every Child- Heidi Christianson	Mentor Men Chat
11:00 AM	Motivating Kids to Read for Fun- Brandon Mull	Marriage 725- Lindy Van Komen	COMBO: Impromptu Choir- Michelle Hale (Ironwood)	Life Skills and Leadership Development for Teens- Beth Hanson
12:00 PM	Lunch			
1:00 PM	ACTIVITIES (Ballroom) & VOLUNTEER MEETING (Salon C)			
2:00 PM	Anti-Fragile: A New Perspective on Growth and Empowerment for Raising Youth Who Can Do Hard Things- Kami Harris	Awakening the Writing Genius in Every Child- Heidi Christianson	VENDOR Workshop: The Intrinsic Value of education, Developing Talents through Academic Service- Kimber Online Academy	"DAD" CLASS - Awake and Arise: What the Lord is Calling You to Do to Hasten His Return- MD House
3:00 PM	Doctrinal Scholar Training- Amber Majeski		Only the Home Can Compare with the Temple in Sacredness- Matt Jones	Adventure Awaits: Creating Memorable & Meaningful Field Trips- Lindsey Forero
4:00 PM	Closing Keynote: Better Together- Brandon Mull			
5:00 PM	Book Signing- Brandon Mull (5:15-6:45pm) (Salon C)	DINNER		
7:00 PM	GRADUATION			

FRIDAY | CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

8:45 - 8:55am

Raffles and Announcements (Salon C)

9:00 - 9:50am

Mentor Chat- Better Together: Leadership Education & Charlotte Mason (Mangrove)

Come join mentors of Leadership Education and Charlotte Mason types of education and ask your questions!

7 Ways Incorporating Homesteading Mindset into Homeschool Curriculum Will Expand Joy (Portia) *Amy Taye*

Homesteading does not require five acres and chickens! Homesteading is about slowing down and pulling back from the rat race of consumerism. Developing a mindset of respect for God's creations, resourcefulness, self reliance, family unity, and building community are all part of homesteading. In this class, we'll discuss ways that anyone and (hopefully!) everyone can bless their family by incorporating homesteading into their homeschool activities.

Family History as World History (Tamarind) *Laura York*

This homeschool class offers a unique approach to learning world history by connecting it with your family's own historical journey. Learn how to help Students delve into their ancestry to uncover personal stories that link to significant global events, fostering a deeper understanding of how individual lives intersect with the broader historical narrative.

Powerful Everyday Herbs & God's Powerful Promise to You! (Wisteria) *Cami Jones*

God created herbs for the use of mankind. He also made us a powerful promise that if we follow the Word of Wisdom the destroying angel shall pass us by! Join me to explore the do's of the Word of Wisdom including using some of my favorite herbs that can help improve your overall health, stop bloody noses & improve circulation, prevent sickness (or help recover quickly), reduce PMS, cramping and hormonal changes for male/female/new mamas, soothe bites & stings and more!

Our Cells Seek Eternal Life (Mangrove)

Amber Majeski

Come learn about an intersection of Natural and Behavioral Sciences with the gospel of Jesus Christ as we explore principles from the biology of aging that points to the divine nature of our bodies. Are cancer cells evidence of eternal life? Could a fruit in the Garden of Eden really be the key between Adam and Eve living forever or reproducing and dying? Is fasting a key to prolonged life at the cellular level? Join us and find out.

How to Put Fun Into Your Education (Portia)

DeeDee Sauter

While we unite in our desire to provide a robust, comprehensive, and personalized education for our children, we all approach homeschooling differently. But none of that needs to be boring! Join us to discover how you can sprinkle some glitter and adventure into your homeschool day to make it sparkle.

Vendor Workshop: Awakening the Writing Genius in Every Child (Tamarind)

Heidi Christianson

"Tired of tears over writing assignments? Frustrated with rigid grammar drills and uninspired essays? Discover a breath of fresh air in writing instruction! This presentation introduces the LEMI (Leadership Education Mentoring Institute) Writing Philosophy – a game-changing, organic method that nurtures young writers from the inside out.

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- Adapt your mentoring to meet each unique writer where they are

Whether you have a preschooler just beginning to tell stories or a teen tackling complex essays, this presentation will revolutionize your approach to writing instruction. Come prepared to be inspired, challenged, and equipped with practical tools to transform your homeschool writing experience!

