

NCHEA



Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association

Conference & Curriculum Fair

March 8-9, 2024
Lincoln, Nebraska
Indian Hills Community Church
1000 S. 84th St., Lincoln, NE 68510

Featured Speakers

- Dr. Steve & Megan Scheibner -- Character Health Corporation
- Dr. Rochelle Matthews-Somerville -- HSLDA Special Needs Educational Consultant
- Richard Stepanek -- Alpha Omega Institute

*I have No Greater Joy than this, to hear
of my Children Walking in the Truth,*

III John 1:4



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You are graciously invited to attend . . .

The NCHEA's 37th 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 and encouraged by our speakers
- ♦ Shop the exhibit halls and see what's new
- ♦ Meet and have fellowship with other like-minded home-educating parents
- ♦ Mentor new homeschooling parents
- ♦ Learn about homeschooling and parent-led education
- ♦ Enjoy "couple time" away from home and children
- ♦ Be blessed

Sincerely,

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



Conference Schedule

Friday, March 8

8:30 a.m.
Registration Begins
8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Exhibit Halls Open for Shopping
9:30 –10:45 a.m.
Opening General Session
11 a.m. Navigating the Exhibit Hall*
11 a.m.–4 p.m.
Workshop Sessions
2:15-2:45 p.m.
Exhibitor Workshops
5:00 p.m.
Exhibit Halls Close

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

Saturday, March 9

8:30 a.m.
Registration Begins
8:30 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–1:15 p.m.
Support Group Leader Luncheon**
3:30 p.m.
Exhibit Halls Close
3:30–4:30 p.m.
Closing General Session & Graduate Recognition

** 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 ♦ (402) 423-4297

Janell Papke ♦ cjpapke@yahoo.com ♦ (402) 580-1374

Michelle Pietzyk ♦ mdpietzyk@gmail.com ♦ (402) 480-1347

Pre-Registration & Payment

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

Pre-registrations must be received by **February 3, 2024**. 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 \$15. Individuals or couples registering at the door receive a syllabus while supplies last.

For quick and easy registration go to www.NCHEA.org.

C&CF Information

Pre-Registration

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Lodging

Take advantage of the NCHEA special lodging discount. Spend time with other families.

Fairfield Inn

8455 Andermatt Dr.

Call Fairfield Inn at (402) 325-6400. Ask for the NCHEA room block for a discount. Reservations must be made by Friday, February 16, 2024.

Hampton Inn South Heritage Park

5922 Vandervoort Dr.

Call (402) 420-7800 for reservations. Ask for the NCHEA room block to receive the discount. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

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.**

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 for mothers to have quiet time with their babies.

Coffee Shoppe

Do you need a break? Join us in the Coffee Shoppe in Room 1422-23 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, Janell Papke at (402) 580-1374, or Michelle Pietzyk at (402) 480-1347.

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.

NEW FOR 2024!!!

Graduate Recognition will be Saturday, March 9 at 3:30 p.m. The Recognition and Closing Session are open to the public. The doors open to non-conference attendees at 3:15 p.m. and guests may go directly to the Auditorium at Indian Hills Community Church.



Food

Food and drink are NOT permitted in the church, except in the Coffee Shoppe. Water is allowed in a sealed container.

Exhibit and Advertising

Advertising in the syllabus and exhibitor space is available. For information, contact NCHEA@NCHEA.org. Advertising and exhibiting is at the discretion of the C&CF committee and denials are without comment. Advertising must be received by February 1, 2024.

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-purchase MP3 downloads of all the workshops for just \$45. You will receive an email prior to the start of the conference with your download code.

Please note the code expires 60 days.

Special Activities

Support Group Leaders Lunch

Thank you for all that you do! Saturday from Noon-1:15 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 on the Registration Form.

Shop to Win!

Support our exhibitors by purchasing your materials at the C&CF. Enter to win a \$100. Bring your receipts to the NCHEA table in the foyer. Receive one entry for every \$25 purchase. (Ex. \$25=1 ticket, \$50=2 tickets, etc.)

Drawing to win \$100 will be at 12:10 p.m. on Saturday at the NCHEA table. Must be present to win.

Find Your Local Support Group

Stop by the NCHEA table in the lobby to find our information about local support groups and connect with people in your area. If you are a support group leader, please stop by the table and mark your group on the map. If you have not given us your support group information, please send it to Kathleen Lenzen at NCHEA@NCHEA.org.

Graduate Recognition

SATURDAY,
March 9, 3:30 p.m.

Sign your senior up for Graduate Recognition.

The Closing Session and Graduate Recognition are open to the public.

Visit

www.NCHEA.org

for the graduate questionnaire, fees and information. Parents of graduates must register for the conference.

For questions, contact:

Janell Papke at cjpapke@yahoo.com

Kathleen Lenzen at nchea@nchea.org

Michelle Pietzyk at mdpietzyk@gmail.com

Kids and Teen Conferences

March 8-9

Kids and Teens once again have their own fun and educational conferences during the C&CF.

NEW Location!!! See the back of the brochure for registration information!

