



# Workshop Descriptions

## SESSION 1 FRIDAY 9:00-10:00 AM

**Stand by Your Man—Rachael Carman—Ballroom 4** Too often, the lessons are finished, the books read, and the frogs dissected, but what priority does the principal have? When does he have time with his favorite teacher? When was the principal-teacher meeting—a/k/a date? Standing by our husbands through this challenging lifestyle choice is often neglected. Come and remember the blessing of a properly prioritized home.

**Are Christians Bigoted, Biased, and Judgmental? —Larry Blythe—Ballroom 3** Is disagreement or disapproval about behavior, opinions, or lifestyle bigotry? No, ask any parent. Real bigotry involves hatred for others, not disagreement on controversial issues. Redefining bigotry is an attempt to shame and bully opponents, usually Christians, into silence or reluctant agreement. So, how does a Christian teen respond respectfully and effectively to accusations of bigotry without appearing self-righteous? Learn 10 powerful and loving responses.

**Serving with Love and Loving to Serve—Dennis Gundersen—Oriole Rm** A child who learns to serve others with joy is sure to become the kind of husband or wife who brings genuine joy into their own family. The servant spirit, which Jesus said makes a person “the greatest of all”, is better caught than taught—that is, one must pick it up by being around people who love serving others! Dennis and Naomi have raised four sons who find great delight in serving others and they know how that outlook and attitude is passed on to children.

**Identifying and Correcting Blocked Learning Gates—Pamela Gates—Pheasant Rm** This is for your “puzzling child”. Is it just a maturity issue, or is something else going on? If you have a bright, hardworking child who has to work too hard to learn, he is telling you that one or more of his *Four Learning Gates* is blocked. Find out how the brain processes information and where that processing can break down. Learn how to be your own diagnostician using a checklist of symptoms, and learn the necessary interventions. It doesn’t have to be so hard for your child!

**Combined Education—Lisa Nehring—Hawk Rm** Blended learning is the combination of on-line media with traditional classroom methods. With many on-line programs, the student is alone with the content, and the instructor is not presenting the material live. Blended learning utilizes technology to allow dynamic interaction between student and teacher. *Blended learning is digitally delivered course work, experienced in real time, with interaction between student and teacher.*

**Getting Started in North Dakota—Theresa Deckert—Bluebird Rm** Mrs. Deckert will cover the North Dakota requirements for home schooling. She will also give many practical hints including suggestions for lesson planning and record keeping. This is the place to start if you are just beginning the home education journey or are just “checking it out.”

**What Do I Do With a Resistant Learner?—Kris Cox—Cardinal Rm** Are you struggling with a resistant learner? Their resistance could be due to willful disobedience, developmental issues, learning style issues, or even a learning struggle. Sometimes it’s a combination of several of these things. We’ll go through each of these possibilities to help you determine which might be causing your child’s resistance; and there will also be suggestions for what you can do about it.

**25 Ways to Boost Your Language Arts Curriculum—Kristi Frahm—Eagle Rm** Are you wondering how to bring more life to your grades 7 through 12 English lessons? After teaching for thirty years in public schools, Kristi Frahm has learned a trick or two about enhancing language arts programs. From minuet dance steps to patchwork quilt squares to Play-Doh creations, Kristi offers 25 clever strategies that add depth and enjoyment to an otherwise mundane school day.

## SESSION 2 FRIDAY 11:00-NOON

**Developing Discernment in Your Child—Chuck Black—Ballroom 4** The Enemy is a master at deception and often times our children fall prey to his lies. Teaching your child the ability to discern Truth is critical to spiritual survival. Chuck offers sound advice and some practical tips on how to develop spiritual discernment in your children.

**The First Five Years of Homeschooling (I Mean Parenting)—Davis Carman—Ballroom 3** The first five years of parenting are crucial times of development for children. Foundations are set that give them a perspective of God, themselves, and others. Their worldview will be shaped by the books you read to them (including the Bible) and the freedom they are given to sing, dance, play, and explore the wonders of God’s creation. You’ll discover ten lessons your children should learn and experience that can make a big difference in their first five years.

**Homeschooling with a Broken Spirit—Dennis Gundersen—Oriole Rm** Homeschool moms have a busy life! The comprehensive, multi-faceted work of it all can become overwhelming. If you, or a mother you know, have ever found yourself depressed, this is the workshop for you. As Don Francisco sang, “It ain’t sin to get the blues”, but it’s not pleasant either. Dennis has helped many a parent overcome depression and, just as importantly, find ways to still walking faithfully with God during that time of life.

