



# Conference & Curriculum Fair



*I have No Greater Joy than this, to hear  
of my Children Walking in the Truth,  
III John 1:4*

**March 8-9, 2019**

Indian Hills Community Church  
1000 S. 84th St.  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**Featuring:**

**Davis and Rachael Carman**

***Apologia***

**Melinda Boring**

***HeadsUpNow.com, Special Needs***

**Brian Young**

***Creation Instruction Association***



Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association

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*You are graciously invited to attend . . .*

The NCHEA's 31st Annual Conference and Curriculum Fair (C&CF). The ultimate purpose of the C&CF is to bring glory and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ in all that is said and done. We hope that the workshops and keynote sessions serve to be a witness to the lost, encouragement to the downtrodden, provide fellowship for believers, and a time of rest for weary parents.

Why should you attend? Come to . . .

- ♦ Be inspired by our speakers
- ♦ Shop the exhibit halls and see what's new
- ♦ Renew your vision for home-based discipleship
- ♦ Meet and have fellowship with other like-minded home-educating parents
- ♦ Get refreshed and conquer "burnout"
- ♦ Share your experiences with those new to homeschooling
- ♦ Browse and evaluate curriculum
- ♦ Better understand the benefits of parent-led home education
- ♦ Mentor new homeschooling parents
- ♦ Learn about homeschooling and parent-led discipleship
- ♦ Spend "couple time" away from home and children/teens
- ♦ Be blessed

Sincerely,

**NCHEA Board, Officers, and Conference Committee**

## Conference Schedule

### Friday, March 8

**8:30 a.m.**  
Registration Begins  
**9 a.m.–6:30 p.m.**  
Exhibit Halls Open for Shopping  
**9:30 –10:30 a.m.**  
Opening General Session  
**11 a.m.** Navigating the Exhibit Hall\*  
**11 a.m.–4 p.m.**  
Workshop Sessions  
**6:30 p.m.**  
Exhibit Hall Closes  
**7–8:30 p.m.**  
Open to the Public  
Keynote Session followed by Graduate Recognition

*\* For new conference attendees. Meet at 11 a.m. for a fun orientation session in Room 1422-23.*

### Saturday, March 9

**8 a.m.**  
Registration Begins  
**8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**  
Exhibit Halls Open for Shopping  
**9 a.m.–2:30 p.m.**  
Workshop Sessions  
**10:15–10:45 a.m.**  
Exhibitor Workshops  
**Noon–1:30 p.m.**  
Support Group Leader Luncheon\*\*  
**3:30 p.m.**  
Exhibit Hall Closes  
**3:30–4:30 p.m.**  
Closing General Session

*\*\* Support Group Leaders join us for an informational and inspirational session. RSVP on the Registration Form. Bring your own lunch or preorder on the Registration Form.*

## Questions?

Call after 6:00 p.m.

**Kathleen Lenzen** ♦ [nchea@nchea.org](mailto:nchea@nchea.org) ♦ (402) 423-4297

**Janell Papke** ♦ [cjpapke@yahoo.com](mailto:cjpapke@yahoo.com) ♦ (402) 798-0444

**Jean Bennett** ♦ [jaben4@windstream.net](mailto:jaben4@windstream.net) ♦ (402) 435-5717

## Pre-Registration & Payment

Save \$\$\$ with NCHEA membership and early registration!

Pre-registrations must be received by **February 1, 2019**. When your online registration is received, you will get an email confirmation. Please save this confirmation as your record of registration. If you do not have an email address, your canceled check will be your confirmation. Confirmation notices are not mailed.

**Each individual or couple that pre-registers will receive one C&CF syllabus at check-in.** The syllabus contains outlines and resources. Additional copies may be reserved in advance on the registration form for \$10. Individuals or couples registering at the door receive a syllabus while supplies last.

**For quick and easy registration go to [www.NCHEA.org](http://www.NCHEA.org).**

# C&CF Information

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## Pre-Registration

Save \$\$\$ when you register by Feb. 1, 2019! Register online at [www.NCHEA.org](http://www.NCHEA.org). Please save your online confirmation as record of registration. Or your canceled check is your confirmation.

## Lodging

### Comfort Suites, 331 North Cotner Blvd.

Call (402)325-8800 for reservations. Ask for the Nebraska Christian Home Educators room block to receive the discount. Reservations must be made by Feb. 15, 2019.

### Fairfield Inn, 455 Andermatt Dr.

Call Fairfield Inn at (402) 325-6400. Ask for the Nebraska Christian Home Educators room block. Reservations must be made by Friday, Feb. 7, 2019.

## Take the Conference Home! CDs and MP3s

Buy your C&CF MP3s early and save \$15. See the registration form for payment information. Remember, the C&CF includes more information than you can absorb in two days! You can purchase CDs and MP3s at the booth in the lobby if you miss a workshop. No personal recording devices allowed.

## Exhibit Halls

Your C&CF registration includes unlimited access to the Exhibit Halls featuring publishers, textbooks, and teaching materials. **There is no discount to attend only the Exhibit Halls.**

## Free Friday Night

Know someone curious about homeschooling? The Friday evening keynote session is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Invite your interested friends, family, church members, and your neighbors to see the results of home education. All ages are welcome.

## Solicitation

No unauthorized solicitation or distribution of material is permitted at the C&CF or in the parking lot.

## Children/Teens

For their safety and security, children/teens attending the conference with their parents must remain with a parent at all times. "Children" is defined as persons under the age of 18 years. Adult children in the home who want to attend must pay and register for the conference.

On-site childcare is not available. A room is available to change diapers, nurse babies or have quiet time.

Workshops are recorded. A parent should sit near an exit and step out when a child becomes noisy, even happy noises.