Featured Speakers

Dr. Steve & Megan Scheibner

Authors, Speakers and Homeschool Consultants



Dr. Steve and Megan Scheibner have spent the last twenty years developing parenting and youth character development resources to assist parents in the all-important parenting journey. Both Steve and Megan are trained

Christian counselors, and Steve received his Doctorate in 2011, with his thesis focused on the role of parents in the character development of children. Their extensive training and research into character development has uniquely prepared Steve and Megan to equip and encourage parents. In addition, with eight children of their own, Steve and Megan's practical tips and techniques have undergone years of hands-on child testing. Steve and Megan were recent guests on Family Talk with Dr. James Dobson and the Glenn Beck TV show. Join them as together we train a new generation of courageous, Christ-like, character healthy leaders.

Richard Stepanek

Alpha Omega Institute



Rich was taught evolution in school and in church. He believed it until God opened his eyes to creation at a "Discover Creation" seminar. After extensive personal research on the subject, Rich became firmly convinced that the facts support the literal account of creation found in the Bible. Rich joined Alpha Omega Institute as a full-time speaker in 1997 and has

taught both in the U.S. and internationally. Rich has done extensive studies in Genesis and on its relevance to the rest of Scripture. He loves to teach the topic.

Dr. Rochelle Matthews-Somerville

HSLDA, Special Needs



Dr. Rochelle Matthews-Somerville is a wife, mother, speaker, educational consultant, and local leader, who has spent most of her adult life as the proud homeschool mom of six. Prior to receiving her calling to homeschool, Rochelle completed a master's degree in special education with a focus on Autism/Asperger's Syndrome and Behavior Disorders and a doctorate in Psychological and Cultural Studies, with a concentration in Learners with Severe and Communication Disorders.

With over 25 years of clinical experience serving youth and their families in the field of Special Education, Rochelle has served as a university professor, autism specialist, and K-12 resource teacher. She has a passion for equipping homeschoolers and serving the Lord through her leadership roles in the community.

Rochelle has dedicated the past 15 years strengthening and encouraging homeschool families, especially those with children with special needs, to embrace the path God has carved out for them. In her roles as program director, community instructor, and assessment liaison, Rochelle has particularly focused on providing encouragement to other homeschooling families raising children and young adults with disabilities. As a natural extension of her passion, she joined Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) as a special needs educational consultant in July 2019, presently serving as team leader.

Rochelle is the mother of six beautiful children (five boys and one girl) and has been homeschooling for 16 years. She lives with her husband and children in Charles County, Maryland.



Workshop Speakers

Tim & Angie Bates

Tim and Angie are on their 21st year of homeschooling. They have graduated two children and have one more currently homeschooling. They enjoy speaking with and encouraging new and existing homeschoolers.



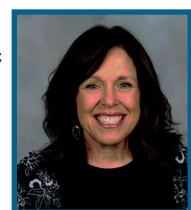
Mikaela Betka, OD, FCOVD

Dr. Mikaela Betka is a Nebraska native. She graduated from Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry in 2015 and completed a residency in Developmental Vision and Neuro-Optometric Vision Rehabilitation in 2016. Dr. Betka is the co-founder and behavioral optometrist at inSIGHT Vision Performance Center. She is an expert in binocular vision and visual processing deficiencies and loves to help patients of all ages achieve their best possible vision. Her goal is to give patients the tools that they need to be successful in school, work, sports, and life.



Vicki Duin

Vicki works as a reading specialist at Gretna Public Schools serving Tier 2, 3, and special education students. She has a Masters Degree in Reading from Concordia University, and serves on the Nebraska Dyslexia Association. Vicki is a certified LETRS trainer with Gretna Public School since 2019.



Gretchen Garrison

Gretchen Garrison started homeschooling in 2008 and currently has two graduates and two high schoolers. Along with their children, Gretchen, and her husband, Kyle, live on an acreage near Milford, Nebraska. She shares her knowledge about Nebraska on her blog, *Odyssey Through Nebraska* and by posting on @NebraskaOdyssey for her social media. Her three books about Lincoln and Nebraska are available at a variety of outlets.



Dara Halydier

Dara Halydier is a national speaker, author of *Practical Proverbs Series* and other books, the executive director of *Abiding Truth Ministry*, mother of five home-grown boys, and grandma of eleven beautiful children. Dara has learned life's lessons the hard way – experience! The lessons she shares come from truths that she has learned from dealing with chronic pain and many surgeries due to a disability, from having moved over thirty times, having four boys with learning disabilities (ADHD, Asperger's, dyslexia, dysgraphia), having homeschooled for 21 years, and having overcome a past of abuse and shame to proclaim God's grace, forgiveness, and freedom. Dara teaches with humor, wisdom, and vulnerability as she reaches out to encourage and equip the next generation.



Stephanie McPhilomy

Stephanie is a BJU curriculum consultant, Stephanie and her husband, Mike, have 3 amazing children. As God called them to homeschooling, they found BJU Press Homeschool through much research and prayer and jumped in with both feet. They wanted a curriculum that had a Biblical worldview woven into every lesson and subject, along with top-notch academics which would keep our children challenged and excited for learning.



