



# WHEA

UTAH HOME EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

**36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION  
& CURRICULUM FAIR**

South Towne Expo Center June 11, 2016

## Convention Schedule

9am-6pm Curriculum Fair Halls 4 &5

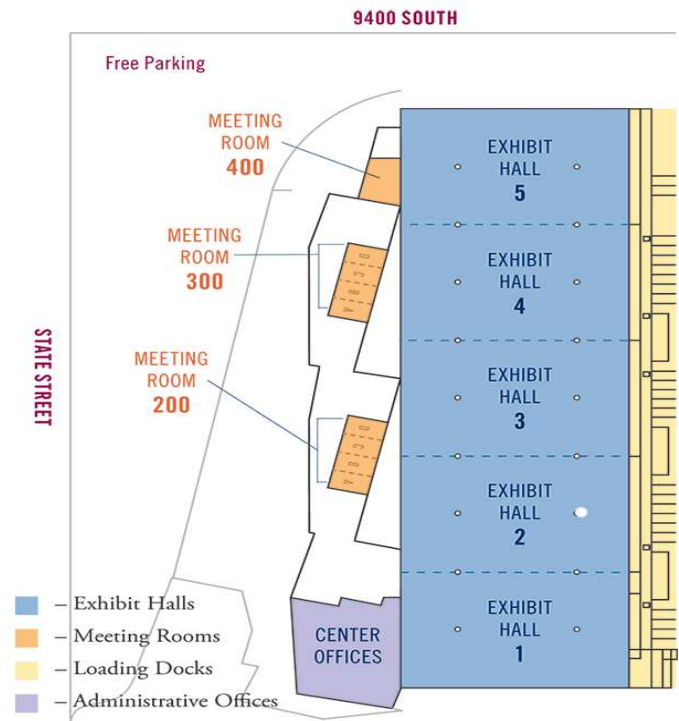
9am-10:20pm Opening Ceremonies and Adult  
Keynote Room 300

10:30-5pm Workshops Rooms 200-400

11:30-1:00 Shop Curriculum Fair/Lunch Break

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## Letter from the UHEA Board

Thank you so much for attending our convention! We hope you receive strength and support from our presenters, vendors, and attendees. As a homeschool community in Utah, we are in this together and the Utah Home Education Association is here to help. For over 35 years, we have provided support and resources to homeschooling families to help them educate their children in the home. Whether it's conferences like the one you're attending or one-on-one help throughout the year, we want to see you succeed.

We live in a time of great uncertainty, and the freedoms we enjoy to educate our children can be suddenly put in jeopardy at a moment's notice. Our legislative liaison and the entire Board of Directors are vigilant watchdogs of Utah's legislature, guarding our parental rights and building positive relationships with legislators so they understand the reasons for and benefits of homeschooling.

We have ambitious plans for the future of UHEA and hope you'll join us in that journey. One of the recent changes we've made is to begin offering an affordable membership program. The UHEA membership card can get you access to discounts and freebies and over time we'll announce some exciting new perks for our members.

Please support UHEA so we can support you! Join us at [UHEA.org/Membership](http://UHEA.org/Membership)

Sincerely,  
The UHEA Board of Directors

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***“Thank you!” to all those that make this event possible!***

### **CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

Marymaria Maxfield, Amanda Larsen, Karli Hymas, Amber Cathey, Bethani Gericke

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Our next convention will be June 10, 2017 at the South Towne Expo Center.

### **FOOD**

Food purchased at the Expo Center may be eaten in the workshops but please be considerate of others. All other food, including sack lunches must be eaten outside. There are several restaurants within walking and driving distance.

### **CHILDREN**

Babes in arms are always welcome. If circumstances require that older children are in attendance, we ask that they be taken out of the hall or workshops if they can't make it through the presentation. Please be respectful to other attendees and the presenters.

### **GET INVOLVED**

If you would like to make an impact within the Homes Education Community please visit with us at the UHEA booth or go to our website and sign up. <http://www.uhea.org/uhea-volunteer-list/> or contact Tara Strickland, [tara@uhea.org](mailto:tara@uhea.org), 801-641-8970

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## At-A-Glance Schedule for Workshops

### Opening Ceremonies 9:00am Room 300 for Adults and Teens

#### Teen Workshops

Room	9:30-10:20	10:30-11:30	1:00-1:50	2:00-2:50	3:00-3:50	4:00-4:50
200 A	<b>Exploring the world of Duct tape</b>	<b>Exploring the world of Duct tape</b>	<b>Getting Students to Own Their Education</b>	<b>Getting Students to Own Their Education</b>	<b>Introduction to Sketchnotes</b>	<b>Introduction to Sketchnotes</b>
	<i>Sara Bird</i>	<i>Sara Bird</i>	<i>Adam Hailstone</i>	<i>Adam Hailstone</i>	<i>Ben Norris</i>	<i>Ben Norris</i>
200 B	<b>What Do I Do Now?</b>	<b>What Do I Do Now?</b>	<b>Increasing Historical Empathy</b>	<b>Dream Big, Build Bigger. Builders Start Small</b>	<b>Dream Big, Build Bigger. Builders Start Small</b>	<b>How Are You Smart.</b>
	<i>Mary Beth Mogenhan</i>	<i>Mary Beth Mogenhan</i>	<i>Hadyn B. Call</i>	<i>Joshua Chapman</i>	<i>Joshua Chapman</i>	<i>Becca Evanson</i>
Hall			<b>Cha Cha and Viennese Waltz</b>	<b>Cha Cha and Viennese Waltz</b>		
			<i>Silhouette Ballroom</i>	<i>Silhouette Ballroom</i>		
Outside					<b>How do I Keep My Car from Exploding</b>	<b>How do I Keep My Car from Exploding</b>
					<i>Remington Shingleton</i>	<i>Remington Shingleton</i>

