



23rd
Annual
Heart of
ILLINOIS CONVENTION
for Home Educators

All your children
shall be taught by the Lord,
and great shall be the peace
of your children.

Isaiah 54:13

April 13-14, 2012

Peoria Civic Center • Peoria, IL

Friday, April 13

8:30 am Registration opens
9:00 - 10:30 am Ray & Charlene Notgrass
10:30 am - 9:00 pm Vendor Hall open
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Workshop Session 1
1:00 - 2:00 pm Workshop Session 2
4:00 - 5:00 pm Workshop Session 3
6:30 - 8:00 pm Steve Demme

Saturday, April 14

8:00 am-4:00 pm Registration & Vendor Hall open
9:00 - 10:30 am Steve Demme
1:00 - 2:00 pm Workshop Session 4
2:30 - 3:30 pm Workshop Session 5
4:00 - 5:00 pm Workshop Session 6

Welcome! The 23rd Annual Heart of Illinois Convention for Home Educators may very well be our best yet. APACHE is honored to be able to bring in top homeschool experts, such as Steve Demme and Ray & Charlene Notgrass. You will have the opportunity to not only learn from their presentations, but also to interact with them, ask questions and get real, face-to-face answers. Additionally, you will have the chance to peruse thousands of home school books. We look forward to spending the weekend with you on April 13-14th!

~ APACHE Board



Ray and Charlene Notgrass have homeschooled for twenty years, with their youngest child graduating this spring. They and their family operate Notgrass Company, which publishes homeschool curriculum. Ray is the author of *Exploring America*, *Exploring World History*, *Exploring Government*, and *Exploring Economics*, all for high school. Their favorite pastimes are enjoying their grown children, being grandparents, and encouraging homeschooling families.

www.notgrass.com

Ray & Charlene Notgrass

Teaching the Heart, Soul and Mind.....Friday, 9:00 am
Experienced homeschooling parents, Ray & Charlene Notgrass, share how you can develop a learning lifestyle that goes beyond the expectations of the world. They encourage parents to teach the heart, soul, and mind of each child from babyhood through adulthood.

Workshops by Ray:

- America's Heritage of Faith
- Exploring World History
- Confident Homeschooling

Workshops by Charlene:

- Homeschooling for Imperfect Moms
- Homeschooling Through High School- It Can Be Done!
- Record Keeping for Every Homeschool

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“..the .single most significant influence in a child’s life is that of his parents.”



Steve Demme

Steve and his wife Sandra have been married for 31 years and have been blessed with four sons. With God’s help, they have all been home educated. He is the founder of Math-U-See and has served on various boards including Joni and Friends for Eastern PA and Christian Freedom International.

Steve’s desire is to strengthen, teach, encourage, and affirm parents and families as they pursue the Biblical model for the Christian home.

Having spent years working with youth as a school teacher (public and Christian), as a pastor and youth leader in a church, and as a counselor and camp director at summer camps, he is absolutely convinced that the single most significant influence in a child’s life is that of his parents. Mentors and coaches have a valuable and influential role in the life of today’s youth, but Mom and Dad can’t be replaced. You may support the home, but you can’t replace it.

www.thefamilythatstaystogether.org

The Family That Stays Together, Stays Together.....Friday, 6:30 pm
There is hope for the family in the 21st century! Humorous illustrations will encourage you to enhance your family life with these suggestions.

Being a Disciple and Training Disciples in the Home.....Saturday, 9:00 am
God calls us to teach and disciple our children while we are still being disciplined ourselves. This unique dynamic was designed by God to develop teacher and student alike. Steve shares his successes and failures of 30+ years training his 4 sons from young boys to grown men.

More workshops by Steve Demme:

- God’s Divine Design and the Good News
- The Christian Home and Family Worship
- Slaying Lions and Honoring Parents
- Finding Hope and Redemption in the Valleys of Life
- Strategies for Understanding One Another and Building Each Other Up in the Lord
- Conformed or Transformed

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Introducing our speakers



Rachel West Kramer is a Christian vocalist and speaker with Hands of Love Ministry and Electric Station Records. She sings and speaks throughout the U.S. Rachel leads worship along with her husband Scott Kramer at their home church, and they are most grateful to be parents of two children.

<http://handsoflove.org/>



Dr. Daniel Bennett is Senior Pastor of Bethany Community Church. He is also author of the book *A Passion for the Fatherless: Developing a God-Centered Ministry to Orphans*. He and his wife, Whitney, homeschool their four children.

Hank Tate has been referred to as the “Grandfather of Homeschooling in Houston”. Hank’s focus is on challenging, encouraging, and equipping families to be successful in home schooling, and he challenges parents to recognize that the development of character is the key to a student’s future success.