Tyler Morten

Tyler is a father of six. He has a passion for all-things tech. He graduated from the University of Nebraska with a major in Management Information Systems. He currently works in the financial industry and is a co-founder of two Lincoln-area tech startups. He helps serve at his local church in the technology area.



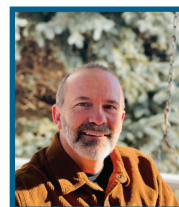
Michelle Pietzyk

Michelle has volunteered on the NCEA Conference and Curriculum Fair Planning Committee for the last seven years and enjoys helping others as they start their homeschool journey. Michelle is a chemical engineer and works for a Lincoln engineering firm. Her daughter graduated in 2023 after homeschooling for eight years.



Brian Young

Brian, an internationally known speaker and author, was a teacher and principal for ten years before becoming director of Creation Instruction Association and the Boneyard Creation Museum in Broken Bow, Nebraska. He has been speaking on the topic of creation and Biblical authority for over two decades, debating at universities, going into prisons, and sharing at churches, schools and camps around the world. He uses the Bible as the foundation for science and all education.



Teen Conference

Adam Lloyd Johnson

Dr. Adam Lloyd Johnson earned his Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has taught for the Rhineland School of Theology in Wolmersen, Germany, and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. His own ministry is called *Convincing Proof* and he also serves with *Ratio Christi*, a university campus ministry. He is the author or editor of several published works including *A Debate on God and Morality: What is the Best Account of Objective Moral Values and Duties?*, co-authored with William Lane Craig, J. P. Moreland, and others. His next book, *Divine Love Theory: How the Trinity is the Source and Foundation of Morality*, will be published in 2023 by Kregel Academic. You can learn more about Adam and his work at www.convincingproof.org



Timothy Schmidt

Timothy Schmidt is a father of four and a graduate of The Master's Seminary. He has served as the preaching pastor in Firth Bible Church since 2008. 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 90s.



Why attend the Conference & Curriculum Fair?

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 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
- ♦ Be blessed

Graduate Recognition

Attention Seniors!

Join us for the Graduate Recognition during the NCHCA Conference and Curriculum Fair

3:30 p.m., SATURDAY, March 9

Register by February 3 for this wonderful AFTERNOON at

www.NCHCA.org.



Workshop Schedule

FRIDAY

9:30-10:45 a.m.

Marriage, Communication, and Friendship **Steve and Megan Scheibner, Auditorium**

Recognizing that a healthy marriage is the basis of a healthy home, this marriage session is a fun and fruitful way to invest in your marriage relationship. Steve and Megan teach from their book *The Eight Rules of Communication for Successful Marriages* and finish the session with a fun-loving look at marriage and F-R-I-E-N-D-S-H-I-P Practical advice in a guilt-free environment makes the teaching real and applicable to all those in attendance.

11a.m.-Noon

Battling With Behavior?

Dr. Steve Scheibner, Auditorium

Want your teen to take more initiative around the house? Want to reduce the "Drama" level in the family? Want to get your pre-teens, teens, and young adults excited about character healthy living? Join "America's Parenting Doctor," Dr. Steve Scheibner as he unwraps seven practical steps to help raise the behavior bar in your home. While most of our sessions highlight the positive training we can bring into our homes, *Battling with Behavior* addresses the unavoidable behavior issues that trip us up and can derail the best of days.

The Age of the Earth and the Fossil Record

Richard Stepanek, Chapel

In this presentation we will look at radiometric dating. Is it really accurate? Are there other scientific dating methods that give us a much younger age for the earth? Richard will reveal the best and most accurate method to use for dating purposes. What about the fossil record, does it provide evidence for evolution or creation? Come study some of the transitional forms (missing links) that are used to support evolution. Do they really exist or are they still missing? Richard will present information about mutations (genetic mistakes), the mechanism used to generate new genetic information causing one creature to evolve into another creature. Are they truly helpful, or are they harmful?

You Can Homeschool Your Neurodivergent Learner—and We Can Help!

Dr. Rochelle Matthews-Somerville, 1404

Unpack the frequently asked questions of how to homeschool struggling learners and those who learn differently. Be encouraged and equipped as Rochelle shares diagnostic checklists for struggling learners, discusses common roadblocks homeschooling parents face (and how to navigate them), and gives strategies for achieving success with your children who learn differently.

Historical Markers in Nebraska

Gretchen Garrison, 1101-1102

Across Nebraska, there are 568+ markers that tell the story of our state. Join Nebraska enthusiast and writer, Gretchen Garrison, in learning how you can use these markers

when studying Nebraska and United States history. These monuments tell the story of both places and people that have impacted our state.

Navigating the Exhibit Hall Tim & Angi Bates, 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.

1-2 p.m.

Traditions, Transitions, and Transparency: Lasting success for the homeschooling family!