## Coffee Shoppe

Do you need a break? Join us in the Coffee Shoppe in Room1422-23 to enjoy some relaxation and catch up with friends. Specialty coffee and snacks are available for purchase.

## Volunteers

The C&CF is planned and conducted by homeschool parents like you. This undertaking requires many volunteers. Prayerfully consider volunteering. Please check the box on the registration form marked "volunteers" or call Kathleen Lenzen at (402) 423-4297 or Janell Papke at (402) 798-0444.

## Refund Policy

**No refunds or adjustments are made at the C&CF.** All refund requests must be made in writing by March 1. All refunds are subject to a \$5 cancellation fee. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope when requesting a refund.

## Food

Food and drink are NOT permitted in the church, except in the Coffee Shoppe. Friday, a lunch is available on site for purchase. Saturday, plan a tailgate picnic lunch in the parking lot, or enjoy one of the many dining options available near the church.

## Exhibit and Advertising

Advertising in the syllabus and exhibitor space is available. For information, contact [NCHEA@NCHEA.org](mailto:NCHEA@NCHEA.org). Advertising and exhibiting is at the discretion of the C&CF committee and denials are without comment.

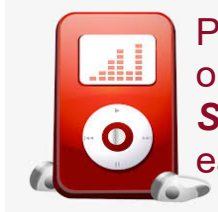
## Calls

The church does not sponsor this event and no calls should be directed to Indian Hills Community Church.

## Photos and Video

When you attend/enter the NCHEA C&CF, you will be entering an area where photography, videography, and/or audio recording may occur. By entering the event premises, you consent to photography, audio recording, video recording and its/their release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction of the same to be used for the purposes of print, news, web casts, promotional purposes, telecasts, advertising, inclusion on websites, or any other purpose as required by the NCHEA, its affiliates, or its representatives.

## Take the Conference Home!



Pre-order your C&CF MP3s on the registration form. **Save \$15** with your early-bird discount.

# NEW Pre-registration Workshops & Activities

## Support Group Leaders Lunch

Thank you for all that you do! Saturday from Noon-1:30 p.m., join us for a great time to connect with other leaders and encourage one another--Room 1101-1102. Please bring your lunch or preorder a sack lunch.

## Graduate Recognition

Homeschool graduate recognition is Friday evening. Graduates should contact Janell Papke at [cjpapke@yahoo.com](mailto:cjpapke@yahoo.com) or Kathleen Lenzen at [NCHEA@NCHEA.org](mailto:NCHEA@NCHEA.org) or visit [www.NCHEA.org](http://www.NCHEA.org) for the Graduate Questionnaire, fees and related information. Parents of graduates must register for the C&CF and graduate recognition by Feb. 1, 2019. The Keynote Session and Graduate Recognition are open to the public.

## SPECIAL Opportunities

### Buy It Here and Win!

Support our exhibitors by purchasing your materials at the C&CF. Enter to win a free electronic device. Bring your receipts to the NCHEA table. Receive one entry for every \$25 purchase. (Ex. \$25=1 ticket, \$50=2 tickets, etc.)

### Door Prizes

Win prizes all day Friday and Saturday!

Throughout the conference, upload your selfies and photos to NCHEA's Instagram page.

Swing by our NEW NCHEA Selfie Station to make fun memories! Each uploaded photo will be entered into a drawing for fun door prizes. One/family. Adults only.

## Kids & Teens Welcome at C&CF

**Bring your family or arrange for child care and have a couples weekend away. Either way, you'll have a great weekend!!**

**In the process of transitioning to a 501(C)(3) nonprofit status, changes needed to be made in both general and safety procedures for the Kids Conference. Unfortunately, we have not been able to obtain agreement from the Kids Conference team on these procedures. Therefore, there will be no Kids Conference for the 2019 NCHEA Conference and Curriculum Fair.**

**Children/teens are welcome to accompany you to the Conference & Curriculum Fair, but as usual they must be with a parent at all times for safety and security reasons!"**

**If you have any questions about the Kids Conference, please contact Kathleen Lenzen at [NCHEA@nchea.org](mailto:NCHEA@nchea.org).**

## Dyslexia Testing

March 8-9

The Nebraska Dyslexia Association is testing children of all ages. Screening takes 90 minutes and the fee is \$30. Appointment times are 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2 p.m. both days and 3:30 p.m. on Friday. To schedule a screening, contact Carolyn Brandle at [cbrandlenda@windstream.net](mailto:cbrandlenda@windstream.net) or (402)488-7920 with your first and second choice of screening times. Mail checks to: Nebraska Dyslexia Association, PO Box 6302, Lincoln, NE 68506

## Make & Take Workshops

Register early for these fun and interactive workshops for teens and parents over age 16.!

### Make Your Yearly Schoolwork Clutter Free

You have a TON of school papers! Your kids have art projects, homework, test, drawings ... and the list goes on. These papers are hard to purge and you're having a hard time coming up with an effective way of organizing and storing them. Sound familiar? Come and learn how to deal with this ever-present challenge. In this interactive workshop, you will make labels to take home for use with your new organizing system.

### Finding Peace in a Digital World: How to Bullet Journal

Have you wondered what all the hype is about regarding Bullet Journals? Come to this interactive workshop to find out all about it. Learn how to organize task lists, journal plans, and stay on top of projects with a Bullet Journal. This workshop will focus on strategies to improve time management, self-care, and habit tracking while you create your own bullet journal. Each attendee will receive their own notebook, pens, and extras to take home. There will also be a drawing for one free official Bullet Journal notebook!