#### Adult Workshops

	9:30-10:20	10:30-11:30	1:00-1:50	2:00-2:50	3:00-3:50	4:00-4:50
200 C		<b>Legal Questions and Answers</b>	<b>How to Build an Online Portfolio</b>	<b>Leadership!</b>	<b>Inspiring Children to Love Math</b>	<b>Simply Phonics</b>
		<i>KariAnn Lisonbee</i>	<i>Daniela Larsen</i>	<i>Charles Fonbuena</i>	<i>Amber Stephenson</i>	<i>Jennifer Robinson</i>
200 D		<b>Music Education in the Homeschool Setting</b>	<b>Real Life and Homeschool</b>	<b>History and Character Study</b>	<b>Teaching Literature and Language Arts</b>	<b>Nature Studies</b>
		<i>Tamsyn Spackman</i>	<i>Elizabeth Lauber</i>	<i>Antoinette France</i>	<i>Becca Evanson</i>	<i>Karen Rackliffe</i>
300 A	<b>Adult Keynote</b>	<b>Climbing Tree</b>	<b>Passion-Driven Education</b>	<b>Charlotte Mason and the Power of Narration</b>	<b>The ART of Writing</b>	<b>LDS Education at Home, on The Millennial Path</b>
	<i>Dr. Jay Wile</i>	<i>Joe Hoskisson</i>	<i>Connor Boyack</i>	<i>Penny Gardner</i>	<i>Penny Gardner</i>	<i>Joyce Kinmont</i>
300 B		<b>The Science of Motivation</b>	<b>How To Help Your Teenagers Conquer The Math ACT/SAT!</b>	<b>Becoming A Powerful Math Mentor</b>	<b>Using Travel to Enhance... Understanding of the World</b>	<b>Worldschool</b>
		<i>Adam Hailstone</i>	<i>Joe Dyke</i>	<i>Emily Dyke</i>	<i>Dale &amp; Michelle Bartlett</i>	<i>Michelle Bartlett &amp; Daniela Larsen</i>
300 C		<b>The Power of Homeschool Habits</b>	<b>Why "Tyrannosaurus" and not "If"?</b>	<b>Making Sure My Child is Reaching Developmental Milestones</b>	<b>How to Start and Maintain a Successful Co-op</b>	<b>Ditch Grade Levels - Teach Mastery!</b>
		<i>Brynne Ruiz</i>	<i>Cindy Gardner</i>	<i>Cindy Gardner</i>	<i>Jen Goostrey</i>	<i>Diane McLean</i>
300 D		<b>Homeschool 101</b>	<b>How to use Discover 4-H Clubs</b>	<b>Ready, Set, Go: Working Backwards</b>	<b>Becoming a Present Parent</b>	<b>Do Emotions Matter?</b>
		<i>ToriAnn Perkey</i>	<i>Dr. Stacey MacArthur</i>	<i>ToriAnn Perkey</i>	<i>Mary Ann Johnson</i>	<i>Janet Summit</i>
400		<b>Club Schooling</b>	<b>Why Homeschool Through High School</b>	<b>How Are Homeschool Graduates Doing?</b>	<b>The Not So Known Secret For Homeschool Success!</b>	<b>The Quest for the Perfect Curriculum</b>
		<i>Steffanie Casperson</i>	<i>Dr. Jay Wile</i>	<i>Dr. Jay Wile</i>	<i>Nicholeen Peck</i>	<i>Molly Christensen</i>

## **Opening Ceremonies and Keynote Address**

**9:00AM ROOM 300**

**CONDUCTING: ERIK HANSON, UHEA PRESIDENT**

**INVOCATION: TBA**

*Teens and Adults will meet for opening session then separate before Adult Keynote.*

### **Adult Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jay L. Wile**



Dr. Wile learned about his love for chemistry when his dedicated parents bought him his first chemistry set. Many stink bombs and a few explosions later, he was hooked! Although he loved chemistry, he also had many other interests. For a while, he thought about becoming a concert pianist, but unfortunately, his fingers were not long enough (no kidding!). As he was finishing up his high school years, he became extremely interested in the theater and began to pursue a career in acting. Partly because he learned the science behind some of the special effects of the plays in which he performed, he eventually went back to his first love: chemistry.

He went to the University of Rochester in upstate New York to study chemistry, and while he was there, he began working on nuclear chemistry experiments. He became so fascinated with nuclear chemistry that he stayed at the University of Rochester and got a Ph.D. in that field. For several years, he did research in the field under the auspices of the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation. This research led to several grants and many publications. While doing research, Dr. Wile was also an assistant professor of chemistry.

Dr. Wile's love of science is demonstrated by the many awards he has won for excellence in teaching and research. He has also presented numerous lectures on the topics of Nuclear Chemistry, Christian Apologetics, Homeschooling, and Creation vs. Evolution. He has published more than 30 articles on these subjects in nationally-recognized, peer-reviewed journals, and has 9 books to his credit, most of which belong to the award-winning "Exploring Creation with..." series of junior high and high school science courses.

Dr. Wile and his wife of more than 30 years, Kathleen, homeschooled their daughter, Dawn, from the time they adopted her until she graduated high school. Dawn is a Butler University graduate and is currently a long-haul trucker with her husband, James.

You can visit Dr. Wile on the web at <http://www.drwile.com>.

### **Homeschool: The Best Environment for Learning Science**

Many homeschooling parents feel inadequate when it comes to helping their children learn science. As a result, they think that their students should eventually go to school to learn it. In this talk, Dr. Wile draws on various sources to demonstrate that in fact, homeschool is the ideal environment for learning science. He discusses studies that indicate homeschool graduates excel in science, shares his own personal experiences with homeschool graduates who are studying science at the university level, and gives some case studies that illustrate his point.

*Dr. Wile will have additional Workshops at 1:00 and 2:00 Room 400*

## TEEN Workshops Descriptions

Listed alphabetically by presenter's last name

*Please note: Teens are welcome in Adult Workshops and adults are welcome in the Teen Workshops as well.*

### SARAH BIRD

*Sarah is a 16 year old, that loves to share her talents with others. She has a great love for all things Duct Tape. She also enjoys Theater, Set building and working outside.*

#### **Exploring The World of Duct Tape**

**9:30/10:30 Room 200A**

Come learn about the wonderful world of duct tape and create your very own “Duct Tape Creation”.

### HADYN B. CALL

*Hadyn B. Call has been teaching history in Davis School District for nearly a decade. He specializes in U.S. history, and is particularly interested in the Western Fur Trade. As a member of the prestigious group, the American Mountain Men (AMM), he has vast experience in the history and material culture of the fur trade.*

#### **Increasing Historical Empathy through Living History: Mountain Men and the Fur Trade**      **1:00 Room 200B**

The National Park Service (NPS) defines living history as “a general term encompassing a variety of interpretive techniques in which the interpreter uses period reproduction clothing and objects to interpret and present impressions of the people, events, and practices of the past.” This presentation will use a living history approach to give students an opportunity to learn experientially (hands-on) about mountain men and the fur trade through its unique and intriguing material culture in an effort to help them understand the past. Students will be able to handle period correct clothing, trade goods, and accoutrements, while learning about the significance of the fur trade in United States history.

### JOSHUA CHAPMAN

*Joshua Chapman is a home schooled mechanical engineer. He began building with paper when he was 4 years old, wood at 8, metal at 11, and composites at 14. He built a motorbike when he was 13 and a metal lathe out of a melted down lawn mower when he was 16. Today Josh works on an aircraft and rocket research and development team with goals that are out of this world (um... literally). He also hosts Build Camp, a place where kids learn to build amazing projects, but more importantly learn the mental backbone required to produce innovative, exciting, and world changing ideas. Josh is passionate about building cool stuff and teaching others to do the same.*

#### **Dream Big, Build Bigger. Builders Start Small.**

**2:00/3:00 Room 200B**

What can you build? Anything you want. The world needs amazing builders right now. By the time you graduate from college your world will be filled with self driving cars, robotic waiters, cashiers, gas stations, and mechanics. Even your doctor could be a robot. But who is going to make it all happen? You. Welcome to the new industrial revolution. Today Josh Chapman will demonstrate a 3D printer, a mini industrial robot arm, and other home made projects that are sure to blow your mind. All while teaching you the art of building anything.