Megan Scheibner, Auditorium

Join veteran homeschooler and mother of eight, Megan Scheibner, as she discusses the importance of thoughtfully traveling the road of change and maturity with your children. Discover the significance of traditions in building security, the necessity of relational transitions for building trust, and the power of transparency to break down communication barriers. Homeschooling isn't just about preparing our children for success. Successfully homeschooling is a ministry training ground for parents and students alike. Come be encouraged as you see how God can use your faithfulness in homeschooling to reach your world for Him.

Spelling Problems ... How to Fix Spelling Issues for Good!

Aimee Eucce, Chapel

It's time to jump to the root of your kids' spelling issues. Discover the common thread as to why they are having trouble with spelling and implement 7 strategies that will help to fix spelling issues for good! You will walk away with a list of things to start doing now to help your student to become an excellent speller in just a couple of months.

Homeschooling 101: Homeschooling in Nebraska

Michelle Pietzyk, 1101-1102

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.

High School Without Fear

Dara Halydier, 2430

Teaching high school does not have to be intimidating. It can be fun and engaging. Dara will share tips and tricks for successfully navigating your child through the teen years and on to the next years of work and/or college. She will have resource lists and reading lists, emotional support ideas for the teenager and parents, classes needed lists and how to set up a transcript with a transcript template included.

You Can Homeschool Your Child with Autism! Building Successful Programs at Home

Dr. Rochelle Matthews-Somerville, 1404

This session focuses on using evidence-based instruction methods to address the core issues of autism spectrum disorders: communication and social skills. Rochelle Integrates developmental perspectives and strategies to

provide practical, functional intervention approaches that you can easily implement within your daily homeschool routine.

3-4 p.m.

Training Young Men to be Gentlemen in a Feminist Culture

Dr. Steve Scheibner, Auditorium

Is behaving like a gentleman an outdated and antiquated idea? Join Steve in a lively discussion of how to teach our young men to be masculine in a society that seeks to squeeze them into a feminine mold. Becoming a gentleman starts at home. Discover ways to cultivate a culture of masculinity without raising men who are brutes!

Refuting Compromise

Richard Stepanek, Chapel

Why have so many Christians departed from the literal reading of Genesis? Come learn the teachings of the Gap Theory, Day Age Theory, Theistic Evolution, and Progressive Creationism. Come take a look at the consequences of compromise and what is at stake in these issues.

Seeing Beyond 20/20

Dr. Mikaela Betka, 1101-1102

What is perfect vision? The number 20/20 might come to mind. Actually, 20/20 means perfect visual acuity, however, the 17 other visual skills that are needed for efficient learning, reading, sports, and overall life performance are not taken into consideration with this one value. Visual acuity, or 20/20 vision, gives no meaning about what a person sees, yet many people including medical professionals use this single value as a measure of visual proficiency. If you or your child is not achieving their full potential academically, struggling with written reading comprehension, skips lines or words when reading, reverses words or letters, avoids reading or near work, is uncoordinated, or struggles with car sickness this presentation is for you!

There are more than 17 skills that are needed for efficient vision and learning. In this presentation you will learn what those skills are and how their underdevelopment can go undetected for years but, none the less, interfere in daily life. Children struggling with binocular vision dysfunction, including eye teaming, tracking, or focusing, and/or visual processing disorders often will not complain about symptoms because they are unaware that they visually experience things any differently than their peers. In this course, we will learn about these skills, the signs and symptoms of a binocular vision dysfunction or visual processing disorder, and what can be done to help your child be more successful.

Understanding the Twice Exceptional Learner—Boundless Gifts

Dr. Rochelle Matthews-Somerville, 1404

This session offers a discussion of learners who experience some form of disability or learning challenge alongside an exceptional gift. You'll come away with a broader understanding of how different exceptionalities can manifest themselves within learning styles and preview resources that match your child's unique learning profile. Ultimately, this workshop will enable you to spend less time searching for resources and more time nurturing your child's gifts.

The A to Z of a Character Healthy Homeschool
Megan Scheibner, 2430

If we homeschool simply to achieve high academic marks, we are squandering the opportunity to influence our children for Christ. Character-healthy leaders are those children who have learned to elevate virtues above feelings. If we spend our homeschooling hours simply on academics and activities, we may win the praise of man, but we risk losing the hearts of our children. In our few short years with our children, we must focus on first things first and character is always the first thing! In this session, Megan, a homeschooling mother of eight, will challenge parents to use every opportunity to teach their children to serve God by loving others and to love others by faithfully serving God.

SATURDAY

9-10 a.m.

2ML (Second Mile Leadership For Men)
Dr. Steve Scheibner, Auditorium

Second-mile leaders are those counter-intuitive servants of God who earn the right to be heard by developing a consistent love of virtue, a disciplined approach to gratification, and a submissive love for the authority of God's Word. Male leadership is essential to the success of marriages, families, the church, and society. This session will teach men how to Earn the Right To Be Heard, Prefer Proactivity, Reject Reactivity, Learn To Elevate Virtues Above Feelings, Build Moral Muscle, Seek Forgiveness, and Develop A Finisher's Attitude. Powerful teaching that produces proactive fruit in our homes.