Mentor Men Chat (Wisteria)

This time is reserved for men to come and talk about whatever they would like to. Men only please!

Motivating Kids to Read for Fun (Mangrove)*Brandon Mull*

Brandon Mull has spent the last twenty years writing best-selling novels targeted for kids and families. Not only has he sought to instill a love of reading in his own kids, he has visited thousands of schools motivating kids to read for fun. Brandon will share the tactics he uses to help kids see reading as an exciting choice on the entertainment menu.

Marriage 725 (Wisteria)*Lindy Van Komen*

You fell in love, got married, had babies, and lost a little something in the shuffle. In this class we will discuss the doctrinal and scholarly best practices in marriage. We'll also cover common traps marriages fall into and some common misconceptions. Whether you have been married for 40+ years or hope to be married someday, there will be something for everyone.

Impromptu Choir: COMBO (Ironwood)*Michelle Hale*

God empowers our lives through music and song. Come join the impromptu choir: an opportunity for you to sing together with your families and friends. In this class, we will warm up, talk about basic singing techniques, learn some quick tips for artful singing, and invite the spirit through the singing of together. ZERO experience is needed, just a willing heart and a willing voice.

Life Skills and Leadership Development for Teens (Tamarind)*Beth Hanson*

This course equips parents with the tools to support their teens in developing leadership in ways that are uniquely theirs—beyond traditional or popular expectations. Parents will learn how to help their teens recognize and cultivate their personal strengths, build meaningful relationships, and establish strong foundations of faith. Through guided discussions and practical strategies, parents will also explore how to encourage their teens to receive and rely on personal revelation, fostering confidence, independence, and purpose as they step into their future.

Anti-Fragile: Growth & Empowerment for Raising Youth Who Do Hard Things (Mangrove)

Kami Harris

What if your child's struggles weren't setbacks, but stepping stones to resilience and growth? In a culture obsessed with avoiding discomfort, many youth are paralyzed by anxiety and depression. Yet, challenges are not barriers—they're opportunities.

The concept of becoming 'Antifragile' teaches that adversity can strengthen us. As parents, we can guide our children to embrace challenges, develop resilience, and unlock their divine potential. By leaning on gospel principles and the atonement of Jesus Christ, we can help them transform trials into triumphs.

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Vendor Workshop: Value of Education, Developing Talents thru Academic Service (Tamarind) *Marilee Roose*

This workshop will give parents the insight they need to help their children develop skills and talents that go far beyond the subject matter they are teaching. Children develop a love of learning because they know their "Why".

"Dad" Class - Awake & Arise: What the Lord is Calling You to Do to Hasten His Return (Wisteria) *MD House*

The Lord warns us about being "lukewarm" or hiding our talent in the earth. Each of us, whether our sphere of influence is great or small, is being called to labor in the vineyard for the final time, and the Master will help us know what we can do.

3:00 - 3:50pm

Doctrinal Scholar Training (Mangrove)

Amber Majeski

D&C 9:8, "Behold, I say unto you, that you must study it out in your mind". The restoration is ongoing. How do we keep up and know that we are teaching the current principles? Can we protect ourselves from falling into the "traditions of our fathers"? Working in the BYU religion department, I was trained as a doctrinal scholar. It's a technique used to find what the current stance on a church topic or question is. Bring an electronic device as we use the Gospel Library resources to find out answers the way the professionals do.

Only the Home Can Compare with the Temple in Sacredness (Tamarind)

Matt Jones

Homeschoolers spend a large part of our lives in the home and as such would like our home to live up to the likening of the home to sacredness in the temple. In this class I'll draw upon over 20 years of experience designing, building, and maintaining temples to make correlations to our homes. We'll discuss some of the standards given by the First Presidency to maintenance employees for temples and how we can incorporate those standards in our homes. I'll share some behind-the-scenes and day-to-day things we do in temple maintenance that can be used in our homes. We'll discuss controls and processes in place at the temple to maintain sacredness and compare that with what we can similarly do in our homes.

Adventure Awaits: Creating Memorable & Meaningful Field Trips (Wisteria)

Lindsey Forero

Are you looking to enhance your family's learning experience, make real world connections, spark curiosity, and ignite a passion for learning? Step outside your four walls and make the WORLD your classroom!

