



Homeschool Convention

Anchorage March 27-28, 2026

Author S.D. Smith



Darren Jones, HSLDA



2026 APHEA Homeschool Convention

Friday



Session & Time	GENERAL & VENDOR HALL	AUDITORIUM	CMC	ROOM 263	ROOM 223	ROOM 230	
Good Morning 9:45am - 10am	REGISTRATION OPENS 9:00AM	Family Kickoff					
SESSION ONE 10am - 11am	VENDOR HALL OPENS 11AM	State of the Nation Darren Jones, HSLDA	>>Archery (ages 8-11) Kim Welch, CenterShot (space limited, waiver required)	What to do with Your Stack of Cash (ages 12+) Aaron Edwards, NIT	Breathe LIFE into History Mindy Brouse, Biblioplan	You CAN start a Garden! Katie Schjott-Webster, Heritage & Hearth Homestead	
SESSION TWO 11:15am - 12:15pm	SILENT AUCTION OPENS 9:00 AM	Christian Story Telling: An Escape Into Reality S.D. Smith, Keynote Speaker	>>Archery (ages 12+) Kim Welch, CenterShot (space limited, waiver required)	>>Cold Water Survival Kids Don't Float	Getting to the Heart of All Things Home Tandy Hogate, Common Ground Alaska Farm	Biblical Civics Seth Stinnett, Patriot Academy	
LUNCH BREAK 12:15pm - 1:15pm	Vendor Hall Book Signing with S.D. Smith	Lunch! Food truck*** PAPAAYA TREE*** and CEF taco plate fundraiser available both days.			DON'T WANT TO WAIT IN THE FOOD TRUCK LINE? TEXT AHEAD @ (907) 885-8421		
SESSION THREE 1:15pm - 2:15pm		Extraordinary at Ordinary: Finding Joy in the Right Now Riley Maas, Unbound	>>Art Class (ages 8-11) Olivia Maiorano, Olivia Rosemary Art *pre-registration	 Chess Tournament begins 1:30pm (Observers Welcome to Watch)	Simple Sourdough Tandy Hogate, Common Ground Alaska Farm	Equipped for Life Ben Olson, CEF	
SESSION FOUR 2:30pm - 3:30pm		Writers of All Ages Welcome: Become a Green Writer S.D. Smith, Keynote Speaker	>>Art Class (ages 12+) Olivia Maiorano, Olivia Rosemary Art *pre-registration		Preparing Students for a World of AI Fakes Nancy Winniford, Mz. Grundy's Business	Rooted Before Routines Sasha Robertson, International abundance	
SESSION FIVE 3:45pm - 4:45pm		The Power of Video Editing Nick Duplantis, FireStarters Media	>>Art Class (ages 8-11) Olivia Maiorano, Olivia Rosemary Art *pre-registration		>>Wild Bird Ambassador Alaska Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center (space limited)	Renaissance: Experience the Classical Education Model Hannah Albertson, CC	
BREAK 4:45pm - 5:30pm		VENDOR HALL CLOSSES 5:30PM	Dinner! Eagle River Grace Mission trip fundraiser				
MOVIE NIGHT 5:30pm - 7:00pm		DOORS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 4:45PM	Off the Couch and into the Wild Family Movie Night Wild Brothers (virtual)				

Saturday

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SESSION SIX 9:30am - 10:30am	REGISTRATION OPENS 9:00AM VENDOR HALL OPENS 9:00AM	Artificial Intelligence Keith Dobson	>>AWANA Games (ages 9-12) Kaleb King, FBF AWANA	Learning w/ Picture Books Allison Lonser, Roundabout Books	Intro to Whole Grains Margaret Loew, Wholy Living	American/Alaskan Civics Education Pat Martin, Alaska Right to Life
SESSION SEVEN 10:45am - 11:45am		How to Coach Your Creative Child S.D. Smith, Keynote Speaker	>>AWANA Games (ages 5-8) Kaleb King, FBF AWANA	Family Culture T. Hellard Brown, Hypurpley	Careers and Scholarships US Navy	>>Internet Safety Jennifer Gibson, FBI
LUNCH BREAK 11:45am - 12:45pm	SILENT AUCTION CLOSSES 1:05PM	Papaya Tree Food Truck DON'T WANT TO WAIT IN THE FOOD TRUCK LINE? TEXT AHEAD @ (907) 885-8421			CEF Taco plate fundraiser available both days	
SESSION EIGHT 1:15pm - 2:15pm		Homeschooling Freedom Panel Darren Jones, HSLDA and Jack Phelps, APHEA Founder		>>Soccer Party Child Evangelism Fellowship	Foundations for a Faithful Writing Life S.D. Smith, Keynote Speaker	Every Graduate Should Attend A Year Bible School Luke Gunkel, North Star Bible
SESSION NINE 2:30pm - 3:30pm		Literature that Proclaims Christ Darren Jones, HSLDA		>>Missions Across the World T. Hellard Brown, Hypurpley	Taming the Time Management Monster Ryley Maas, Unbound	Bee Keeping to Enhance Your Homeschool Dawn Cogen
BREAK 3:30pm - 4:00pm			OUTSIDE CMC SILENT AUCTION PAYMENT & PICKUP 3:30PM			
SESSION TEN 4:00pm - 5:00pm	VENDOR HALL CLOSSES 5:30PM	>>Reading with Q&A S.D. Smith, Keynote Speaker				