Genesis: Yesterday's Answers to Today's Problems
Brian Young, Chapel

Today we can continue to see increasing compromise even among the churches because of the lack of biblical authority. See how a strong foundation in Genesis is vital not only for our country but for our homes and schooling as well. How can we rebuild this foundation to keep our children from being led astray?

Developing and Drafting an SEP (Student Education Plan)
Dr. Rochelle Matthews-Somerville, 1404

Have you pulled your child out of public school where he or she used to have an IEP (Individual Education Plan)? In this workshop, you'll learn the purposes and benefits of an SEP, the homeschool version of an IEP. You'll receive guidance on drafting your own SEP, explore sample plans, obtain your own template, and leave with a resource list of books to set you and your student up for success.

Woman to Woman: The Mentoring Model
Megan Scheibner, 2430

Women thrive on relationships! But are our relationships glorifying God or do they draw our hearts away from faithful obedience to the Lord and His Word? In this session, Megan will encourage women to use their relationships to encourage, edify, and exhort one another. As sisters in Christ and homeschooling mothers, we have the unique opportunity to build up and strengthen one another. Every homeschooling

mom will benefit from giving and receiving encouragement from other women. This session will challenge women to examine their friendships and to structure Christ-centered, God-honoring, and faith-deepening relationships.

Homeschooling 101: How to Homeschool in Nebraska
Michelle Pietzyk, 1101-1102

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.

11 a.m. - Noon

Training Teens to Take the Initiative
Dr. Steve Scheibner, Auditorium

Want to transition your young adults from simple obedience to mature responsibility? In this session, Dr. Steve shares the important phases teens need to learn to take responsibility for their lives. Watch your kids move from childish irresponsibility to becoming young adults who embrace ownership and initiative as they move up the "Responsibility Tree."

Which God is the One True God?
Richard Stepanek, Chapel

Science gives evidence there is a god, but the problem is there are many gods in the world. Which god is the one true God, and which god will you put your faith in? Examine the scientific, historical, and prophetic accuracy of Scripture. This presentation gives evidence that the one true God of the universe is also the God of the Bible.

From Lesson Plans to Laundry: Tips for Juggling Homeschooling & Homemaking
Stephanie McPhilomy, 1101-1102

Life as a homeschooling parent comes with its own set of challenges, and when you add homemaking responsibilities to the mix, the juggling act can seem overwhelming. This workshop is not just about surviving; it's about thriving in the dual role of educator and homemaker. Explore practical tips and tricks that will transform your daily routine into a well-choreographed dance of homeschooling and homemaking success!

Tricky High School Issues: Homeschooling Teens with Special Needs
Dr. Rochelle Matthews-Somerville, 1404

This workshop addresses some of the challenges associated with teaching struggling or atypical learners at home in the high school years. Do you have questions such as "How do I award my teen with special needs a diploma?" or "What do I do when my teen with dyslexia can't read high school-level material?" Rochelle discusses alternative coursework, specialized curricula and learning materials, assistive technology, transcript options, possible graduation guidelines, high school programs for special learners, and post-high school options. She also offers tips for navigating the process of applying for testing accommodations for College Board tests.

The Toddler Toolbox
Megan Scheibner, 2430

Are the "Terrible Twos" eating your lunch? Need help managing your homeschool day with toddlers in the house? In this workshop, Megan draws on her many years of homeschooling experience with eight toddlers in tow to help you craft a plan for success. Find out how to use "self-control practice" to help your toddler become an integral part of the family team. Intensely practical, this session will help you transform the terrible twos into the terrific twos!

Noon-1:15 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUP LEADER LUNCH

Meet in Room 1101-1102 for lunch and fellowship.
PRE-REGISTRATION is required.

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Resources for Getting Kids into Computing
Tyler Morton, Auditorium

Do your children have interest in computers? Do all the "teach your kids coding" materials out there make you dizzy? This workshop will help you cut through the noise and give you the real-world resources to help encourage your child(ren) further into the world of computing.

Dinosaurs and the Bible
Richard Stepanek, Chapel

Come explore the evidence that man and dinosaurs did exist together just as the Bible proclaims. Study the Scripture's description of the unicorn, behemoth, and leviathan to see what they actually are. God is not describing wild oxen, ponies, elephants, hippos, or crocodiles. Did dinosaurs go on the ark? If they did, how did Noah get those big beasts on board? Come and see!

Motivating the Reluctant Learner
Dr. Rochelle Matthews-Somerville, 1404

Could you use some encouragement and strategies to help reignite your student's love of learning? If so, this session is for you! There are many factors that impact a child's motivation level—stress, executive function, nutritional needs, media usage, and more. With a little bit of theory and a whole lot of practical application, Rochelle equips parents with the tools they need to tap into their child's God-given gift of curiosity.

Intervention Resources
Vicki Duin, 1101-1102

Participants will be better prepared to implement effective reading instruction for their child who struggles with reading by

gaining a deeper understanding of the five components of literacy instruction -- phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. They will learn how to use available screeners to accurately place children in a reading intervention, using phonics and word-reading screeners, spelling screeners, and phonemic awareness screeners.

