

Convention 2025



**"Unless the Lord
Builds The House"**

Home Education Convention May 29-31, 2025



**Rebecca Spooner
& Family**



Kevin Swanson

Two Free Sessions
on Thursday Night
7 pm: "Reality
Check" &
"New to Home
Educating" -
registration
required

Thursday, May 29 - Used Curriculum Sale
1-6 pm Shopping
Friday, May 30 8 am- 9 pm
Saturday, May 31 8 am-5 pm



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Education Association

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Rebecca Spooner



Rebecca is a homeschool mom of five kids, creator of Gather 'Round Homeschool, owner of Homeschoolon.com, and author of More Than Words Bible curriculum and Journal Me Organized. She is a second-generation homeschooler who is passionate about sharing her successes and failures...to be authentic and honest that this is not always easy, but it is possible. Join her for stories from the trenches of homeschool life that are relatable, funny, and all too true. And may you walk away with practical tools and strategies and a fresh new perspective to keep you going. Bring a cup of coffee; it's about to get real.

TOPICS

- Redefining Success
- Raising Reluctant Writers
- Entrepreneurship 101
- Pro Homeschool Hacks
- Reality Check (Thursday New to Home Education Session)
- The Marriage Talk
- Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

Kevin Swanson

Homeschooled himself in the 1960's and 70's, Kevin Swanson and his wife, Brenda, are now homeschooling parents of five and grandparents of six. Kevin has 43 years of experience in the homeschooling movement and serves as the Director of Generations – a ministry he founded to strengthen homeschool families around the country. He has written 30 - 40 books on homeschool vision and resources, spoken at homeschool conferences for over 30 years, and hosted a daily radio program reaching tens of thousands of homeschooling families. As a father who wants to leave a godly heritage for his own five children, Kevin's passion is to strengthen and encourage the homeschooling movement all over the world, and to cast a vision for generations to come.



TOPICS

- Education: You Should Try This at Home!
- Gospel-Based Character Training
- The Homeschool Highschool - What Matters Most in Your Child's Life
- Worldviews Matter - Getting the Right Worldview in History, Science and Literature
- For Such a Time as This - Planting Fruitful Gardens (Homeschools) in a Post-Christian World

Breakout Workshops

- Homeschooling Your Child with ADHD
- Creating Your Homeschool Vision and EPP
- Homeschooling with Toddlers and Babies
- “I Don’t Want to Teach Geology”
- Teaching Home Educated Boys to Be Men
- How to Stop Being an Angry Parent
- Pro Active Homeschool Dads
- How to Be a Great Math Teacher
- Thriving in Marriage while Home Educating
- Special Needs Panel
- Thinking of Starting a Co-op? Start Here!
- Head-Phone History
- Teaching Math Without Tears
- The Goal of Education
- Striving For Educational Freedom
- Be Wise Online
- Artificial Intelligence and the Homeschooling Journey
- Begin with the End in Mind and Work Backwards
- How to Spread a Feast with Charlotte Mason
- The Power of Fiction
- Four Powerful Words to Equip Your Family to Navigate Science
- AHEA Town Hall
- Cashsmart
- Math Without Tears
- Striving for Masteries
- Plus more!

Youth Workshops

- Kevin Swanson - Finding God’s Direction in Your Life
- Davin Ong -Kick-off, Navigating AI
- Daniel Allers - Those Crazy Canucks! A History of Canada - 2 parts
- Patrick Nurre - Four Powerful Words to Build and Defend Your Faith & The Geology of Alberta from a Biblical Perspective
- Alberta Youth Parliament - Mock Parliament - 2 parts

New! Youth Volunteer Team

Because AHEA believes in the value of volunteering and wants to pass that onto our Youth, we are launching Youth Leadership Volunteer Team in 2025. Volunteer Opportunities are available in the Children’s Program, Exhibit Hall, Greeters, Bag Stuffing, Speaker Assistants and more! When you register be sure to fill out this option as volunteer spaces are limited. You will save on your registration to the workshops as well as participate in a free Youth Pizza Supper on Friday night!

