NCHEA

Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association

PARENTING & HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE

March 5-6, 2027

Indian Hills Community Church

1000 S. 84TH ST.

LINCOLN, NE 68510

FEATURED SPEAKERS

ROGER & JAN SMITH

KIM SORGIUS JONES FROM NOT CONSUMED



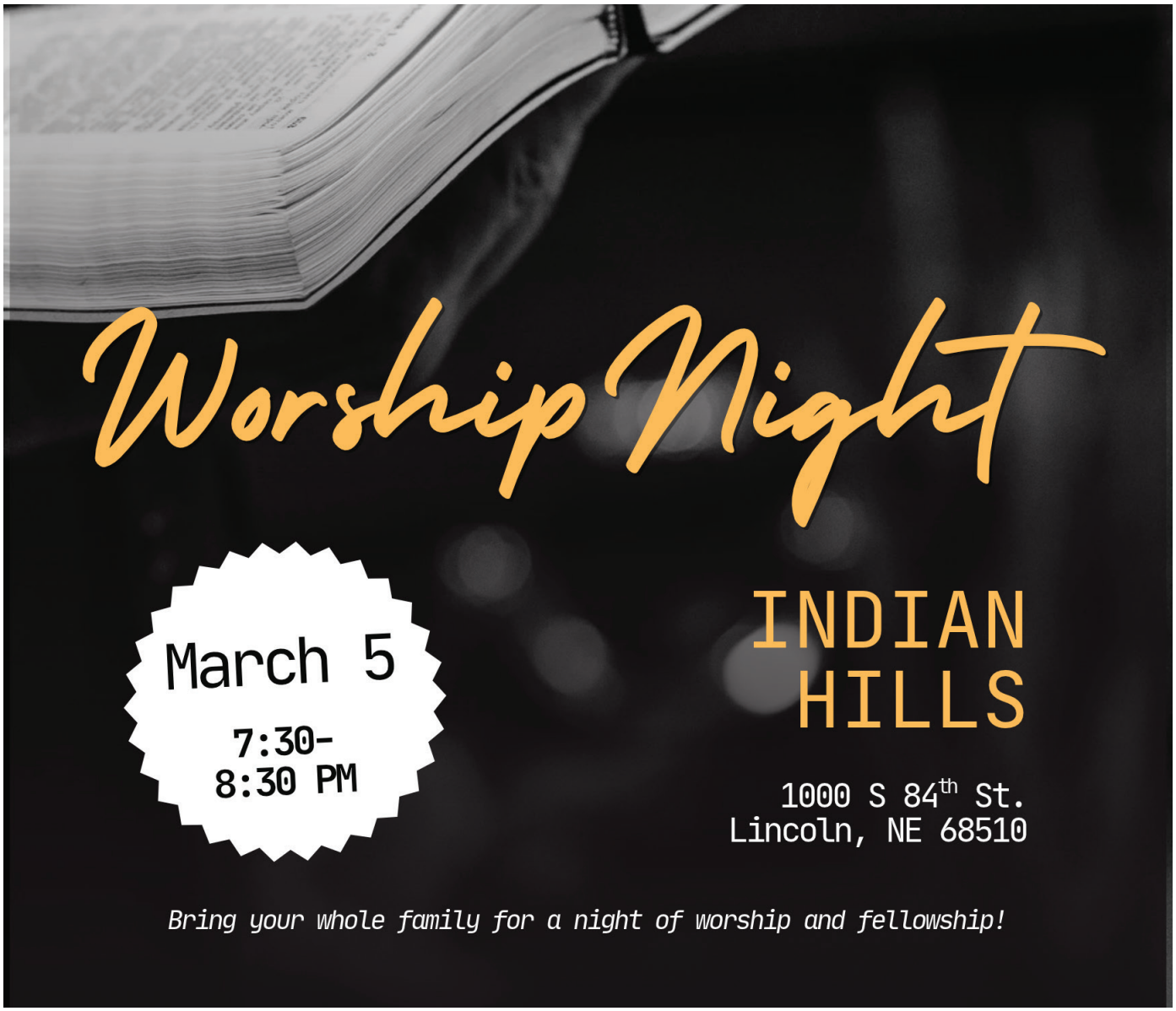
"I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the Truth." III John 1:4

THINGS TO NOTE THIS YEAR:

- This year marks our ***40th*** annual conference!
- **NEW**: Exclusive shopping hours! (pg. 3)
- Our first ever ***Science Fair*** (pg. 10)
- Family Worship Night
- Mom's Night Out (pg. 9)
- On-site lunch available for purchase
- Discounted hotel block available (pg. 8)

QUESTIONS?