<http://www.educationalsupport.org>



Ted Lueken is the Chief Financial Officer of a growing company. He has a passion for helping young adults grow in godliness and professionalism. Ted and his wife, Lisa, have three children who have been homeschooled for the last 10 years.



Angela Beddingfield, while currently pursuing her Master’s in Educational Psychology/Gifted Education, offers private tutoring, teaches at GERI/Purdue University, teaches science and art at a local homeschool co-op class and homeschools her own three children.



Julie Bogart is the creator of the innovative Brave Writer Writing and Language Arts Curriculum. Brave Writer exists to foster a nurturing relationship between parent and child while creating a safe environment for writing growth. She has homeschooled her five children.

www.bravewriter.com/

Jennifer Banning’s passion for sewing led to her career in the Family and Consumer Services Education program at Illinois State University, where she helps prepare future FCS teachers for middle & high school classrooms.



WORKSHOP SESSION 1 ~ FRIDAY @ 11 AM

God’s Divine Design & the Good News- Steve Demme Beginning in the garden and culminating at the marriage supper of the lamb, we’ll explore God’s plan for rebuilding the foundation of our culture, the Christian home.

Nurturing Brave Writers- Julie Bogart Working with a reluctant writer? Wanting to inspire a resilient one? Become an effective writing coach and ally to your children. You’ll also go home with an 8-week writing plan!

First Steps to a Child’s Heart- Dr. Daniel Walker Fundamentals are important in sports, education, and nutrition. You will learn why each recommendation is necessary and understand the physiology behind the best foods for our body.

America’s Heritage of Faith- Ray Notgrass Our country was founded upon a deep faith in God. Recent developments, however, have threatened our spiritual foundation. Learn about the strong legacy of faith in American history & how we can continue to uphold that faith despite recent attempts to undermine it.

Ministering to Pastor’s Wives- Stacy McDonald Reminding pastor’s and elder’s wives that Satan puts great effort into attacking and undermining the families of those in ministry, Stacy gives examples of ways to ensure that the wives of those in ministry are not caught off guard.

The Idol of Family- Dr. Daniel Bennett The human heart, as John Calvin put it, is “a perpetual forge of idols.” As homeschoolers, we rightly recognize the importance of family but is it possible that we have taken a good thing--the family--and made it an idol?

A Philosophy: An Introduction to the Principles and Practices of a Charlotte Mason Education- Kelli Christenberry We will consider the basis of an educational philosophy and specific practices of a Charlotte Mason Education – Great Literature and Living Books, the Wonder of Natural Sciences, the Pageantry of History, a Wide and Varied Curriculum... an approach for ALL ages.

Burnout: How to Avoid It- Hank Tate “Burnout: To become exhausted especially as a result

of overwork or dissipation.” Every homeschool mom faces burnout - sooner or later. The workshop will re-align your thinking and goals with a focus on lifetime goals rather than on immediate assignment battles.

Tending the Garden: How to Support Your Homeschooling Wife- James McDonald Often, the burden of teaching falls on the mother. The way her husband protects, nourishes, and supports her can be the difference between success and failure.

Serve to Lead: Lead to Serve- Rachel West Kramer We want our lives to count – to make a difference! A SERVANT LEADER challenges others to live life courageously, to walk in faith and to honor God. It begins with serving and loving others with authentic compassion and courage. Joshua 3:5 says, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you!”

Importance of Classical Education- Alicia Glendenning of Classical Conversations The importance of Classical Education, and how to implement it in your homeschool.

WORKSHOP SESSION 2 ~ FRIDAY @ 1 PM

The Christian Home and Family Worship- Steve Demme shares his successes and failures of over 20 years of working to develop the habit of incorporating family devotions into the life of his family. He also shares insights into the role of the father as the pastor of the home. With references to the habits of other notable Christians, Steve shares practical tips for teaching God's word to children of all ages.

The Natural Stages of Growth in Writing- Julie Bogart Do you wonder if your child is ready to write on his or her own? How much help should you give? You will gain an understanding of how to tailor your children's writing program into one that suits your child's skill level while challenging him or her to grow as well.

Keys to Most Common Childhood Disorders- Dr. Chad Walker Truth and facts will be presented from the latest research studies revealing factual deficiencies that can cause many of the most detrimental conditions facing our children. Treatments should start with what we know and then later lead into what we only "think" might help.

Homeschooling for Imperfect Moms- Charlene Notgrass Veteran homeschooling mom helps other imperfect moms find daily strength for

the journey. She shares tips on how to keep first things first, ways to make homeschooling a family lifestyle instead of a burden, & reminders about God's goals for training our children.