### BECCA EVENSON

*Becca Evenson, her husband, and their four children began their homeschooling journey in 1991. The journey continues as she now is helping with the next generation of 8+ grandchildren. As a family, they have found homeschooling to be a great adventure and a sanity-facilitator as they experienced heart surgeries, medical challenges, moves, military deployments, births, deaths, and basic family life. A popular, veteran speaker, Becca has taught a variety of subjects including classical education and general homeschooling topics, home organization, cooking, gardening, music, and religious education in Utah, Arizona, and Virginia. She leads an education support group in the Salt Lake Valley, and is the developer of My Book of Centuries. For more of her writing and homeschooling ideas, check out her blog at [www.beccascottage.wordpress.com](http://www.beccascottage.wordpress.com). When she is not teaching or writing, you will find her reading, gardening, cooking (and eating), spending time with family, studying and exploring; attending conventions, and going thrifting with family and friends.*

#### **How Are YOU Smart?**

**4:00 Room 200B**

Come learn about the different strengths and gifts we each have, and how to use your specific abilities to learn more, set goals, and become who you are meant to become! Exploring the idea of Multiple Intelligences can help you discover ways to maximize your time and talents, learn how to relate to others more effectively, and find things to appreciate in them you may never have noticed.

## **ADAM HAILSTONE**

*I live in Saint George, Utah. I graduated from George Wythe College with a BA in Liberal Arts. After college, I started two small businesses. I had big plans and it was a great learning experience, but something was missing. Then, a few years ago, I sold my businesses to join the faculty of Williamsburg Academy full time. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I love what I do! I get to help students look at the world, its people, cultures, problems and beauty and show them how to navigate it and take opportunities to change it. My goal as a mentor is to help students to look inwardly and see themselves as they really are and then decide to become what they see*

### **Getting Students to Own Their Education**

**1:00/2:00 Room 200A**

Do you ever struggle with motivation to get it all done? Do you need more initiative? In this presentation, Adam Hailstone will explore the sub-conscious drives that decrease our motivation and stifle our initiative.

We humans have a tendency to project our drives on to others and then blame them for our shortcomings. Adam will train you on a simple process of taking ownership of your drives. The result: while also learning to help yourself, you will learn to help others own their education and live their lives on purpose.

## **MARY BETH MOGENHAN**

*Mary Beth has a background in emergency management and occupational safety. She has a bachelor's from the American Military University in Emergency and Disaster Management. She currently works at Primary Children's Hospital as the emergency preparedness coordinator. She is passionate about helping people whether is a professional capacity or outside of work.*

### **What Do I Do Now?**

**9:30/10:30 Room 200B**

In this class students will learn about how to respond to an active shooter event in a public place, what to do in an earthquake, and what they can do if someone is bleeding uncontrollably.

## **BEN NORRIS**

*Long time sketchnoter and visual thinker, Ben Norris has presented to many different groups on using sketchnotes as a way to learn better and remember more. Ben's current job is making iPhone apps, and when he's not doing that, he's spending time with his wife and five kids.*

### **Introduction to Sketchnotes**

**3:00/4:00 Room 200A**

An interactive class where you will learn the principles of sketchnoting, and immediately put them into practice. Come prepared to listen, draw and have fun.

## **REMINGTON SHINGLETON**

*Remington Shingleton is an 18 year old 2016 home school graduate. He has the Eagle Scout rank from the Boy Scouts of America. He is currently going to and on track to graduate from the Davis Applied Technology College's diesel technician program in the next two-three months of this year. At the DATC's diesel program he has learned things like shop safety and skills, Air brakes, preventive maintenance, electronic and electronic systems, Heavy Duty HVAC, Truck Diagnostics, Steering and Suspension, Drive Line and Small Diesel Engines. He has MACS 609 certification. He is working at Swift Transportation as a trailer mechanic and has been working there for over five months.*

### **How Do I Keep My Car From Exploding?**

**3:00/4:00 Room Outside**

This is a intro level class on mechanic and car maintenance. Everyone should know how to keep their car "happy." Come learn how to check fluid levels, (learn what fluids have levels that need checking) change windshield wipers, how to change a tire, how to maintain your battery, and how to jump start a car. We will also have a Q&A section so you can ask your own questions about your car. This class will take place in the parking lot. Look for signs or ask one of the volunteers if you need help locating where we are.

## **SILHOUETTE BALLROOM STUDIOS**

### **Cha Cha and Viennese Waltz**

**1:00/2:00 Room Hall**

Each class will teach you how fun ballroom dancing can be! One Latin Dance Class and One Standard class will show you different styles of Ballroom in a series of really fun steps! Come and enjoy "walking with style" because if you can walk, you can dance!

## ADULT Workshop Class Descriptions

*Listed alphabetically by presenter's last name*

### **Legend**

- B Recommend for BEGINNER or investigating home educators  
H HIGH SCHOOL and Beyond  
(Both adults and teens will find these workshops beneficial, although are only listed in the Adult At-A-Glance section)  
L References to the teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS Church)  
S SPECIAL NEEDS focus  
V VENDOR workshop

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### **DALE & MICHELLE BARLETT**



*Dale & Michelle Bartlett are the authors of two internationally known travel books and multiple social media sites and blog with information designed to help people travel more for much less than most could ever dream. They are best known for their first book, "Have Kids - Will Travel" and for being the family travel experts, but are quickly becoming experts on inexpensive travel for anyone, singles, couples or families. In 1997, the Bartlett's began discovering different ways anyone can travel inexpensively and sometimes free. Their first trip with their four children to France and England cost them a total of \$4000.00 including air, hotel, car rental, food and fun. They have since found ways to cut this much more drastically. As acclaimed speakers, the Bartlett's have shared the podium with such notable personalities as New York Times Bestselling Author Richard Paul Evans, Paula Fellingham founder of The Women's Information Network, noted Author and "Get Away Guru" Larry Gelwix (real life coach of the team featured in the movie,*

*"Forever Strong"), John Taylor Gatto, Rebecca W. Keller, Ph.D and Alice Fulton-Osborne. The Bartlett's have been featured on television morning shows, radio programs, as well as in multiple newspapers across the country and countless articles in print.*

### **Using Travel to Enhance Your Children's Understanding of the World**

**3:00 Room 300B**

One of the greatest blessing we have given our children is the gift of travel. We have incorporated it into every part of our lives including their homeschooling. We have found no better way to understand the wonderful diversity of the world than to travel with hands on experiences. This has opened up our children's minds like nothing else could. It has given them the opportunity to share their views and feelings about what they see and learn. It has in many ways given them a deeper appreciation of what they have been blessed with.