## MORE time for shopping!

**Thanks to your input, we have added additional shopping time to the schedule. Thanks for supporting our vendors and have fun as you discover some great new products!**



# Teen & Parent Programs

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## *Teen & Parent Programs*

Attend special workshops during the C&CF with your teen to help teach them to grow in and defend their faith. These special workshops are designed for you to better disciple your teens to develop a Christian worldview. There are also workshops that will help you prepare for the future:

### *Biblical Apologetics*

How can we know that the Bible is God's word or that God even exists? The secular age is constantly challenging our most cherished beliefs. Learn how to give your students the answers to the tough questions the world will throw at them.

### *Competing Worldviews*

In our multi-cultural and global society, a working knowledge of the major worldviews and their sources will enable your student to speak wisely and present the Gospel to all different kinds of people.

### *Creating a Polished High School Transcript*

It is important to provide your homeschool graduate with a high school transcript that communicates his/her accomplishments effectively. In this seminar, we will cover the essentials of a high school transcript, assigning credits, grading scales to include grade

point averages (GPAs) and letter grades. We'll also briefly touch on the use of "academic" terminology and supporting documentation of Course Descriptions and Activities Resumes.

### *What Colleges Want—The Big 3*

Learn three essentials every student needs to make colleges want him or her. Excelling in these areas can save thousands of dollars and help your student graduate with little or no debt. Watch colleges compete for your student and make the college dream a reality.

### *Techie Talk: The Positives and Negatives of Social Media and Popular Apps*

This "techie talk" goes over the basics of Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and SnapChat, and the positive and negative impact those social media apps can have on our children. We will discuss inappropriate and/or dangerous, yet popular, apps youth are using.

### *Learn, Live, and Defend the Faith*

After graduation, what is a homeschooled student to do? What should be their aim, their goal? With all the voices shouting for their attention (work, college, family, and friends), how in the world can a teen choose a wise, virtuous, and responsible path? Davis gives three easy-to-remember points that can steer a new graduate in the right direction. Learn, know, and be set free by the truth found in God's Word. Live the abundant life found only in Christ by loving God with all your heart and loving your neighbor as yourself. Davis challenges the graduate to take the path less traveled by following God's original design for family. In doing so, the Christian faith will be defended better than ever.

## **Graduate Recognition Attention Seniors!**

Join us for the Graduate  
Recognition  
during the NCHEA Conference  
and Curriculum Fair on  
March 8 in Lincoln.  
Register by Feb. 1 for this  
wonderful evening at  
[www.NCHEA.org](http://www.NCHEA.org).

# Featured Speakers

## Davis and Rachael Carman

### Apologia



**D**avis Carman is the husband to Rachael and the president of Apologia Educational Ministries, the #1 publisher of creation-based science and Bible. Davis believes in homeschooling, defending the Christian Faith, and that every subject (and he means every subject) should be taught from a biblical worldview. His mission, and the

mission of Apologia, is to help homeschooling families learn, live, and defend the Christian Faith. His goal is to help you have the most successful and Christ-centered homeschool possible.

Davis married Rachael in 1986 and God blessed them with seven children (two boys on the front end, two boys on the back end, and three girls tucked safely in the middle). They live in Waxhaw, North Carolina, (just south of Charlotte) where they enjoy the homeschooling adventure of a lifetime.

They reluctantly started homeschooling in 1996. Twenty-one years and five graduates later, here they are, advocates, proponents, and cheerleaders of this lifestyle. Davis thanks God often for His grace to get them started on this journey down a path less traveled, because it has made all the difference (nod to Robert Frost).

Davis is a mechanical engineer by education and worked in the aerospace and auto industries, and he was a general manager for a plastic manufacturing company. Then God changed his course and Davis was able to acquire Apologia. Apologia started as a science curriculum for high schoolers, but it has since expanded to include material on many topics for all ages. He is the author of five children's books and believes that if there was ever a time to homeschool, it is now!



**R**achael had it going on—or so she thought. After surviving 63 months of pregnancy, countless sleepless nights, and 35,000+ diapers, this one-time control freak encountered God's grace. And she is here to encourage you to do the same! She loves encouraging and inspiring moms to grow deeper in their walk and relationship with our Heavenly Father.

In her books *How Many Times Do I Have to Tell You?* and *How to Have a HEART for Your Kids*, she challenges mothers to surrender their will and draw closer to the Lord. She invites moms to join her in loving God passionately and worshipping Him fully while sweeping up Cheerios, doing laundry, and planning dinner. You will be affirmed in your role as a mother as she speaks of her own struggles with perfectionism and impatience and share her challenges, failures, and victories amid the ever-changing seasons of life. Her honesty will surprise you, and her humor will put you at ease.



She married her beloved, Davis; their life has been a roller-coaster ride, with God at the controls. She enjoys playing in the dirt, eating dark chocolate, and walking on the beach. They own Apologia Educational Ministries, and as an author and speaker – she is passionate about helping moms not only survive motherhood, but draw near to the Father and thrive in motherhood.

## Real Refreshment

with Rachael Carman.

Real Refreshment helps you learn to live at the foot of the throne and lean into Jesus when the demands of life leave you feeling empty. Rachael will encourage you and your friends to support one another and to seek heavenly refreshment. Bring your friends and enjoy practical activities and games combined with a solid message and worship for an encouraging and inspiring experience. Plan now to gather for worship, discipleship, mentoring, fun and games, and of course chocolate.