Virtuous Young Maidenhood: Growing a Homeschooling Heritage- Stacy McDonald Feminine softness and beauty have been replaced. Join Stacy McDonald, mother of seven fair maidens, as she investigates the lost art of biblical femininity, sexual purity, and virtuous maidenhood—a fairy tale experience.

Teaching Compassion to Your Children- Dr. Daniel Bennett We are immersed in a materialistic culture. At the same time, the church is more aware of the global needs of the orphan, the widow, and the poor. The purpose of this workshop is to cultivate a Christ-centered compassion within your family that will motivate you.

Preparing for College & Using CLEP Tests to Save Time & Money!- Hank Tate Discover how you and your students can save time & money on college and increase the flexibility of how to accomplish goals for higher education. This workshop will help you understand college credits and how your students can confidently pursue and earn credits as early as their high school years.

An Immersion Study: Students of a Charlotte Mason School in the Older Elementary Years- Kelli Christenberry During this session, you are the student. We will discover how a Charlotte Mason day might look in the life of an older elementary student. This is a hands on "how-to" class that will not only enable you to see from your student's perspective, but also help you to formulate a plan that is rich and rigorous, yet broad in approach so you still "get in all the extras".

Hands-on Engineering Session for Teens- Angela Beddingfield Enjoy learning and applying some basic principles of civil engineering. During this session, you will be introduced to various engineering terms and will be put to work in hands-on experiments and creations.

Something Only God Can Do- Rachel West Kramer By His grace, he works in our lives in ways we cannot deny that it is HIM! Only He can take our hearts and make them like His! Only God can remove all fear and grant us faith to soar through the adventures of this earthly life. These are things only God can do!

Prayer: The Power to Prevail- James McDonald Understand the power to succeed in home schooling – and every other facet of life.

WORKSHOP SESSION 3 ~ FRIDAY @ 4 PM

Slaying Lions and Honoring Parents- Steve Demme In examining the lives of Isaac and David, Steve gleans helpful insights into the battles facing young people today. This workshop will clarify the issues and encourage our youth to stand strong. All scripture is inspired and profitable for Christians of all ages.

SAT/ACT Essay Preparation- Julie Bogart Timed essay writing demands a different kind of skill and preparation than the typical prepared essay. We'll look at strategies to make the SAT/ACT tests less of a beast! Bring your high schoolers with you.

Homeschooling and the Illinois Law- Brian Heller This workshop discusses the current status of home education in the law and how you can meet the legal requirements and any upcoming legal challenges to your freedom to homeschool in Illinois. Resources will be provided on income tax breaks for homeschooling and staying informed on legislative and legal developments in Illinois.

Homeschooling Through High School: It Can Be Done!- Charlene Notgrass Does thinking about high school credits, transcripts, testing, graduation, and post-high school options scare your socks off? If so, you are not alone!

ADULTS ONLY CSI: Jerusalem Intro with Crime Scene Investigation- Dr. Lainna Callentine Explore the fascinating world of forensic criminal investigation. The past will collide with the present when you and your team of forensic experts examine the scene and utilize modern technology to solve this dastardly mystery. An additional fee and online convention registration is required by March 17.

So You're Graduating.....Now What?- Ted Lueken Practical advice for preparing a resume, applying and interviewing for a job, preparing and living by a budget, and other life skills.

An Expansive Education: Charlotte Mason in the High School Years- Kelli Christenberry In this session, we will discuss how a Charlotte Mason Education looks in the upper years. As

your student grows, an expansive education produces a self-motivated learner.

Weary Women- Stacy McDonald Join Stacy as she reminds women, especially homeschooling mothers, where to turn during times of weariness and trials.

Hands-on Teaching and Learning- Angela Beddingfield How to keep your "movers" moving and their hands on more than a pencil! Do you have a child who would rather build or create than write and study? Many students learn better by demonstrating new knowledge.

Power of Praise- Rachel West Kramer When we praise God in the midst of real life - especially parenting, we open the door to God's hand moving mightily in and through our lives. In this workshop, Rachel will focus on the privilege of worshipping God while encouraging our children.

Living for Jesus in a Pagan Land- James McDonald We must teach our children to not only survive, but succeed in the face of an increasingly post-Christian world.

More exciting speakers

Dr. Lainna Callentine has a great love for teaching. She is a pediatrician, homeschool mother, and former 5th grade teacher. She left formal medicine to homeschool her three children. She still practices her hobby of medicine at a Christian Clinic in the Chicago suburbs. She is on the board of directors for ParentalRights.org.