One of the reasons families don't experience this kind of world travel is often because the cost far exceeds the budget. We have discovered ways that blow away the budget excuse. We have traveled 3 weeks in Europe with 4 children in tow for around \$2500.00 total (that is for all 6 of us). That includes air, accommodations, transportation, food, fun and more. Come learn our secrets in this fascinating journey and about the incredible experiences that have come from our adventures.

### **Worldschooling: When the whole world is your school instead of school being your whole world**

(with Daniela Larsen)

**4:00 Room 300B**

What motivates kids more then learning from the world around them, learning from mentors, travel experiences, history in the very places it happened, or having hands on experiences that will change their lives forever? No matter what your kids are interested in they can have life changing experiences that will shape their lives in a way you never imagined.... This is Worldschooling!

### **CONNOR BOYACK**



*Connor Boyack is the founder and president of Libertas Institute, a free market think tank in Utah. In that capacity, he has spearheaded a number of successful policy reforms in areas such as homeschooling deregulation, civil asset forfeiture, food freedom, civil liberties, and government transparency.*

*Connor is the author of several books, including the popular "Tuttle Twins" series for children, teaching kids age 5-10 about the principles of liberty. His most recent book, Feardom, is a unique exposé of how politicians use fearmongering to acquire more power. The book has been endorsed by a wide range of people, from conservative commentator Walter Williams to the liberal president of the ACLU, Anthony Romero.*

*Connor is a homeschooling father of two and board member for the Utah Home Education Association. He is a frequent public speaker and commentator on current events, and is regularly featured on TV, radio, and online media outlets. He lives near Salt Lake City, Utah, with his wife and two children.*

### **Passion-Driven Education: How to Use Your Child's Interests to Spark a Lifelong Love of Learning**

**1:00 Room 300A**

Homeschooling families—especially those who have recently decided to leave the government school constantly find themselves on the hunt for good curriculum to help them teach their children. Sincere parents struggle to give their children a solid educational road-map, and in the process end up recreating within their home the problems that pervade the public education system.

Should faceless curriculum creators dictate what your child learns, and when? Or is there a better way? Join Connor as he explains the theory of passion-driven education, and some compelling examples of how it works. More importantly, you'll learn simple, practical tips for helping your children discover their interests and acquire both general and specialized knowledge as they pursue those interests.

Especially as homeschoolers, we should never hear the question "Why do I have to learn this?" from our children. Come learn how passion-driven education solves that problem, and can enable your child to truly love learning.

### **STEFFANIE CAPERSON**



*Steffanie, mother of 4, has homeschooled "from the beginning." As a former professional ballerina, she believes in providing an education that is dynamic, experiential, and responsive to the unique needs and interests of each child. Recently, she took her family to live in Taiwan for four months. She has organized everything from clubs running for 8 consecutive years to one-day camps, activities, and field trips. In doing so, she has harnessed not only her children's interests and her own passions, but the resources of her greater community. She has been speaking at various homeschooling conventions for 3 years. Her engaging messages to other homeschooling parents always convey her core belief that homeschooling is easier than you may have feared, and full of more joy than you may have hoped! More of Steffanie's approach and philosophy can be found at [2000ReasonsToHomeschool.blogspot.com](http://2000ReasonsToHomeschool.blogspot.com).*

### **Club Schooling**

**10:30 Room 400**

How this one simple concept - creating a club - can solve socialization, consistency, and burn-out issues, turn weaknesses into strengths and strengths into passions, unify your family, free up your time, and put joy back into the homeschooling process! Come for ideas, ways to get started, see resources, and hear the stories that prove the benefits of Club Schooling are NOT too good to be true!

### **MOLLY CHRISTENSEN**



*Molly Christensen is the mother of 7 wonderful children ages 4-21 who are learning to live a mission-minded life and have been homeschooled since 2000. Molly graduated from BYU with a degree in mechanical engineering. She is passionate about learning and is a voracious reader. She has founded several co-ops and has taught numerous classes for youth and adults including leadership, hero training, science, and math. She blogs at [www.mentoryourkids.com](http://www.mentoryourkids.com) where she also offers online training courses for parents. Her latest project can be found at [www.buildingheroesacademy.com](http://www.buildingheroesacademy.com). Molly loves encouraging others in their life journey!*

### **B The Quest for the Perfect Curriculum**

**4:00 Room 400**

Do you feel overwhelmed with all the choices for curriculum out there? Do you worry that you might be missing out on something better than what you have? Many homeschoolers seem to be in a constant search for the perfect curriculum. Find out the basics of what is out there and what to look for to fit your family. Learn how to feel confident with what you do choose and what you should keep searching for.

### **JOE DYKE**



*Joe is co-founder of Math Inspirations and co-author of Hands On Math and 10 Things Every Parent Should Know About Math. After graduation from Brigham Young University with a degree in Middle East Studies Arabic, he pursued his passion for teaching and mentoring young people by teaching high school math in Yuma and Gilbert, Arizona for 3 years. In 2012, he and his wife Emily moved their family to the Phoenix valley and founded Math Inspirations to mentor and empower homeschool parents to mentor their students using the Discovery Method to build them into confident, self-reliant, powerful thinkers.*

### **H How To Help Your Teenagers Conquer The Math ACT/SAT!**

**1:00 Room 300B**

So you've spent the last decade helping your child learn math. Hundreds of hours of flash cards and worksheets and \$\$\$ on testbooks and now all that effort is about to be judged by the "supreme math court," the ACT/SAT test. This judgment day can be a daunting

and stressful time for your student and you too-hardest of all is that their time to complete their preparation now seems so limited, counting down the days and months before the test. How do you maximize the time that your student has to get the best result possible? Should they cram? Should they just take a million practice tests? Should they wait another year? These are difficult questions that millions of parents have struggled with before.

There is an answer to these questions. In fact, the answer is surprisingly simple – and I've seen it help every age of student with every math background find success on the ACT/SAT.

If you have teenage students, no matter how strong or weak their math talent, this presentation is for you. Come learn the one simple secret to maximize the results of your student on these high-stakes tests.

