



## 2007 SUMMER CONFERENCE THANK YOU!

How do you thank hundreds of people who give of themselves to help others succeed?

SETHSA would love to give an extra thanks to all those who attended and made the conference a wonderful success. Conference is what it is because of the gracious gift of the talented workshop speakers who give their time, energy, and knowledge to serve the homeschool community.

The same can be said of the many volunteers who give of their time, which helps to keep conference costs down. You truly make a difference.

Debra Bell brought blessings and knowledge to all who attended her workshops. Mark Hamby had homeschoolers laughing and crying in his encouraging workshops. Thank you.

Rescue 109! helped by keeping the children safe and entertained through action, play, crafts, and song. Thank you for doing this for us again!

Generation Joshua Young Adult Conference had our young adults learning about the Constitution. What a wonderful opportunity. All of us from SETHSA would like to thank you for your continued support of our yearly conferences. We hope you were informed, encouraged, and renewed for the upcoming school year. Let us know if there is someone you have heard that we need to invite to speak at a future conference.

### CONFERENCE CD'S

With so many wonderful workshops, it was hard to attend all of them. SETHSA records most of the workshops onto CDs. Previous years' workshops are also available. If you are interested, you may call SETHSA at 281-370-8787 for an order form.

### YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

Generation Joshua's Constitutional Convention Teen Program was a raging success! The program consisted of lectures by Generation Joshua director, Ned Ryun on the Founding Fathers, the need for a constitution, and the context of the constitutional debates. Additionally, teen attendees were recruited to reenact many of the Convention debates with the aid of scripts drawn from James Madison's notes on the Constitutional Convention. At the end of each day, participants discussed where America is today in regard to the original intent of the Founders.

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### Box Tops

Many box Tops have been sent in. Thank you! Keep up the good work!

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### HELPING NEW HOMESCHOOLERS

We all need a little help every now and then. New homeschoolers need help getting all the information they can get their hands on! SETHSA needs help stuffing Beginner Packets, etc.. If you would like to be added to a volunteer rotation list to help around the SETHSA office, please e-mail Carol at [staff@sethsa.org](mailto:staff@sethsa.org) with your preferred e-mail address. You will be notified of SETHSA needs, allowing you to respond when you can help.

### Upcoming Events

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### HB 1250 PASSED!


Good news! HB 1250 has passed the Senate and is on its way to the governor for a signature! The bill passed the House and the Senate Education Committee without incident. However, during the vote on the Senate Floor, Senator Ellis forced an amendment to strike section one from the bill. HB 1250 then passed.

The first section in HB 1250 related to TEXAS grants. This section would have allowed graduates from all private schools (and not just from accredited private schools) to meet the academic eligibility for TEXAS grants. Because this section is no longer part of the bill, the requirements for the TEXAS grants (including graduating from an accredited high school) remain the same.

However, the second section, relating to B-on-time loans, did remain part of HB 1250 and passed the Senate. With the new language graduates from all private schools, including unaccredited private schools in the home, meet the academic criteria for the B-on-time loans. The bill is expected to be signed by the governor. Thank you for your calls about HB 1250!


### PARENT TAUGHT DRIVER EDUCATION TO END?

H.B. 3729 would essentially end parent-taught driver's education as we know it. However, the good news is that the bill has not moved since it was referred to committee, and the session will likely be ending next week. We have been watching this bill carefully, ready to send an e-lert when needed.



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However, parent-taught driver's education programs have asked us to send out this e-lert to you in order to urge you to call the Law Enforcement Committee. This is an important insurance that the bill will not suddenly move and be passed at the last minute. It will also serve as a warning to not entertain such bills to limit or discontinue parent-taught driver's education in the future.

### ACTION

Please call the members of the Law Enforcement Committee and give them this message:

"Please vote against H.B. 3729 since it will limit a parent's right to teach their children how to drive. Studies show that parent-taught driver's education produces safer drivers."

### MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

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Individual subscriptions to *The Teaching Pioneer* are available. Contact SETHSA through e-mail or by the phone number listed below to find out more information.

Your financial contributions help SETHSA better minister to the home school community and are tax deductible. For more information or suggestions, e-mail, call, or write to:

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Submissions to *The Teaching Pioneer* are accepted and must be received electronically or in writing by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. The newsletter is mailed or electronically sent on or before the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month. SETHSA reserves the right to edit articles for content and length. Articles and reviews do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the SETHSA board. Send articles to the address above.

