

## Tampa Bay Homeschool Conference & Expo 2010 Speakers

Kim Coley

FPEA

9:00-11:00 A.M. Room 107/108

Homeschool Orientation

Orientation for those interested in or just starting home education. Topics covered will include homeschool law, educational methods, choosing teaching materials, homeschooling high school and available community resources.

Forrest Hobbs

Math-U-See

9:00 A.M. Room A

Math Manipulatives For All Ages

Come and SEE that you can teach math using a multisensory approach all the way through algebra (the program goes all the way through calculus). Our goal is to help you help your students become confident problem solvers with math they understand.

Shirley Solis

Lifetime Books & Gifts

9:00 A.M. Room B

Habits are Important

Homeschooling pioneer, teacher and philosopher Charlotte Mason said "the mother who takes pains to endow her children with good habits secures for herself smooth and easy days." Shirley shares why habits are so important and how they impact our lives. This enlightening message gives tips on building habits of obedience, orderliness, attention, and more, in ourselves and our children.

Will Estrada

HSLDA

Generation Joshua

9:00 A.M. Room C

The Mandate for Citizenship in Homeschool Youth

Will uses his background as a homeschool graduate and the Director of Generation Joshua to describe how young people today can make a difference in their communities and nation, how Generation Joshua can help, and how the next generation is uniquely equipped to lead our nation in the years ahead.

Tara Jenner  
The Braintrainers  
10:00 A.M. Room A  
Brain Training: How the Brain Can Heal Itself

Tara Jenner, home school mom and owner of The Brain Trainers, explains how new neural pathways can be created using the science of neural plasticity. Fascinating science presented with a way to rewire the brain for more effective processing of information. Learn about the six major skills that form the "hard drive" of the brain and how "upgrading" these skills can result in easier, faster and more enjoyable learning. Tara tackles the tough subject of learning challenges and the complexity of neurology with real examples and comprehensible explanations. She does this while offering real hope for parents and students looking to improve reading, spelling, comprehension, memory, processing speed, visual processing, focus & attention, and organization & planning skills.

Alice Pauquette  
Excellent Quests  
10:00 A.M Room B  
You Can Design Your Own Curriculum

As the author of Curriculum Workshop: a guide to writing homeschool curriculum, Alice will draw on her experience as a veteran homeschool mom and curriculum designer to guide you in creating your own homeschool curriculum. When you can't find the perfect curriculum, sometimes you just need to create it yourself! You can write your own unit studies or create a year-long program of study. Alice will also walk you through the process of Questbooks. Questbooks, lapbooks, those file folder thingies – no matter what you call them, you can find a place to use these creative learning tools in your homeschool.

Coach Rick Andreassen  
CHAA of FL  
10:00 A.M Room C (Faith)  
A Time of Encouragement; the "You can Do it" Message

As a Motivational Speaker, Coach Rick Andreassen has been committed to encouraging Homeschool Parents throughout the country for the past 12 years. In 1997 Rick founded the Christian Homeschool Athletic Association of Florida which currently reaches over 3500 homeschool students throughout Florida, Texas and Las Vegas, Nevada. The heart of Rick's message is "God is Faithful" and his prayer is that the Lord would inspire, encourage, and revitalize each and every parent, wherever they are, on the Homeschool Journey! Coach Rick's passion and enthusiasm to see young people become all that God has created them to be and his sincere love for the Lord will make this one workshop you don't want to miss!

Stephen Guffanti,MD  
1:00 P.M. Room A (Faith)  
ADHD vs Kinesthetic Learner: Living Happily with your Child

Do you wonder if you will be able to keep your child alive long enough to see him or her enjoy a happy and successful life? Come to gain a light-hearted but heart-felt understanding of issues that can weigh a family down. Discover new hope and insight as you: learn how a kinesthetic learner experiences the world, discover how IQ and other tests don't effectively test kinesthetic learners, and understand why these children are often misdiagnosed. You'll laugh and cry, but most of all, you will develop a deep understanding of your child—and possibly your spouse!

Debbie Strayer  
Family Educational Resources,Inc  
1:00 P.M. Room B  
Reviving Your Teaching and Your Learner

Homeschooling can seem like an overwhelming and exhausting task, with one of the first casualties being creativity and the joy of learning. Come hear practical ways to encourage your children and enhance their learning at the same time. These ideas are useful with any curriculum or approach, so come hear how to bring greater enjoyment and success to your homeschooling.

Pearl Dahmen and Greg Para

The GOAT Program

1:00 P.M. Room C

“Teaching Key Life Skills (Goal Setting, Problem Solving & Time Management) using THE GOAT PROGRAM.”

THE GOAT PROGRAM Parent Training is an interactive seminar designed to teach the best method of presenting the program to kids. The seminar focuses on: underlying scientific techniques that make it work, understanding the program, teaching techniques that work best with the program and implementing the program into daily life. THE GOAT PROGRAM is the first program of its kind used with middle and high school aged teens. It was designed to teach three key life skills: Goal Setting, Problem Solving, & Time Management through imagery. In addition the program teaches how to identify and overcome two additional abstract concepts that prevent success: limiting beliefs & excuses and negative influences. When kids have the program tools to plan, organize, manage, we find self-esteem improves and they develop higher self-confidence. Using positive affirmations, focused daydreaming, managing conflict, managing their time better & overcome problems by identifying solutions are all benefits of the program.