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About Sam

S. D. Smith is the author of **The Green Ember Series**, a million+ selling adventure saga featuring heroic #RabbitsWithSwords. The Green Ember spent time as the number one bestselling audiobook in the world on Audible. He is also the author of the madcap **Mooses with Bazookas: And Other Stories Children Should Never Read** as well as the touching throwback adventure, **The Found Boys**. Finally, he has co-authored two fantasy adventure novels with his son (J. C. Smith), **Jack Zulu and the Waylander's Key** and **Jack Zulu and the Girl with Golden Wings**. Smith's stories are captivating readers across the globe who are hungry for "new stories with an old soul."

Though packed with old school virtue and moral imagination, Smith doesn't merely create "safe" stories, but bold, daring, truthful tales of light that help shape children who become dangerous— **dangerous to the darkness**. Smith is a founder and owner of Story Warren, a publishing, events, and IP development house based in rural West Virginia. Story Warren exists to serve families as "allies in imagination."

S. D. Smith lives in Grandview, West Virginia with his wife and four kids.



Darren Jones, Esq.

Senior Counsel and Director of Group Services

Darren Jones has worked at HSLDA since 1996, first as a legal assistant and then as an attorney in various capacities. He spends his time at the office:

20% talking to members in legal difficulties, persuading them that it's not as bad as it could be and HSLDA has got their back

60% advising homeschool group leaders about everything from crafting statements of faith (he prefers the Nicene Creed) to designing policies to protect children at co-ops

10% writing legal briefs (and wondering how in the world documents of 30 pages can possibly be called "brief")

10% keeping HSLDA and its sister organizations in compliance with the charitable solicitation laws of way too many competing jurisdictions

100% advocating for the fundamental right of parents to direct the education of their children

Darren and his wife Sara homeschool as a team and have graduated the oldest three of their four children. He enjoys board games, teaching Sunday school, and speaking at homeschool conferences around the country.

SESSION ONE

10 AM - 11 AM

AUDITORIUM HOMESCHOOL STATE OF THE NATION

Join HSLDA attorney, Darren Jones, for a recap from the National Leaders Conference. In the presentation, HSLDA attorneys tell stories of successes and challenges from across the homeschool nation.

DARREN JONES, FEATURED SPEAKER

RM 263

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR STACK OF CASH! (AGES 12+)

Bury it, spend it, save it, or give it away; what to do with your stack of cash.

AARON EDWARDS, NIT

RM 223 BREATHE LIFE INTO HISTORY

Memorizing dates, reciting facts, listing events and labeling geographical features: Is it any wonder that so many students view history and geography as bland, boring and irrelevant? "They're just a bunch of dead people; it doesn't affect my life." Hey, Mom! History matters! It's story-filled. It's inspiring. It's full of heroes and villains, battles and bravery and kingdoms that rise and fall. The lives and choices of these individuals and events affect our own. Become the hero and make history the favorite subject of the day! Grab your pencil as Mindy offers mom 50+ creative and practical ways to breathe LIFE back into history.

MINDY BROUSE, BIBLIOPLAN

CMC

>>ARCHERY WITH A PURPOSE

 Calling All 8-11year olds!

(Waivers Required)

We combine the greatest Book ever written, the Bible, with one of the oldest sports in history: archery(mentioned throughout Scripture). Together, they create a fun, focused, and faith-filled experience.

Centershot is a program that does not discriminate on the basis of ability.

Whether a child is brand new to archery, athletically inclined, or has physical or learning challenges, this program is designed to be welcoming, encouraging, and accessible to all.

Every participant matters. Every shot counts.

To Make Christ the Target of Our Lives. Join us. Build skills. Grow in faith. Strengthen community. And aim for what matters most.

KIM WELCH, CENTERSHOT MINISTRIES

RM 230 YOU CAN START A GARDEN

You CAN garden no matter how small your space, your budget, even with no prior experience! Homeschooling mom of 7, Katie Schjott Webster, walks you through overcoming the obstacles to gardening.