Dr. Lainna Callentine

Kelli Christenberry is a home education advocate and Charlotte Mason enthusiast. She is involved with the Charlotte Mason curriculum support group, *Ambleside Online* & *House of Education Online*. She also initiated and continues to facilitate a Peoria area Charlotte Mason Study group.



Kelli Christenberry

www.amblesideonline.org/



Fred Witzig

Fred Witzig has been walking with the Lord for 28 years and with his wife Nancy for 23 years. He has been a homeschool dad for 19 years. He has been teaching college history for 10 years and now works as Assistant Professor of History at Monmouth College in western Illinois.



James & Stacy McDonald

James McDonald, pastor of Providence Church in Morton, lives on two acres of heaven where his family spends their spare time raising a few chickens, adventuring in the woods and corn fields, and reading good books.

Dr. Chad Walker has practiced chiropractic medicine for 7 years. He has a special passion for nutrition, and its role in disease and wellness stems from his son's early life experience.

http://www.benningfieldchiro.com/Team_Doctors.html



DR. CHAD WALKER

Stacy McDonald is a pastor's wife, homeschooling mother, speaker, blogger, and author of the life changing books, *Passionate Housewives*, *Desperate for God* and *Raising Maidens of Virtue*. On her blog and while traveling with her family she encourages women all over the globe on issues related to marriage, motherhood, homemaking, chastity, and Christian culture.

www.yoursacredcalling.com



Brian Heller

Brian Heller has a solo law practice in Washington, IL, where he lives with his wife & son, whom they homeschool. Brian serves as general counsel for Samaritan Ministries International. He's currently the President of the Washington District Library Board.

Dr. Rob Currie, a professor at Judson University, has taught child psychology since 1987 and has worked in preschools. His new book, *Preschool Wisdom*, will help you to have a more obedient preschooler and to enjoy him or her more than ever.



Dr. Rob Currie

WORKSHOP SESSION 4 ~ SATURDAY @ 1 PM

Finding Hope and Redemption in the Valleys of Life- Steve Demme This workshop is Steve's testimony of the last twenty years as the father of a child with special needs. He shares what his family has learned as a result of Johnny's disability, and the special, rewarding, and joyful role he has played in their lives. Even in the difficult experiences of life, God proved faithful. His grace sustained them and brought good out of their struggles & disappointments.

Hands-on Engineering Session for Teens- Angela Beddingfield Enjoy learning and applying some basic principles of civil engineering. During this session, you will be introduced to various engineering terms and put them to work in hands-on experiments and creations.

Cathedral Building: Developing a Multi-Generational Vision- James McDonald Those who spent their lives building cathedrals had a vision toward future generations rather than for the moment. What would we change if we had the same generational vision as the cathedral builder?

Exploring World History- Ray Notgrass Why do we need to know about ancient history and other cultures? How does the Bible relate to our understanding of world history? Ray answers these questions and highlights some of

the important people, events, and ideas that have shaped our world.

CSI: Forensic Science and Crime Scene Investigation (Intro, Evidence Gathering and Forensic Anthropology: Bone, Functions and Anatomy of the Brain)- Dr. Lainna Callentine (1 of 3) Explore the fascinating world of forensic criminal investigation. Your thoughtful analysis of the evidence will lead you to unlock this case. The race is on! An additional fee and online convention registration is required by March 17.

Teaching Strategies that Match a Child's Strengths- Jennifer Banning How can you make teaching more fun for you and learning more interesting for your children? This workshop will use hands-on learning to help you identify eight ways your children are smart and how you can use this knowledge in daily lessons.

Why Home School?- Hank Tate You probably have, or will, face questioning and criticism from friends and family who think you've "lost your marbles". For 12 years this workshop has been the key that has provided the encouragement for thousands of families. The handout is specifically designed to share with others the foundational reasons why you have chosen the excellence of homeschooling.

A Conversation: An informal Q&A and Follow-up- Kelli Christenberry It will be a casual Question & Answer format for follow up from any of the previous sessions as well as any other Charlotte Mason related topics. Questions may be submitted ahead of time or during our open conversation.

Teaching the American Revolution- Fred Witzig When we try to prepare to teach the American Revolution, we might be overwhelmed by the enormity and complexity of the era. This session is designed to give us some good handles on what happened and why, and how the American Revolution can help us understand our nation and world today.

Intro to Photography- Brittany Donahoe (for novice and intermediate camera users) We will cover the basics of using camera settings & focus on how to change small habits in taking pictures to make your everyday pictures look professional.

Combining Classical Education, Charlotte Mason, and Unit Studies with a Biblical Perspective- My Father's World Why not blend the best of each method? MFW instills Biblical values while integrating literature, chronological history, geography, hands-on activities, notebooks, timelines, narration, Greek & Latin roots, nature studies, and more.