### THE FATHER'S ROLE IN HOMESCHOOL

Pastor Matt Bullen  
Grace Family Baptist Church

*Psalm 78:5&6*

*Which He commanded our fathers That they should teach them to their children, That the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, That they may arise and tell them to their children,*

"Homeschool Dad?! I'm working 50-60 hours a week in construction, I am a bi-vocational pastor, I have to walk with the Lord, I have to work on my marriage, I have to raise my children, mow the lawn, do the house repairs, fix the cars, and now I have to be involved in the education of my children too?????" And OK, if I am man enough to get involved, "what do I do?"

Dads, I must confess, these words have crossed my mind a few hundred times in the last fifteen years of homeschooling and if I am totally honest, words similar to these have come out of my mouth a few times as well. Most of the time I was trying to convince my wife that she needed to leave me alone and just "take care of it!" The problem is, it is not her responsibility to lead the family or teach and disciple the children. Biblically it is mine. Whether we want to accept it

or not, God has placed the burden of leadership upon fathers. Consequently, we are always the leader. We are either leading well or poorly but we are nevertheless leading. So how do we take the lead in educating our children?

Here are a few things that I have learned over the years that may be helpful.

i. Lead in Vision. My wife Lisa always says, "Anyone can turn the wheel and steer the ship but only the captain can plot the course." I need to be the one to cast the vision for "why" we are homeschooling. I need to let my wife know where we are going as a family, why, biblically, we are going there, and how we are progressing. She needs to know that her efforts everyday are making a difference and that you are pleased with and proud of your family.

ii. Lead in Decision Making. The number one question that I always get from homeschooling moms is, "Which curriculum should I be using?" Early on I realized that my wife needed me to take that worry off of her mind. I did the research, I found the curriculum I thought we should be using, and I gave her the money to buy it. I researched college and lead in making that decision. Of course we should count on our wives' wise counsel and be sensitive to her opinion, but make decisions guys and take that burden off of your wife.

iii. Love Your Wife. "If Momma ain't happy, ain't nobody happy!" Dads, the best thing you can ever do for your children is to love, honor, and cherish their mother. Dr. William F. Harley Jr., after twenty five years of counseling over forty thousand couples, determined that wives have five basic needs that they must have met by their husbands in order to be happy: 1. Affection and tenderness, 2. Conversation, 3. Honesty and Openness, 4. Financial and Emotional Security, 5. Commitment to Family (i.e. leadership). Men, when we come home after a long day, we must discipline ourselves to be tender and realize that she has been working all day too, preparing our children to run the world someday. We must take time to listen to her war stories from the day. She has been talking to children all day and she just needs some stimulating adult conversation. Share your heart with her and let her know that you appreciate the sacrifice she is making to build a legacy. Provide her the finances she needs and don't begrudge the expense of the children and of their education. Be committed to your family. Take the leadership. Pilot the ship.

iv. Love Your Children. It can never be said too often that children spell love T I M E. Take time to listen to, talk to, pay attention to, compliment and approve of, and touch your children. Be there for them. Take an interest. Take a subject that you did well in when you were in school and teach them that subject on an evening when you get home. Find out what they enjoy and what their interests and passions are. Get to know them and you will be their hero.



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### THE GOOD STUFF

Got the end of the year blues? It's hard when the school year is over. There are so many "end-of-the-year" activities to attend. I don't know about you, but I didn't get all done that I had planned. I had high hopes for nature journals and history notebooks. And maybe, I don't know, for my elementary aged kids to become fluent in another language—you know, the good stuff. None of those things happened. And, I needed to start looking at next year's curriculum already. What did get done? We finished math. We really enjoyed history. I have two official readers, with only two more to go. What else went right? We have established a daily routine of the children (who can read) reading the Bible on their own everyday. We didn't stop memorizing verses in AWANA. We only missed one time at homeschool co-op. We helped out a family whose mom was sick for a couple of months. We prayed together in all things, a lot. My kids can clean the kitchen all by themselves and do a really great job; all in all, a great year.

Did we get to check everything off on "the list?" Nope. But, whose list was I looking at? Did I remember to talk to my kids about God everyday? Yes, I did. I'm not sure if it was when I rose up, when I walked along the path, or when I sat down as God commands in Deuteronomy 6:7. But, that is what I am working toward. Having a plan and working toward it, is better than no plan at all. Solomon said that "there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime; moreover, that every man who... sees good in all his labor—it is the gift of God" Ecclesiastes 3:12-13. Those verses say that if we see good in labor. I see good everyday. It may not be in the academic realm, but in the eternal realm. When one child reminds her sister or brother about Jacob and his brother "See-Saw" (Esau) as an example not to fight, that's good stuff. And it's a gift of God.