KATIE SCHJOTT WEBSTER, HERITAGE & HEARTH HOMESTEAD



Classical Christian Community

SESSION TWO

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

AUDITORIUM

CHRISTIAN STORY TELLING: AN ESCAPE INTO REALITY

Storytelling is everywhere, from Netflix and Disney+ to advertising and politics. Should Christian families be ignorant of the how and why of storytelling? In this talk, bestselling author S. D. Smith shares insights on how Christian parents can wisely think about the challenges and opportunities of storytelling. Christians should be at home with storytelling. After all, we follow a storytelling God.

S.D. SMITH, KEYNOTE SPEAKER

RM 263

>>COLD WATER SURVIVAL

Presenters lead kids through activities to demonstrate the physical effects of cold water immersion and teach life jacket use and selection.

KIDS DON'T FLOAT

RM 223

GETTING TO THE HEART OF ALL THINGS HOME:

Let's talk about what it really means to be a homesteading, homeschooling mom and let's get to the heart of what success looks like.

Hint: It's usually not pinterest perfect - but the fruit is far more beautiful.

TANDY HOGATE, COMMON GROUND ALASKA HOMESTEAD

CMC

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RM 230

BIBLICAL CIVICS

Local Biblical civics courses for communities and churches. High school curriculum and potential internship with Patriot Academy in Texas.

SETH STINNETT, PATRIOT ACADEMY

LUNCH

APHEA

Combo plate \$15

- 2 Chicken Breast Taco's
- Rice & Beans
- Bottle of Water

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- 1 Taco \$6.00
- Side of Rice & Beans \$5.00
- Side of Rice \$3.00
- Side of Beans \$3.00
- Bottle of Water \$2.00



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SESSION THREE

1:15 PM - 2:15 PM

AUDITORIUM

EXTRAORDINARY AT ORDINARY: FINDING JOY IN THE RIGHT NOW

"In this reflective and interactive session, we'll explore how to live deliberately by finding joy in the ordinary moments of life. Through Scripture, discussion, and practical exercises, students will learn how to shift perspective—from chasing perfection or control to embracing purpose and gratitude in their current season. Together, we'll discover what it means to become extraordinary at the ordinary and choose joy, right where we are."

RILEY MAAS, UNBOUND

RM 263

CHESS TOURNAMENT

RM 230

EQUIPPED FOR LIFE

Evangelistic training and ministry involvement prepare your teen for a lifetime of serving the Lord. This workshop shows teens how hands-on training builds leadership, confidence, and a heart for sharing the Gospel of Christ—now and in the future. Studies show that over 90% of teens involved in regular ministry continue serving as adults, proving that what they learn today shapes a life of faith and impact.

**BEN OLSON, CHILD EVANGELISM
FELLOWSHIP**

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>>COLORFUL ABSTRACT ANIMAL PORTRAIT

(Ages 8-11)

***Pre-registration required via
Eventbrite**

In this class, kids will:

- 1 Start with a bright, colorful watercolor background full of bold splashes, drips, and dreamy blends (we'll guide them through creating a gorgeous wash of rainbow colors!).
- 2 Choose their favorite animal photo
- 3 Trace the simple outline right onto their colorful background with carbon paper
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Each kid will finish with a unique, bright, and colorful masterpiece!

**OLIVIA MAIORANO, OLIVIA ROSEMARY
ART**

RM 223

SIMPLE SOURDOUGH

Sourdough is all the rage these days - but so many folks make it so complicated! Learn my very simple process to make healthy sourdough for my family - including how I incorporate freshly milled flour into our bread!

**TANDY HOGATE, COMMON GROUND
ALASKA HOMESTEAD**



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SESSION FOUR

2:30PM-3:30PM

AUDITORIUM

WRITERS OF ALL AGES WELCOME: BECOME A GREEN WRITER

Beloved Green Ember Series author S. D. Smith invites adults and kids into the adventure of creating and sharing excellent writing. With foundational principles and wisdom won both from success and failure, Smith shares how to see ourselves and how to create generous work.

S.D. SMITH, KEYNOTE SPEAKER

RM 263

CHESS TOURNAMENT

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>>COLLABORATIVE ALASKAN NATURESCAPE

Cardboard Painting Class (**Ages 12+**)

Preregistration required via eventbrite

In this immersive, hands-on class, you'll work on premade cardboard panels that are already sectioned and outlined with the full panoramic design. Each participant claims their favorite part of the breathtaking Alaskan scene—think dramatic snow-capped mountains, swirling northern lights, dense evergreen forests, icy glaciers, rushing rivers, or iconic wildlife like grizzlies, moose, wolves, and soaring eagles. Using acrylic paints, brushes, and your own creative vision, we will create a collaborative naturescape! No prior experience needed—the premade outlines make it approachable, while the large scale and freedom to interpret give plenty of room for personal style and advanced techniques.

