

Workshop Summaries

Alphabetical by Workshop Title

☐ **Career Tech Courses and Industry-based Credentials for Homeschooled Students**

VILLAGE VIRTUAL LLC: Debi Crabtree

No workshop description was available at press time.

☐ **Chattanooga State Admissions and Programs**

CHATTANOOGA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Jerry Hendrix or Shirley Moore

No workshop description was available at press time.

☐ **Delightful Reading**

SIMPLY CHARLOTTE MASON: Laura Pitney

Relax with a truly gentle approach to teaching reading. Charlotte Mason-style reading lessons include informal play, multi-sensory activities, basic phonics, and enjoyable variety. This simple plan will carry your child from learning the alphabet to building words to feeling at home in the fascinating world of books.

☐ **Experience Excellence in Writing**

INSTITUTE FOR EXCELLENCE IN WRITING: Rachel Rist

Come and discover award-winning Excellence in Writing, a method of teaching composition that really works. Using this program, students of all ages will learn to write stories, reports, and essays with style. This workshop will give you an overview of the program and show you how you can get started.

☐ **Fantasy and the Reader's Heart**

SCRUB JAY JOURNEYS: Bryan Davis

How fantasy can inspire readers in their spiritual lives, and how to discern good, moral fantasy and identify destructive fantasy. This is a helpful talk for parents, teachers, and other adults who guide children.

☐ Finally Finished and Ready to Share!

BRYAN COLLEGE: Pat Wesolowski

Homeschooling 9 children over the past 30 years has been a joy-filled experience, but not an experience void of frustration, confusion, and a few regrets. Learn from my mistakes and the mistakes of a few of my friends, and be encouraged to make changes in your homeschooling journey so that you can complete the course without major regrets.

☐ Financial Aid Workshop

BRYAN COLLEGE: David Haggard

David Haggard, head of the Financial Aid department at Bryan College, will cover everything in this workshop from the cost of college, to different types of applications, FAFSA information, financial aid, and more! Come and find out how to prepare your teen for college.

☐ Finding God in the Arts

UNITY DANCE STUDIOS: Katherine Griesemer

At the beginning of time, God set it in His heart to create. He designed a place of beauty: The Garden. Everything He placed in that garden He called "good". Since humanity is made in His image, we too are filled with a desire to create beauty. This is the essence of the arts: every form of the arts seeks to create something beautiful. How can we teach our children to hold a proper view of the arts? How can we help them see the arts as a means of worship rather than a path to self-promotion? *"Our generation experiences art as a constant stream of marketing. When we only experience art in advertisements, web-sites, brands and logos, we lose the invaluable ways that it helps us understand who we are and what life is all about."* (Relevant Magazine, Melissa Kircher) At Unity Dance Studios, our mission is "to expose the heart of God through creative arts and dance." Join us in a riveting discussion about beauty, self-distortion, and creative expression.

☐ Five Home Business Projects that Teach Financial Literacy and Create Income

EDUCATING FOR SUCCESS: Rhea Perry

In this insightful session taught by an award-winning Internet business owner and veteran homeschool mom of 7, you will learn the fundamentals of five proven home businesses your family can start part-time that could possibly bring dad home like they did! You'll also learn why some of your children never finish a job, why others are not self-motivated, and how to work toward a lifestyle of freedom instead of a paycheck.

☐ Getting Started: A Journey in Home Schooling

AARON ACADEMY: Becky Longoria

Aaron Academy is celebrating 17 years of serving the Home School community. If you have questions on whether to begin the best journey of your life and how to begin, then I invite you to come and listen to my seminar. I like to give practical information. For instance, how to choose an umbrella and why you need one. How to keep records, how to purchase curriculum. How old should my student be before I start testing. There will be more information covered for you, and I hope to give you a sense of peace and confidence as you choose this path of education for your family.

☐ **Hat Tricks**

SAILAWAY LEARNING AND ACADEMY: Brenda Murphy

Balancing the roles between teacher-mom and student-child can be a challenge. Come participate in a forum with SailAway as a homeschool mom and a homeschool graduate deliver their perspectives on pitfalls and offer solutions to successfully manage the balancing acts involved in the magic of homeschooling.

☐ **Help! My Child Questions Everything!**

CLASSICAL CONVERSATIONS: Cheri Cresswell

How to harness the God-given argumentative spirit in your pre-teen and why letting him push back is part of God's educational design.

☐ **High School Transcripts and Records**

BERRY COLLEGE: Charlotte Ellard

Creating a high school transcript can be intimidating! What are colleges looking for and what is acceptable? In this seminar Charlotte walks you through transcript essentials, evaluation of credit, grading guidelines and scales, and calculation of grade point averages (GPAs). In addition, you'll receive sample transcripts depicting other formats for you to consider. As an admission counselor and a mom of 9 students who have been accepted to over 25 different schools, Charlotte offers helpful hints to make the transcript task doable!