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Visit NCHEA.org to pre-register today!

The pre-registration process has been updated and is easy to use! A few things to note for 2027:

When your online registration is received, you will get an email confirmation. Please save this confirmation as your record of pre-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

Pre-registrations for Teen and Kids Conference must be received by February 12, 2027.

PRICING FOR 2027:

Pre-registration before Feb. 1: $70

Pre-registration before Feb 26: $85

Pre-registration after Feb 26: $90

Walk-in registration: $90

Shopping Only Registration: $20

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!)
- Science Fair registration: **$15**
- Graduate Recognition: **Free**



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE*

Friday

8:00 AM

CHECK-IN BEGINS FOR ADULT, TEEN, AND KIDS CONFERENCES

8:00 AM-5:00 PM

EXHIBIT HALLS ARE OPEN FOR SHOPPING

8:30-9:30 AM

WELCOME SESSION

Robin Gould and NCHEA Board, Auditorium

9:30-10:30 AM

NEWCOMER'S SESSION

Tim & Angi Bates, 1422

10:45-11:30 AM

IS THERE A DIFFERENT WAY?

Jan Smith, Auditorium

GET OFF THE COUCH

Kim Sorgius Jones: Not Consumed, Chapel

HOMESCHOOLING 101

Board Panel, 1101-1102

SCHOOL CHOICE

Robin Gould, 1404

11:30 AM -12:00 PM

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOPS

2:00-3:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION: DISCIPLESHIP AT HOME

Roger & Jan Smith, Auditorium

3:15-4:00 PM

MANAGING THE RELATIONSHIP WHEN A CHILD CHOOSES A "DIFFERENT PATH"

Roger & Jan Smith, Auditorium

YOU DON'T NEED MORE HOURS

Kim Sorgius Jones: Not Consumed, Chapel

EYES FILLED WITH WONDER

Aimee Eucee, 1101-1102

THE INS AND OUTS OF HIGH SCHOOL RECORD KEEPING

Trisha Pull, 1404

NEW

6:00-7:30 PM

SHOPPING ONLY HOURS!

7:30-8:30 PM

FAMILY WORSHIP NIGHT

Auditorium

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE*

Saturday

8:00 AM

CHECK-IN BEGINS FOR ADULT, TEEN, AND KIDS CONFERENCES

8:00 AM-3:00 PM

EXHIBIT HALLS ARE OPEN FOR SHOPPING

8:30-9:30 AM

GENERAL SESSION: PRESCRIPTION FOR A HEALTHY MARRIAGE
Roger & Jan Smith, Auditorium

9:30-10:30 AM

NEWCOMER'S SESSION
Tim & Angi Bates, 1422

10:30-11:15 AM

DAD'S ESSENTIAL ROLE
Roger Smith, Auditorium

HOMESCHOOL ADVICE YOU SHOULD PROBABLY IGNORE
Kim Sorgius Jones: Not Consumed, Chapel

WHY BOYS LEARN DIFFERENTLY
Aimee Eucee, 1101-1102

HOMESCHOOLING THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL
Trisha Pull, 1404

11:15-12:00 AM

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOPS

1:00-2:00 PM

DISCIPLINE THAT DRAWS CHILDREN CLOSER
Roger & Jan Smith, Auditorium

STOP WORRYING ABOUT GAPS
Kim Sorgius Jones: Not Consumed, Chapel

GETTING STARTED IN THE TRADES
Jason Willet, 1101-1102

PREPARING FOR POST-HIGH SCHOOL: COLLEGE BOUND
Trisha Pull, 1404

3:00 PM

EXHIBIT HALLS CLOSE

3:00-4:00 PM

CLOSING SESSION & GRADUATE RECOGNITION
Auditorium

*Times and locations subject to change

TEEN CONFERENCE

Worldview Academy will be leading our teen conference!

Open to ages 13-18.

Pre-register online at www.NCHEA.org

Conference is at the Cornerstone 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.-5 p.m.

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

PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST:

- Pre-register for the parent Conference,
- Pre-register and prepay for each teen online.
- Bring a sack lunch, two snacks each day, and water bottles only.

