

Schedule

Friday, May 15

- 8:00 Registration Begins
- 8:30 Used Book Sale Begins
- 9:00 **Providence & Perseverance: God's Message of History to Our Children** — Doug Phillips
New Homeschoolers' Workshop — Jeff and Lisa Barber
Hope for the Parents of Special Needs Children — Natalie Gunnels
Teen Track — William Estrada
...and others
- 10:30 **Secrets of Successful Multi-Generational Visionaries** — Doug Phillips
Quick & Healthy Meals for Moms on a Budget — Ellen Easley
Teen Track — William Estrada
...and others
- 11:00 Exhibit Hall Opens
Used Book Sale Concludes
- 11:30 Lunch and Shopping Time
Teen Track Breaks for Lunch
- 12:00 Art & Photo Contest Registration
- 1:30 **Victories: Moments Small and Large Which Define Christian Parenthood (General Session)** — Doug Phillips
Teen Track — William Estrada
- 3:30 **How to Obtain a Wife in Holiness and Honor** — Randy Phillips
Moms' Panel — TBD
Teen Track — William Estrada
...and others
- 5:00 Teen Track Breaks for Day
FRIDAY AFFAIR Begins
- 5:30 Art Contest Winners Announced
- 6:00 Photography Contest Winners Announced
- 7:00 FRIDAY AFFAIR Ends
Exhibit Hall Closes
Day 1 Concludes

Saturday, May 16

- 8:00 Registration Begins
- 9:00 **Toxic: Seven Poisons Which Threaten The Health of the Home School Movement ..and Their Antidotes** — Doug Phillips
Dads' Panel — TBD
Building a Framework for High School and Beyond — Marilyn Easley
Teen Track — William Estrada
...and others
- 10:00 Exhibit Hall Opens
Shopping Time
- 11:30 Teen Track Breaks for Lunch
- 1:00 **The Wise Woman's Guide to Blessing Her Husband's Vision** — Doug Phillips
Thoughts on How to Love Your Wife & Dwell with Her According to Knowledge — Randy Phillips
Teen Track — William Estrada
...and others
- 2:30 **The Family Table** — Doug Phillips
Teen Track — William Estrada
...and others
- 4:00 Shopping Time at Exhibit Hall
- 4:30 Evaluation Form Drawing
- 5:00 Teen Track Ends
Conference Concludes
Exhibit Hall Closes

*Please note that this schedule is subject to change.

A COMPLETE SCHEDULE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT WWW.MHEA.NET IN APRIL.