Homeschooling with Simplicity and Sincerity
Megan Scheibner, 2430

Homeschooling days are busy and it's easy to get caught up in the rush of our daily activities! However, when we allow the busyness of our days to distract us, we run the risk of simply raising well-educated children; not spiritually focused young adults. Join Megan to discover practical ways to make sure that your homeschool days are building fruit for eternity, as she shares truths about the Trasher, the Stasher, and the Catcher!

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Closing and Graduate Recognition

Living on Borrowed Time
Dr. Steve Scheibner, Auditorium

As a pilot for American Airlines, Steve was very close to the events of 9/11. Although initially scheduled to be the First Officer on Flight 11, the first flight to be hijacked on September 11, 2001, Steve was bumped from that flight the night before through an extraordinary set of circumstances. In this session, he tells his deeply moving story of God's providence on that terrible day in our history. Discover why God gave Steve a second chance, and how God now uses Steve to encourage parents around the world to parent with purpose and urgency



Mutual Encouragement and Walking Faithfully

By Megan Scheibner

Greetings Nebraska Homeschoolers!

Steve and I are so excited to return to Nebraska, see our old friends, and make new friends! Homeschool conferences are one of our favorite events of the year. We love the excitement of like-minded families coming together to learn, hop, laugh, and encourage one another on their homeschooling journeys.

This year, we'll be speaking on many different subjects. We'll help you focus (or refocus) on the incredible character-building impact of homeschooling. We'll discuss marriage, parenting, goals, and successes. And that barely scratches the surface!

Of course, we'll again share Steve's incredible and moving account of his involvement in the events of September 11, 2001, the day that radicalized Muslims tried to cripple our country. If you haven't heard his testimony, trust me, you don't want to miss it.

Our ministry, Characterhealth, is still passionate about helping families train a new generation of Christlike, character-healthy leaders. However, God has expanded our ministry over the past few years, and we're excited to share those new opportunities with you. Besides traveling across the country, speaking and teaching at homeschool conferences, churches, and civic events, God graciously opened the door to enlarge our ministry through appearances on James Dobson's Family Talk, Sean Hannity's daily show, and the Glenn Beck television show. We're humbled at the doors that God has opened.

In addition, we've acquired a beach house to open new avenues of more personal ministry. We've hosted marriage, parenting, women's, and this year, men's and mother/daughter retreats. These retreats have given us the opportunity to "go deeper" with the attendees. We've also opened a Characterhealth Counseling Ministry, which offers weekend crisis counseling for couples and weekly counseling via Zoom for men, women, and teens. If you want more information about our counseling ministry, email us at contact@Characterhealth.com.

Homeschooling has changed since the days when I homeschooled our eight children. The scope of the curriculum available is almost overwhelming, and homeschooled students today have more opportunities than ever. However, the real beauty and strength of homeschooling must remain the same if we are to impact our culture. The primary focus of our homeschooling must be raising children who love the Lord with all of their hearts, souls, minds, and strength. We can only accomplish this goal if we focus on things that build Godly character and refuse to be distracted by all of the shiny opportunities our culture tempts us to pursue.

March is coming soon, and we're looking forward to mutually encouraging one another to walk faithfully. Until then, "Don't grow weary of doing well!" (Galatians 6:9) We're praying that God will provide just what you need today and when we gather together. ✚



2024 NCHEA Adult C&CF Registration Form

March 8 and 9, 2024, Indian Hills Community Church, 1000 South 84th St., Lincoln, Nebraska

Send in this form or register online **BY FEBRUARY 3** at www.NCHEA.org

Husband (first) _____ (last) _____
 Wife (first) _____ (last) _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____
 E-mail _____ E-mail _____

NCHEA Member Benefits

Please consider becoming a member to help support the NCHEA and to enjoy these benefits below.

	Pre-Registered Member*	Pre-Registered Non-Member	Walk-in Non-Member
Membership	\$25.00	n/a	n/a
Individual/Couple C&CF Registration	\$40.00	\$70.00	\$85.00
Family C&CF Registration	\$75.00	\$105.00	\$120.00
Conference MP3 Recordings	\$45.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Kid's Conference: 1 st Child	\$40.00	\$45.00	n/a
Kid's Conference: 2 nd & Additional Children	\$30.00	\$35.00	n/a
Teen Conference: 1 st Teen	\$40.00	\$45.00	n/a
Teen Conference: 2 nd & Additional Teens	\$30.00	\$35.00	n/a

Pre-Registered Members will also receive a \$5 coupon to be used at the C&CF Coffee Shoppe.