At the end, we assemble the individual pieces into one, jaw-dropping collaborative mural—a true celebration of Alaska's wild beauty, created by the whole group!

**OLIVIA MAIORANO, OLIVIA ROSEMARY
ART**

RM 223

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR A WORLD OF AI FAKES

In this Brave New world of AI, how do we tell what's true and what's not? How do we prepare our students for a world where faking is going to be MUCH easier? How can we combat "woke" ideology?

Answer: Teach them real history. True history. Give them an appreciation for real history. And the proven best way to do that? Through STORIES!

Stories engage our students' imaginations and interest. Paired with the rest of the facts, they get a well-rounded education on History. Come learn how to do it through Mz. Grundy's stories!

MZ. GRUNDY'S BUSINESS

RM 230

ROOTED BEFORE ROUTINES

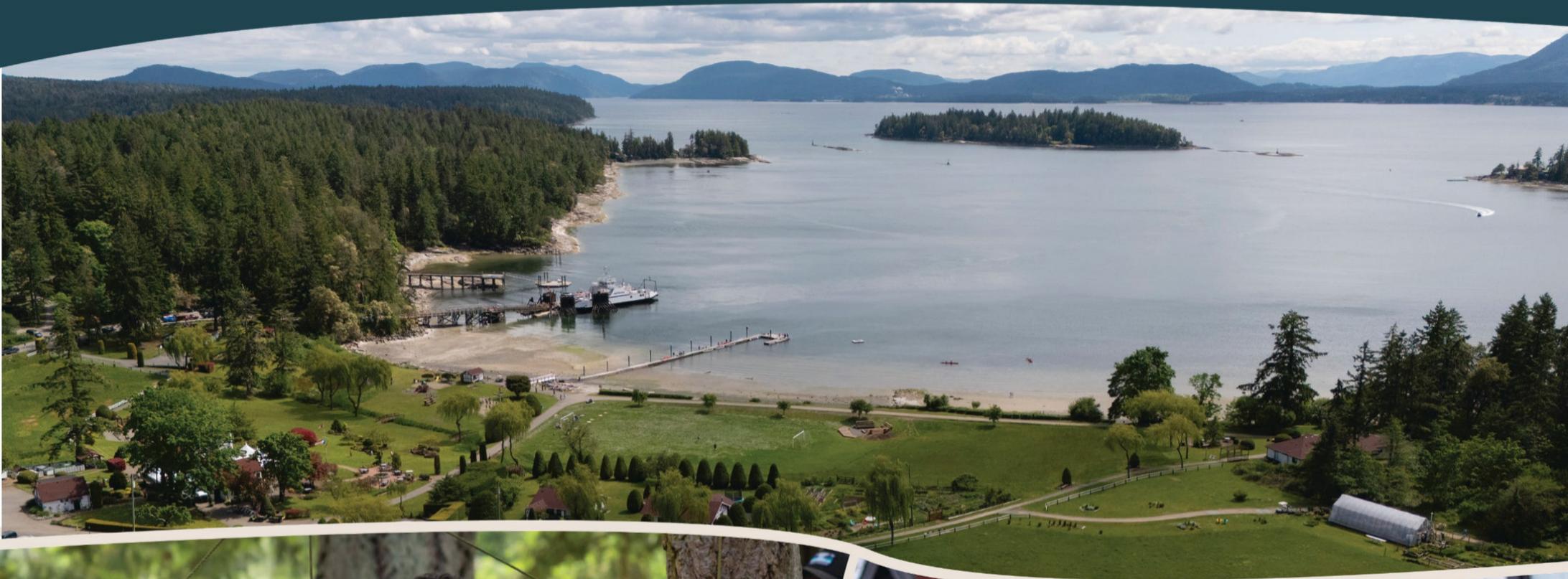
Homeschooling can quickly become driven by comparison and busy schedules focused on curriculum, activities, and expectation. Instead, this session invites you to pause, anchor your identity and teaching in Biblical truth, then build from there. Through Biblical encouragement and practical planning strategies, you'll learn how to let your daily rhythms and homeschool structure flow from firmly rooted values.

SASHA ROBERTSON, INTENTIONAL ABUNDANCE



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Christ as Life*



**BIBLE SCHOOL
CONFERENCES
OUTDOOR ED
RETREATS**

SESSION FIVE

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

AUDITORIUM

THE POWER OF VIDEO OF EDITING

This workshop is designed to demonstrate the power of video editing.

I will be editing in real time in a fun and interactive way, using familiar, family-friendly clips from movies everyone loves. Together, we will break down how meaning and emotion are shaped in video by making simple changes, such as swapping music or adding sound effects, and show how small adjustments can completely transform a scene.

This workshop gives audiences a behind-the-scenes look at how video editing influences storytelling, emotion, and perception, all in an engaging and accessible way that is family friendly.