### AT THE SUMMER CONFERENCE

I hate to admit it, but this was my first time to attend the SETHSA summer conference. I know. Shame on me for waiting 6 years to attend. Why did I wait so long? To be honest, I don't really know. I think I always found the excuse of "what to do with my kids." Or maybe I worried that it cost too much. This year, I was determined to go. Guess what? They have a wonderful program for the kids!! We all traveled down there together. They had a blast! My oldest was worried when we first walked in. She thought that she'd be the oldest there and it wasn't going to be "cool." I promised her that if it was terrible she could attend the afternoon sessions with me. I then hurried off to my volunteer job. Both of my objections were quickly and neatly dealt with. My precious blessings were having fun and being taken care of, and by volunteering, I got into the conference for free! Plus, I got a free tote bag. What homeschooler doesn't need more bags? I was stationed in the office, stamping checks.

I did miss the opening workshop, but they record all their workshops, so I was able to purchase anything I missed. I really enjoyed going. I loved getting to see other homeschoolers that I maybe haven't seen in a while, and I LOVED the shopping.

The workshops, which was the main reason I attended, were awesome. You could see the heart the presenters had for families and homeschoolers. I really enjoyed Mark Hamby. He can really tell a story. He was able to get you so excited about reading. I was able to learn about so many different things. I went to Debra Raybern's workshop on foods that are good for the brain. I attended Steve Clark's workshop on mystery shopping. My husband went to some great ones too. Matt Bullen offered a workshop to help husbands support the homeschooling mom. There were some workshops on adoption, scheduling and how to help your kids develop cleaning routines, too.

Homeschooling has taught us all to be flexible and that came in handy with some building issues. But, it was wonderful to see how easily we were able to change rooms, bringing chairs with us, and even to sit in the hallway.

The exhibitor's room was amazing. Now, I wasn't overwhelmed at the number of curriculum. I've been reading catalogs for years now. I was so thankful for the opportunity to get my hands on the books and applications I've been reading about. I was even able to talk to the people in the booths about questions I had and get some insight. Plus, I got more catalogs to read through. Some really smart parents brought boxes on wheels to handle their purchases. I didn't have that much foresight, but the Joyful Sound Choir had a book check room. You "rented" space on the floor for a mere \$2.00 and you could purchase your heart's desire! I was impressed.

All in all, it was a great experience. My kids came home with 3 new Bible verses memorized. My husband came home with even more excitement over our upcoming school year. And I came home with many things. I have a new set of tools to help me do my job better, an appreciation to what SETHSA does for and at the conference, a big stack of curriculum catalogs and new wish list, new curriculum, and even more excitement over our upcoming school year. I will attend next year and every year after that, Lord willing.

By the way, my daughter had so much fun the first morning at the children's conference; she had no desire to leave after lunch. What workshop can compete with a moon walk, anyway?

### KITCHEN TIP

Don't you hate how the cooking spray that you put on your pan burns on the edges that are not covered by your food item? And the extraordinary measures you have to take to get that stuff off the pan? To keep this from happening when cooking pizza, just spray the bottom of your pizza crust before putting it on the pan. The pizza doesn't stick and you don't have to perform heroics to get the pan clean later.

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## MONTHLY CHALLENGE

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### JULY CHALLENGE

This month: Get together with 2 families that were in your support group or church (that you don't normally "hang with") that you have not seen since school got out. Encourage one another and pray for each other this month.

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## THE SPANISH HOME

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### COMO APOYAR A TU ESPOSA EDUCADORA EN EL HOGAR POR JERRY SCHMOYER

Ser espiritual. El hombre también necesita que su propia relación con Dios se mantenga sana y en crecimiento. No permitas que tu vida devocional sufra menoscabo. Levántate temprano diariamente, con tiempo suficiente para orar por cada miembro de la familia, y pide sabiduría y dirección para ti mismo. Esta es una verdadera responsabilidad dada por Dios, pero de todas las cosas que pudieras hacer, ésta es una de las que mayor provecho y satisfacción te traerán.

Ser maestro. Dando una clase por semana a sus hijos, un padre puede quitarle algo de la carga docente a su esposa. Esto le permitirá experimentar lo que realmente es la educación en el hogar. También proveerá un tiempo de calidad, estructurado, para pasar con sus hijos y mostrarles que para él ellos valen los máspreciado para él — ¡su tiempo! Les dará también un ejemplo piadoso a ellos al convertirse gradualmente en adultos. Además, puede ser muy agradable y provechoso para el padre.