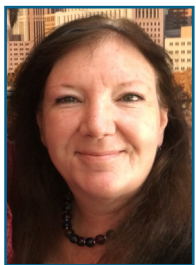
**6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7**  
**Indian Hills Community Church**  
**Lincoln, Neb.**

*Pre-register for this event when you sign up for the C&CF.*

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## Melinda Boring

### *Heads Up Now!*



Melinda L. Boring is a speech/language pathologist, workshop presenter, homeschooling mother, and author. Her experience with distractible and hyperactive children has been developed in both a professional and personal capacity. Melinda has three children. Two of them have attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Her husband was diagnosed with ADHD as an adult. Melinda has been homeschooling her children

for more than eight years. She developed the *Heads Up Now!* program to assist parents in educating their children with special needs. Melinda has sought to be a student of her children, attempting to educate herself to be more effective as a parent and teacher. It has been challenging and at times overwhelming. With prayer, determination, and a refusal to give up on her children, she has seen them experience success and develop confidence in many endeavors. *Heads Up Now!* is a result of the Boring family's desire to be a source of practical help and encouragement to others who regularly interact with children with learning differences.

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## Brian Young

### *Creation Instruction Association*



Brian Young, an internationally known speaker and author, was a teacher and principal for 10 years before becoming director of Creation Instruction Association. He has spoken on the topic of creation and Biblical authority for 25 years, doing debates at universities, going into prisons, and sharing at churches, schools and camps around the world. Most recently, he has started the Mobile Creation Museum called Semisaurus,

which can be found at [semisaurus.com](http://semisaurus.com). He uses the Bible as the foundation for science and education.

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# Workshop Speakers

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### **Nancy Bjorkman**

Nancy began as the ultimate homeschool skeptic. But now, after 20+ years teaching her own four children, she has become the "go-to lady" for many and a champion of the cause. She is a certified teacher and has spoken at homeschool conferences in over 10 states where she is known for her enthusiasm, energy, and encouragement. Having graduated all of her children, Nancy finds it exciting to have graduated herself to being a mentor for other homeschool families. Though she stays busy as a bookstore owner, mentor, and speaker, her favorite times are spent with her growing family (grandkids - yeah!). She and her husband own HEPPNER'S LEGACY, a homeschool store in Elk River, MN, where they delight in ministering to the unique needs of families year round, and where parents say, "Come for the books. Stay for the therapy.™"



### **Vicki Clarke**

Vicki is the librarian at Walt Branch Public Library in Lincoln, Nebraska. A former homeschooling mother of six, she returned to her first career as a librarian after staying home with her children for 13 years. Passionate about finding hidden gems and discovering cool new things, Vicki is always eager to show people the great things that can be found at libraries.



### **Kathleen Cotter Lawler**

Kathleen is the daughter of Dr. Joan A. Cotter, author and creator of the RightStart™ Mathematics program. She was one of the first children to grow up under the Activities for Learning principles. Kathleen has a degree in Home Economics from the University of Minnesota and has two master's degrees from the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. Three of the Lawler children have graduated

from North Dakota State University and the youngest is attending college at the University of Minnesota. Kathleen is responsible for program development support, marketing, sales, and general management. She travels all across the US and Canada, sharing the RightStart mission of helping children understand, apply, and enjoy mathematics. She is leading an online class for middle-school students. In her spare time, Kathleen designs and sews quilts and is re-learning how to unicycle.



### **Kathryn Dillow**

Kathryn is a second-generation homeschooler who graduated from homeschooling in 1980. She served in the United States Air Force as a registered nurse for more than 21 years. After retiring she was called to homeschool her own children. She treasures every moment she has been teaching her children and thanks God for showing her His priorities for her family. Kathryn and Eric, her husband since 1984, started homeschooling their 3 children in 2008. Since 2014, Kathryn has served on the board of Nebraska Homeschool-The Home Educators Network, Inc. (NH-HEN) and as the Nebraska State Ambassador for HSLDA Compassion (formerly The Home School Foundation). She is working on increasing awareness of Nebraska Homeschool through community outreach and is seeking new ways to serve our homeschool community in Nebraska and the surrounding areas.



### **Gretchen Garrison**

Gretchen has been intentionally traveling around the state of Nebraska. Having traversed over 2,500 miles last summer alone, she is convinced that Nebraska is a great place to live and to explore. God's beauty shines throughout the state.



# Workshop Speakers

Besides writing about her experiences on her blog, [www.odysseythroughnebraska.com](http://www.odysseythroughnebraska.com), she is excited to share about Nebraska in her first Nebraska book published by the History Press this summer. Gretchen and her husband, Kyle, still really like each other after 17 years of marriage even as they work together in their family business, GP Restoration and Blasting.



## Amanda Going

Amanda has been homeschooling her four children, ages 8-13, for 8 years. She has been involved in youth and children's ministry in some capacity for 18 years, and has kept herself up to date on the "techie stuff", and shares helpful information and tips on her Facebook page. Amanda has been married to her high school sweetheart for almost 14 years. She is on the leadership team for the Bennet C.L.A.S.S. co-op.



## Adam Lloyd Johnson

Adam serves as a full-time university campus missionary with Ratio Christi. He teaches classes for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and spends one month each year teaching at Rheinland Theological Seminary in Wölmersen, Germany. Adam is a Ph.D. candidate at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Having worked in actuarial science for 10 years, he then was a pastor for 8 years. As an actuary, while in his twenties, he went through a crisis of faith: are there good reasons to believe God exists and the Bible is from Him? His search for answers led him to apologetics and propelled him into ministry with a passion to provide good reasons and evidence to believe Christianity is true. He desires to serve others by equipping Christians and reaching the lost for Christ.



Adam has presented his work at the National Apologetics Conference, the Society of Christian Philosophers, the Evangelical Philosophical Society, the International Society of Christian Apologetics, the Canadian Centre for Scholarship and the Christian Faith, the American Academy of Religion, and the Evangelical Theological Society. His work has been published in the *Journal of the International Society of Christian Apologetics*, *Philosophia Christi*, the *Westminster Theological Journal*, and the *Canadian Journal for Scholarship and the Christian Faith*. Adam has spoken at numerous churches and conferences in America and around the world—L.A., Chicago, Charlotte, Boston, Orlando, Canada, Germany, and Switzerland. His forthcoming book will be published by Routledge and is co-authored with Christian philosopher William Lane Craig.