**Teaching the Right Brain Child—Pamela Gates—Pheasant Rm** These wonderful children learn in a different manner than their left brain siblings. You will learn how to identify the right brain child and learn simple teaching techniques, such as Right Brain Reading and Right Brain Math. Right Brain Reading helped Diane Craft’s students make a two-year gain in reading in one year! For kids who find math “miserable”, this is a Godsend. No curriculum required! Help your children get in touch with the “smart part of themselves”!

**Homeschooling Math Without a Plan? You’ve Got to be Kidding!—Tom Clark—Hawk Rm** This workshop is designed to help parent-educators understand the scope, the sequence, and the logic of mathematics instruction. Join Mr. Clark as he takes you on a sometimes humorous journey, describing all levels of arithmetic and all mathematics courses encountered in high school and college. Attention will be given to identifying the “why” of the study of mathematics with an emphasis on the development of concepts, instead of rote memorization.

**Get a Jump Start on College—Cheri Frame—Bluebird Rm** Many teens are ready to tackle the challenge of college-level learning prior to high school graduation. This workshop shares how to save time and money on college, add instant credibility to your high school transcript, and motivate your teens. Come learn the top ways to earn college credit and help your students be successful with important insider tips. This workshop has been described as life-changing by both parents and students.

**CLOVER Word Attack—John Peifer—Cardinal Rm** CLOVER is an acronym representing the six most commonly used vowel patterns in the English language. Once they understand the common patterns that exist, the English language becomes quite manageable and user friendly. Participants will discover how to CLOVER label words and how and why we spell and pronounce words the way we do. Parents will be able to use these strategies immediately with any reading program.

**The Constitution & Bill of Rights...The Real History—Jake MacAulay—Eagle Rm** Discover the factors leading to the Declaration of Independence and the formation of a new American Government system by the People.

*Did you know that during a 1990 Dept. of Public Instruction conference a DPI spokesperson stated concerning the penalty for noncompliance with the homeschool law: “Homeschoolers [are] to be turned over to the county prosecutor.”*

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### SESSION 3 FRIDAY 4:00-5:00 PM

**What About 'That' Child?—Rachael Carman—Ballroom 4** What face comes to mind when you hear 'that child'? Do you smile or scowl when you see *that* face? Do you see yourself in *that* face? Do you struggle to like *that child*? Does it seem difficult? Impossible? *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 like *that child*, to embrace *that child*, to train *that child*. They are worth it and He is worthy!

**H.E.A.R.T. Exam for Homeschooling Dads—Davis Carman—Ballroom 3** Tests and exams are a typical part of school, even home schools. In this session, Davis helps homeschooling dads take an exam — a spiritual exam of the heart. Using the acronym H.E.A.R.T., he displays truths found in the book of Malachi dealing with very real heart issues. The goal is to discover the practical and faithful steps a father can take in the journey towards turning one's heart to his children.

**Courtship & Dating —So What's the Difference?—Dennis Gundersen—Oriole Rm** Families hear much about courtship these days but often lack clear ideas as to the differences between a dating approach and the courtship concept. We want to spare our children the pitfalls of the modern dating tradition, but often don't know how to explain to them how courtship works! This seminar gives six easily-understood differences to help any family apply the old approach in a modern era, but without arbitrary, Pharisaical rules. Dennis gives parents principles they can apply in varied household situations.

**Auditory Processing and Working Memory—Pamela Gates—Pheasant Rm** Do you suspect an auditory processing problem with your child? Some auditory channels affect academics (reading, spelling, math, etc.), while others affect everyday life (easily confused, misunderstands verbal information, speech delay, etc.). Become your child's own diagnostician as you identify, bypass, and correct auditory processing problems with your child at home. Learn to bypass the auditory learning glitch by using the child's natural photographic memory and how to correct the auditory glitch by using the proven methods of home Brain Integration Therapy and Targeted Nutrition Interventions.

**Time and Home Management: Managing Life and Home While Homeschooling—Nancy Bjorkman—Hawk Rm** Time management does NOT mean scheduling. It includes scheduling. Time must be budgeted just like money. We must determine the difference between the fixed – what we must do, and the discretionary – what we would like to do, and set our priorities. This workshop will be filled with practical tips and encouragement for everyday living as a homeschool family. Areas covered include understanding your calling, relationships, schooling, household clutter and cleaning, and general household management. Attendees will leave with practical and applicable tips.

**Vocation by Design—Cheri Frame—Bluebird Rm** Choosing a vocation starts with understanding God's design for work and how you are designed to fit in His plan. It's a big topic, but it doesn't have to be a mystery. Be encouraged and equipped to help guide your teens in choosing a vocation. This workshop will take you through the steps in the process of making informed career and educational decisions. You can be your student's career coach! Teens encouraged to attend.