El mayor problema que enfrenta el padre en enseñar a sus hijos es el tiempo. Dios no agrega horas adicionales al día cuando decides educar en el hogar, así que ¡tienes que prescindir de algo! Si tratas de agregar unas cuantas horas por semana para preparar e impartir una clase pero no eliminas alguna otra cosa de tu horario, ¡no va a ser una experiencia agradable!

Los hombres frecuentemente tienen expectativas muy altas para sus hijos. Debido a su crianza y a la sociedad, los hombres frecuentemente no son tan prontos como las mujeres para mostrar amor, entusiasmo, comprensión y aceptación. Estas tendencias se agudizan cuando el hombre se encuentra en una carrera contra el tiempo, tratando de abarcar determinado número de páginas en X número de minutos. Por tanto, para ser efectivo como maestro, es necesario contar con una cantidad adecuada de tiempo. ¿De dónde va a salir? Probablemente no lo podrás tomar de tu trabajo. Además, hay un mínimo de cosas indispensables por hacer en la casa. El tiempo, pues, deberá venir de otra parte.

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## THE SPANISH HOME CONT.

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Quedan dos áreas: tu esposa y tú mismo. Desafortunadamente, muchos hombres que participan en la enseñanza de sus hijos toman el tiempo del tiempo que pasarían con sus esposas. De allí no se debe tomar. Esa relación lo que necesita es más tiempo.

Ser desprendido. La única área que queda de donde puede tomarse el tiempo es de tus propios pasatiempos y áreas de interés, por lo menos entre tanto que los niños llegan a la edad de poder compartir esas actividades contigo. Tú sabes que cuando hay una compra que realmente quieres hacer, generalmente encuentras el dinero de alguna forma. Lo mismo sucede con tu tiempo.

Ser entusiasta. Escoge una materia que te agrada impartir. (Tu esposa no tiene ese privilegio; ella tiene que impartirlas todas.) Estarás más motivado a hacerlo. Puede ser matemáticas, ciencias, computación, carpintería, cocina, etc. Si te agrada a ti, será mucho más fácil tanto para ti como para los niños.

Ser sensible. Ten presente que más importante que los datos de la materia es tu relación con tus hijos, y ayudarles a llegar a ser los adultos cristianos y maduros que deseas que sean. No permitas que la materia que enseñas interfiera con una buena relación sólida entre tú y ellos. Haz de esto el principal objetivo de tu clase. Se requerirá de algunos ajustes, ¡pero las recompensas son increíbles!

#### Para las Esposas...

Permítanme decirles algo a las esposas que lean esto y digan, "¡Mi esposo jamás hará eso!"

No te auto-compadezcas ni tengas amargura. No envidies a otras esposas. Dios te dio a tu marido. Ora por él en forma regular y constante. Nunca lo culpes, ni lo compares, ni lo fastidies. A ti no te gusta, y a él tampoco. Eso es contraproducente. ¡Ve con Dios, y pídele a él que supla tu necesidad! Acepta a tu esposo tal como es. Concéntrate en sus cualidades. Recuerda, y aun apunta, todo lo que admiras y amas de él. Sé paciente con él, como quieres que él sea contigo.

Pídele gracia a Dios para vivir y funcionar un día a la vez; no te adelantes mucho al futuro. No hable con otros acerca de tus problemas o acerca de tu esposo; particularmente no hables de él en una manera negativa a tus hijos. Habla sólo con Dios. No hagas nada que dé a tus hijos un concepto más bajo de tu esposo.

Dios ha prometido no darte nada que no puedas soportar con la ayuda de él (I Cor. 10:13), que todas las cosas ayudan a bien a los que aman a Dios (Romanos 8:28), y que su gracia es suficiente para todo lo que tú enfrentes (Filipenses 4:11-13; II Corintios 12:7-10). Memoriza estos versículos, y permite que Dios use esto para acercarte más a él.

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For class code, enter "3<sup>rd</sup> of July Robo Mania Extravaganza"

\*\*American Robotics Academy provides the materials for the students to use during the session. All materials must be returned to the team kits at the close of the program.