4:00 - 4:50pm

Closing Keynote: Better Together (Ballroom)

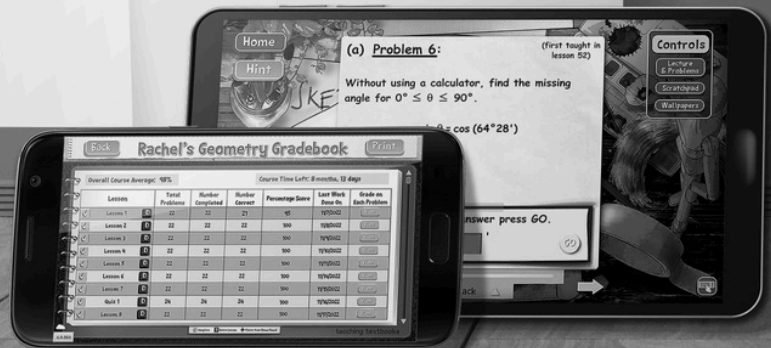
Brandon Mull

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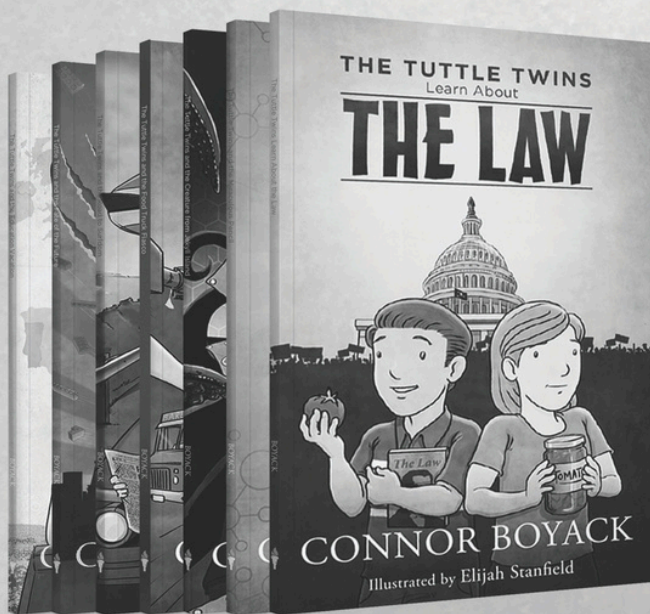
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Define Fragile:

Define Resilient:

Define ANTIFRAGILE:

INVITATION FOR INSPIRATION: HOW CAN I TEACH MY CHILDREN TO EMBRACE CHALLENGES, GROW THROUGH FAILURE, AND BECOME ANTIFRAGILE?

Examples of things that are ANTIFRAGILE:

1. Muscles!
2. Pearls!
3. Diamonds!
4. Our Immune Systems!
5. US!

Quote from the book, Antifragile by Nassim Taleb: "Systems that are antifragile become rigid, weak, and inefficient, when nothing challenges them or pushes them to respond vigorously. The modern obsession with protecting young people from feeling unsafe is, we believe, one of the several causes of the rapid rise in the rates of adolescent depression, anxiety, and suicide."

SAFETYISM:

2 Nephi 2:24: "Men are that they might have joy."

Elder Howard W. Hunter "God Will Have a Tried People" April 1980 General Conference: "We came to mortal life to encounter resistance. It was part of the plan for our eternal progress. Without temptation, sickness, pain, and sorrow, there could be no goodness, virtue, appreciation for well-being, or joy."

Philosopher John Macmurray: "In imagination, we feel sure that it would be lovely to live with a full and rich awareness of the world. But in practice, sensitiveness hurts. It is not possible to develop the capacity to see beauty without developing also the capacity to see ugliness, for they are the same capacity. The capacity for joy is also the capacity for pain. We soon find that any increase in our sensitivity to what is lovely in the world increases also our capacity for being hurt. That is the dilemma in which life has placed us. We must choose between a life that is thin and narrow, uncreative and mechanical, with the assurance that even if it is not very exciting it will not be intolerably painful; and a life in which the increase in its fullness and creativeness brings a vast increase in delight, but also in pain and hurt."