### **EMILY DYKE**



*Emily is the co-founder of Math Inspiration and author of Hands On Math and 10 things Every Parent Should Know About Math. Emily's pursuit of professional teaching began at Brigham Young University, being mentored by renowned math ed. Guru Dr. Blake Peterson. After graduation, Emily moved to Arizona to teach in the public system and quickly realized the severe limitations of a traditional math education. So in 2012, Emily and her husband Joe moved their family to the Phoenix valley and founded Math Inspirations to mentor and empower homeschool parents to mentor their students using the Discovery Method to build them into confident, self-reliant, powerful thinkers.*

### **Becoming A Powerful Math Mentor: Empowering Your Students To Think, Reason, And Problem Solve For Themselves!**

**2:00 Room 300 B**

Is your math just making calculators out of your kids? If so, why are they memorizing math rules and procedures or even studying math at all if they have an actual calculator that can do everything they're being taught? The hard truth is, we don't need human calculators any more, we need self-reliant, powerful thinkers. Think about it, no one sat down Isaac Newton and told him: "here are the 3 steps to do calculus." He had to observe patterns. He struggled. He hypothesized. He experimented. He failed. And then, he discovered calculus. Your kids can do this too. They can become self-reliant thinkers through what I call the Discovery Method. Families across the world are thriving in this new approach to math. For them, math has become an engaging and powerful part of their homeschooling. They've learned to unlock the potential that mathematics has to teach their children how to think and reason and become self-reliant problem solvers. So if you think to yourself:

I am worried that my kids are behind in math. I'm not sure I know math, so how am I supposed to teach it? I am sick of sending of my kids off with workbooks. I wish my kids didn't dread doing math. I wish I didn't dread math time. My kids are doing the work, but are they really learning math?

Then this presentation is for you. Come learn how you can do this in your home, no matter what curriculum you are using. It's time to create the math program you really want.

### **BECCA EVENSON**



*Becca Evenson, her husband, and their four children began their homeschooling journey in 1991. The journey continues as she now is helping with the next generation of 8+ grandchildren. As a family, they have found homeschooling to be a great adventure and a sanity-facilitator as they experienced heart surgeries, medical challenges, moves, military deployments, births, deaths, and basic family life. A popular, veteran speaker, Becca has taught a variety of subjects including classical education and general homeschooling topics, home organization, cooking, gardening, music, and religious education in Utah, Arizona, and Virginia. She leads an education support group in the Salt Lake Valley, and is the developer of My Book of Centuries. For more of her writing and homeschooling ideas, check out her blog at [www.beccascottage.wordpress.com](http://www.beccascottage.wordpress.com). When she is not teaching or writing, you will find her reading, gardening, cooking (and eating), spending time with family, studying and exploring; attending conventions, and going thrifting with family and friends.*

### **Teaching Literature and Language Arts**

**3:00 Room 200 D**

Not all literature is created equal. Do we really need to learn grammar? How do you encourage your kids to write? Come find ways to use the best of what is available, create a love of language and reading, and reasons to leave the mediocre outside your door. Ideas for teaching your family from preschool through the high school years and beyond! You don't need an English degree to provide a well-planned and enriching language arts/literature experience for your family.

**ANTOINETTE FRANCE**



*Antoinette France loves studying history and heroes. She loves that our heroes were real people who had success as well as failure and bad days they were their best selves and days they were not. All of that made them human and heroic. They got up when they failed. Failure breeds success. Success too often breeds arrogance. Our children need real people who had hard times and still became great. They need to see themselves in great people to find great potential in themselves.*

*Antoinette is a homeschooling mom of four. She's been homeschooling for the past five years and feels like homeschooling is parenting on steroids. Her hobbies include playing in the dirt, family history and talking to friends*

**History and Character Study**

**2:00 Room 200D**

The study of history opens the door for our children to understand the ways people live, relate, and affect each other. It also allows us to provide real-life heroes for our children to emulate. This class will discuss effective methods of history and hero study without the use of textbooks. Come discover resources that are fun, user-friendly, and will open the world for you and your child.

**CHARLES FONBUENA**



*Charles co-authored the book titled the same as the topic with his wife as well as started his own leadership development company with the same name. He has worked with Franklin Covey since 1991 in their Education Division personally seeing cultural transformations as well as measurable improvements in hundreds of schools throughout the US and Canada. Although he works with schools, their seven children are home schooled- two college graduates, two currently in college, twins who will be in college next year, and their youngest is middle school age.*

**Leadership Is A Way Of Life**

**2:00 Room 200C**

When I ask parents and educators alike what they want their children and students to get out of their 13 to 15 year pre-college education experience, rarely do I hear higher test scores. The more common responses I get are personal responsibility, problem solving skills, love of learning, confidence, working well with others, perseverance, make wise choices, etc.- in a word... Leadership!

This interactive class is intended to define what it means to lead yourself as well as others, go through the four parts of leadership, identify the restraining forces to leadership, and give participants a system to make leadership a way of life.

**CINDY GARDNER**



*Cindy Gardner is owner of Comprehension Mentor and a licensed Davis Facilitator located in American Fork, Utah, just south of Salt Lake City. She and her husband have raised 7 children. Through her teaching experience, she became aware that some of the smartest children in the classroom struggle with reading and other simple cognitive tasks. She began a quest to understand how to help these students and found the Davis Dyslexia Correction program. She is an experienced teacher with a love of learning and a commitment to helping students increase scholastic success. Cindy helps kids with dyslexia, ADD, ADHD, Dysgraphia, Autism and other learning situations.*

**Why "Tyrannosaurus" and not "If"?**

**1:00 Room 300C**

Why do we seem to read and remember the big words and not the easy little ones? How does my child learn? How do I help my child with alternative methods of learning such as dyslexia, ADHD, and autism. Reaching a child with their specific learning style will increase memory and processing skills. Learn how to increase scholastic skills through teaching a child through their learning style.

**Making Sure My Child is Reaching Developmental Milestones**

**2:00 Room 300C**

An individual's self Identity is the beginning and source of both intelligence and behavior. All behavior is the result of a need that is not being met. Meet the need and the behavior ceases to exist.

## PENNY GARDNER



*Penny Gardner is the mother of six children (ages 16-32) and will soon have eight grandchildren. She has degrees in Elementary Ed and Music Ed. She has over 20 years of experience as a full-time home educator and an additional 8 years in various classroom settings. Penny started using the Charlotte Mason approach in 1994 with powerful results.*

*Penny is author of "Charlotte Mason Study Guide; Italics, Beautiful Handwriting for Children"; and the "Nine-Note Recorder Books". Penny is also a fellow of the Central Utah Writing Project and teaches youth summer writing camps at BYU.*

### **Charlotte Mason and the Power of Narration**

**2:00 Room 300A**

After background information on Charlotte Mason, we will focus on the power of narration. Many home educators, including the presenter, find that narration works wonders with reluctant or struggling young writers. This class is appropriate for newbies and for experienced home educators who are looking for something different. Charlotte Mason's ideas are applicable to all ages and subjects.

### **The ART of Writing**

**3:00 Room 300A**

Add appreciation of great art to your homeschool. The philosophy of Charlotte Mason, the originator of art and music appreciation at the elementary level, influences our approach to this enjoyable subject which may take as little time as a few minutes a week. We will also explore using great art as a way to inspire specific kinds of writing, including: following a text structure; writing poetry; narrative writing; and opinion writing.