New! Young Entrepreneur Booths

Are you a young person with a product to sell? Young Entrepreneur booths are a great way to get your toes wet in the marketplace!. YE booths are available for \$50 for those in the 12-18 years old category. Please Note: You are responsible for manning your booth for the entire time the exhibit hall is open. At least one parent must be registered for the Convention. You may choose to attend youth activities part time however you must buy a youth ticket. Please ensure your booth is manned by a trusted friend or family member while the exhibit hall is open. Applications can be made at exhibitorvetting@aheaonline.com and are subject to AHEA approval.

Registration & Pricing

Convention Entry Type	Earlybird (plus GST)	After April 15 (plus GST)	Door (plus GST)
Single Convention Entry	\$125	\$160	\$180
Couple's Convention Entry	\$180	\$215	\$235
Youth* (12-17)	\$60	\$70	\$80
Children* (11 and under) - children attending are required to be supervised by a parent at all times unless enrolled in the Children's Conference	FREE	FREE	FREE
Shop Only (Saturday 12-5pm) (extra family members \$10 dollars)	\$80	\$85	\$90
Grandparents *	\$40	\$50	\$60
Pastor's Rate	Half Price on Singles or Couples Rate		

*indicates must be registered with a Single or Couple

REGISTER HERE

Volunteering

Want to Serve our Community and Save Money?

Volunteers are what make our Convention happen! If you can volunteer during the Convention, be sure to check the box on the Convention Registration form when prompted. You will be contacted by our Volunteer Coordinator for Shift Sign-up after you register. Volunteers are needed for Greeting, Room Monitoring, Security, Used Curriculum Sale, Exhibit Hall and the Children's Conference. **If you have more questions contact volunteers@aheaonline.com**

* Save 100% for 8 hours and 50% for 4 hours, Couples totaling 10 hours (100%) on your Convention Registration (to be re-funded after the Convention) Many positions are available for youth volunteers as well which will be counted towards Youth admission either 4 hours or 8 hours. All Youth volunteers will be eligible to participate for free in a Youth Volunteer Pizza Party on Friday night.

Hotels/Campgrounds

Convention Highlights

Book by April 29 to receive the discounted rates. Room prices are before taxes.

Microtel 403-967-0320

\$140

Use Code: AHEA

Holiday Inn Express Gaetz

403-343-2112 \$129.99

Use Code: AHEA

Holiday Inn & Suites Red Deer South

403-348-8485

\$154.99

Use: AHEA Group Code

Days Inn

403-340-3297

\$109

Use: AHEA Convention Rate

Westerner Campground 403-352-9901 n/a On Westerner Grounds, No tents allowed. Reservations required and recommended well in advance

Red Deer Lions Campground 403-342-8183 n/a RV and Tenting sites, no peak weekends require 2 nights min., online reservations recommended before May 1st or if booking after May 1st call the office

- Family Friendly Convention
- Exciting Keynote Speakers
- Breakout Workshops
- Large Exhibit Hall - dedicated shopping time!
- Youth Track and Youth Volunteer Team!
- Saturday Afternoon Shop-Only Opportunity
- Free New Homeschoolers Session (Thursday Night)
- Free Friday Night Special Event - Family/Youth Barn Dance)
- Generous time for connecting with others
- Children's Conference (see last page for more details and link to register)

Convention Team

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Exhibiting , Advertising & Sponsorship

Do you have a business you would like to promote while supporting AHEA?
Our Exhibit Hall is still accepting applications. Go to our Webpage to apply.

Consider advertising and sponsorship opportunities before and at the Convention! Contact
ads@aheaonline.com or **sponsorships@aheaonline.com**

Disclaimer

Please note that AHEA makes every effort to invite high quality speakers and exhibitors; however, the views and philosophies expressed by speakers and exhibitors, and the products or services offered at the convention do not necessarily represent the position of AHEA and may not agree with the philosophies of some educators. Please use discernment!

Current line-up of speakers and topics, subject to change.

Children's Conference

AHEA IS EXCITED TO WELCOME BACK...

GIANT COW
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
...for our 2025 Kids' Conference to present...

LEGEND OF THE FEAST
A PRODIGAL MUSICAL

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS IN KID'S MINISTRY

FOR AGES 3-11

SCAN QR FOR TICKETS!