## Kathy Johnson

Kathy is a Dyslexia Practitioner and owner of Simplistic Solutions. Kathy has over 20 years of experience as a teacher in both private and general education. Kathy is certified and experienced in the use of multiple Orton Gillingham based programs including Orton Gillingham, Project Read, A-Z Reading instruction, Barton Reading & Spelling System, Wilson Language, and LiPS, which are all consistent with international Dyslexia Association's knowledge and Practice Standards. She is a Certified Dyslexia Advocate, effectively working with families and school districts to ensure the laws are respected and that children are receiving appropriate services they need. She has also been trained in VoWac, Handwriting Without Tears, and Discipline With Purpose. Kathy is a member and Provider of the International Dyslexia Association and an active board member of the Nebraska Dyslexia Association.



## Nicole McNair

Nicole is a homeschool graduate, nurse, and full-time student. She will graduate in May as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. She lives in Omaha with her husband and has been using the Bullet Journal Method for three years.



## Janell Papke

Janell and her husband Clark have graduated three children from their homeschool. Janell volunteers on the NCHEA Conference and Curriculum Fair Committee. She is a professional organizer and owner of the organizing/closet design business Chaos to Clutter Free. She loves to teach people how to save time, money, and stress, and to simplify their lives through organization.



## Jen Quaranta

Jennifer has worked with individuals with disabilities, including autism for more than 20 years. She currently works as the Southeast Regional Coordinator for the Nebraska ASD Network. In this capacity she does observations and collaborates with school teams to support the educational need of students with autism. She also leads professional development sessions for a variety of audiences. Her undergraduate work, from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater was in the area of Intellectual Disabilities. She holds master's degrees in Severe and Multiple Disabilities with an emphasis in Autism from the University of Arizona, and Educational Leadership from Doane College. A lifetime learner, Jen is currently working toward becoming a Board Certified Behavior Analysis. In her spare time, she enjoys leading two Girl Scout troops and serving in various capacities within the council.



## Timothy Schmidt

Timothy is a father of 4 and a graduate of The Master's Seminary. He has served as the preaching pastor in the Evangelical Free Church of Firth for the past 10 years. Through a variety of outlets, his passion to train young people to defend their beliefs has been growing since his own days of standing firm in the faith when he was a student at UNL in the mid 90's.



## Danna Swartz

Danna and her husband Patrick have volunteered with NCHEA for more than 10 years. They are both involved with teaching their eight children in the home and work professionally as educators at Grace University and corporate training facilities. They love to work with new homeschool families to help equip them for the mission ahead.



## Gene Walter

Gene is a homeschooling father of 18 years who has been actively involved in preparing his children for the ACT and SAT tests and the college search process. He represents OnToCollege, an online ACT and SAT test prep course designed to boost test scores and open the door to the college of your choice. Gene and his wife Becky and their three daughters live in Norfolk, Nebraska. He is president of Big Red Printing.





# NCHEA C&CF Registration Form

Send in this form or register online **BEFORE Feb. 1** at [www.NCHEA.org](http://www.NCHEA.org)

Husband (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_  
Wife (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## Conference and Membership

*There are two types of conference options this year: Family or Individual/Couple*

FAMILY: Parents and Children under age 18 (\$65 at the door) \$55/family \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL/COUPLE: Parents only (\$45 at the door) \$35/parents \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparent — Not home educating may attend free Fri./Sat. with a paid family member. \$ FREE

Grandparent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership:** \$20 per family when you renew with your C&CF registration \$20/family \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$30 for membership only (new, renewed or extended) \$30/family \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Your membership helps us serve families and fight for homeschool freedoms all year long!*

## Workshops

\_\_\_ I will attend *an Evening Of Real Refreshment with Rachael Carman! (200 Ladies only)* \$10/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I will attend *Finding Peace in a Digital World: How to Bullet Journal. (Limit 40, age 16+)* \$10/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I will attend *Make Your Yearly Schoolwork Clutter Free. (Limit 40, age 16+).* \$5/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Support Group

\_\_\_ Yes, I am a member of a local support group. Support group name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Yes, I am a support group leader. Leadership Position \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Yes, I am a Support Group leader, and I will be attending the lunch on Saturday.

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to preorder a sack lunch for the Support Group lunch Saturday. \$6/lunch \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Activities and Opportunities

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like an extra Syllabus for \$10 each. \$10/syllabus \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to volunteer: ☐ Fri a.m. ☐ Fri p.m. ☐ Sat a.m. ☐ Sat p.m.

## Conference MP3s

\_\_\_ Yes, I want to pre-purchase the C&CF MP3 set and get a \$15 early-bird discount.. \$80/full set \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Donations

\_\_\_ Yes, I am donating to NCHEA. NCHEA is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit. Gifts are not tax deductible. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Newsletter** Yes, I would like to receive the *NCHEA News* via ☐ E-mail ☐ U.S. Mail

## Help Us Serve You Better

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What topics/speakers would you like at the C&CF? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Workshop Schedule

Friday, March 8

9:30–10:30 a.m.

## I Believe in Homeschooling

**Davis Carman, Auditorium**

Most parents place a high value on the education they give their children. It prepares them for life and gives them hope for a happy future. In the old days, the three R's of schooling included reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic. Is homeschooling succeeding because it is reclaiming the tried and true educational philosophy or is something else going on? Davis presents a compelling case for you to believe in the power of homeschooling and seven new R's to back it up.

11 a.m.–Noon

## Navigating the Exhibit Hall

**Tina Gould, 1422-1423**

New conference attendees can join us for a fun orientation session about conference vendors and speakers. Discover great tools for getting the most out of the conference. Join us in the **Coffee Shoppe** to kick off your weekend at the conference.