NICK DUPLANTIS, FIRESTARTERS MEDIA

RM 223

>>WILD BIRD AMBASSADOR

Come meet Ace the Barn Owl and how he came to be an ambassador for the Alaska WildBird Rehabilitation Center. (This presentation is limited to 35 attendees.)

SHANNON JENSEN, AWBRC

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OLIVIA MAIORANO, OLIVIA ROSEMARY ART

RM 230

RENAISSANCE: EXPERIENCE THE CLASSICAL EDUCATION MODEL

Experience classical education in action!

We will model and practice the three arts of the trivium: grammar, dialectic, and rhetoric. Using the Renaissance as a springboard, this interactive session will demonstrate how learning progresses throughout a student's life.

HANNAH ALBERTSON, CLASSICAL CONVERSATIONS



Eagle River

GRACE

CZECH MISSIONS TEAM



FRIDAY DINNER

BEFORE THE WILD BROTHERS SCREENING

Full Meal \$16

- 2 sliders (pork/ chicken)
- Pasta salad (4oz)
- Chocolate chip cookie
- Bottled water

Kids Meal \$9

- 1 slider (pork/chicken)
- Pasta salad (4oz)
- Chocolate chip cookie
- Bottled water

A la Carte

Chips

\$1.00

Pasta Salad (5.5oz)

\$3.00

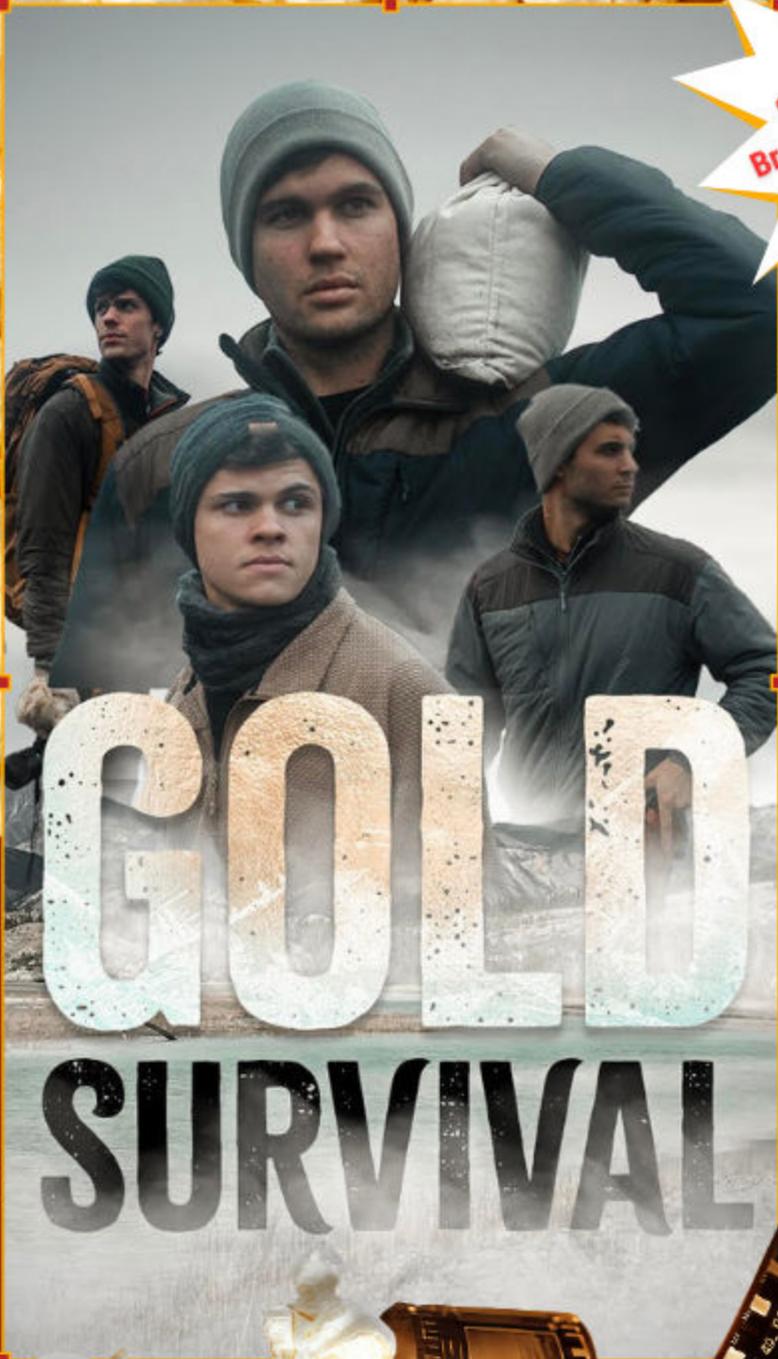
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SESSION SIX