WORKSHOP SESSION 5 ~ SATURDAY @ 2:30 PM

Strategies for Understanding One Other and Building Each Other Up in the Lord- Steve Demme From communication tips and personality insights, we will look at practical ways to love one another. If children can learn to love their siblings and honor their parents, and parents can learn to submit to one another and be honorable, we learn to “bear one another’s burdens”. Galatians 6:2

Brave Writer Lifestyle- Julie Bogart The best way to cultivate writing in your home is to create a context for a language rich environment! We’ll explore the role of nature study, art appreciation, film, poetry, literature, and word play in the development of great writers.

God Guides Grooms and Brides (and the rest of us too)- James McDonald Reflections on the purpose of marriage and how to lead your children into that blessed estate.

Confident Homeschooling- Ray Notgrass Many voices in the world—and sometimes in our families and churches—tear down our confidence that we are doing a good job homeschooling our children. Learn to let go of the world’s standards for your children. Find new confidence as you train your children according to God’s standards.

CSI: Forensic Biology (Recap, Forensic Pathology, Serology and Hematology (Blood) Examination)-

Dr. Lainna Callentine (2 of 3) additional fee and online convention registration required by Mar 17.

Experiencing Careers in Family and Consumer Sciences- Jennifer Banning Family and Consumer Sciences is a field that includes careers related to human development, parenting, family relationships, food/nutrition, apparel/textiles, consumer education, and interior design. This session will give youth hands-on experience with three specific career paths in this field: child life specialist, personal chef, and apparel designer. Detail about how to prepare for each career will be provided as well.

The 1,2,3’s of Getting Started in Home Schooling— Hank & Lydia Tate Hank’s daughter-in-love, Lydia, who is homeschooling 3 boys, joins Hank to share a multi-generational overview on how to get started in building an effective homeschool. The workshop reviews what a school day is like and will help develop realistic expectations. Hank & Lydia will help you discover resources and avoid hidden pitfalls. (especially encouraging for beginners!)

Christianity: The Real Women’s Liberation Movement- Stacy McDonald Join Stacy as she discusses how feminist ideology contradicts Scripture in

almost every way—and how Jesus is the one who truly sets women free!

Doing History Like God Does History-Fred Witzig Ever notice how much of the Bible is made up of stories of the past? Repeatedly God’s Word uses history to teach us important lessons about life, both the beautiful and the ugly. We can do history so that our telling of the past is faithful to God’s truths about the human experience.

What Your Preschooler Desperately Wants to Tell You -Dr. Rob Currie Highlights from Dr. Currie’s book by the same title.

ABC’s, 123’s, and Handwriting, Oh My!- Tips on Adapting your Homeschool for your Child with Special Needs- Bob Jones representative We will discuss some of the unique challenges of educating a child with special needs as well as explaining why some traditional educational tasks are difficult for your child. A hands-on workshop where we will try to recreate for you how your child may experience various sensory input and movement challenges. Practical tips will be given on how to individually adapt your classroom for each subject - including English/Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, Handwriting, Foreign Language, and Bible.

WORKSHOP SESSION 6 ~ SATURDAY @ 4 PM

Conformed or Transformed- Steve Demme is convinced we are to be not conformed but transformed by the renewing of our mind. With these premises, he examines how scripture impacts every subject in our curriculum.

Help for High School Writing- Julie Bogart When should my student learn to write an essay? What if I’ve neglected writing until now? Is it too late? This session deals specifically with all the dynamics of high school writing—the necessary formats, the timing of that instruction, and how to evaluate the work they do. Don’t despair!

The Heart of the Matter: Guiding Our Children into Pure Marriages- James McDonald Modern dating provides our children and young adults with lessons in “breaking up” (practice for divorce) and emotional heartache rather than how to form solid relationships and permanent biblical commitments. Scriptural principles for parental involvement and marital training are examined while parents and their children discuss ways to apply them in their own homes.

Record Keeping for Every Homeschooling Style- Charlene Notgrass Whether you prefer traditional textbooks, unschooling, or find yourself somewhere in-between, Charlene Notgrass outlines a system that can make you feel like a homeschooling Super Mom. It helps you focus

not just on academic subjects, but also on spiritual development, family relationships, and life skills.

CSI: Forensic Biology (Recap, Fingerprints, Tool Mark Analysis, final wrap-up)- Dr. Lainna Callentine (3 of 3) additional fee and online convention registration required by Mar 17.

How to Homeschool Successfully- Hank Tate The workshop provides a concise overview of how to successfully address the myriad of subjects that need to be covered. Though the challenge can feel overwhelming, Mr. Tate will share from their 24 years of homeschooling a variety of tools and support systems that are available to help you accomplish your education goals successfully no matter what the ages of your kids. (especially for beginners!)