### ATTENTION TEEN AND PRE-TEEN YOUNG LADIES!

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### BIOLOGY & ADVANCE BIOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE LABS

Karen Garza is excited to offer labs for home school students utilizing the Apologia curriculum. The goal is to help students do their best to learn the material and come away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of God and of science. This year there are two options – 1. Wednesday with Advanced Biology at 9-11:30 am and Biology 12:30-2:30 pm utilizing *The Human Body* and *Exploring Creation with Biology 2nd edition*, respectively, taught in a freestanding classroom at 7327 Root Road in Spring; or 2. Thursday with Chemistry at 10:45 am-1:15 pm and Biology at 2:15-4:15 pm utilizing *Exploring Creation with Chemistry 2nd edition* and *Exploring Creation with Biology 2nd edition*, respectively, taught at Boys and Girls Country, the HIS class Tomball location. For details on the curriculum and timeline recommendation of when to take them, visit [www.apologia.com](http://www.apologia.com). Apologia has set up the Advanced Biology when taken after Biology as an advanced placement course, so that students who have done at least B work should be able to take the AP Biology test to gain college credit. The biology and chemistry can be counted as honors upon students completing all work, outside projects, and earning at minimum a B. Visit <http://geocities.com/revelationscience/> for more information on the teacher and classes on Wednesday and visit <http://www.hisclasses.org/> for Thursday classes. Chemistry is almost full. If you are interested in taking a class and receiving a registration packet, please contact Karen at [revelationscience@sbcglobal.net](mailto:revelationscience@sbcglobal.net). The minimum enrollment is 6 and the maximum is 10 on Wednesday and maximum of 14 on Thursday. Thank you for your consideration to serve your students. 281-370-6222 - Home

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING LOCALLY

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### 3RD OF JULY ROBO MANIA EXTRAVAGANZA

American Robotics Academy Presents "3<sup>rd</sup> of July Robo Mania Extravaganza." Three full hours of non-stop robotics craziness with robots that you and your team build to challenge and compete with the other teams.

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**UPCOMING CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES:****PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR LIFE**

Date: July 10, 2007 — 7pm

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**CTR BEACONS OF LIGHT ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

Date: July 27-28, 2007 — Lone Star Convention Center

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July 27 - Leadership Conference

July 28 - Education Conference - The Joys of Homeschooling

See website for updates — CTR Beacons of Light

[www.ctrhomeschool.org](http://www.ctrhomeschool.org)**CACHE ANNUAL "BACK TO SCHOOL" MEETING/WORKSHOP**

Date: August 2, 2007

Conroe Bible Church — 4491 I-45 N, Conroe 77304

From Conroe and points south: Exit I-45 at Exit 92-FM 830 (Seven Coves Road). Turn left (west) at FM 830, go through the traffic light, and turn left onto the southbound feeder (Frontage Road). Watch for updates! Come enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship and meet other area homeschoolers. Learn about activities available to homeschoolers and get new ideas for the coming year.

Questions: CACHE - Conroe Area Christian Home Educators  
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**BAHA BACK TO SCHOOL WORKSHOP & BOOKFAIR**

Date: August 4, 2007 — 9am-5pm — Aldersgate Church

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College Station, TX 77845

The doors will open at 8am. Workshops will start at 9am and end at 5pm. Cost for members is \$5 for the whole family/\$3 for an individual; nonmember is \$8 for the whole family/\$5 for an individual. Membership is free. You can become a member at our website or sign up at the door. This event is open to all homeschoolers. There will be activities for everyone along with a nursery for the younger children so that mom and dad can attend workshops and buy books! We will also have used curriculum tables available for \$5. Questions or to sign up for a used curriculum table: contact Tammy Ginsel Baha - Brazos Area Homeschool Association <http://www.brazosaha.org/>

**HSIZ PRESENTS JESSICA HULCY**

Date: September 7, 2007 — Location: College Station

6-9pm — Home School Information Zone Presents

Jessica Hulcy Co-Author KONOS Character Curriculum

Bryan/College Station, TX (location TBA)

Pre-registration deadline is 9/3/07 - Visit <http://www.hsiz.org/> toorder your tickets. Questions, contact [events@hsiz.org](mailto:events@hsiz.org)HSIZ - Homeschool Information Zone <http://www.hsiz.org/>.**NEW HOMESCHOOL BOOKSTORE IN THE KINGWOOD/HUMBLE AREA:**

The C.O.W. Homeschool Store in Humble has opened its doors, go check them out today!