**Choose Curriculum to Fit Your Family—Kris Cox—Cardinal Rm** How do you choose the best curriculum for your children? Kris will give you a better understanding of the most popular teaching methods out there and will help you determine which ones might work best for your family. The goal of this session is to help you determine your preferred teaching style in order to make the best curriculum choices for your family.

**Faith, Values, and the Constitution—Jake MacAulay—Eagle Rm** Dive into the religious beliefs of the Framers and the philosophical worldview of the U.S. Constitution. Learn how to equip your child with a solid, biblical worldview of American Law and Government.

### SESSION 4 SATURDAY 9:00-10:00 PM

**How Many Times Do I Have to Tell You?—Rachael Carman—Ballroom 4** God uses moments when we speak to our children to speak to us. Are we listening to Him the way we want our children to listen to us? Join Rachael as she shares how God meets us in every moment.

**Never Ever Give Up (aka Don't Ring the Bell)—Davis Carman—Ballroom 3** Homeschooling is not for the faint of heart. Statistics show that after four years a little less than half that start will remain. What separates those who stick with it from those who give up? Davis believes that every child is a homeschool child, but not every parent is a homeschool parent. Are you? Come and find out. Davis will give you five promises inspiring you to never ever give up and four fundamentals to help you persevere and succeed.

**Doing Family Worship Without Being a Bible Scholar—Dennis Gundersen—Oriole Rm** Many godly fathers are becoming aware that as family shepherd they should lead the household into a habit of family worship – time in the Word of God and prayer. But many also tremble at the idea, feeling inadequate. "How on earth do I lead my children into understanding God's Word, when I'm just an ordinary Christian man?" Dennis presents simple, practical ideas any Dad can put into practice. You can do this! You don't have to be a Bible scholar.

**Smart Kids Who Hate to Write—Pamela Gates—Pheasant Rm** Do you have a child who is "allergic" to a pencil or one who groans about writing, writes reversals, or misspells words he knows when he writes. These children are often thought of as *sloppy* or *lazy* when they are really using way too much energy for the writing process. The writing learning gate is the most common blocked gate with gifted kids. You'll be shown a daily exercise to get the writing into your child's "automatic" brain hemisphere and take the stress out of his writing system.

**Can Mom or Dad Really "Teach" Story-Problems? (And Why Would You Want To?)—Tom Clark—Hawk Rm** In this entertaining and instructional workshop, you will develop, and learn how to use, the five analysis questions that must be asked to solve all story problems, whether in simple arithmetic or in Algebra. The correct answers to these questions are guaranteed to lead students to the relation (equation or inequality) they must solve in order to find the answer to the problem.

**Transcripts and Record Keeping—Making it Simple—Cheri Frame—Bluebird Rm** Transcripts are not just for college – every student needs one. How to begin? What to include? Understand the essentials of record keeping, the 5 types of records to keep, how to grade, evaluating credits, and preparing a professional looking high school transcript. Teens are invited!

**Waiting for God to Speak—Chuck Black—Cardinal Rm** There are times when it seems as if God is silent...as if our prayers for direction and guidance are bouncing off the ceiling. How do we as servants of the Most High decide the 'whats' and 'whens' during these times? What does God expect of us and what does scripture say about how to move on? Chuck discusses the lessons he's learned about what to do while waiting for God to speak.

**Creating a History Timeline—Jay Patterson—Eagle Rm** Exactly how old is the earth and does it really make a difference? We will show you how to make a precise timeline using the Bible as a reliable, historical record. Of course, some very key questions pop up along the way. How could Methuselah live to be 969 years old? Is it really possible that there were dinosaurs on Noah's Ark? What did a Tyrannosaurus Rex eat? Making a timeline can show us how big God really is. Come find out how making the Timeline can get 'er done.

**Did you know** that 2000 was a great year for competition. The state spelling bee winner was homeschooler Karen Due; the state Geographic Bee was homeschooler John Rice; the homeschooling Science Olympiad team was first in state.

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### SESSION 5 SATURDAY 2:00-3:00 PM

**Attention Obsessive-Compulsive, Perfectionist, Control-Freaks: Chill Out—Rachael Carman—Ballroom 4** As an obsessive-compulsive, perfectionist, control-freak herself, Rachael discusses how in many instances she is her own worst enemy when it comes to taking advantage of the freedoms of home school. Are you 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? It's time to "chill out" and give control of it all to God...He is faithful!

**A.P.P.L.E.S. for the Teacher—Davis Carman—Ballroom 3** The gift of a fresh, shiny apple still represents respect and gratitude towards one's teacher. Why should it be any different for the homeschooling mom? They typically carry the lion's share of the homeschooling workload. Your wife needs to hear "thank you" in many different ways and know for sure that you are engaged. In this session, Davis gives six real and practical ideas for supporting your wife in the homeschooling journey.