The Sacred Mission of Motherhood- Stacy McDonald How do you view your role in the family? Are you just a wife and mother? How can this distorted view of a woman’s calling affect our children? Join Stacy as she reminds mothers of their honorable calling of wife, mother, and keeper at home; and how their respected position was planned before the beginning of time.

Christians in College: How to Thrive, Not Just Survive- Fred Witzig Colleges of any type are equipped to prepare us for a lifetime of service

to God, *if* we know why we attend and what we should be getting out of the college experience. This session will encourage us to be intentional about our spiritual and academic growth so that we can seize the opportunities and avoid the pitfalls, and so that we leave college more dedicated to and prepared for the work God has prepared for us.

How to Be a Magical Mom or Dad (For Parents of Preschoolers)- Dr. Rob Currie This session is based on youngsters’ preoccupation with imagination. Parents will learn how to engage their kids’ imaginations with dramatically positive results.

Dyslexia: A New Understanding- Reading Solution of Central Illinois Why can’t your child or student read, comprehend, listen, focus attention, spell, sit still, follow instructions, manage time and behave? This seminar will reveal the incredible talents of dyslexics, the cause of their dyslexia, and answer this question.

Character Instruction: A Critical Part Of Every Class- FreedomProject Education What is Character?, How is Character Developed? and Character through the Disciplines. We teach the fundamentals of character-building within the teaching of subjects from History to Language, Science to Math. Without inculcating character in each subject, the knowledge is vain.

Association of Peoria Area Christian Home Educators

The Heart of Illinois Convention of Christian Home Educators is hosted annually by APACHE. APACHE is led by volunteer families who have a heart to minister to Christian homeschool families.

The vision of APACHE for the annual homeschool conference is:

- To provide education and information to parents
- To minister to homeschool families by providing a quality, affordable convention in downstate Illinois
- To promote understanding and acceptance of homeschooling as an excellent means of education

For more info about APACHE, visit our website

www.apachecentralillinois.org

ACCOMODATIONS

Downtown Peoria, East Peoria and the surrounding area offers many hotels, and the best pricing can be found online directly through the hotel website of your choice. Please make your own arrangements and book early!

PEORIA AREA

The Peoria area is easily accessed by Interstate 74, running east and west, and the nearby Interstate 55, which runs north and south. Plan your weekend visit at Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau's website, www.peoria.org. You'll find all the info on where to stay, where to eat, where to shop and what to do before and after convention!

Peoria is only a short drive on national scenic highways or major interstates!

Driving time to Peoria from:

- Chicago, IL - 3 hrs
- St. Louis, MO - 2.5 hrs
- Indianapolis, IN - 3 hrs
- Milwaukee, WI - 3.5 hrs
- Quad Cities, IA/IL - 1.5 hrs



FULL ACCESS

Your name badge is your conference pass. It provides access to the entire conference, including keynote presentations with Steve Demme, featured speaker session with Ray and Charlene Notgrass, six workshop sessions of your choice, resource bag, vendor hall and APACHE Park.

Please pick up your name badge at the registration counter upon arrival at the convention and wear it at all times while in attendance.

PARKING

We are excited to announce that, this year, two-day early registrations, including widows/widowers, will receive a **FREE** two-day, in-and-out, parking pass!! That's right, come and go as you need, and the parking pass is good for the entire event!

VENDOR HALL

Please note: You must register for the convention to enter the vendor hall.

Shop...Shop...Shop
Friday 10:30 am – 9 pm
Saturday 8 am – 4 pm

There will absolutely not be access to the Vendor Hall except during these hours, so plan accordingly.

VENDOR HALL ETIQUETTE

Many of the homeschool vendors are experts in their field, and we encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to gain knowledge and information. When a vendor takes the time and effort to explain a product, or give beneficial advice, please buy the product from the person who took the time with you. It is unfair to take advantage of one vendor's time and knowledge and then purchase it for less from a competitor. Not only does this help preserve an atmosphere of trust and sharing, it also encourages the return of knowledgeable, well-established vendors to our annual conference.

VENDORS

More than 30 exhibitors from all over the country will be on site with the best educational materials. Take advantage of this opportunity to save shipping charges on materials you need. Some vendors will also have special pricing at convention for further savings. Vendor representatives are a tremendous resource many of whom, as home educating families, have chosen curriculum for their own children, and can share their knowledge, expertise and experience. In addition, Christian organizations, publishers, community groups and businesses that serve and support the home educating community will participate in the convention as vendors.