## PHARAOHS OF THE BIBLE: Who was Joseph in Egyptian Records? ●●

**Brian Young, Auditorium**

Is there evidence the Israelites were in Egypt? Which Pharaoh killed Josiah? Are there really chariot wheels on the bottom of the Red Sea? Who did Solomon marry? Was it really Ramses whom Moses knew? Which Pharaoh refused to let Moses go? Which Pharaoh did Abraham bless? Were the pyramids built by the Israelites? Who raised Moses? Does the Bible line up with Egyptian history? Are there records of the Exodus plagues? You will be fascinated to see so much evidence supporting the Scriptures contrary to what the secular media would like you to think.

## Helping the Distractible Child – Part One (through primary grades)

**Melinda Boring, Chapel**

Does your child fidget, seem to be in constant motion, or frequently go off on tangents? Maybe your child can sit still just fine but seems to be in his own little world rather than attending to the task at hand. Does a 20-minute assignment take two hours at your house? Come and learn the best teaching tips for working with distractible children, as well as ways to tweak the learning environment and develop your child's awareness of time passing.

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## Seven Simple Steps to Sanity

**Rachael Carman, 2430**

Ever feel like you are about to lose your mind as a stay-at-home mom? There's so much to do and so little time. How do you balance it all? How do you know what to do and what not to do? Laugh along with Rachael as you see how insane our culture is and how peaceful walking with God can be.

## Creating a Polished High School Transcript ●

**Katherine Dillow, 1404**

It is important to provide your homeschool graduate with a high school transcript that communicates his/her accomplishments effectively. In this seminar, we will cover the essentials of a high school transcript, assigning credits, grading scales to include grade point averages (GPAs) and letter grades. We'll also briefly touch on the use of "academic" terminology and supporting documentation of Course Descriptions and Activities Resumes.

## Meal Management in an Age of Fast Food

**Nancy Bjorkman, Choir Room**

Explore many ideas for managing the daily chore of feeding your family, learn the benefits and methods for bulk cooking, and get several strategies for meal planning and preparation. Nancy shares the savings seen in time, energy, money, and stress levels, as well as the increased nutrition and enjoyment in sharing hospitality with others. Look at the how-to's for getting it done and some resources available to get people on their way. Once you've tried it, you'll wonder why you waited.

1–2 p.m

## What We Believe—Biblical Worldview Education at Home

**Davis Carman, Auditorium**

With statistics showing that 75% or more teens leave the Christian faith within a few years after they leave home, it is critical that parents give a solid biblical worldview education to their children when they are young. How is this to be accomplished? In this session, Davis addresses some of the most important questions a person will ever ask including "Who is God?" and "Who am I?" Once a person has a biblical worldview of God, Truth, and Self-Image, then they can tackle the questions of "Who is my neighbor?" and "What on earth can I do?" You may already know why it is important to teach your children what you believe. Now come find out what to teach them and how it can be done. Their eternal future may be at stake.

## Helping the Distractible Child – Part Two (late elementary onward)

**Melinda Boring, Chapel**

Have you ever considered recording your voice so you wouldn't have to keep saying the same things over and over? If you feel as though you are constantly redirecting your distractible child, it may be time to teach some strategies to promote self-monitoring and greater independence. Find out how using a menu can help identify areas of distractibility, encourage your child to take responsibility for using



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strategies, and learn ways to tackle projects and get them done on time.

### **What Colleges Want—The Big 3 ●**

**Gene Walter, 1112**

Learn three essentials every student needs to make colleges want him or her. Excelling in these areas can save thousands of dollars and help your student graduate with little or no debt. Watch colleges compete for your student and make the college dream a reality.

### **Family Reading Time**

**Rachael Carman, 2430**

One of the huge advantages of homeschooling is snuggling together on the sofa to read classics, biographies, histories, and other great books. Exploring other cultures, perspectives, and experiences together is one of the best-kept secrets of homeschooling's success. Learn how your family can make the most of it!

### **Ready, Set, GO!**

**Danna Swartz, 1404**

How to start, where to find curriculum, when to school, and what a typical day looks like are some of the areas discussed. Get an understanding of Rule 13 and gain valuable information for your homeschool journey. This workshop is a MUST for new homeschoolers.

### **Using Structure, Predictability, and Routines to Foster Independence**

**Jen Quaranta, Choir Room**

Structure, predictability and routines are all important concepts to help students be more successful. While exploring structure, we will look at how simple changes in the physical environment and work tasks can increase independence. Helping students manage their time to complete work will be a focus for routines. Session attendees will explore how to create routines to decrease anxiety by increasing predictability. While this session focuses on creating structure, predictability, and routines for individuals with disabilities, the concepts explained will help all students.

**3–4 p.m.**

### **Dinosaurs, Ice Age and Pre-flood World ●●**

**Brian Young, Auditorium**

Have you ever wondered how people could live to be 900 years old? Where did Cain get his wife? Are dinosaurs in the Bible? What about the Ice Age? Did dinosaurs go on Noah's Ark? How old is the earth? How did coal form? Did dinosaurs live with man? All these and many more questions will be answered as we examine the world before Noah's Flood.

### **Sensory Integration**

**Melinda Boring, Chapel**

Is your child an extremely picky eater, hypersensitive to sounds and smells, or irritated by clothing tags or sock seams? Or does your child seek out stimulation and sensory experiences? Is she a messy eater, or does he seem

extremely clumsy? Do they love to be hugged tightly, or hate to be touched in any way? These are just a few of the common issues when a child is experiencing difficulties with sensory processing. Come and learn how to identify sensory issues and how to find strategies and resources to help deal with their impact on your child and family.