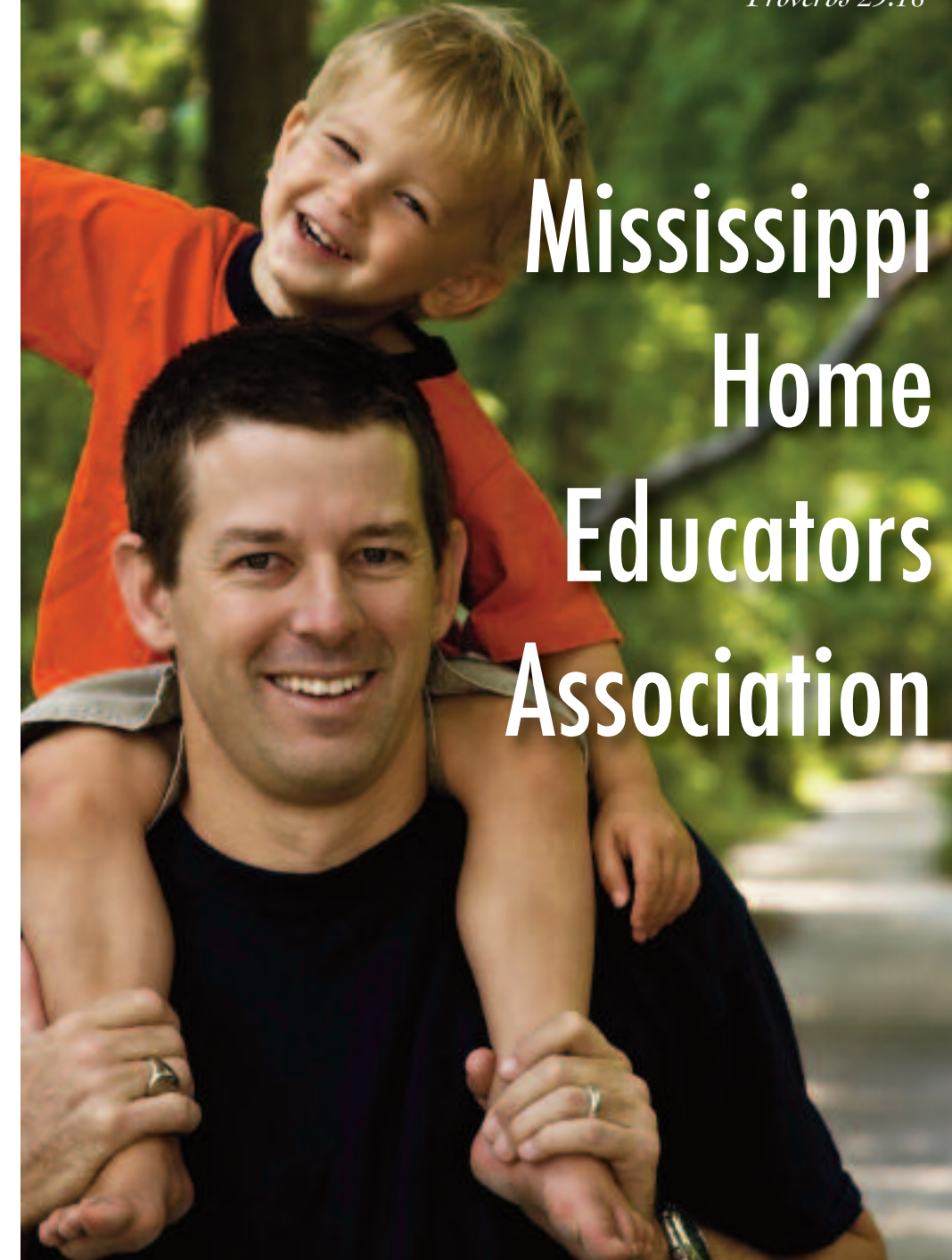
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**“..the speakers were very good,
the schedule was great, and the
fellowship - terrific. We also
really enjoyed GenJ for the
teens. They LOVED it.”** -C

“Where there is no vision, the
people perish...”

Proverbs 29:18



Mississippi Home Educators Association

**24th Annual
Spring Conference & Curriculum Fair
May 15-16, 2009**

Mississippi State University - Starkville, MS

General Information

Registration

The deadline for early bird registration is May 5. The registration fee includes admission to all conference events except the Generation Joshua Teen Track.

There is a \$15 late fee per family applied to registrations postmarked after May 5. No registration forms should be mailed after May 5. Pre-registration packets and late registration will be located on the second floor of Colvard Student Union.

Registration Fees:

Family/Individual- \$50
(immediate family)

*Optional Teen Track with
Generation Joshua
(ages 11-19) - \$10 per child
(\$30 max per immediate family).
Any registered family who wishes
to invite their NON-homeschooling
pastor, state or local official, atten-
dance officer, or grandparent may
do so at no additional charge.

Children

Children of any age may attend the sessions and workshops with their parents if space is available. While we love to include children, this conference is primarily intended to encourage and equip parents. Therefore, out of respect for other attendees and our speakers, we ask that you sit next to an exit and remove your child immediately if he cries or creates any disturbance. Thank you for your consideration and understanding. A designated room will be available to nurse and diaper babies. Parents must remain responsible for their own children at all times.