Neal A. Maxwell said, “If it is also true (in some way we don’t understand) that the cavity which suffering carves into our souls will one day also be the receptacle of joy...” (Neal A. Maxwell, BYU Devotional, September, 1974 “But for a Small Moment”)

ALCHEMY:

Isaiah 61:3 “To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;”

2 Nephi 2:2: “Nevertheless, Jacob, my firstborn in the wilderness, thou knowest the greatness of God; and he shall consecrate thine afflictions for thy gain.”

Elder David A Bednar April 2014 “Bear Up Their Burdens with Ease”

“Not only does the Atonement of Jesus Christ overcome the effects of the Fall of Adam and make possible the remission of our individual sins and transgressions, but His Atonement also enables us to do good and become better in ways that stretch far beyond our mortal capacities. Most of us know that when we do things wrong and need help to overcome the effects of sin in our lives, the Savior has made it possible for us to become clean through His redeeming power. But do we also understand that the Atonement is for faithful men and women who are obedient, worthy, and conscientious and who are striving to become better and serve more faithfully? I wonder if we fail to fully acknowledge this strengthening aspect of the Atonement in our lives and mistakenly believe we must carry our load all alone—through sheer grit, willpower, and discipline and with our obviously limited capacities.”

Sister Michelle Craig October 2022 “Wholehearted”

“When your faith, your family, or your future are challenged—when you wonder why life is so hard when you are doing your best to live the gospel—remember that the Lord told us to expect troubles. Troubles are part of the plan and do not mean you’ve been abandoned; they are part of what it means to be His. He was, after all, “a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. I am learning that Heavenly Father is more. Living in convenience does not bring power. The power we need to withstand the heat of our day is the Lord’s power, and His power flows through our covenants with Him. To lean in with our faith when facing strong headwinds—to sincerely strive each day to do what we covenanted with the Savior we would do, even and especially when we are tired, worried, and wrestling with troubling questions and issues—is to gradually receive His light, His strength, His love, His Spirit, His peace. The point of walking the covenant path is to approach the Savior. He is the point, not our perfect progress. It is not a race, and we must not compare our journey to others. Even when we stumble, He is there.”

THREE TOOLS FOR ALCHEMIZING TRIALS:

Tool 1: Teach your children to reframe stressors as “challenges”-not “threats.”

TWO TYPES OF FAILURE:**GROWTH VERSUS FIXED MINDSET:**

Journal: What is one belief you’ve held onto that has held you back?

What can you do to break the bondage of this belief?

Tool 2: Teach your children to get comfortable with feeling uncomfortable.

DR. ANNA LEMBKE-PLEASURE/PAIN BALANCE:

Phil Stutz says, “What is the barrier between your comfort zone and your infinite potential? Fear, pain, discomfort! It’s in that discomfort that your infinite potential exists.”

Risk

To laugh is to risk appearing a fool.

To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.

To reach out to another is to risk involvement.

To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self.

To place your ideas and dreams before a crowd is to risk their loss.

To love is to risk not being loved in return.

To live is to risk dying.

To hope is to risk despair.

The Lion Chaser's Manifesto by Mark Batterson

Quit living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death.

Run to the roar. Set God-sized goals. Pursue God-ordained passions.

Go after a dream that is destined to fail unless God intervenes.

Stop pointing out problems and become part of the solution.

Stop repeating the past and start creating the future.

Face your fears. Fight for your dreams.

Grab opportunity by the mane and don't let go.

Live like today is the first day and last day of your life.

Burn sinful bridges. Blaze new trails.

Live for the applause of nail-scarred hands.

Don't let what's wrong with you keep you from worshiping what's right with God.

Don't try to be who you aren't. Be yourself. Laugh at yourself.

Dare to fail. Dare to dream. Dare to be different.

Chase the lion.

Tool 3: Teach your children to cling to Christ's power.

Philippians 4:13 declares, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Corrie ten Boom said, "When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the Engineer."