19333 Hwy 59 N Ste 210

Humble, Texas 77338

281-446-1474

**SPECIAL EXHIBIT - CANDY UNWRAPPED**

May 26- Sept 3, 2007 The Health Museum, Houston  
CANDY UNWRAPPED reveals the science of sweets by exploring the biology, chemistry, physiology and psychology of candy. Group rates available. <http://www.thehealthmuseum.org/>

**Military Leadership Training for Home School Students**

Attention students and parents, Bailey Military Institute has devised a curriculum especially for Home School students. The curriculum allows Cadets to complete 80% of their work through distance learning and 20% by attending Military Leadership Lab training for four hours one Saturday per month.

Tuition is \$375.00 per semester or \$75.00 per month and includes the Distance Learning Curriculum and the one Saturday per month Leadership Lab.

- Bailey Military Institute, 2626 South Loop Suite 650-M, Houston, TX 77054 • 832-778-9632 •
- <http://www.baileymilitaryinstitute.org> •
- [baileymilitary@att.net](mailto:baileymilitary@att.net) •

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### BLUE BELL 100 YEAR TOUR

July 14-15 - Houston Bayou Bend to celebrate its 100th year in business, Blue Bell is bringing its products and history straight to the fans with a traveling exhibit scheduled to make stops in 66 cities, located in the 16 states where its products are sold. On the inside, the exhibit will feature imaginative multi-media presentations of the history of Blue Bell, and a display of the current lineup of Blue Bell products and how ice cream is made. Every visitor will receive a free serving of the company's famous Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream in a special 100th anniversary cup. Visitors will also have a chance to purchase commemorative 100th anniversary merchandise.

<http://www.bluebell.com/anniversary.aspx>

Blue Bell 100th Birthday Celebration July 19-21 - Brenham - Washington County Fairgrounds "A Day in the Country" Free Admission. [http://www.bluebell.com/day\\_in\\_country.aspx](http://www.bluebell.com/day_in_country.aspx)

### WOODLANDS HMNS XPLORATION STATION

Located inside The Woodlands Mall, the latest outreach facility of the Houston Museum of Natural Science is now open. Field trips, guided tours, camps, and special events will be planned in the coming months. For more information go to:

<http://www.hmns.org/education/woodlands/woodlands.asp?r=1>

Free Lawn tickets at Woodlands Pavilion cultural events  
Once again free lawn tickets are available for cultural events at The Woodlands Pavilion for Houston Symphony. Free lawn is also available for the Houston Ballet on Oct 5th. For a complete list of which shows offer free lawn, visit: <http://www.woodlandscenter.org/events.asp>  
Free lawn tickets can be picked up at the Pavilion box office. For parking you can either pay \$5 for the Six Pine garage or park at the free lots on Timberloch. Do NOT park in Market Square, the mall or the theater, or you will be towed.

### SCHLITTERBAHN HOME SCHOOL DAYS

#### GALVESTON

August 13-24, 2007 (Monday through Friday Only)

2026 Lockheed Street, Galveston, Texas 77554

5 ticket min order, orders must be prepaid and postmarked at least 5 days prior to your visit. When placing your order, please consider that additional tickets will not be available at this price at the gate.

<http://www.schlitterbahn.com/gal/groups/group-homeschool-2007.asp>

#### NEW BRAUNSFELS

September 8, 9 and 15, 2007

An advance ticket purchase with a minimum order of five tickets is required.

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Orders must be prepaid and postmarked 15 days prior to your visit. Home School Family Days tickets will not be available at the gate. 830.608.8532

<http://www.schlitterbahn.com/nb/groupsales-homeschool.asp>

#### 2007 AUGUST HOME SCHOOL AQUA LAB DAYS - NEW BRAUNSFELS

Monday, August 20 through Friday, August 24, 2007

Home-schooling middle school students and their teachers may participate on any of the Aqua Lab Days; however, special days in August have been designated to allow family and friends to attend along with Aqua Lab participants.

<http://www.schlitterbahn.com/aqualab/aqualab-august.pdf>

### HOMESCHOOL THEATER DISCOUNTS

We are currently taking a poll to see which shows will be offered for homeschool theater discounts for the 2007-08 season in Houston and San Antonio. For a list of shows to vote on, see:

<http://www.jsoft.com/archive/taffie/Broadway.html>

Send your choices to Susan Frederick at [sjf@jsoft.com](mailto:sjf@jsoft.com). We will only set up offers for shows that are likely to make our minimum order of 20 tickets.