☐ **Home Business Education 101: Seven Foundational Principles That Aren't Taught in School**

EDUCATING FOR SUCCESS: Rhea Perry

Owning a home business is just one way for young people to implement practical leadership abilities to impact their world. Leadership education is different from employee-oriented education. So how do you know if you are encouraging your students to be leaders or workers? Get the answers, plus learn the secrets of entrepreneurial education the Perry family has discovered from almost 30 years of homeschooling about educating children, not just to get a diploma but to live financially free!

☐ **Homeschool Art Classes at Art Creations**

ART CREATIONS: Jessica Dumitru

No workshop description was available at press time.

☐ **Kids, the Brain, and Essential Oils**

YOUNG LIVING ESSENTIAL OILS: Kristin Shomaker

Learn various ways to support your child as they navigate the land of learning, using essential oils and other health/wellness products.

☐ **Learn a Language with Chattanooga School of Language**

CSL (Chattanooga School of Language): Laurie Stevens

The Chattanooga School of Language (CSL) Homeschool Language program seeks to develop target language skills and increase cultural awareness for young children and teens.

This workshop will give you a glimpse into our teaching philosophy and allow you to experience firsthand what it's like to be a language student in one of our foreign language classes.

Our program is founded on the principals of Comprehensible Input

(<https://www.actfl.org/news/position-statements/use-the-target-language-the-classroom>) and our focus is language acquisition. Through our program, students will develop a connection and basic understanding of the target language and culture through storytelling and interaction. Classes will be conducted primarily in the target language, and the students will be given the tools to start developing their comprehension skills (reading and listening) and, consequently, their ability to speak and write the language (age appropriately).

Through storytelling and relevant interactions, our language students will learn to understand and use high-frequency structures in the target language. The class will provide a holistic approach to learning a language by focusing on body-kinesthetic, student-driven, and fun activities that make the language come alive.

For more information, visit www.chattanoogalanguage.com/homeschool-program.

☐ **Legal / Legislative Issues Seminar**

CSTHEA: Steve Duggins, Attorney, CSTHEA VP

Be aware and informed on legal and legislative issues pertaining to homeschooling in Tennessee and the region.

☐ **Making a Difference: Children with Character**

ACE (Accelerated Christian Education): Kim Danielson

What can you instill into your children that will outlive you and count for time and eternity? Teaching them a Christ-centered character that yields social, scholastic, and spiritual growth is the answer.

Godly character stands as the most prized goal in Christian education. Gain simple knowledge tips to mold Christian character in the lives of your children through this informative workshop.

☐ **Math-U-See: Math-You-Hate Becomes Math-U-Love with Math-U-See**

DEMME LEARNING: Sindy Keyser

Math-U-See's unique instructional approach using simple but powerful manipulatives, videos, and textbooks helps students master math concepts and fundamental skills. Our manipulatives are used to represent abstract math concepts to be represented in clear, relatable ways. Come see how even reluctant mathematicians can help children develop a positive relationship with math.

☐ **Navigating Through High School**

AARON ACADEMY: Becky Longoria

As the principal of Aaron Academy, I can confidently tell you that you can make it through the high school years and prepare your student for college or for the workforce. I know that preparing for this can be a bit overwhelming. Come and learn more about planning the four years of high school. I will cover credits, transcripts, testing, dual enrollment, and so much more. Bring your questions.

☐ **Planning High School: Beginning with the End in Mind**

SILAWAY LEARNING AND ACADEMY: Brenda Murphy

Overwhelmed thinking about high school? Want to get a handle on what it takes to do homeschool high school? This workshop covers practical information on high school credits, dual enrollment, portfolios, TN Promise, and transcripts. Learn how to take your child's individual gifts and abilities and create a doable four-year plan. Set your student on a path to meet his future career and educational goals, whether that includes work, trade school, community college, or four-year college!

☐ **Preparing Your Middle Schooler for High School**

HOMELIFE ACADEMY: Mona Housman

Whether your student is preparing for public school, private school, or continuing to homeschool, most parents agree that entering the high school arena feels like a whole new ball game. Balancing academics, personal interests, relationships, and life skills in middle school can lay the foundation for a smooth transition into whatever God's plans may include for your student in high school. Discussions will include those students who are ahead academically or right on target, as well as those who might be struggling and not yet ready for upper level coursework.

☐ **Promoting Wonder!**

CLASSICAL CONVERSATIONS: Cheri Cresswell

Walking with your kids as they discover truth, goodness, and beauty. Why focusing on WONDER can make the difference in educating your child at any stage of development.