Good Timber

The tree that never had to fight
For sun and sky and air and light,
But stood out in the open plain
And always got its share of rain,
Never became a forest king
But lived and died a scrubby thing.
The man who never had to toil
To gain and farm his patch of soil,
Who never had to win his share
Of sun and sky and light and air,
Never became a manly man
But lived and died as he began.
Good timber does not grow with ease,
The stronger wind, the stronger trees,
The further sky, the greater length,
The more the storm, the more the strength.
By sun and cold, by rain and snow,
In trees and men good timbers grow.
Where thickest lies the forest growth
We find the patriarchs of both.
And they hold counsel with the stars
Whose broken branches show the scars
Of many winds and much of strife.
This is the common law of life.

-Douglas Malloch

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Please Give Us Your **FEEDBACK**

Class Surveys



**End of
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Volunteer Page

Latter-day Saint Home Educators is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our volunteers are active home educators themselves, striving to provide support, information, and resources that will assist other Latter-day Saint families in their homeschools. Whether you can help all year, just at the conference or only over the summer, there is place for you! We need you! Thank you for considering paying back! Below are just some of the ways to give back.

ADULT CONFERENCE DIRECTOR

- Plan face to face
- Find people to help
- Work with the team to plan the conference
- Work with the Youth Director
- Follow up with everyone to make sure that they are doing their jobs
- Keep online documents up to date
- Attend meeting with Board every month
- At the conference: make sure everything runs okay
- Debrief and start planning next year

SPEAKER COORDINATOR

- Attend face to face
- Attend weekly meetings
- Invite, collect information from, update paperwork on speakers for the conference
- Handle communication with speakers, including getting speaker agreements signed
- Coordinate the check in and prayer meetings of speakers at the conference
- Work with web designer and guidebook editor
- Stay within the speaker portion of the budget

VENDOR COORDINATOR

- Attend face to face
- Attend weekly meetings
- Recruits possible vendors
- Maintains contact with vendors, collects needed information, paperwork, advertisements, websites, flyers, etc.
- Design map of vendors for the conference
- Keeps paperwork on contacts, payments, workshops, etc. up to date
- Works with guidebook designer and web designer
- Assists vendors with needs throughout the conference

MARKETING COORDINATOR

- Attend face to face
- Attend weekly meetings
- Develop marketing plan
- Stay within marketing portion of the budget
- Run advertising on social media, newsletters, flyer design, etc
- Work with guidebook and web editors, marketplace and speaker coordinators
- Design and order signage, videos, and fliers for the conference
- Direct email campaigns to promote conference to local homeschool groups, co-ops, etc.
- Work with the Marketing Director and East teams on overall marketing strategy

VENUE COORDINATOR

- Attend face to face
- Attend weekly phone meetings
- Identify possible venues
- Work with venues to secure agreeable contract
- Maintains the venue portion of the budget
- Coordinates, communicates and tracks all things to do with the venue

REGISTRATION COORDINATOR

- Attend face to face
- Attends weekly phone meeting
- Does pre-conference registration preparation (printing tags and lists, maintaining records of attendees) orders totes, t-shirts, and other swag and necessities
- Stays within registration portion of budget
- Coordinates registration at conference
- Works with marketplace and speaker coordinators and directors

WEBSITE ASSISTANT

- Attend face to face
- Uploads online schedule & class descriptions
- Uploads presenter bios & pictures
- Creates conference products
- Coordinates with IT Director to facilitate online registration

SECRETARY

- Attend face to face
- Attends weekly phone meeting
- Record & distribute meeting minutes
- Send out meeting reminders
- Post meeting agendas
- Keep team documents up to date & accurate



Volunteer Here!



2025 LDSHE Sandusky Conference Survey

1. How did this conference help you and/or your family, specifically?

2. What can be improved to help you and your family have a better experience?

3. What did you like about the Vendor Marketplace? What can be improved?

4. Do you own a business that might be a good fit for the LDSHE Vendor Marketplace next year? If so, please give us your email address, and we will be in contact.

Would you consider volunteering on our team next year? Scan below

5. Any additional comments? We love to hear from you!



6. Did you know that LDSHE is an all-volunteer organization? Are you interested in volunteering with LDSHE? If you have time to give (no matter how small the amount may be!), we have a place you can serve! You can edit classes for the Audio Library; help plan the conference; be a room monitor, or photographer at next year's conference; input data to our website; write articles for the newsletter; manage our Facebook page; contact businesses for our Marketplace... We'll train you-- no experience necessary! If you're interested in giving back, please give us your name, phone number, and email address. Thanks!

