



NCHEA



Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association

PARENTING & HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE

March 13-14, 2026

Indian Hills Community Church

1000 S. 84TH ST.

LINCOLN, NE 68510

FEATURED SPEAKERS

ISRAEL & BROOK WAYNE

MONICA IRVINE

“I have no greater joy than this, to hear of
my children walking in the Truth.” III John 1:4

YOU ARE GRACIOUSLY INVITED TO ATTEND

The NCHEA's 39th Annual Conference. The ultimate purpose of the Conference 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?

- 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

QUESTIONS?

Call after 6:00 p.m.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 a.m.

Registration Begins for Adult,
Teen and Kids Conferences

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Newcomers' Session

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Exhibit Halls Open for Shopping

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Opening General Session

11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Workshop Sessions

2:15-2:45 p.m.

Exhibitor Workshops

5:00 p.m.

Exhibit Halls Close

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Graduate Recognition and Worship Night

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 a.m.

Registration Begins for Adult,
Teen and Kids Conferences

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Newcomers' Session

8:00 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

12 p.m.-1:15 p.m.

Support Group Leader Luncheon**

3:30 p.m.

Exhibit Halls Close

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 ORDER A SACK LUNCH WHEN REGISTERING.

Pre-Registration is all online for 2026!

Visit [NCHEA.org](https://www.nchea.org) to pre-register today!

The pre-registration process has been updated and is easy to use! A few things to note for 2026:

Pre-registrations for Teen and Kids Conference must be received by February 15, 2026. When your online registration is received, you will get an email confirmation. Please save this confirmation as your record of registration.

- You will start by adding a ticket to the conference for you and your spouse
- Then you will walk through the pre-registration process, adding on options as you go

PRICING FOR 2026:

Registration before Feb. 1: \$70

Registration before March 1: \$80

Registration after March 1 (including walk-in registration): \$85

OPTIONAL ADD ONS:

- Children accompanying parents to the Adult Conference (different than the Teen or Kids Conferences): **\$35**
- Teen Conference: **\$40** for your first teen and \$30 for each additional teen sibling
- Kids Conference: **\$40** for your first child and \$30 for each additional sibling
- Mom's Night Out: **\$15**
- Extra Syllabus: **\$5**
- Pre-ordered MP3s: **\$45** (listed as \$65 but a \$20 discount will be applied at checkout!)
- Maker's Market registration: **\$25**
- Graduate Recognition: **Free**

LODGING

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

**Hampton Inn South Heritage Park
5922 Vandervoort Dr.**

Call Hampton Inn at (402) 420-7800 or visit the book website: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/lnknehx-nch-359d27da-40f1-4ab1-879f-1399acb18fbf/>

Reservations must be made by Friday, February 13, 2026.

EXHIBIT HALLS

Your Conference 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 Conference 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 Conference 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 Janell Papke at (402) 580-1374, or Tina Gould at (402) 423-4297.

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.

REFUND POLICY

No refunds or adjustments are made at the Conference. All refund requests must be made in writing by February 28th. 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. 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 Conference committee and denials are without comment. Advertising must be received by February 1, 2026.

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 Conference, 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.

Graduate Recognition

Friday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.

Sign your senior up for Graduate Recognition.

Graduate Recognition and Worship Night are open to the public.

Parents of graduates must register for the conference and choose the Graduate Recognition add on option.

For questions, contact:

Janell Papke at cjpapke@yahoo.com

Tina Gould at NCHEA@NCHEA.org

DYSLEXIA SCREENING

Shelli's Speech, Language and Reading is screening children of all ages. Screening takes 90 minutes and the fee is \$60. Shelli will be donating 20% of the proceeds to NCHEA. To schedule a screening, contact Shelli Cook at (402) 438-2143 or shelli777@hotmail.com.

SUPPORT GROUP LEADERS LUNCH

Thank you for all that you do! Join us on Saturday from Noon-1:15 p.m. for a great time to connect with other leaders and encourage one another--Room 1101-1102. Please bring your lunch or order a sack lunch when registering for the Conference.

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 Tina Gould at NCHEA@NCHEA.org.