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

Questions? Contact Tina Gould at NCHEA@NCHEA.org.

KIDS CONFERENCE

Explore heroes of the Bible with the "His Story Museum"

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. Open to ages 5-12. Registration must be recieved by February 12.

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.-5 p.m.

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

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

PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST:

- 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 NCHEA@NCHEA.org.

Space is limited, so register early!

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

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 booking website.

Reservations must be made by February 19, 2027.

EXHIBIT HALLS

Your Conference registration includes unlimited access to the Exhibit Halls featuring publishers, textbooks, and teaching materials.

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 18 years or younger. 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 1430 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," email NCHEA@NCHEA.org, or call Tina Gould at (402) 423-4297.

REFUND POLICY

No refunds or adjustments are made at the Conference. All refund requests must be made by February 19th. All refunds are subject to a $5 cancellation fee.

(Conference registration is non-transferable)

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 in 60 days.

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, 2027.

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

Saturday, March 6, 3:00 p.m.
Sign your senior up for Graduate Recognition.
Graduate Recognition is open to the public.
Parents of graduates must register for the conference and choose the Graduate Recognition add-on option.

For questions, contact: 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.

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.



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

Come hear Jan Smith speak, 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 NCHEA 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.

When: Thursday, March 4th at 7 p.m.

Where: Indian Hills Community Church



NCHEA is hosting our very first Science Fair! Our age categories are 9-13 and 14-18. Here are some things you need to know:

Students are expected to present a 5-minute oral presentation for the judges. Students in the 9-13 age category should prepare a 1-paragraph conclusion essay. Students in the 14-18 age category should prepare a 3-paragraph conclusion essay. Students should be prepared to answer questions about their project. All experiments must be performed and documented ahead of time. Registration cost is $15.

Projects Will be Judged Based On:

Research Question / Problem Statement

Research & Background Knowledge

Scientific Method / Engineering Design

Data Collection & Analysis

Visual Presentation / Display Board

Student Interview & Oral Presentation

OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

Students must provide their own table to fit inside a 6x6 foot booth space.

Set up will be Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Booths need to be taken down by 3 p.m. Saturday.

Judging for 9-13's will be Friday from 3:15-4:00 p.m.

Judging for 14-18's will be Friday from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Students must be present for judging.

Winners will be announced during the opening session on Saturday.

Featured Speakers



ROGER SMITH

MD, Author, Conference Speaker

Dr. Roger Smith, author of *Parenting with Influence*, is a primary care physician in rural Louisiana where he oversees the medical care delivered in four small town clinics. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, and has a special interest the relationships in the home and community. His vlog, "Parenting Matters Now," can be found on YouTube, Facebook, and RogerSmithMD.com. Dr. Smith speaks on parenting, marriage, education, and leadership, and offers parenting tips through his podcast, "Parenting Matters Now."

Over the last 25 years, Dr. Smith has served in leadership roles in numerous organizations, including 4-H, Boy Scouts, Homeschool Speech and Debate, and the Chamber of Commerce, and has been a mentor at a local faith-based substance abuse program. He currently serves on the board of his state and national homeschool organizations.





JAN SMITH

Conference Speaker

Jan Smith loves people and speaks straight to the heart! She is mother of 4 adult children, manager of the family farm and businesses, and mentor of many young moms. Jan began homeschooling in 1989 in rural Louisiana where no one had heard of homeschooling. After 2 other families joined her, she began a 3-family co-op. Learning together at home was key to the strong family relationships the Smiths experience today. Upon graduation from homeschool, all 4 children completed university studies on scholarships. Because of the positive impact on family relationships, she works to protect freedom to home educate for future generations through her leadership on her state and national homeschool organizations, as well as by equipping others through speaking at conferences. She also loves teaching God's word at women's events. Jan mentors young mothers in her community through a weekly Bible study and monthly parties in her home for the couples. Playing keyboard at church, reading to the grandchildren, riding horses, and growing flowers and vegetables keep her life after homeschooling far from empty.

KIM SORGIUS JONES

Founder of Not Consumed

Kim Sorgius Jones loves helping families grow in faith so they're NOT CONSUMED by life. The founder of Not Consumed Ministries, she equips and encourages parents to homeschool with confidence— not overwhelm. As a 22-year homeschool veteran with an M.Ed. in Curriculum Development, Kim creates homeschool curriculum and Bible studies to help families live #NotConsumed every day.