## JEN GOOSTREY



*Jen Goostrey and her husband, Jim, are the parents of six energetic, creative, book-loving children. Life is never dull. Jen graduated with a degree in secondary education from Weber State University. A short time later, she began her homeschooling career. Through the years, Jen has been involved with leading Co-Ops, managing a cooperative school, and founding a small private school. Her greatest loves are spending time with her family and bringing people together to find support and joy in educating their own children.*

### **How to Start and Maintain a Successful Co-Op**

**3:00 Room 300C**

A Co-Op can bring life-long friendships and pure joy to your homeschooling journey. Co-Ops come in all shapes and sizes and are as varied as the families they serve. Come gather ideas on where to start, learn pitfalls to avoid, and discover how to successfully maintain a vibrant, active Co-Op.

## ADAM HAILSTONE



*Adam lives in Saint George, Utah. He graduated from George Wythe College with a BA in Liberal Arts. After college, he started two small businesses. He had big plans and it was a great learning experience, but something was missing. Then, a few years ago, he sold his businesses to join the faculty of Williamsburg Academy full time. It was one of the best decisions he has ever made. He loves what he does! He gets to help students look at the world, its people, cultures, problems and beauty and show them how to navigate it and take opportunities to change it. Adam's goal as a mentor is to help students to look inwardly and see themselves as they really are and then decide to become what they see.*

### **The Science of Motivation**

**10:30 Room 300B**

Personal motivation is not always easy to come by. Motivating others, especially youth, can be even harder. Too often parents, teachers and employers use methods to motivate others that work in the short term but do not last; or even worse, have long lasting negative effects. In this workshop you will learn the behavioral science behind human motivation and how to nurture deep intrinsic motivation in your children so that they can achieve their greatest potential. Plus, you will learn how to get more motivation in your life as well.

## JOE HOSKISSON



*I'm Joe. I am a private tutor. I am teaching, or have taught, computer programming, math, and science. My students have ranged in age from about 7 to 14 years-old. Yes, you can teach a 7-year-old about programming! In fact it might just be a great thing to do. In addition to tutoring, I am also a web developer learning the trade. My education was in chemical engineering. I worked as an engineer for 2.5 years in research and development here in Utah. I also develop Climbing Tree which helps parents and teachers on their journey to teach kids science, technology, engineering, and math by connecting them to useful resources*

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### **Climbing Tree**

**10:30 Room 300A**

Climbing Tree is developing a community-driven directory of resources which will help home schooling parents get connected with apps and websites to help them teach STEM topics (science, technology, engineering, math).

I will show participants how Climbing Tree's directory works and how they can use it to discover websites and apps, how they can rate and comment on each website or app, and how they can recommend websites or apps to be added to the directory.

The directory focuses on resources to help teach kids from ages 6 to 14.

### **JOYCE KINMONT**



*Our family began homeschooling in 1975, as one of the first few in Utah. In spite of my inexperience, our eight children turned out to be intelligent, talented, capable adults who found great spouses and have given us 35 delightful grandchildren. My greatest joy is holding a weekly "Grandma School" with a few young grandchildren.*

*In those early days there was plenty of opposition to homeschool and plenty of media coverage, which kept us busy. I started a small local organization and newsletter, which eventually became a national organization, the LDS Home Educators Association. We held annual conferences from 1992 to 2007. Our website and newsletter continue, and we have added a YouTube channel.*

*As a member of the LDS church, I love following where the church is leading. Surely the educational patterns we are receiving now are moving us toward the ways of Zion. I feel a great desire to promote the Lord's method of education, as far as I understand it. This is the most exciting time to be homeschooling because the building of Zion is moving fast. We will increase in knowledge, faith, and courage as we stay on the path.*

### **LDS Education at Home, on The Millennial Path**

**4:00 Room 300A**

In the early days of the LDS Church, all education was religiously based. When the idea of "free" government-supported schools was introduced in the Utah Territory, our LDS Church leaders spoke against it -- but many Saints liked the idea. When the Utah Legislature voted for government schooling as a condition of statehood, those same LDS Church leaders gave their support to the government system. President John Taylor became the first State Superintendent! However, LDS Church leaders begged the Saints to continue using and paying for Church schools. The Saints chose "free," and eventually the Church schools were closed.

Today, the world has moved far, far away from Latter-day Saint values. Parents might ask: Should we go back to the educational methods and philosophies of Joseph and Brigham? Should we also adopt into our own "secular" education the philosophies now being taught by our current Church leaders? What will education look like in the Millennium?

In this class session (which will continue on our website afterward) we will use scriptures, the words of our Prophets, and some other resources to help us think through what we can do in our homes to move toward a Zion education -- regardless of where our children attend school. We will look at how children learn, what they should learn, and how we should teach. Is there help from the other side? A favorite hymn (#27) tells us that Joseph, after passing through the veil, "can plan for his brethren." Surely those plans include education. Surely we who are searching shall find answers for our families.

*"You will see the day that Zion will be as far ahead of the outside world in everything pertaining to learning of every kind as we are to-day in regard to religious matters." – President John Taylor*

### **MARY ANN JOHNSON**



*Mary Ann believes each family is unique and has the potential for joy. She writes, teaches and mentors to that end. She has been married to the same man for 45 years and has seven grown children and 13 grandchildren. She practices Presence with all of them. She has taught thousands of children over 45 years and has helped hundreds of parents find greater satisfaction and joy in their family relationships. She helps parents resolve family issues through their own personal growth. Mary Ann has a Masters Degree in Education and is the founder of Home School Coach Limited, Family Connection Mentoring and Becoming a Present Parent. She is the creator of the Spark Station, a connection tool for families. She speaks to diverse audiences of parents, homeschool families and business personnel, as well as teachers and others on the art of Being Present. You can read more about improving parent behaviors and deepening relationships with your children at [becomeapresentparent.com](http://becomeapresentparent.com) and [home-school-coach.com](http://home-school-coach.com) Mary Ann loves reading and painting. Learning is her passion! One thing on Mary Ann's bucket list is to sleep in a hut on a sandy beach where warm breezes blow.*

### **Becoming a Present parent: Skills and Touchpoints for Distracted and Overly Busy Parents**

**3:00 Room 300D**

Do you feel you should spend more time with your family? Do you feel the time you do spend is lacking in real connection? Do you go to bed wishing you felt better about 'HOW' you were with your kids during the day? This class explodes the myth that connecting with our children and having meaningful relationships requires lots of time and special planning. You can be present with the people you care about and love most during the everyday business of life. This class demonstrates what being Present looks like in an average, busy family. It offers skills and techniques that you can implement every day with each child, that require only a few minutes at a time. The information will leave you feeling hopeful and heartened that, yes, you can have a family culture of closeness and peace while living in the fast-paced world of the 21st century!