Kids and Teen Conferences

March 13-14

Kids and Teens once again have their own fun and educational conferences during the Conference, conveniently located at Indian Hills for 2026.



ISRAEL WAYNE

Author, Conference Speaker

Israel Wayne is an author and conference speaker who has a passion for defending the Christian faith and promoting a Biblical worldview. He and his wife, Brook, live in SW Michigan and are homeschooling parents of 11 children.

Since 1995, Israel has traveled the nation speaking on family, homeschooling, apologetics, spiritual awakening, discipleship, and cultural issues.

Aiming for both the head and the heart, Israel's goal is to challenge audiences to take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ. In his words, "God's Word applies to all areas of life. There is not one facet of our existence which does not fall under the direct claim of Lordship by Jesus Christ. This includes how we spend our money, what entertainment we consume, how we educate our children, how we use our time, etc. All of life must be understood from within a Biblical worldview."



BROOKE WAYNE

Author, Conference Speaker

Brook Wayne is an author and conference speaker. She is, with her husband, Israel, a co-founder of Family Renewal. Brook is a homeschooled graduate and homeschooling mother of eleven.

At the age of 15, she began publishing a national magazine for young women entitled, *Kindred Spirits*, which she published until she married. Since that time she has written for numerous magazines and websites, including, *Home School Digest*, *An Encouraging Word*, *iBelieve*, *Revive Our Hearts*, and many others.



MONICA IRVINE

Author, Conference Speaker

Monica Irvine is the President and creator of The Etiquette Factory, Co-Founder of FUNdamentals4Kids and a retired Home School Mom. Monica is a master motivator and dedicated instructor who excels at motivating children and parents to strive to be their best selves. As a Certified Etiquette Instructor and Life Coach and working in the hospitality industry for 34 years, Mrs. Irvine specializes in etiquette and professional instruction to help ensure the success of each individual both personally and professionally.

Mrs. Irvine is a national speaker, speaking to thousands of parents, educators, professionals and children every year. Residing in Knoxville, TN with her husband, Charles, Monica spends her free time enjoying the outdoors of East Tennessee and spending time with her family of three boys and three grandchildren.



Mom's Night Out will be a wonderful evening of encouragement, worship, and intentional fellowship with other like-minded mothers.

Come hear Brook Wayne speak on Embracing Busy Family Life and have your heart and mind renewed in living out biblical womanhood in the home. Enjoy treats, a time of worship, and fun fellowship with other homeschool moms as we prepare to have our hearts and minds filled with God's wisdom at the NCHCA Parenting and Homeschool Conference.

Register for Mom's Night Out during your registration for the Parenting and Homeschool Conference. You must be registered for the Parenting and Homeschool Conference in order to register for Mom's Night Out. Nursing babies are welcome.

Friday

8:30 AM

NEWCOMER'S SESSION

Tim & Angi Bates, 1422-1423

TO COME...

1101-1102

9:00 AM

WELCOME SESSION

Robin Gould and NCHAE Board, Auditorium

VISION AND LEARNING

Mikaela Betka, 1404

RAISING OUR BOYS TO BE TRUE GENTLEMEN, WHO LIVE WITH HONOR

Monica Irvine, College Room

10:30 AM

INFLUENCE VS. CONTROL: HOW TO BEST MOTIVATE YOUR CHILD

Israel Wayne, Auditorium

2:15 PM

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOPS

THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIL INVOLVEMENT

Senator Lippencott, Chapel

3:00 PM

EDUCATION: DOES GOD HAVE AN OPINION?

Israel Wayne, Auditorium

READING, WRITING & DYSLEXIA

Shelli Cook, 1101-1102

SCHOOL AND HOME DISCIPLESHIP

Brook Wayne, Chapel

Q&A: PANEL AND PAPERWORK

Tina Gould, Shannon Spolskowski &

Laura Millhouse, 1404

TO COME...