Dorm Rooms

Dorm Rooms will be available on campus and within walking distance of the conference. Rooms come with a mid-size fridge, private bath, two twin beds, and carpet. You must provide your own toiletries and linens. \$55 per night

Camping

John W. Starr Memorial Forest RV Park- Starkville, MS — (662) 325-4720. <http://www.cfr.msstate.edu/generalinfo/facilities/rv-park/index.html>

Dwayne Hayes Campground- Columbus, MS — (662) 434-6939

Town Creek Campground- West Point, MS - (662) 494-4885

Hotels

Many hotels are available in Starkville and can be easily found at www.yellowpages.com. However, MSU will be hosting LSU in baseball during the weekend of MHEA's conference. Therefore, we HIGHLY recommended that you book hotel rooms as far in advance as possible.

Refunds

Refund requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to a 25% cancellation fee. No refunds are given after May 12. Contact MarilynEasley@gmail.com.

Parking

Parking is available near Colvard Student Union on a first-come first-served basis. Please make sure you place your parking pass (available in your registration packet) on your vehicle's dashboard in order to park without incurring a ticket. A parking pass does not allow for free parking in a metered area.

Meals

A number of vendors will be available in the food court at Colvard Student Union.

Volunteers

Dads, if you are willing to volunteer at the conference, please make a note to that effect on your registration form, and we will contact you. MHEA greatly appreciates those who take time to serve as volunteers. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Campus Maps and Directions

You will find a campus map at the following web address:

www.msstate.edu/web/maps/ (also available through a link at MHEA's website)

Registration is located on the second floor of Colvard Student Union. The physical address is: Colvard Student Union, 198 Lee Blvd, Mississippi State, MS 39762. Directions to Starkville and Mississippi State University can be found at www.mapquest.com.

Conference Features

NEW! Movie Night — To kick off the conference, MHEA will host a family movie night on the Thursday preceding the conference. Details are in the works. Please visit MHEA's website for an update.

NEW! Photo Contest — This contest is for ages 9-18. Awards will be given during the FRIDAY AFFAIR. Check www.mhea.net for more details.

General Session(s) and Workshops — These include a new homeschoolers' workshop, vendor workshops, Teen Track, a dads' panel, a moms' panel, a special needs workshop, and more!

Registration — There is one low price for the whole family (immediate family only). There is no extra charge for your children to attend the general conference with you.

Art Contest — This contest is for ages 9-18. Prizes and awards will be given during the FRIDAY AFFAIR. See www.mhea.net for more information.

Used Book Sale — This is for conference attendees only. A half table (three feet of display area) costs \$5.



Exhibit Hall — The Exhibit Hall is filled with vendors who cater to home educators and desire to serve and minister to you.

FRIDAY AFFAIR — This event features SHOPPING, DOOR PRIZES, CONTESTS, AND FELLOWSHIP in the Exhibit Hall from 5:00 — 7:00 p.m.

Public Shopping — Can't make the conference this year, but still want the opportunity to shop in the Exhibit Hall? The Hall will be open to the general public on Saturday, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. \$10 per adult.

Youth Emphasis/ Teen Track — This is for ages 11-19. This year's conference will feature the iAmend program with Generation Joshua. There is a \$10 fee per child to attend this event (\$30 max per family). Please mark "yes" on your registration form for each child attending.

Check with www.mhea.net for updates on exhibitors, door prizes, and the latest conference developments.

Teen Track Feature

Teen Track with Generation Joshua, www.generationjoshua.org

iAmend: Mock Constitutional Amendment Process

Participants will learn about the United States Constitution and how our Founding Fathers provided a process for making changes to that document. Acting as legislators, participants will draft proposed constitutional amendments in small caucuses and seek to have their party endorse those amendments. In a legislative session, they will debate and vote on the proposed amendments, after which they will lobby the conference attendees (representing the states) to vote on the proposed changes to the Constitution. The Teen Track will close with information on how teen participants can get involved in the actual fight for a parental rights amendment to the Constitution (see www.parentalrights.org).

NOTE: iAmend requires that, during scheduled breaks, the Teen Track students leave their assigned room(s) to interact with the adults attending the conference regarding the ratification vote of the proposed amendments.