Valerie Bendt

Valerie Bendt Books

2:00 P.M. Room A

Making Memorable Books with Children

Valerie presents an upbeat introduction to creating books with your children that will be treasured for a lifetime. This workshop is based on Valerie's popular book, *Creating Books with Children*, which is a six-week, book-making unit study. Valerie offers numerous tips and techniques to encourage your children to write and illustrate effectively. No more, "I can't write and I can't draw!" (This workshop is also of interest to children)

Mary Arnold

Pinellas Parent Educators Association

2:00 P.M. Room B (Faith)

Secrets To Staying Passionate And Purposeful In Your Homeschool Journey!

Do you LOVE your life? Are you passionate about your homeschool? Do you wake up with a smile on your face? Do you see purpose in each and every day? God has something amazing and incredible in store for you, but the

enemy of our soul wants to rob us of our joy, our purpose, our passion!  
Come allow the Lord to fill you full of His truths as Mary shares practical, simple, daily disciplines that you can go home and immediately put into practice. Find out the secrets to staying passionate and purposeful in YOUR homeschool journey!

Sherri Seligson  
Apologia  
2:00 P.M. Room C (Faith)  
Evolution Doesn't Work for Sea Creatures

In this talk, the many ocean creatures that have features which defy the processes of evolution will be highlighted. The discussion will also include some of the parameters of the ocean (such as its salinity) which speak against an earth that is supposedly millions of years old. Students also may want to attend this discussion because there will be lessons on exactly how fishes (yes, that is grammatically correct in scientific terms) remove the oxygen out of seawater and their efficient system of doing this. We'll take a look at "living fossils" that apparently do not realize they should now be either extinct or look drastically different than they do today. The physical features of echolocation in dolphins and other whales also will be covered. And we cannot forget sharks, with their amazing physical abilities to detect electrical impulses from miles away!

Dr. Scott Stoltz, Certified Maximized Living Chiropractor  
Maximized Living  
3:00 P.M. Room A  
How to Raise a Healthy Family

Learn the Maximized Living Lifestyle to create a healthy family, live a long life and prevent disease through the 5 Essentials of Maximized Living. Avoid the dangers of modern nutrition and change the way you and your family eat forever. Transform the way you look and feel by maximizing your health!

Dennis Apple  
3:00 P.M. Room B  
The Nuts and Bolts of Testing

The state of Florida requires that each home schooled student receive an annual evaluation to determine progress. There are several ways that this evaluation can be accomplished. One way is by the administration of standardized tests. This workshop discusses the most popular standardized tests. In this discussion, a thorough overview will be given that includes, but not limited to, academic areas that are measured; terminology utilized in the testing and its meaning; and how testing results provide the parents with information that can guide future and present educational planning. Because the testing experience may be viewed as nerve wracking for both parents and students, this workshop is sensitive towards this concern. The presenter also intertwines the workshop with parental questions that may be shared by the general audience, taking the liberty to select those questions that benefit the audience the most while meeting with those parents of specific questions after the workshop as time allows. The goal of this workshop is then to empower the parent with information that supports an understanding of testing and its parts. Thus, the parent will be able to communicate clearly with his/her tester regarding the utilization of a chosen test tool for annual evaluation.

Neoka Apple  
3:00 P.M. Room C  
High School: Dodging the Pot Holes to Higher Education

The high school years and its preparation for higher education can be a successful summation of one's homeschooling experience or it can be a nightmare laced with confusion and fear. This interactive workshop will give the parents and their high school student the opportunity to identify those issues that are of concern to them as both the parents and student approach the high school years and beyond to higher educational formats. This workshop will then encourage the parents and student to resolve those issues that may be conflicting with a successful educational experience. The format of this session will emphasize problem solving techniques based on parents and student suggested topics of interest and concerns within the arenas of high school and higher education. Dodging the pot holes towards this educational experience will empower the parents and student toward not only a productive educational track, but one that also addresses emotional concerns. Finally, this workshop includes a graduate of homeschooling to further support realistic and workable information

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Linda Werner

**Linda Werner** has a passion for family. For twenty-five years Linda has openly shared her homeschooling joys and challenges with many audiences. Her message is powerful and filled with hope. Linda speaks with enthusiasm, passion, and truth. If there is one thing she will share with every mom and dad it is this, "If God has called you...He will be faithful and help you do this great task! Take one year at a time and fully engage and you will love what you will learn!"

She has been married to Jim for thirty-four years and together they have five children ages 31, 29, 25, 22, 20 along with five soon to be six granddaughters ages 8,5,4,2 and 2 months.

Linda began homeschooling in 1983 when her oldest daughter was ready to begin Kindergarten. None of the five Werner children ever attended a traditional school.

Linda and her husband Jim founded Circle Christian School in 1985. CCS is a private Christian school for families who choose to homeschool their children in the central Florida area. Circle is unique in that it provides many academic, athletic and arts opportunities for families if they choose to use them.

Currently the organization is the largest in the state with over 1000 students in K-12, serving over 600 families.

**Strengths Defined, Strengths Validated, and Strengths Celebrated**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to focus on your strengths instead of working on your weakness? Are you training your children to be well rounded, or are you helping them sharpen their strengths? Do you face a constant battle with your children when working on your curriculum? What would you think could happen if you as a parent began helping your children identify and work in their strengths? Every person has been wired with unique abilities, talents, strengths, and gifts. Could your struggle in your home be because you are expecting your children to be and do things that are not in their wiring?

Linda Werner will offer a compelling presentation of strengths based education and the power it offers to transform our lives when we understand and celebrate our unique design. She will share humorous stories of her journey of discovery with her five children and others. You will not want to miss this session. This one truth could change your life as well as the life of your family!