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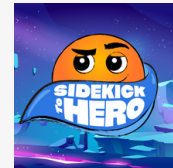
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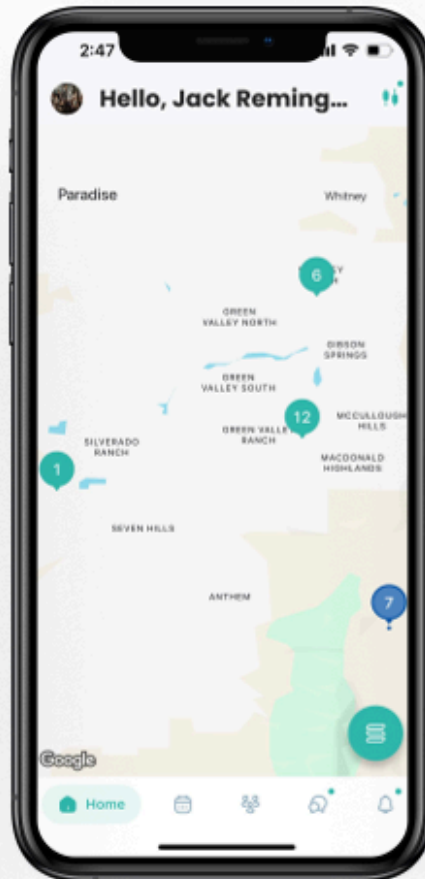
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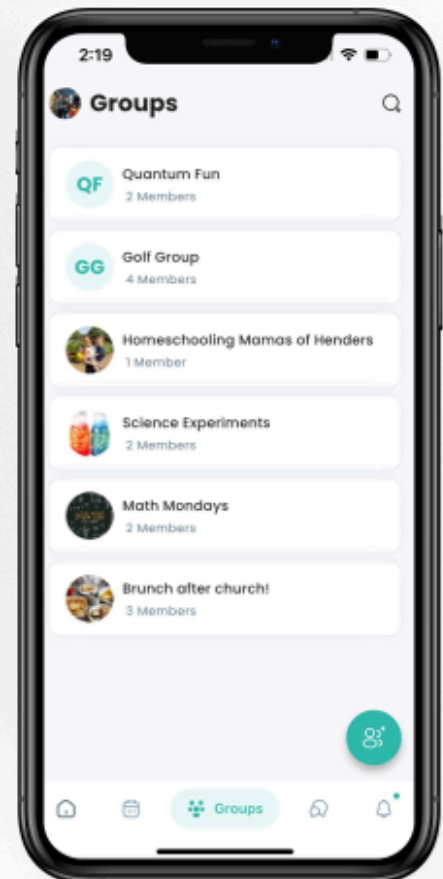
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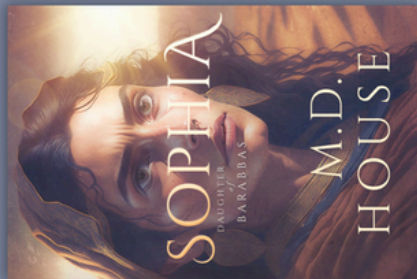
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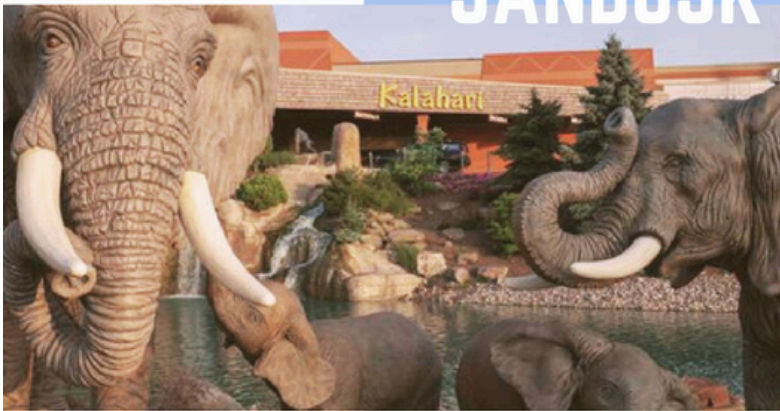
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