Total Potential Member Savings (w/ 2 children or teens) **\$60.00**

***PLEASE NOTE: You must pay for a new, renewed, or extended membership with your C&CF registration to take advantage of the Member Benefit.**

NCHEA Membership:

____ Yes, I want to sign up for a **new, renewed, or extended NCHEA Membership?** \$25/family \$ _____

***You must pay for a new, renewed, or extended membership with your C&CF registration to take advantage of the NCHEA Member Benefit**

Would you like to receive the **NCHEA News and Legislative Alerts** via _____ E-mail or _____ U.S. Mail? (Choose one)

C&CF Registration:

Individual/Couple C&CF Registration \$ _____

(Pre-Registered Member \$40; Pre-Registered Non-Member \$70; Walk-in Member \$55; Walk-in Non-Member \$85)

Family C&CF Registration (parents & children/ teens of your immediate family are going to attend Adult Conf) \$ _____

Names of Children / Teens: _____

(Pre-Registered Member \$75; Pre-Registered Non-Member \$105; Walk-in Member \$90; Walk-in Non-Member \$120)

Support Groups

____ 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 will be attending the Leader Luncheon on Saturday.

____ Yes, I would like to preorder a sack lunch for the Luncheon on Saturday. \$7/lunch \$ _____

C&CF Syllabus - ____ Yes, I want an extra Syllabus for \$10.00 each, includes sales tax. \$10/syllabus \$ _____

Conference MP3's - ____ Yes, I want to pre-purchase the C&CF MP3 set* (\$45 Pre-Reg. Members, \$65 Non-Members) \$ _____

*(MP3 set includes both Friday & Saturday sessions. MP3 pricing includes sales tax. MP3s will be available for downloading during and after the C&CF.)

Donations

____ Yes, I am donating to the NCHEA. NCHEA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (donations are tax deductible). \$ _____

Volunteering at the Conference **Total \$ _____**

Yes, I want to volunteer: ____ Fri a.m. ____ Fri p.m. ____ Sat a.m. ____ Sat p.m.

Grandparent – A non-home educating grandparent may attend free with a paid family member's registration.

Grandparent Name: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Mail this form (postmarked by February 3) and your check made payable to NCHEA to:

Jeff Bennett, C&CF Registrar, 2408 S. 18th St, Lincoln, NE 68502

Credit card payment can be made by registering online at www.NCHEA.org. When you pre-register and pay **online**, you will receive an email confirmation. Your canceled check will be your confirmation. Checks postmarked after February 3 will not be processed and can be picked up at the C&CF. All refunds subject to \$5 cancellation fee and providing a self-addressed stamped return envelope mailed to Nick Lenzen, 2610 Winchester South, Lincoln, NE 68512. No C&CF refunds after March 1, 2024.

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Kids Conference



All Aboard! Get on the Gospel Train!

Register your kids for an engaging and enriching two days with Bible time, crafts, music and games!

The Kids Conference will focus on the gospel and what it means to be a true disciple of Christ. Kids will learn what it means to be holy, how to pray, and learn about The Truth.

The Gospel Train leads to Heaven, but in order to board this train you must have the proper ticket.

"I am The Way, The Truth, and The Life, no one comes to the Father but through Me." John 14:6.

NEW Location!!!

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

March 8-9, 2024
Check-in Time: 8:15 a.m.
Pick-up: 5 p.m.

Parents check in kids using the East entrance across from the playground.

Please bring a sack lunch, two snacks each day, and water bottles only. No refrigeration is available.

Kids should wear tennis shoes for game time.

Questions? Contact Tina Gould at tinakgould@gmail.com.

Space is limited, so register early!

NOTE: There are no "walk-in" registrations at the Kids Conference.

NCHEA 2024 Kids Conference Registration Form

March 8 and 9, 2024, Indian Hills Community Church, 1000 South 84th St., Lincoln, Nebraska
Send in this form or register online BY FEBRUARY 3 at www.nchea.org

Parents/Guardians must:

- 1) Pre-register and attend the 2024 NCHEA Adult Conference.
- 2) Pre-register/pre-pay for each child by mailing the registration below OR register online at www.nchea.org. **No registration is permitted on site of the NCHEA Kids Conference!**
- 3) Submit a signed hard copy of the Medical Permission/Release form and Release and Indemnification Agreement form (Forms*) prior to registration deadline or completing a combined form online at: <http://tinyurl.com/3nhst53v> prior to registration deadline. (*Forms can be found on [NCHEA.org](http://www.nchea.org))
- 4) Provide a sack lunch and two (2) snacks each day for each child (ages 5 – 12) registered. No refrigeration is available.
- 5) PLEASE NOTE: these two guidelines from the church facility:
 - A) Water bottles only.
 - B) Kids should wear tennis shoes for gym time.

Schedule

Friday

8:15 a.m.– Check-in
5:00 p.m. – Pickup

Saturday

8:15 a.m. – Check-in
5:00 p.m. – Pickup

Parents are welcome to check on their children at any time. Only a parent or authorized individual may remove a child from the care of the Kids Conference staff. Please remember - children may NOT accompany parents returning to the daytime NCHEA Adult Conference. Your prompt adherence to the time schedule above is appreciated!

REGISTRATION (Postmarked by February 3rd). (Registrations include sales tax)

If the parents are NCHEA Members*: \$40 for the first child and \$30 for each additional sibling.
If the parents are not NCHEA Members: \$45 for the first child and \$35 for each additional sibling.

Parents must join or renew NCHEA membership with their 2024 Adult Conference Registration.