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 30
7:15a - Volunteers Training
8:40a - Cow Doors Opens
11:30a - Close for Lunch
12:50p - Doors Re-Open
5:30p - EVENT CLOSES

SATURDAY, MAY 31
8:00a - Volunteers Arrive
8:30a - Cow Doors Opens
11:15a - Close for Lunch
12:15p - Doors Re-Open
4:15p - EVENT CLOSES

SEPARATE REGISTRATION & TICKET REQUIRED

ACCEPTING VOLUNTEERS AGE 12+. VOLUNTEERS AGE 15+ GET A FREE TICKET FOR A YOUNGER SIBLING!!! DETAILS AT www.GIANTCOWKIDS.COM

Please Note: Children not attending the Children's Conference should be under the supervision of their attending parents at all times. Children attending the Children's Conference should also be registered under their parent(s)' registration. Youth/Adult volunteers are needed to make this program fun. Consider applying for one or two days and save on your Convention Registration.

Plus...
Friday Night
Family Activity

Barn Dance
with
The Corry Boys
7 pm

AHEA Used Curriculum Sale

Back By Popular Demand!

At the AHEA Convention, you will have the opportunity to sell your used curriculum, educational materials and games at our Used Curriculum Sale (UCS). The sale will be held for one day only, **Thursday, May 29, 2025** in the Harvest Centre. **Convention Registration is not required to participate but encouraged.**

The timeline for dropping off your items is Thursday from **8:00 am to 11:00 am**. No late drop offs will be accepted. Items will be placed out for sale on a first come, first serve basis. As the sale is a one day event, the time required to place items in preparation for the afternoon sale, requires drop offs to be consistent throughout the drop off period rather than a flood of drop offs in the last few minutes. Pick up of unsold items will be from **7:30pm-8:30pm**. All items not picked up will be assumed as donated to AHEA to give away.

Want to sell?

Register your items online, drop labeled items off at the UCS (located in the Harvest Centre), and allow us to sell them for you. You set the prices for your own items and choose if unsold items are to be donated, or if you would like to pick up any unsold items at the end of the convention. In addition, if you have items that you wish to donate, these will be made available to families for free during the sale. Please be advised there is a 25% commission charged on all items sold. The commission will be taken off your total before your cheque is sent out after the convention is over. Cheques may take 6-8 weeks to be mailed out.

Selling for friends?

If you are selling items for your friends, you must make them an account too, and label them separately so that we can keep track of how much they all made. The program does not allow us to differentiate how much each person made when selling items for friends under the same account. Please make an account for each person who is selling items.

Required paperwork

Please print off and bring a Waiver stating that the AHEA UCS is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items. Sign the waiver in the presence of one of our wonderful UCS volunteers.

Want to shop?

The sales floor of the UCS will be open Thursday from **1:00p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**, where you will have the opportunity to browse and shop from any number of items.

NEW! AHEA Used Curriculum Sale

Labelling

Each item you are selling must be labelled, (Ex. In a series of books: “Book 1”, “2”, “3”, and “4” would need 8 labels, one on the outside, and one on the inside of each book). Labels sometimes get ripped and torn on the outside. When our cashiers are checking out items, they take a look at the labels to make sure that the whole set is there and not being separated from the rest of the set, being sold against the wishes of the seller. The system only prints two labels per item, so you may have to photocopy them if you want more.

Donations

There will be a separate location for books that you wish to give away for free. You can place any donations there. We will not be placing donated items in the same location as the sale items to avoid mixing up free books with the books for sale.

Want to help? Volunteer!

To make this sale happen, we need volunteers! If you are interested, please contact us at volunteers@aheaonline.com. Volunteers will be eligible for Golden Hour shopping (pre-access to books) between 11:30 am and 1 pm. They can also earn volunteers discounts for Convention entrance (4 or 8 hour shifts)

UCS Summary

Thursday - Harvest Centre

- 7:30-8:00 am Volunteers arrive for set up
- 8:00 - 11:00 am Book drop off
- 11:00-11:30 pm Volunteers sorting/placing and setting up
- 11:30-1:00 pm Volunteers shop - Golden Hour
- 1:00-6:00 pm Open for general shopping
- 6:00-7:30 pm Volunteers sort all books by seller last name for pick up.
- 7:30-8:30 pm Sellers pick up books / donated books are moved.
- 8:30-9:00 pm Clean up. Books not picked up by 9:00 p.m. will be donated.

[Register Books Here](#)