9:30AM-10:30AM

AUDITORIUM

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

This take on AI gives parents and students a clear, hopeful, and practical understanding of artificial intelligence: what it is, how it works, and why it is here to stay. We will explore how AI is already being used across business, healthcare, software, and creative industries, and what future employers will expect from AI-augmented workers, without fear-based predictions. A key segment explains how people learn best through productive struggle, retrieval, and teaching, and how to prevent AI from weakening foundational thinking. You will leave with a simple family framework for using AI wisely and responsibly. This includes challenging project ideas—such as websites, games, digital products, podcasts, children’s books, and business plans—all shaped by practical, faith-informed guidance.

KEITH DOBSON

RM 223

INTRO TO WHOLE GRAINS

All you want to learn about whole grains

1. The incredible health benefits of whole grains rather than conventional commercially milled flour
2. How to bake with freshly milled whole grains
3. How to stretch your grocery dollars with real food, especially grains
4. The long-term benefits of eating from God's great garden grains

MARGARET LOEW, HOLY LIVING

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>>AWANA GAMES (AGES 9-12)

Come join AWANA games leaders the King family in fun game play while practicing good sportsmanship. (Space is limited.)

THE KING FAMILY, FAITH BIBLE FELLOWSHIP AWANA

RM 230

AMERICAN/ALASKAN CIVICS

How does government work vs. how is it supposed to work, and how can we affect/improve how government works.

PAT MARTIN, ALASKA RIGHT TO LIFE

RM 263

LEARNING WITH PICTURE BOOKS

Using Caldecott picture books as a basis for discussions in the Elementary homeschool classroom. I have enjoyed teaching geography, social studies, and vocabulary using picture books in the homeschool co-op community. They can be a launching point for many rabbit trails including art, language arts, math and more. Learn how to seamlessly encourage and incorporate learning in a gentle incognito learning environment. Brought to you by me, a Homeschool mom of 4 girls, with over 12 years homeschooling experience

ALLISON LONER, ROUNDABOUT BOOKS



**Dominion
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Corporation**

SESSION SEVEN

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

AUDITORIUM

HOW TO COACH YOUR CREATIVE CHILD

Your creative child needs encouragement, but also guidance and discipline. How to help kids gifted in and keen on music, writing, and the arts say yes to their gifting and no to the destructive and selfish behaviors so often associated with artists.

S.D. SMITH, KEYNOTE SPEAKER

RM 223

US NAVY CAREERS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Come hear information about the many opportunities the Navy has to offer. Such as advanced electronics and nuclear engineering. As well as scholarships (worth up to \$200,000.00) offered at over 160 different colleges and universities

US NAVY

RM 263

CREATING A FAMILY CULTURE THAT REFLECTS GOD'S HEART

Discipline, communication, and daily activities in the home can be chaotic, overwhelming, and exhausting, but when we learn to parent with God's heart, we can begin to create the peaceful, joyful family culture we've longed for.

TERRIE HELLARD BROWN, HYPURPLEY

CMC

>>AWANA GAMES (AGES 5-8)

Come join AWANA games leaders the King family in fun game play while practicing good sportsmanship. (Space is limited.)

THE KING FAMILY, FAITH BIBLE FELLOWSHIP AWANA

RM 230

>> INTERNET SAFETY

The FBI provides an overview on how children can be safe online, what to consider when engaged on gaming platforms, and next steps if they are targeted. If time allows, we also provide an overview (FBI 101) on what we do and explore the different types of FBI careers

JENNIFER GIBSON, FBI

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SESSION EIGHT

1:15 PM - 2:15 PM

AUDITORIUM

HOMESCHOOL FREEDOM PANEL

Learn about the history of homeschool freedom in Alaska from APHEA founder, Jack Phelps and HSLDA attorney, Darren Jones.

JACK PHELPS, APHEA FOUNDER
DARREN JONES, HSLDA

RM 230

EVERY GRADUATE SHOULD ATTEND A ONE YEAR BIBLE SCHOOL

This workshop covers the purpose behind the one-year Bible school movement and the specific ways it helps young adults build a solid foundation for Christ as they prepare for the next steps in life.

LUKE GUNKEL, NORTH STAR BIBLE SCHOOL

RM 223

MODEST AUDACITY: FOUNDATIONS FOR A FAITHFUL WRITING LIFE

Author S.D. Smith shares three bricks for building a faithful writing life. More than just cleverness and craft, our identity informs our creative life and the words we write and share with others.