1101-1102

1:00 PM

BIBLICAL BASIS FOR PARENTAL RIGHTS

Israel Wayne, Auditorium

RAISING CONFIDENT, GENEROUS & COMPASSIONATE LADIES REQUIRES PURPOSEFUL PARENTING

Monica Irvine, College Room

HOMESCHOOLING WITHOUT LOSING YOUR MIND

Brook Wayne, Chapel

Saturday

8:30 AM

NEWCOMER'S SESSION

Tim & Angi Bates, 1422-1423

9:00 AM

BALANCING MARRIAGE & PARENTING

Israel & Brook Wayne, Auditorium

GETTING STARTED IN THE TRADES

Jason & Rick Willet, Chapel

TO COME...

1101-1102

TO COME...

Shelli Cook, 1404

TIME MANAGEMENT

Monica Irvine, College Room

10:15 AM

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOPS

11:00 AM

THE DIFFERENCE IN SCHOOLING & EDUCATION

Israel Wayne, Auditorium

TEACHING SEVERAL GRADES AT ONCE

Brook Wayne, Chapel

KIDS WHO LEARN DIFFERENTLY

Right Start Math, 1101-1102

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW IN ART STUDIES

Jonathan Goodding, 1404

CREATING A FAMILY PLAN FOR TEEN RELATIONSHIPS THAT IS SAFE, FUN AND MOST OF ALL, PURPOSEFUL.

Monica Irvine, College Room

1:30 PM

IS HOMESCHOOLING JUST FOR WOMEN?

Israel Wayne, Auditorium

SIBLING CONFLICT

Brook Wayne, Chapel

TO COME...

1101-1102

NAVY RECRUITMENT AND SCHOLLARSHIPS

Dennis Zmija, 1404

3:30 PM

CLOSING SESSION AND GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Israel Wayne, Auditorium

TEEN CONFERENCE

How do we know there really is a God?

According to a Gallup poll published in 2023 (Belief in Five Spiritual Entities Edges Down to New Lows) belief in God among Americans has dropped from 90% in 2001 to 74% in 2023. Among those ages 18-34 only 59% believe in God. Now more than ever it's important for us to **"always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15)**. In this conference students will learn good reasons and evidence to believe that God really does exist. For example, they'll learn about First Cause, Design, and Moral arguments for God (Romans 1:19-20, 2:14-15). We'll also cover the best responses to arguments against God such as the Problem of Evil and the Problem of Divine Hiddenness. They'll also have the opportunity to practice sharing their faith through role playing.

Register online at www.NCHEA.org

Conference is at the Conerstone House of Indian Hills Community Church, 1000 84th St., Lincoln, Nebraska (located at the South end of the parking lot).

SCHEDULE

Friday: Check-in begins 8:00 a.m., Conference 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday: Check-in begins 8:00 a.m., Conference 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Speakers: Adam Lloyd Johnson and the Convincing Proof Team

PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST:

- Pre-register for the parent Conference,
- Pre-register and prepay for each teen online.
- Provide lunch if meals are not prepaid. (No refrigeration available.)

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

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

KIDS CONFERENCE

Kids Conference will be lead by the team from Camp Sonshine!

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.

Register online at www.NCHEA.org

Indian Hills Community Church
1000 S. 84th St., Lincoln, Nebraska
East entrance by playground

SCHEDULE

Friday: Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m., Conference 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday: Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m., Conference 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Parents check in children at the East entrance of church and then go to Southwest entrance for the parent conference.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

- Pre-register for the parent Conference.
- Pre-register and prepay for each child online.
- 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.



The Maker's Market is designed for young entrepreneurs who have established a small business, to give them an opportunity to market their business at the Conference. This is not intended as a school project (i.e a science fair).

Parents of the young entrepreneurs must be registered for the Parenting and Homeschool Conference. Children and teens participating in the Kids or Teen Conferences are eligible to participate in the Maker's Market.

Each vendor will be required to man their booth independently (parental supervision is encouraged for younger entrepreneurs)

Each vendor is required to provide their own payment system such as Venmo, Square, or cash (please note the Conference will not have the ability to "make change").

Each vendor must provide their own table/display/signage.

Two entrepreneurs per table plus one parent supervisor if needed.

Booth space is \$25

The Market will be open for two hours on Friday (2:00-4:00 p.m.) and two hours on Saturday (9:00-11:00 a.m.). Set up will be open 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Friday. Tear down at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.