**From Grumbling to Gratitude—Naomi Gundersen—Oriole Rm** This workshop helps parents learn how to cultivate a joyful, gratitude-filled home with an absence of grumbling and discontentment. Our children tend to pick up whichever of these we manifest the most! Naomi truly understands and can convey the heart of what it takes to move your mindset from being a grumbler grater to being a grateful spreader of joy.

**Training the Photographic Memory—Pamela Gates—Pheasant Rm** Many people think that some are just born with a "photographic memory". But we now know that this amazing ability can be easily taught. The ability to use the photographic memory is one of the best gifts you can give your child. Your child can store his spelling words for quick retrieval and learn vocabulary in a totally different way! Poor test takers will learn how to store facts using their photographic memory. Everyone looks smart when these strategies are used.

**Fighting Artificial Maturity—Jeff Sande—Hawk Rm** The "iY Generation" (22 and younger) has acquired massive amounts of electronic information... often without practical experience and associated responsibility. This creates an artificial maturity that leaves them ill-equipped for real life. In this workshop, Jeff Sande, an "iY" himself, will provide practical guidance on how teens can develop relational skills that will enable them to enjoy successful marriages, careers, and ministries.

**Eat Your Way to Intelligence—Nicole Mindeman—Bluebird Rm** For many families food can be a topic that is rarely thought about or is a point of much deliberation. Whichever it is for you, the food your kids eat makes a big difference in their class room performance. In this talk we will discuss how food affects our concentration, attention, and learning abilities and how you can use your daily menu to produce positive changes in your family's every day life.

**Understanding Your Child's Learning Styles—Kris Cox—Cardinal Rm** This workshop will help you to determine your child's learning modalities and learning styles. Although most children can learn in a variety of ways, we all have preferences that can be capitalized on. Knowing these preferences can help you choose curriculum and teach your children more effectively. An added bonus is that you'll be able to figure out your own learning/teaching style!

**Legislative Panel—Jake MacAulay, Rep. Chris Olson, Rep. Luke Simons, Rep. Dan Johnston—Eagle Rm** This will be a time for you to ask questions about your role in government, special issues affecting home education, how to engage your communities, etc. Please come with your questions prepared. There will be a drop-box at the registration table to give panelists sufficient time to from their responses. Questions will also be accepted during the workshop.

### SESSION 6 SATURDAY 3:30-4:30 PM

**Teaching Your Children to Bless—Rachael Carman—Ballroom 4** How do you practically teach your kids to bless one another? This talk teaches an easy to remember lesson with five specific ways that you and your kids can bless each other with words and actions.

**Learn, Live & Defend the Faith—Davis Carman—Ballroom 3** 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? In this talk, 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.

**Building a Good Conscience in Your Child—Dennis Gundersen—Oriole Rm** What the Bible calls "a good conscience" is vital for our children to form in their youth! Parents can strengthen the conscience, so a child grows into an adult of strong convictions and is compelled from within away from sinful living and towards righteous choices, even when parents are not present. Let's make one of the goals of our instruction "a good conscience" (1 Timothy 1:5). Here's a practical plan for achieving this.

**The Biology of Behavior—Pamela Gates—Pheasant Rm** According to Dr. Sydney Walker, children "act how they feel". This fascinating workshop provides you with clues to your child's brain/body chemistry. Over 85% of children who suffer with Sensory Processing Disorders or attention or mood disorders have experienced multiple ear infections as a young child. Untreated, these children often go on to have many hidden food allergies and asthma. It is easy to correct these imbalances at home and dramatically affect your child's learning day.

**What is "Critical Thinking" and Can Anyone Do It?—Tom Clark—Hawk Rm** Are your students learning passively, or are they involved in concept development? Are they figuring things out for themselves, or are they just learning tricks and shortcuts? Come brainstorm with Tom Clark as he humorously explores with you, the reasons instruction can be difficult, developing along the way, a list of benchmark signals, and strategies which will help students "think" critically and analytically.

**Skills Beyond the Book—Cheri Frame—Bluebird Rm** Education is designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge today's marketplace requires, yet it often falls short. This popular seminar shares ideas on how parents can foster these skills through purposeful projects and assignments in their students' middle and high school years. Whether your teens are applying for their first job, hoping to secure an internship, or preparing for college, developing these 21<sup>st</sup>-century skills will help them stand out from the crowd.

**Entrepreneur Moms—Melissa Brown—Cardinal Rm** Should you start your own business? If so, what would be a good fit for your family? Would your family be involved? What benefits would running a business offer your family and how would you incorporate homeschooling into your business? Come and explore the options.

**American Education: Four Centuries of American Education—Jake MacAulay—Eagle Rm** Where we started and how we have progressed. Learn what the founding fathers said about American education and the importance of teaching America's children biblical morals and virtues.