S.D. SMITH, KEYNOTE SPEAKER

RM 263

>>SOCCER PARTY

Sports bring big cheers—and big feelings! In Xavier's New Team, kids will jump into the action as Xavier joins a new soccer team and learns that being a great teammate isn't just about winning—it's about forgiveness, kindness, and heart. Through this fun, Bible-centered lesson, children will discover the good news that God invites them onto His team. Expect songs, games, and prizes as we celebrate learning to love others and share God's grace!

CHILD EVANGELISM



NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, LLC

SESSION NINE

2:30PM-3:30PM

AUDITORIUM

LITERATURE THAT PROCLAIMS CHRIST: STORIES TO SHOW HOW CHRISTIANS LOOK AT LIFE, THE UNIVERSE, EVERYTHING

Two thousand years of Christian literature have been passed down to help us imitate Christ in our daily lives. Join us as we consider just a fraction of these works. Depending on the workshop, authors discussed may include three different Johns (Bunyan, Donne, and Calvin), Athanasius, C.S. Lewis, Marilynne Robinson, J.K. Rowling, and more.

DARREN JONES, FEATURED SPEAKER

RM 223

TAMING THE TIME MANAGEMENT MONSTER: THE SKILLS YOUR HIGH SCHOOLER NEEDS TO TAKE OWNERSHIP AND BUILD RESPONSIBILITY

In this interactive workshop on time management, participants will learn a practical framework for breaking projects into three tiers — Tombstones, Milestones, and Inchpebbles — to reduce overwhelm and boost follow-through. Through discussion and real-life examples, we'll explore how to identify immovable deadlines, plan achievable progress markers, and build consistent habits to get things done. Attendees will leave with clear tools for managing their time with more focus, peace, and resilience.

RILEY MAAS, UNBOUND

RM 230

BEE KEEPING TO ENHANCE YOUR HOMESCHOOL

Veteran beekeeper and homeschool mom, Dawn Cogen breaks down what she has learned in 21 years of successful arctic bee keeping.

DAWN COGEN

RM 263

>>MISSIONS ACROSS THE WORLD

What's it like to live on the other side of the world? Come find out! Terrie has spent decades living in Asia — 15 years in Taiwan and now serving in Thailand — sharing the Gospel, learning new languages, and loving people across cultures. In this interactive session, kids will get a taste of life on the mission field through songs, activities, and real stories from the field. And here's the best part: you don't have to move to Asia to be a missionary. Prayer is one of the most powerful mission tools in the world — and every kid in the room can use it. Come ready to sing, participate, and discover your place in God's global story!