Child	Age	M/F	\$	Child	Age	M/F	\$	
1.			\$	4.			\$	
2.			\$	5.			\$	
3.			\$	6.			\$	
							Total	\$

Kids Conference T-Shirts – Child sizes- S, M, L, XL

Kid Conference T-Shirts / Child Sizes – S, M, L, XL	Size	Quantity	\$10 each (incl sales tax)	Total Due

Parent(s) Name(s), phone, and U.S. mail and email addresses:

Husband (first) _____ (last) _____
Wife (first) _____ (last) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Refund Policy: No refunds after March 1, 2024. All refund requests must be made in writing. All refunds are subject to a \$5 cancellation fee. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Nick Lenzen, 2610 Winchester South, Lincoln, NE 68512 when requesting a refund.

Mail this Registration Form, the Medical Permission and Indemnification Forms (postmarked by February 3) and your check made payable to NCHEA to: Tina Gould, Registration Coordinator 1655 Harwood St., Lincoln, NE 68502
Please direct your questions to: Tina Gould, Registration Coordinator at (402)438-3466 or kidsconfregist@nchea.org

Teen Conference

Convincing Proof Reasons and Evidence to Believe Jesus is God

Who is Jesus? Was He really God? What's the evidence? Get equipped to defend your faith in Christ with good reasons and evidence to believe Jesus is God. Learn about the historical evidence for Jesus's miracles and resurrection. Discuss common objections against Christianity, such as the claim that the New Testament has been altered or corrupted throughout the centuries. Your teen will have a great time delving into God's word, learning from their instructors, and interacting with fellow attendees. This conference will be led by Timothy Schmidt and Adam Lloyd Johnson.

Register online at www.NCHEA.org

Conference is at Indian Hills Community Church,
1000 84th St., Lincoln, Nebraska

Schedule

Friday: Check-in 8:30 a.m., Conference 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday: Check-in 8:30 a.m., Conference 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Parents should meet their teens in the south lobby of the church.

Speakers

Timothy Schmidt and Adam Lloyd Johnson

Parents/Guardians must:

- Pre-register for the parent C&CF.
- Pre-register and prepay for each teen online or with enclosed form.
- Provide lunch if meals are not prepaid. (no refrigeration available)
- Send a signed copy of the online Medical Release Form and Indemnification Agreement prior to March 1, 2024, to Jean Bennett, 2408 S. 18th St., Lincoln, NE 68502.
- Questions – contact jben460@gmail.com

After His suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God
Acts 1:3

NCHEA 2024 Teen Conference Registration Form

March 8 - 9, 2024, Indian Hills Community Church, 1000 South 84th St., Lincoln, Nebraska

Send in this form or register online BY FEBRUARY 3rd. at www.NCHEA.org

Parents/Guardians must:

- 1) Pre-register and attend the 2024 NCHEA Adult Conference.
- 2) Pre-register/pre-pay for each teen by mailing the registration below OR register online at www.nchea.org. **No registration is permitted on site of the NCHEA Teen Conference!**
- 3) Submit a signed hard copy of the Medical Permission/Release form and Release and Indemnification Agreement form (Forms*) prior to registration deadline or completing a combined form online at: <http://tinyurl.com/3nhst53v> prior to registration deadline. (*Forms can be found on [NCHEA.org](http://www.NCHEA.org))

Schedule

Friday

8:30 a.m. – Check-in
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Teen Conference

Saturday

8:30 a.m. – Check-in
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Teen Conference.

Parents should meet their teens in the south lobby of the church.

Parent(s) Name(s), phone, U.S. mail, and email addresses:

Husband (first) _____ (last) _____

Wife (first) _____ (last) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Teen(s) – Name(s)	M/F
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

REGISTRATION (Postmarked by February 3rd). (Registrations include sales tax)

If the parents are NCHEA Members*: \$40 for the first teen and \$30 for each additional sibling.

If the parents are not NCHEA Members: \$45 for the first teen and \$35 for each additional sibling.

**Parents must join or renew NCHEA membership with their 2024 Adult Conference Pre-Registration.*

Teen(s) with Parents who are NCHEA Members:

First Teen Registration of NCHEA Member Parent(s) at \$40.00 \$ _____

Additional Teen(s) Registrations of NCHEA Member Parent(s) at \$30.00 each \$ _____

Teen(s) with Parents who are not NCHEA Members:

First Teen Registration of Non-NCHEA Member Parent(s) at \$45.00 \$ _____

Additional Teen(s) Registrations of Non-NCHEA Member Parent(s) at \$35.00 each \$ _____

Lunch:

Yes, I am purchasing lunch for Friday and Saturday for each teen at \$14 per teen \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Refund Policy: No refunds after March 1, 2024. All refund requests must be made in writing. All refunds are subject to a \$5 cancellation fee. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Nick Lenzen, 2610 Winchester South, Lincoln, NE 68512 when requesting a refund.

Mail this Registration Form, the Medical Permission and Indemnification Forms (postmarked by February 3) and your check payable to NCHEA to: Jean Bennett, Teen Conference Registrar, 2408 S. 18th St., Lincoln, NE 68502

Questions: Jean Bennett at (402) 875-3109 after 6:00 p.m. or jaben460@gmail.com