### **Teaching Your Children to BLESS**

**Rachael Carman, 2430**

How can you practically teach your kids to bless one another? This talk is an easy-to-remember lesson with five specific ways that you and your kids can bless each other through words and actions.

### **You CAN Be a Great Math Teacher**

**Kathleen Cotter Lawler, 1404**

Maybe you struggled with math, so how do you choose a curriculum to avoid the same fate for your child? Maybe you are really good in math but are unsure how to teach it now? Should you include manipulatives or not? What DOES it take to be the best teacher for your child? Find out the science and the art of teaching math. It is a science because much research has been done on how children learn, especially in math. It is an art because each child is different and lessons need to be tweaked. Come learn and be encouraged to become a great math teacher.

### **Make Your Yearly Schoolwork Clutter Free**

**Janell Papke, 1101-1102**

You have a TON of school papers! Your kids have art projects, homework, test, drawings ... and the list goes on. These papers are hard to purge and you're having a hard time coming up with an effective way of organizing and storing them. Sound familiar? Come and learn how to deal with this ever-present challenge. In this interactive workshop, you will make labels to take home for use with your new organizing system.

**Note: Workshop space is limited to 40. Please sign up for this workshop with your conference registration.**

**Age 16+.**

### **Libraries Are More than Books: Finding Online Treasures**

**Vicki Clarke, Choir Room**

You have searched the library's catalog and placed holds on books, but did you know there is so much more you can access on the library's web page? Libraries subscribe to many online resources that are available for you to use from the convenience of your own home. Discover how to access new software knowledge and technical learning, enhance your reading lists, learn 100 languages, even access a live tutor, plus much more. It is all available with your library card—and learn how you can get one too!

# Keynote Address and Graduate Recognition

7–8:30 p.m.

**Learn, Live, and Defend the Faith** ●●

**Davis Carman, Auditorium**

After graduation, what is a homeschooled student to do? What should be their aim, their goal? With all the voices shouting for their attention (work, college, family, and friends), how in the world can a teen choose a wise, virtuous, and responsible path? Davis gives three easy-to-remember points that can steer a new graduate in the right direction. Learn, know, and be set free by the truth found in God's Word. Live the abundant life found only in Christ by loving God with all your heart and loving your neighbor as yourself. Davis challenges the graduate to take the path less traveled by following God's original design for family. In doing so, the Christian faith will be defended better than ever.

*followed by* **Graduate Recognition**

Join us in celebrating the hard work of graduates and their families after the Keynote Address. This Keynote Address is free and open to the public.

Saturday, March 9

9–10 a.m.

**H.E.A.R.T. Exam for Homeschooling Dads**

**Davis Carman, Auditorium**

Tests and exams are a typical part of school, even homeschools. In this session, Davis helps homeschooling dads take an exam — a spiritual exam of the heart. He uses the word H.E.A.R.T. as an acronym to display truths found in the book of Malachi, which deals with very real heart issues. The topics covered by “Dr. Malachi” include relationships with God and family. The goal is to discover the practical and faithful steps a father can take in the journey toward turning one's heart to his children.

**Adapting Curriculum for Struggling Learners**

**Melinda Boring, Chapel**

You've planned a great lesson, you're enthusiastic, and then before you even begin your child asks, “How long is this going to take?” Or maybe you like to go with the flow, but your child persists in wanting to know a schedule for the day. Take the next step beyond identifying basic learning styles to recognizing ways teachers and students may differ in their approaches to processing information and completing assignments. Learn proven teaching strategies and techniques for adapting and modifying curriculum to maximize your time and effort.

**When Doubt Creeps In**

**Rachael Carman, 2430**

We all have moments of doubt along this homeschool journey. We wonder if we're doing the right thing or if we are messing up our kids. You are not alone in your desperate moments. Come have your hope renewed!

**Math Myths, Math Anxiety, and Math Learning Challenges**

**Kathleen Cotter Lawler, 1101-1102**

Is your child facing learning challenges? Does your child have math anxiety? What myths are we talking about?? Children with learning challenges must truly understand to remember. The traditional approach of teaching mathematics does not work for them. Learn some teaching strategies and techniques to help children with learning challenges, reduce math anxiety, and debunk the myths that make your task harder than it needs to be.

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## NEW!!! Register Early for Special Workshops and Activities

We are bringing you some new workshops this year. To get the most out of them, you must preregister when you sign up for the C&CF. Space is limited so sign up today!

### Workshops

- Real Refreshment with Rachael Carman
- Make Your Yearly Schoolwork Clutter Free
- Finding Peace in a Digital World: How to Bullet Journal

### Activities

- Support Group Leader Luncheon
- Graduate Recognition

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[www.NCHEA.org](http://www.NCHEA.org)**

## Competing Worldviews ●

**Timothy Schmidt and Adam Johnson, Choir Room**

In our multicultural and global society, a working knowledge of the major worldviews and their sources will enable your student to speak wisely and present the Gospel to all different kinds of people.

**10:15–10:45 a.m.**  
*Exhibitor Workshops*

**Enjoy some great Exhibitor Workshops during this session!**

## 11 a.m.–Noon

### Homeschool Castles

**Davis Carman, Auditorium**

Castles of old were built to last for thousands of years. Many are still standing today for visitors to admire. What are we building in our family homeschools today? Is there a manual or blueprint to follow? Why are we doing this? Will the sacrifice be worth it? In this session, Davis looks at similarities between a castle and a homeschool, then he develops a vision for your family, children, and the children yet to be born — one that can bring glory to God and help you prepare for the challenges that will come in the future. All the reasons why God is moving in the homeschooling community may be hard to understand in the context of present history, so it will take faith. We may not see all the fruit in our lifetime, so it will call for hope. Better start building now; your great-grandchildren will thank you.