## HIS CLASSES

[www.hisclasses.org](http://www.hisclasses.org)

### 1 Day/Week Classes for Home Educators

**Woodlands/Conroe  
Tomball/Waller**

**Mondays/Wednesdays  
Tuesdays/Thursdays**

Christian Worldviews of the Western World	Life Science	Instruments of Praise
Starting Points	Physical Science	Beginner & Intermediate Band
Apologetics	Biology	Heaven Sent Choir
	Chemistry	Guitar/Mandolin
	Physics	
Sentence by Sentence		
Writing Utilizing Literature	Saxon 54, 65, 76, 87	Art I, II, III
Basic Paragraph Writing	Algebra ½, I, II	
Basic Essay Writing	Advanced Math	Home Economics
The Bridge Writing	Calculus	
Rhetoric & Composition		Spanish
Intro to Literature & Composition	Government & Economics	Latin
	Geography	French
Classical History, Literature		Sign Language
Rhetoric & Composition	American History	Logic
	Texas History	Intro to Arch Drawing

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### SOUTHWEST HOUSTON HISTORY & SCIENCE FAIR

Last month we congratulated the winners of the Southwest Houston History and Science Fair but some of the names and places were incorrect. Please see the corrections below:

Science:

K- 3rd Grade Division

Rashad Dodd's- "Plants" - 1st Place

Nailah Dodd's- "Planets" - 2nd Place

Sara Rufael - "Dangers of Global Warming" - 3rd Place

Yrejali Corbin Ball - "Robot Boat"- Honorable mention

4th -8th Grade Division

Amir. A. Dodds- "Biosphere" - 1st Place

Isaac Early; Miriam Early-"Astronomy" -2nd Place

Courtney Richardson- "Eczema: How Food Affects my Skin"- 3rd Place

Natalie Supio- "The Meat Eater"- Honorable mention

History:

4th -8th Grade Division

Khalieb Rufael- "The History of Soccer" - 1st Place

Nicholas Richardson-"The Untold Truth"- 2nd Place

Addam Rufael-"World War II"- 3rd Place

Congratulations again to all the winners!

The logo for PACES (Parent And Child Educational Services) features the word "PACES" in large, bold, white capital letters on a black rectangular background.

**Parent And Child Educational Services**

**We offer a one day a week  
Classical Education Program**

**Now accepting registrations for the  
2007-2008 school year**

**Coming in October!  
Family Field Trip to Boston and New York**

For more information on our Classical Education program or any of our events, please visit our website:

**[www.pacesinfo.org](http://www.pacesinfo.org)**

**SAVE THE DATE!  
October 5th is SOCK HOP!!**

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### SUMMER COMPUTER CLASSES

We are offering several summer computer workshop/classes in July including Web Page Creation and programming with Microsoft Robotics Studio. For more information contact Susan Frederick at [sjf@jsoft.com](mailto:sjf@jsoft.com) or visit: <http://www.jsoft.com/ts/classes/>.

### TEXAS HEROES DAY AT MONUMENT HILL & KREISCHE BREWERY SHS

Celebrate the contributions made by the men of the ill-fated Dawson Massacre and the Mier Expedition. This event will feature historical reenactments, pioneer craft demonstrations and music, cannon and musket salutes, historic flag display, guided tours in addition to a commemorative program. Main events September 14-15, 2007 10 a.m.-noon Saturday; for more information, call (979) 968-5658.

### HEAVEN SENT CHOIR

Heaven Sent Choir strives to provide a high quality, Christ-centered music education program for the homeschooled student. This includes music theory, ear-training, sight-singing, choral technique, and performance skills. Students from throughout the Houston metropolitan area rehearse at a central location once a week and perform several times a year. Auditions for the 2007-08 school year will be on two Mondays, July 23 and Aug. 6, for students in grades 1 through 12. A meeting will be held on Aug. 11 for parents of all new and returning students. Chorale Camp for Junior and Senior High students on Aug. 13 marks the beginning of the fall semester. For full details, dates, and contact information please visit Heaven Sent's web site at [www.heavensentchoirs.org](http://www.heavensentchoirs.org).

### HOMESCHOOL DAY AT SEA WORLD

Date: September 27, 2007

Location: San Antonio

9:30am-1:30pm

Instructional Field Trip Experience (IFE). Park closed to the public. The rides will not be open. The day begins with a self-guided tour through the animal habitats and exhibits from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Followed by two animal presentations, one at the Shamu Stadium and one at the Sea lion Stadium. Cost is \$8.00 plus tax per child or adult with no minimum group size for Home School groups. For more information or to make your reservation, please call 800-700-7786.