The complete and updated list of vendors is available online at APACHE's website:

<http://apachecentralillinois.org/Default.aspx?pageId=916395>

- Math-U-See
- Rod & Staff Publishers
- My Father's World
- Farm Country General Store
- Brave Writer Writing & Language Arts
- Rainbow Resource Center
- Notgrass Publishing
- Christian Liberty Press
- Sonlight Curriculum
- Reading Solution of Central IL
- BJU Press/ HomeWorks by Precept
- Lamplighter Publishing
- Truth & Life Ministries
- Well-Planned Day
- Classical Conversations
- A Beka Book
- FreedomProject Education
- GERI/Purdue University
- Teaching Textbooks
- Usborne Books and More
- Video Text Interactive Homeschool Math
- Illinois Christian Home Educators (ICHE)

and Much More!!

INFO

REGISTRATION

Please register online using Paypal at www.apachecentralillinois.org or mail in a copy of the registration form on the following page. Complete only one registration form for each family. You, your spouse, youth, young adults and grandparents must be submitted all together on one form. We are unable to make exceptions to convention policies or registration fees. Please do not ask for exceptions.

Questions? Email info@apachecentralillinois.org or call 309.589.1307.

REFUND POLICY

If you are unable to attend the convention after prepayment has been made, please send a written request for a refund to: info@apachecentralillinois.org or APACHE, PO Box 5203, Peoria, IL 61601-5203. Requests postmarked on or before March 17 will be receive a full refund. Requests postmarked after March 17, 2012 will receive a 50% refund.

CHILDREN

We have invested our lives in home educating our children out of our love for them, but the annual conference is designed specifically for parent education and enrichment; therefore, children under 12 will not be permitted. Infants under 12 months are welcome; however, we request that parents with infants sit in the back of the room near an exit. Babies who make distracting noises- even happy ones- must be removed immediately. A private room for mothers will be available where you can care for your baby in a comfortable setting, but there will be no other childcare facilities offered.

YOUTH

We do encourage students 12 years of age and older to attend with their parents. Parents are required to be on site at all times. Youth are expected to conduct themselves in a mature, respectful manner. The registration fee for youth is \$10 each. Maximum youth fee per family is \$30.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults who have graduated from high school but are still living at home may attend with their parents. The registration fee for young adults is \$20 each. Name(s) and payment must be included with the parent's registration.

VOLUNTEERS

Through the years the Association of Peoria Area Christian Home Educators has worked hard to provide challenging and motivating convention experiences. To ensure another successful convention in 2012, we are dependent upon volunteers. Would you please prayerfully consider volunteering 1-2 hours of your time to help make this year's convention a success? If so, please check "I am willing to volunteer" on your registration.

WORKING SCHOLARSHIPS

In the event you require funding assistance to attend, APACHE offers a limited number of working scholarships. You may earn a scholarship by volunteering 6 hours prior to and during convention. This time may be split between an attending couple. Scholarships are available on a first-come/first-serve basis. On your registration form, please check: "I want a Working Scholarship," and pay your full registration fee in advance. After you have performed your service, you may pick up your refund at the registration counter.

Work assignment: Prior to the convention, you will be contacted by our Volunteer Coordinator with information about your assignment and time(s) of service. The Volunteer Coordinator will make two attempts to reach you. If we cannot reach you, the next person on the list will be contacted.



CSI: Forensic Biology- Dr. Lainna Callentine

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Register online @ www.apachecentralillinois.org or mail in

REGISTRATION



CLEARLY PRINT NAMES FOR ALL ATTENDING FAMILY MEMBERS as they should appear on name badge(s):

Father: _____ Mother: _____

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NAMES OF YOUTH for name badge(s)

(AGES 12 - high school senior @ \$10.00 ea)

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

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(GRADUATE(S) still living at home @ \$20.00 ea.)

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NAMES OF GRANDPARENTS ATTENDING (FREE) WITH PARENTS for name badge(s):

Registration	Discount <i>(postmarked by 3/17)</i>	Regular <i>(postmarked after 3/17)</i>
Two-day APACHE Subscriber (spouse included)	\$50.00	\$60.00
Two-day Non-subscriber (spouse included)	\$60.00	\$70.00
One-day pass (subscriber or non-subscriber, spouse incl)	\$35.00	\$45.00
Youth (ages 12-high school senior, attending with parent)	\$10.00 (family max \$30)	\$10.00 (family max \$30)
Young Adults (living at home, attending with parent)	\$20.00	\$20.00
Widow/Widower	Free	Free
Grandparent (not homeschooling, attending with parent)	Free	Free

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Please indicate the number of people attending each workshop. (You are not bound to these choices.)