**DANIELA LARSEN**

*Daniela Larsen is a homeschooling mother of 5 and CEO of Navanas Institute. She trains youth and adults in technology, current market skills and skills that lead to self reliance.*



**How to Build an Online Portfolio for College Admissions, Resumes and Influence  
200C**

**1:00 Room**

Whether it is to open doors to college admissions, job opportunities or to have influence, an online presence and portfolio are vital. Come learn how easy it is to help your youth build a website to showcase their education, interests and contributions.

**Worldschooling: When the Whole World is Your School Instead of School Being Your Whole World  
(with Michelle Bartlett)**

**4:00 Room 300B**

What motivates kids more than learning from the world around them, learning from mentors, travel experiences, history in the very places it happened, or having hands on experiences that will change their lives forever? No matter what your kids are interested in they can have life changing experiences that will shape their lives in a way you never imagined.... This is Worldschooling!

**KARIANNE LISONBEE**

*Karianne Lisonbee loves homeschooling her six wonderful children. She began homeschooling 18 years ago. She is the legislative liaison for the Utah Home Education Association. She serves on the city council in her community and serves as the legislative liaison for the UHEA. In her spare time, she enjoys martial arts, cooking, and doing genealogical research for herself and others*



**Legal Questions and Answers**

**10:30 Room 200C**

Join a discussion of legal issues facing homeschooling families. Bring your questions and concerns you may have to this open discussion class.

**ELIZABETH LAUBER**

*Elizabeth Lauber is the mother of six boys, ages 10, 8, 6, 4 year old twins, and a one year old. Among her children are profoundly gifted learners, as well as the adventure of learning with ADHD, Autism, dyslexia, and other varied learning styles. A second-generation homeschooler, Elizabeth graduated from college with honors, and now teaches her own children. Her activities of choice include knitting, spinning yarn, sewing, reading, as well as shopping for deals for her growing family.*



**B Real Life and Homeschool Can Work Together**

**1:00 200D**

What does an academic day look like? Is it possible to address each child's individual challenges and interests? How do you fit it all in? What about holidays, family emergencies, new babies, teenage drama, and keeping up the house? Is there time to be a wife and mother if I am also a teacher? Home schooling requires that home life looks different than the norm, but it is doable, and can be such a joy! Come see how two generations of our family survived chronic illness, surgeries, deployments, babies, unemployment, and real life. You can do this!

**DR. STACEY MACARTHUR**



*Dr. MacArthur is State 4-H Volunteer Specialist for Utah 4-H. Her statewide assignments include 4-H volunteer development and healthy living programs*

**V How to use Discover 4-H Clubs to teach youth life skills**

**1:00 Room 300D**

Discover 4-H Clubs are the Easy Button to teaching youth in a hands-on learning format. These guides help anyone get started in 4-H with six club meetings in each project area.

**DIANNE MCLEAN**



*Dianne has been homeschooling since 2003, has worked with thousands of homeschoolers and hundreds of homeschool group leaders, dozens of state leaders, and participated in issues which affect the homeschool community as a whole. While her organization helps homeschoolers with children of all ages and needs, Dianne personally specializes in working with middle to high school level groups to help prepare for college entry and is familiar with the latest developments affecting future college students. She directs a national support organization, Home Education Council of America (becoa.com), where she leads online seminars and webinars in an innovative online setting to offer live conferences worldwide.*

**Ditch Grade Levels - Teach Mastery!**

**4:00 Room 300C**

Are you exhausted trying to flip one lesson plan at a time and feeling boxed in to grade levels? Grade levels were designed to keep everyone the same and holds most kids back. Ditching them will open up a whole new perspective on educating children. This powerful strategy works for gifted children, ordinary children, special needs children, and children who are constantly being told they are "behind". We will use two subjects, math and language arts, to demonstrate how this is done.

**NICHOLEEN PECK**



*When it comes to parenting, Nicholeen Peck is a worldwide phenomenon and leader — and for good reason! Her proven system based on four simple skills transforms even the most out-of-control teenagers and homes from chaos to calm within days. Though she's an international speaker, author, mentor, former foster parent of many difficult and troubled teens, and even president of the Worldwide Organization for Women (an approved consultant for the United Nations), Nicholeen spends most of her time at home with her husband and four children, which she knows will be her greatest impact and legacy. The fact that she has such an international influence while still being a stay-at-home mom is evidence of the effectiveness of her teachings. Her website is <http://teachingselfgovernment.com>*

**The Not So Known Secret For Homeschool Success!**

**3:00 Room 400**

No matter the curriculum or philosophy you are using in your homeschool there is one thing that could make it all better. After years of homeschooling and seeing what makes other homeschool families successful too I have realized that when parents implement one powerful thing into their home culture homeschooling becomes way more powerful! When parents and children know this one secret for homeschool success they are happier with homeschool and their family relationships improve as well. Come learn the secret for a really great education and powerful home culture as well.

## KAREN RACKLIFFE



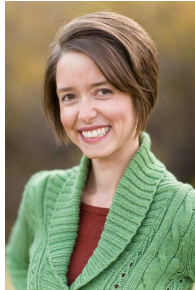
*Karen Rackliffe is a home school veteran of 31 years. Her seven children range from 36 to 21. They have all gone to college and then gone on to become a software engineer, a security and facilities assistant on a dude ranch, a mechanical engineer, a biologist and a Mom. Her twelve grandchildren, are currently being home schooled by their parents. Karen has been active in the home school movement in Utah. She is a founding mother of Salt Lake Home Educators and also of UTVVA (Utah Virtual Academy) a K-12 charter school. She wrote the book, Wild Days: Creating Discovery Journals, and a book on family history. She has spoken in many states about the benefits of Charlotte Mason's philosophies. She has taught in several charter schools and co-ops. She currently teaches watercolor, drawing and nature studies from her home in South Jordan. She loves teaching, quilting, reading, history, nature studies and art of all kinds.*

### **Nature Studies**

**4:00 Room 200D**

Nature studies combines science, exercise, art, writing and a variety of other subjects. It does this by gifting your child with the space to observe, record, study and imagine. With a journal and a few art supplies your child, and you as well, can embark on a grand adventure to discover the world we live in. This class will explain the down and dirty joys of nature study, point you to the best supplies, discuss how to make it all work and how you can foster a passion for learning in your children.

## TORIANN PERKEY



*ToriAnn Perkey is a mother, mentor, teacher, and organizer. Homeschooling since 2004, she strives to lead each of her children--along with others that she mentors--to discover, celebrate, and prepare for the unique role that each has come to earth to play. She has served as the past president of WHEN (Wasatch Home Educators Network)--the largest homeschooling network in Utah and the main teacher for The Homeschool Support Group. She has published "The Confident Homeschool Essential Audio Series," an audio series that jumpstarts new and struggling homeschooling moms. She also mentors women who feel called to make a difference in the large world. You can find more information about what she offers at [www.toriannperkey.com](http://www.toriannperkey.com). ToriAnn lives in Orem, Utah, with her husband, Josh, and her four children.*

### **B Homeschooling 101**

**10:30 Room 300D**

Thinking about homeschooling as an option for your children, but don't know where to start? New to homeschooling and feeling overwhelmed with the wide array of available choices? Join ToriAnn as she presents a step-by-step process that explains how to begin choosing curriculum, reviews different homeschool philosophies and explains teaching styles.