TERRIE HELLARD BROWN, HYPURPLEY



NorthernLegacy

Auto Care

SESSION TEN

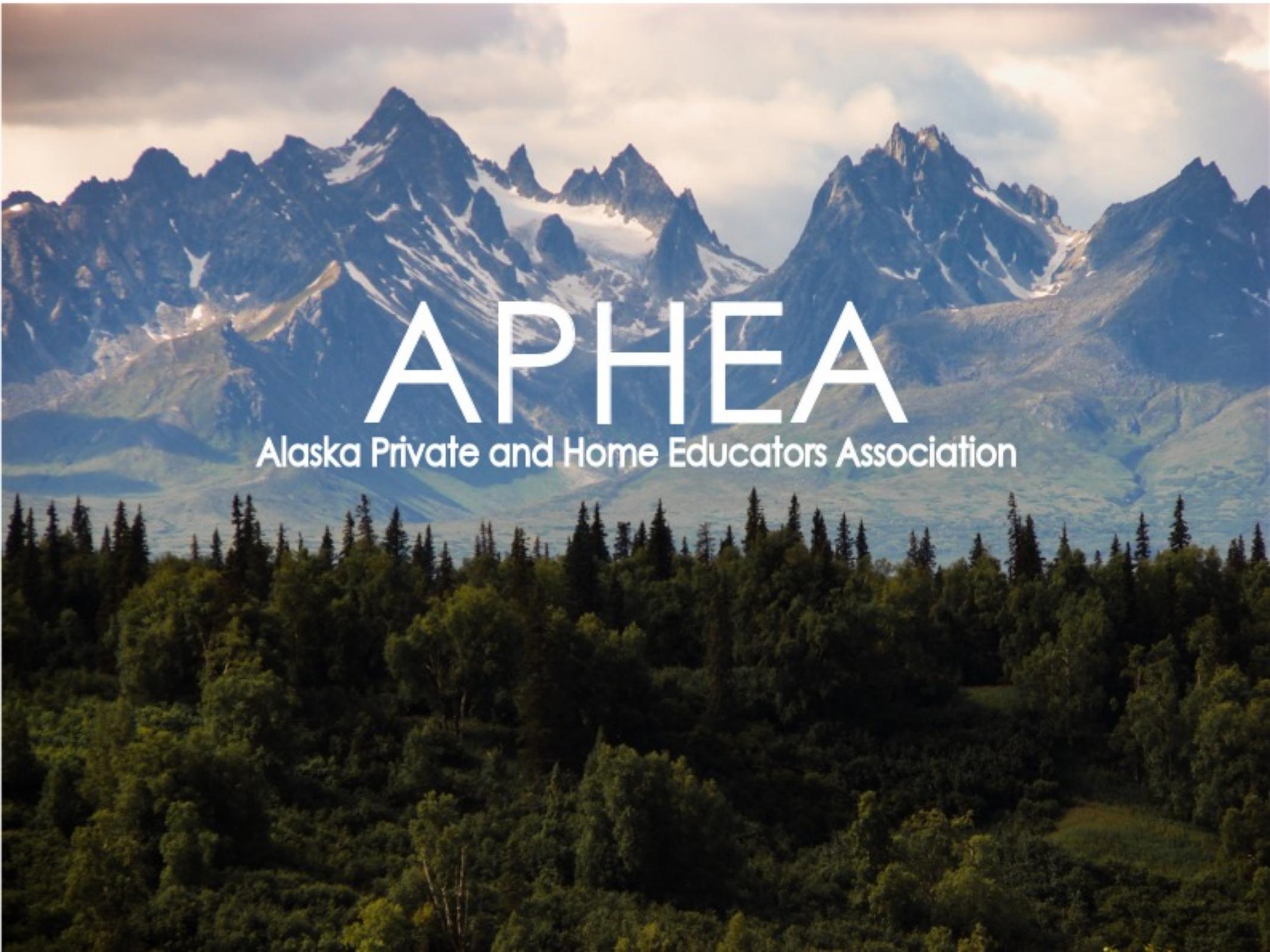
4:00PM-5:00PM

AUDITORIUM

READ ALOUD WITH Q&A

Bring your questions for best selling author, S.D. Smith! He'll read from one of his books then take questions from YOU! Great for all ages.

S.D. SMITH, KEYNOTE SPEAKER



APHEA

Alaska Private and Home Educators Association



*Alaska's Statewide Christian Homeschool
Organization Since 1986*

Alaska Private and Home Educators Association (APHEA)

The Alaska Private and Home Educators Association is a membership-based coalition of parents and others who have banded together for the furtherance of educational excellence through alternatives to the government-operated public schools.

www.aphea.org

APHEA seeks to foster and protect a climate of non-interference for home education in Alaska by direct involvement in the political process. This is accomplished by providing information on issues and candidates and by acting as a liaison between home education and the Alaska legislature. We strive to keep APHEA members informed through bulletins concerning pertinent legislation and Department of Education activities. APHEA is a 501(c)(4) organization.

Brief Look at Alaska State Law ~ Homeschooling

Sec. 14.30.010. When attendance is compulsory.

(a) Every child between seven and 16 years of age shall attend school at the public school in the district in which the child resides during each school term. Every parent, guardian or other person having the responsibility for or control of a child between seven and 16 years of age shall maintain the child in attendance at a public school in the district in which the child resides during the entire school term, except as provided in (b) of this section.

(b) This section does not apply if a child...

(12) is being educated in the child's home by a parent or legal guardian.

APHEA Position Statement

Whereas it is a fact recognized by the Supreme Court of these United States that children are not the mere creatures of the state, and;

Whereas it is the first responsibility of parents to care for their children and that part of this responsibility is the training and educating of their children, and;

Whereas we recognize the high duty and right of all parents to direct the education of their children without unreasonable restrictions by the state, and;

Whereas we affirm the fundamental right of parents to provide for their children religious training without interference from the state, and;

Whereas it is a violation of the most basic concept of liberty for the state to standardize children by forcing upon them and their parents state-directed instruction;

WE, THE MEMBERS OF APHEA, DO HEREBY DECLARE:

1. Our intention to execute faithfully our parental duty to the best of our God-given abilities;
2. Our intention to cooperate together to attain excellence in private education for our children;
3. Our intention to resist any attempt by the government of these United States or the State of Alaska to disallow the freedom to exercise our parental rights in education; and
4. Our willingness to collaborate to improve the climate of educational freedom in Alaska through public information as well as through legislative means.

The APHEA Annual State Homeschool Convention:

- Only Christ-centered State Homeschool Convention.
- Provides a means to foster contact between homeschool groups in Alaska. This is done through publications and the presentation of seminars.
- The Annual Convention encourages family participation.
- Features at least one keynote speaker who is well-known in the field of home education.
- Also provides workshops conducted by the keynote speaker, other special speakers, and by local teachers and parent educators.
- Vendor Hall: This is an excellent opportunity to obtain information from vendors knowledgeable in various curricula, to get a hands-on look at curriculum displays and supplementary materials, as well as purchase curricula, literature and other teaching materials.
- We strongly encourage membership with HSLDA.

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