FRIDAY Session 1 @ 11 am

- ___ 1. God's Divine Design- Demme
- ___ 2. Nurturing Brave Writers- J Bogart
- ___ 3. First Steps to a Child's Heart- Dr. Walker
- ___ 4. America's Heritage of Faith- R Notgrass
- ___ 5. Minister to Pastor's Wives- S McDonald
- ___ 6. The Idol of Family- D Bennett
- ___ 7. Philosophy: Intro to CM-Christenberry
- ___ 8. Burnout: How to Avoid It- H Tate
- ___ 9. Tending the Garden- J McDonald
- ___ 10. Serve to Lead, Lead to Serve- R Kramer
- ___ 11. Importance of Classical Conversations

FRIDAY Session 2 @ 1 pm

- ___ 1. Christian Home & Family Worship-Demme
- ___ 2. Natural Stages of Growth-Bogart
- ___ 3. Common Childhood Disorders-Walker
- ___ 4. Hsing for Imperfect Moms-C Notgrass
- ___ 5. Virtuous Young Maidenhood-S McDonald
- ___ 6. Teaching Compassion- D Bennett
- ___ 7. Preparing for College & CLEP- Hank Tate
- ___ 8. An Immersion Study: CM-Christenberry
- ___ 9. Hands-on Engineering-Beddingfield
- ___ 10. Something Only God Can Do-Kramer
- ___ 11. Prayer: Power to Prevail-J McDonald

FRIDAY Session 3 @ 4 pm

- ___ 1. Slaying Lions & Honoring Parents-Demme
- ___ 2. SAT/ACT Essay Preparation- Bogart
- ___ 3. Homeschooling and IL Law-B Heller
- ___ 4. Hsing Through High School-C Notgrass
- ___ 5. Adults Only CSI-Dr. Callentine MUST register online
- ___ 6. So you're graduating, now what? -Lueken
- ___ 7. Expansive Education: CM-Christenberry
- ___ 8. Weary Women-S McDonald
- ___ 9. Hands-on Teaching/Learning:- Beddingfield
- ___ 10. Power of Praise-R Kramer
- ___ 11. Living for Jesus- J McDonald

SATURDAY Session 4 @ 1 pm

- ___ 1. Finding Hope and Redemption-Demme
- ___ 2. Hands-on Engineering- Beddingfield
- ___ 3. Cathedral Building- J McDonald
- ___ 4. Exploring World History- R Notgrass
- ___ 5. CSI- Dr Callentine MUST register online
- ___ 6. Teaching Strategies- Banning
- ___ 7. Why Homeschool?- Tate
- ___ 8. A Conversation: CM- Christenberry
- ___ 9. Teaching the American Revolution- Witzig
- ___ 10. Intro to Photography- Donahoe
- ___ 11. Combining- My Father's World

SATURDAY Session 5 @ 2:30 pm

- ___ 1. Strategies for Understanding- Demme
- ___ 2. Brave Writer Lifestyle- Bogart
- ___ 3. God Guides Grooms & Brides- J McDonald
- ___ 4. Confident Homeschooling- R Notgrass
- ___ 5. CSI- Dr Callentine MUST register online
- ___ 6. Experiencing Careers in FCS- Banning
- ___ 7. 1, 2, 3s of Getting Started Hsing- Tate
- ___ 8. Christianity: Real Women's Lib- S McDonald
- ___ 9. Doing History Like God Does History-Witzig
- ___ 10. What Your Preschooler Desperately- Currie
- ___ 11. ABCs, 123s and Handwriting- Bob Jones

SATURDAY Session 6 @ 4 pm

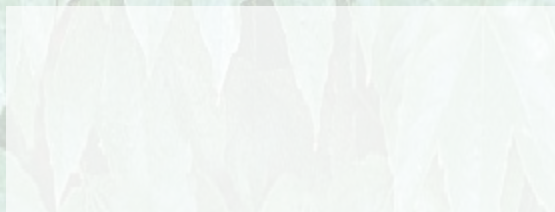
- ___ 1. Conformed or Transformed- Demme
- ___ 2. Help for High School Writing- Bogart
- ___ 3. The Heart of the Matter: J McDonald
- ___ 4. Record Keeping- C Notgrass
- ___ 5. CSI- Dr Callentine MUST register online
- ___ 6. How to Homeschool Successfully- Tate
- ___ 7. Sacred Mission of Motherhood- S McDonald
- ___ 8. Christians in College: How to Thrive- Witzig
- ___ 9. How to Be a Magical Mom or Dad- Currie
- ___ 10. Dyslexia- Reading Solution of Central IL
- ___ 11. Character Instruction- FreedomProject Educ

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