### **B Ready, Set, Go: Working Backwards to Move Forward—Creating Your Homeschool Vision**

**2:00 Room 300D**

Do you ever feel guilt, fear, or worry about the direction your homeschool is taking? Are you just starting as a homeschooler and don't know where to begin? Have you been homeschooling for awhile but can't find the fire that got you going in the first place? Come learn how to create a vision for your homeschool so that you can craft goals and a plan that move your children forward and upward. You can release yourself from fear and guilt--the two deadly homeschool demons that sit on the shoulders of so many homeschool moms and dads.

## JENNIFER ROBINSON



*For nearly forty years, Jennifer Robinson has been passionate about helping people learn to read, and to read better. The journey began in the jungle of Peru, a country struggling with illiteracy. Local people who could read were trained to be tutors to the less fortunate. It was a profoundly rewarding experience. Since then, through a simple, self-developed phonics program, she has helped many students learn to read well, including her own children, grandchildren, and many young people in the community. This program is especially designed for parents to use in teaching their children to read, and is even for youth as well as adults who desire to become tutors to budding & struggling readers in their neighborhoods. (With a little supervision, junior high students make great tutors!) An educational degree is not needed to teach phonics. One need only know how to read, and have a love for children. Everything else—including simple instructions, lessons, stories, flash cards, activities for beginners, as well as a list of children's favorite picture books—is provided in this program. The book, *Simply Phonics*, provides lessons ranging from preschool to sixth grade. All other resources are*

*free and available for download at [www.SimplyPhonicsNow.com](http://www.SimplyPhonicsNow.com).) Come discover the joy of helping others achieve confidence and success through reading mastery!*

**B,V Simply Phonics**

**4:00 Room 200C**

A simple, phonetic reading program (guided lessons from preschool through sixth grade) will be presented in this class, along with strategies to instill confidence and a love of reading in those you teach.

**BRYNNE RUIZ**

*Brynne Ruiz chose to homeschool after a brief stint teaching art and 2nd grade at a charter school. Now deeply entrenched in her homeschooling adventure, she is the mother to 5 children and wife to a world champion wrestler. She holds a degree in Illustration from BYU and hopes to someday become a great artist. Her favorite days are spent entirely outdoors exploring with her family.*

**The Power of Homeschool Habits**

**10:30 Room 300C**

In "The Power of Homeschool Habits," we will explore how habits are created and learn to align our personal and family habits with our goals. Using personal experience, class discussion and scientific data from the books, The Power of Habit by Charles Duhigg and The Talent Code by Daniel Coyle, we will discover why habits exist and how they can be changed. Each participant will leave with the beginnings of a "habits plan" for themselves and their family.

**TAMSY SPACKMAN**



Tamsyn Spackman is a second-generation homeschooling mother of almost six children. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in Music, Vocal Performance emphasis, from Utah State University, 2007. She has a Level 1 Orff teaching certificate (2005), 19 years experience as a private piano teacher, has directed homeschool choirs and children's musicals, and is the author/creator/blogger of the 6-year-old website [www.teaching-children-music.com](http://www.teaching-children-music.com). She is a firm believer that music can and should be a part of anyone's homeschooling experience, and hopes to empower parents with the confidence to do it.

**Music Education in the Homeschool Setting**

**10:30 Room 200D**

There are many different music educational approaches including the Orff, Kodaly, and Dalcroze methods. I'll demonstrate how they can be applied in the homeschool setting. This includes writing rhythm chants, playing with percussion instruments, dancing with props, and learning to sight-read with solfege (Do, Re, Mi). Class will be hands on and participation is encouraged.

**AMBER STEPHENSON**



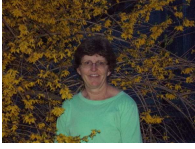
*Amber has had many life experiences that help her relate to the people she comes in contact with. She has had the opportunity to be a stay-at-home mother and a working mother, she has overcome anxiety and depression, she has overcome a debilitating back injury through natural healing, and currently Homeschools her 5 children. Amber has become an expert in time management and employing harmony in her life.*

**Inspiring Children to Love Math**

**3:00 Room 200C**

Are you tired of fighting your child to do math? Are you wondering how you will ever inspire your child to do math when you don't get it yourself? Would you like fresh ideas and a new approach? Amber's experiences with math changed the course of her life! Learn her story plus techniques and approaches that work. Know how to help your children love math. Feel confident teaching math.

## **JANET SUMMIT**



*Janet Summit is the mother of 11 children, and has homeschooled them all, 20+ years. Her youngest is now 13. Janet loves children, teaching, writing, and chores at home, surprisingly enough. Janet is passionate about agency education, loves teaching homeschool classes, and teaching emotional health principles to people of all ages.*

### **Do Emotions Matter**

**4:00 Room 300D**

It's the best of days -- you have everything planned out perfectly. But -- you also have a grumpy child. Sound familiar? Emotions literally power our lives. Understanding principles of emotions and teaching them to our children will make all the difference to homeschooling (and to us in our own lives). We can teach our children that they can be self-governing with their emotions. They have the option to choose peace in any circumstance if they know how. These principles can and do change lives.

## **DR. JAY L. WILE**

*Keynote Presenter*

### **Why Homeschool THROUGH High School**

**1:00 Room 400**

Homeschooling parents are often faced with a difficult decision when their children reach high school age. Typically, the parents feel they are just not able to teach the more demanding courses that are required at the high school level. As a result, many parents feel that they must send their children to school for a proper high school education. In this seminar, Dr. Jay L. Wile, a former teacher at both the university and high school levels, will explain why such a decision is not in the best interest of the student. Using data gathered from many different sources, including his own experiences, Dr. Wile demonstrates that homeschooled students are better academically prepared and better socialized than their publicly- or privately-schooled counterparts. These facts allow Dr. Wile to make a compelling case that the best thing for a homeschooled student is to stay in homeschool, regardless of the parent's academic abilities.

### **How Are Homeschool Graduates Doing?**

**2:00 Room 400**

Dr. Wile became involved in homeschooling because while he was teaching at the university level, his best students were homeschool graduates. Since then, he has expected homeschoolers to become the true leaders of their generation. To investigate whether or not his expectation is coming true, Dr. Wile tracked down several homeschooled students who are now adults and learned what they are doing. In this talk, Dr. Wile tells you what he learned. You will be amazed at what these young adults are doing and how they have already impacted the world. He also shares the results of a large study that has been done on homeschool graduates. If you are wondering whether or not homeschool graduates can make a difference in the world, you should definitely listen to this talk!

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