### Speech Articulation Skills

**Melinda Boring, Chapel**

Is your child's speech unclear? Do you find yourself interpreting what your child says because others couldn't understand it? Maybe your child has difficulty with specific sounds, but you don't know if you should be concerned about it or just wait and see. Experienced speech therapist, Melinda Boring, will explain different types of speech sound errors, which sounds tend to be the last and hardest to develop, and simple strategies to help your child have better speech intelligibility.

### Attention, Obsessive-Compulsive-Perfectionist-Control-Freaks: CHILL OUT

**Rachael Carman, 2430**

As an obsessive-compulsive-perfectionist-control-freak herself, Rachael is sometimes her own worst enemy when it comes to taking advantage of the freedoms of homeschool. Are you too tied to your plan? Do you shiver at the idea of change or adjustment? Are you missing out on significant moments because you are focused on the trivial? Join Rachael for a lesson on how to chill out and turn control over to God.

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## Inform, Support and Protect

All year long the Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association, a not-for-profit organization formed in 1986, provides information, support, and training to home educators throughout the state. We encourage you to join hundreds of homeschooling families across Nebraska who share in the benefits of NCHEA membership. Your membership is important in strengthening the impact of the NCHEA with elected officials.

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### The Importance of Counting and Place Value

**Kathleen Cotter Lawler, 1404**

Should we have our children count everything? What happens when they run out of fingers? And how in the world do we use counting with four-digit addition? Come to this workshop and learn effective and efficient ways to recognize quantities, understand place value, and master addition and subtraction.

### Finding Peace in a Digital World: How to Bullet Journal

**Nicole McNair, 1101-1102**

Have you wondered what all the hype about regarding Bullet Journals? Come to this interactive workshop to find out all about it. Learn how to organize task lists, journal plans, and stay on top of projects with a Bullet Journal. This workshop will focus on strategies to improve time management, self-care, and habit tracking while you create your own bullet



journal. Each attendee will receive their own notebook, pens, and extras to take home. There will also be a drawing for one free official Bullet Journal notebook!

**Note: Workshop space is limited to 40. Please signup for this workshop with your conference registration. Age 16+.**

### **Biblical Apologetics •**

**Timothy Schmidt and Adam Johnson, Choir Room**

How can we know that the Bible is God's word or that God even exists? The secular age is constantly challenging our most cherished beliefs. Learn how to give your students the answers to the tough questions the world will throw at them.

**Noon–1:30 p.m.**

## **SUPPORT GROUP LEADER LUNCH**

Support group leaders meet in Room 1101-1102 for lunch and fellowship.

**REGISTRATION is required.**

**1:30–2:30 p.m.**

### **Amazing Animals ••**

**Brian Young, Auditorium**

Examine many animals such as the giraffe, bombardier beetle, fly, whale, dog, boxfish, cuddle fish, octopus, spider, gecko, butterflies, bees and more to show that evolution could not happen.

### **Multi-Level Teaching is For You! (a Joyce Herzog workshop)**

**Melinda Boring, Chapel**

Learn three simple-as-ABC ways to get started into multi-level teaching. Experience teaching and learning in a new way. How can you successfully teach more than one child at very different levels without "reinventing" everything all the time? Receive a list of questions to spark learning on any topic. Learn what it means to "really" teach. Participate as it works with a really large group! Learn the steps of good teaching. And have fun, but you've got to listen fast!

### **What About THAT Child?**

**Rachael Carman, 2430**

What face comes to mind when you hear "THAT child"? Do you smile or scowl when you see that face? Do you struggle to like that child? That child is a world changer. God has a plan for that child. All of that energy, all those questions, all that strength, all THAT, is God-given for His glory. Come learn strategies for learning to enjoy that child, to embrace that child, and to train that child for God's purposes.

### **Structured Literary Overview**

**Kathy Johnson, 1101-1102**

Structured Literacy is the umbrella term used by the International Dyslexia Association to unify and encompass evidence-based programs and approaches that are aligned to the Knowledge and Practice Standards and are effective for students identified with SLD/Dyslexia. This approach is beneficial for all children learning to read but is essential for students with Dyslexia. In this workshop, learn how to teach using an effective Structured Literacy Program, the warning signs of Dyslexia, effective lessons and instruction, and teaching strategies for struggling learners.

### **Techie Talk: The Positives and Negatives of Social Media and Popular Apps •**

**Amanda Going, 1404**

This "techie talk" goes over the basics of Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and SnapChat, and the positive and negative impact those social media apps can have on our children. We will discuss inappropriate and/or dangerous, yet popular, apps youth are using.

### **Teaching Nebraska History at Home •**

**Gretchen Garrison, Choir Room**

In Nebraska, fourth graders learn all about Nebraska. For homeschoolers, teaching this can seem intimidating. How can this subject be tackled at home when multiple grades are involved? Learn how to study Nebraska in a purposeful way and get interactive ideas, book lists, and project possibilities. Discuss a recommended textbook and get online ideas for helping Nebraska become a meaningful topic at home.

**3:30–4:30 p.m**

## **Keynote Address**

### **Don't Ring the Bell (aka Never Ever Give Up)**

**Davis Carman, Auditorium**

Homeschooling is not for the faint of heart. It can be scary to start and just as daunting to continue. Statistics show that roughly 20% of parents who start this journey quit after the first year. Then another 20% stop after year two with 10% walking away by year three. The trend levels off by year four with a little less than half of those who started remaining. What separates those who stick with it from those who give up? Is it just a matter of persevering? Davis believes that every child is a homeschool child, but not every parent is a homeschool parent. Are you a homeschool parent? Come and find out. And if you are, Davis will give you five promises that should inspire you to never ever give up and four fundamentals to help you persevere and succeed.