☐ **Science Olympiad and the STEM Subjects**

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD: Sandra Corry

Science Olympiad's ever-changing line-up are in all STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) disciplines. This exposure gives students practice as scientists and in career choices and allows them to learn beyond the textbook. Children are naturally curious and have a desire for in-depth learning through exploration, problem solving, and creativity. With Science Olympiad, students get hands-on science experience, learn valuable study and test-taking skills, and the rewards of teamwork. These are reasons parents choose Science Olympiad, while the students participate because it is fun, engaging, and friendships are forged. Explorers Homeschool Academy's SciOly team was established in 2010. Most of those years, the middle and high school teams won the Chattanooga Regional Tournament and advanced to state. The elementary school team, grades 3-5, prepare for one invitational each year. This experience plants the seed of a love for learning, which shows in their scores in the elementary competition.

❑ **Seven Keys to College Admissions and Scholarships: Setting Up Your Child for Success and Avoiding Common Pitfalls**

BERRY COLLEGE: Charlotte Ellard

The current Coordinator of Homeschool Admission for Berry College and a mother who has helped her children apply successfully to over 25 different colleges, Charlotte shares what makes a good candidate for college admission and scholarships. With nine children attending college on scholarships over the last 13 years, Charlotte has seen many changes within the college admission landscape, mostly to the advantage of homeschoolers. Valuable insights learned as both a parent and an admission counselor can encourage families of perspective college students and give you a game plan to personalize.

❑ **Spelling-U-See: Radically Different Spelling Success without Word Lists, Tests, Stress, or Tears**

DEMME LEARNING: Sindy Keyser

Spelling You See's unique low-stress learning experience guides students through four essential activities (listening, reading, copywork, dictation) presented at appropriate developmental stages. Without using word lists or tests, these activities help students transfer correct spellings of common words to long-term memory, so they can use correct spellings in everyday writing.

❑ **Strategies to Insure All Students Succeed / Achieve**

GULINOGROUP EDUCATOR RESOURCES: Joseph Gulino

No further workshop description was available at press time.

❑ **Surviving Your Special Needs Child**

CYNTHIA L. SIMMONS: Cynthia L. Simmons

No further workshop description was available at press time.

❑ **Taking the Fear Out of Fractions with RightStart Fractions**

RIGHTSTART MATHEMATICS: Eve Hulette

Do you remember the groans in math class when the word "fraction" was brought up? Well, there is a better and less painful way of teaching fractions! Fractions are, dare I say, fun when they are taught the right way. What's the right way to teach them? Come and find out! Find the beauty and simplicity of fractions using RightStart Math.

❑ **Teach Your Kids to Think**

CYNTHIA L. SIMMONS: Cynthia L. Simmons

No further workshop description was available at press time.

☐ **Teach Your Kids to Think Using Scripture**

CYNTHIA L. SIMMONS: Cynthia L. Simmons

No further workshop description was available at press time.

☐ **Teaching American's Principles of Liberty: How the Pathway to Liberty Curriculum Works**

PATHWAY TO LIBERTY: Jayme MacCullough

No further workshop description was available at press time.

☐ **Teaching the Way Kids Learn**

HOMELIFE ACADEMY: Lani Carey

This is a workshop for parents and students of all ages, from Pre-K through high school. You may be surprised to find out the way your children really learn things, and this workshop will help you streamline your curriculum and your school days so that your students are learning the most in the least amount of time and having the most fun! Lani Carey's four children have all benefited from these learning methods. Her older daughter graduated first in her college class and now owns her own business. Her two sons are both Air Force officers, one a pilot and Captain and the other a Missleer and First Lieutenant. Her younger daughter will be finishing up her senior year in Elementary Education at U of M. Come prepared to learn some new things and have some fun!

☐ **Ten Things You Need to Know About Brain Training**

LEARNINGRX: Allyson Millican

At this informative and interactive workshop, Chattanooga's brain training experts from LearningRx will help you understand and identify the key cognitive skills that affect learning. You will leave the workshop with a better understanding of your child's cognitive strengths and weaknesses, as well as the keys to creating effective change in cognitive efficiency. By targeting weak learning skills with intense mental exercises, brain training can alleviate many of the struggles associated with ADHD, dyslexia, speech and language disorders, and general learning disabilities.

☐ **"Test" is Not a Four-letter Word**

SAILAWAY LEARNING AND ACADEMY: Brenda Murphy

Most homeschool parents hate and fear the idea of "the test," any test. It triggers a homeschool parent's worst nightmares: What if my children don't score well? Does that mean we're failures? The truth is that our children will have to do a test at some point in their lives. The starting point is to understand the different types of tests that are out there, their purposes, and how to masterfully harness the results to benefit our teaching and our children's academic, developmental, and social/behavioral outcomes. In this workshop we will explain five types of tests, their purposes, and how to use the results to craft the right paths for your homeschool journeys.

📄 **Writing Workshop: How to Start a Story**

SCRUB JAY JOURNEYS: Bryan Davis

An interactive writing lesson on how to begin a Hero's Journey story. This is a great workshop for writers and those who aspire to be writers.