

2021 OVCHE Homeschool Workshop Day

Session Descriptions

Session 1 (9:20-10:20am):

A Day in the Life panel discussion (Esther N., Amy W., Holly K.)

This is your chance to be a “fly on the wall” in four different homeschools. Panel members from various points in their homeschool journey will each share what a typical day is like and answer your questions about how they got there.

All About Morning Time (Julie F.)

Have you heard of Morning Time? It’s my kids’ favorite time of the day! Morning Time is a time of “family learning” when we make time to focus on the important things that often get lost in the shuffle (right now that’s hymns, Bible, beauty subjects). But it doesn’t always look the same from day to day, or from family to family. In this session we’ll explore various Morning Time subjects and help you figure out what would work best for you!

What Counts? (Crystal M.)

Are you wondering what "counts" to meet the requirements of homeschooling? This session will explore extracurriculars, field trips, sports, and other activities that can supplement your homeschool curriculum and address how to represent them in your homeschool portfolio. We will also briefly discuss testing and evaluation options.

Session 2 (10:25-11:25am):

Making the Most of the Jr/Sr High Years (Missy V. & Amy W.)

Do you have a rising Junior or Senior high schooler? Are you starting to worry about what comes next (and how to get there)? Come join us as we talk about credits, requirements, transcripts, college applications, scholarships, and all things high school related.

Homeschool Made Simple (Christa K.)

How can you achieve a homeschooling atmosphere that is simple, enjoyable, and affordable? Carol Joy Seid says “You’ll get great results with a Bible, a library card, and a math book.” Based on her video series “Homeschool Made Simple”, this session will discuss educational philosophy, spiritual growth, great books, curriculum, & more.

Methods of Home Education (Kendra K.)

Are you new to homeschooling and overwhelmed by the curriculum options? Do you feel like you're working for your curriculum, rather than your curriculum working for you? This workshop will cover popular methods used by homeschoolers to implement their goals for education. It will help you find your way through the maze of publications to curriculums that support your personalized goals for your child's education.

Session 3 (11:30am-12:30pm):

Homeschooling Special Needs panel discussion (Tiffany B., Dana H., Kendra K.)

Homeschooling a child with special needs amplifies the concern expressed by virtually all parents: Am I failing my child by keeping her at home? Join this panel discussion with veteran homeschool moms as they talk about their journey in homeschooling a child with special needs.

Planning Your Day, Week, Year panel discussion (Tamara G., Kelly H., Michelle K., Julie F.)

So, you've decided to homeschool – now what? You need a PLAN! (Or do you?) Join this panel to learn about different methods of planning out your homeschool. See how these methods can be implemented in all aspects from the broader vision, to the detail of each day. We'll discuss planning tools, challenges, success, and failures, and try to answer your questions, too.

Teaching to Your Child's Learning Style (Trish M.)

Understanding the different ways your child learns can be extremely helpful when designing your school year and choosing curriculum. In this workshop we will explore the many different ways that children can learn, how to identify them, and how to teach to them.

Field Trips & A Living Education (Amy H.)

In a "living" education, we seek out those who have a passion for the subjects we are studying. Encountering someone with such passion can help students remember the material better. Usually such encounters are accomplished through books, but field trips are a great way to do this, as well. Join us to learn about how field trips can help make your homeschool come alive!

Session 4 (1:00-2:00pm):

Teacher's Lounge: Am I Ruining My Kids? (Martha C.)

Have you worried about whether you're doing enough as a homeschool mom? "What if I ruin my kids?!?" you understandably ask. You are not alone. Join a 20-year, 4-graduate, homeschool mom to discuss how to cultivate worthy educational goals, offer your children an assessment that blesses, and reduce your fear of them living in a van down by the river.

How a (Homeschool) Father Leads (Rick F.)

The Bible establishes fathers as the spiritual heads of their households. But what does this mean? What does it look like in practical application? Homeschooling provides some unique opportunities (and challenges) for a father's servant leadership. Join an 9-year veteran homeschool dad to discuss how to guide and support your family's homeschool goals, not through planning and curriculum, but through worship and relationships.