Speakers

Keynote Speaker



Doug Phillips is the founder and director of Vision Forum, a discipleship and training ministry that emphasizes Christian apologetics, world-view training, multi-generational faithfulness, and creative solutions whereby fathers can play a maximum role in family discipleship. He is a passionate communicator with a heart for home education and the restoration of Christian family and culture to the glory of God. As a constitutional attorney, Doug served six years at Home School Legal Defense Association and as Director for the National Center for Home Education. Doug and his wife, Beall, have eight children - Joshua, Justice, Liberty, Jubilee, Faith Evangeline, Honor, Providence, and Virginia Hope. They live in San Antonio, Texas.

Teen Track - Generation Joshua



William Estrada - A homeschool graduate from Pennsylvania and the eldest of eight children, Will Estrada began working for HSLDA in January 2004 as a legal assistant to Staff Attorney Scott Woodruff. After graduating from Oak Brook College of Law with his J.D. in May 2006, he moved to HSLDA's federal lobbying arm as the Director of Federal Relations. As HSLDA's representative on Capitol Hill, Will uses his enthusiasm for homeschooling to advocate for all homeschoolers before Congress and the federal departments. Will also restarted HSLDA's Congressional Action Program to train local homeschooling families in lobbying their congressional representatives on matters that affect homeschoolers. Will has a passion to encourage both parents and young people to become effective advocates for the values that are important to Christian families in our country. He became the Director for Generation Joshua in October 2007. Will and his wife, Rachel, who is also a homeschool graduate as well as an accomplished portrait artist, reside in northern Virginia.



Jeff and Lisa Barber - When they were both single and childless and hadn't even met each other yet, Jeff and Lisa each knew they wanted to home educate any children the Lord might give them in the future. Now married for seventeen years, they have discipled and taught their five children (ages 16, 15, 11, 6, and 2). Jeff has practiced law for twenty-one years, and Lisa has been researching home education for twenty-five years.



Randy Phillips has been happily married to Maureen for twenty-nine years. The Lord has blessed them with thirteen children and three grandchildren. Randy has been in full-time ministry for the past twenty years, discipling men of all ages to know the Lord, to submit every area of life to the light of God's Word, and to walk in the truth.



Marilyn Easley is the wife of MHEA board member David Easley and the mother of five. Marilyn received her Master of Music Education from Mississippi College with an emphasis in voice. Over the years, she has directed various choirs and taught private piano. The Easleys will complete their twenty-first year of homeschooling this spring. Three of their children have graduated — two have earned their college degrees and one is currently in college. The Easleys are also on the board of their local support group, and Marilyn counsels new homeschoolers through the MHEA information phone line.



Natalie Gunnells, B.S., M.Ed - Natalie and Jamie have been married for twenty years, and they live on thirteen acres in Ripley, MS. They have six children whom they have always homeschooled: Sarah Grace (13), Richard (12), Hannah (11), Patrick (9), Maggie (7), and Stephen (2). Born with a rare genetic disorder, nine-year-old Patrick has numerous sensory issues and is moderately mentally challenged. Natalie will share her family's bittersweet journey as God has led them to accept and embrace the precious gift that Patrick is. She will offer encouragement, information, and resources that will help you with the challenges of home schooling a special needs child. Her husband Jamie is a pharmacist, and he will talk about the side effects of numerous medications prescribed for our children.



Ellen Easley is a registered dietitian and homeschool alumnus from Cedar Bluff, Mississippi. While completing her undergraduate degree at Mississippi State University, she hosted her own healthy cooking news segment, "Cooking with Ellen," on WCBI-TV while maintaining the healthy cooking web site www.cookingwithellen.com. Ellen works at two nursing homes, publishes a weekly e-newsletter, teaches nutrition with cooking demos and presentations in the Golden Triangle area, and sells a cookbook that she published. She enjoys sharing her love of nutrition, healthful cooking, and meal planning to help people keep their bodily "temples" healthy for Christ.