Sea World San Antonio

<http://4adventure.com/SWT/default.aspx>

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### TOYOTA CENTER HOMESCHOOL DISCOUNTS

Homeschool Discounts are available for these shows. Save on ticket prices and service fees:

Wiggles LIVE - Sunday, August 26, 2007 at 3pm and 6:30pm  
\$20, \$25. Order deadline is August 10th.

Questions email Susan Frederick at [sjf@jsoft.com](mailto:sjf@jsoft.com)

To order for either of these shows, contact Tiffany Hill at 713-758-7577

info page and order forms:: <http://www.jsoft.com/archive/taffie/Toyota.html>

### SCHOLA

A meeting place for teachers and pupils studying the consequences of ideas in every discipline. Schola Homeschool Classes introduce students to the consequences of ideas in every discipline.

Students (8th to 12th grade) study the subjects of a classical liberal arts curriculum (Latin, great books of literature and history, and rhetoric) as well as Science and Mathematics.

Schola classes meet in Sugar Land. Learn more about Schola Homeschool Classes at [www.scholaclasses.org](http://www.scholaclasses.org).

# Horizons Education Center 281-320-8444

Do you want your child to take the  
Stanford Achievement Test this summer?  
(Late July testing—4th-8th) Call or email today!

Registration is open for 2007—2008 classes.  
Registration is open for October PSAT.

8320 Louetta, Suite 145  
Spring, TX 77379  
[www.horizonseducationcenter.com](http://www.horizonseducationcenter.com)  
[horizonseducationcenter@hotmail.com](mailto:horizonseducationcenter@hotmail.com)

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### FIRST COLONY HOMESCHOOL ENSEMBLE NEWS

All classes meet in Sugar Land on Fridays as follows:

10:00 - 11:00	Guitar I
11:15 - 12:15	Handbells I, Guitar II
12:30 - 2:00	Treble Choir, Handbells II
2:15 - 4:15	Jubilate Chorale
4:30 - 5:45	Orchestra

You will find details about the 2007/2008 FCHE Season and registration forms at [www.freewebs.com/fche](http://www.freewebs.com/fche). Questions? Contact Pat Samuelsen at [psamuelsen@alltel.net](mailto:psamuelsen@alltel.net).

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## SUMMER READING

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### BARNES AND NOBLE'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM:

[http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our\\_company/community/Summer\\_Reading/Summer\\_Reading\\_Program.html](http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/community/Summer_Reading/Summer_Reading_Program.html)

Read 8 books, then you get a free book from a list of selected paperbacks. Program runs May 29th - Sept 2nd. You can do this twice (get two free books). 1st grade through 6th grade.

### HARRIS COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM SUMMER READING PROGRAM:

<http://www.hcpl.net/kidsite/funandgames/SRP/forms/srp.htm>

There isn't too much info on the web page. Best to register at the branch closet to you. Read 10 books get 1 free book. They also have a bulletin board to note accomplishments for each successive 10 books that are read. Runs May 29 - Aug 18.

### HEB SUMMER READING PROGRAM

<http://www.hebuddy.com/content/pdf/summerreadingclub.pdf>

Read 10 books, get a free t-shirt (it's really neat!), certificate and a 20-point buddy points sticker. I'm not sure what grades this is open to. It doesn't say on their web site, but it is explained in the little coupon book that you get at the store right when you walk in. Requests have to be post-marked by August 6, 2007



## CONTESTS

### NESTLE ICE CREAM: FLAVOROLOGIST FOR A DAY

Here's a good example of the merger of corporate and education interests. Nestlé Ice Cream is encouraging teachers (and parents) to invite student-scientists (ages 6-12) to become "Flavorologists" and create a frozen pop confection. To enter the contest, kids have to come up with:

A Flavor Name - Create an original & fun name that best describes your frozen pop. (Example - Hip Hop Butterscotch)

A Flavor Description - List the ingredients you would use to create your flavor. Include details about color, shape, size, etc.

A Flavorful Resumé: In less than 250 words, tell Nestle why you would make a good Flavorologist, including any experience you may have in creating – and playing – with food.

Entries must be submitted by July 27, 2007. Full contest entry rules and registration info is available at the website. 10 Grand Prize winners will be awarded a year's supply of Nestlé® Frozen Snacks, plus an all-expenses-paid trip (for a family of four) to the Nestlé Factory in Bakersfield, California. There, the winners will get a behind-the-scenes tour of the flavor lab, an opportunity to learn the cool science behind frozen pops, put their taste buds to the test on a variety of outlandish flavors, and a chance to sample their very own flavor creations.

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But that's not all! Just to be certain this is an educational experience, teachers and parents can download printable "Flavorology" science lessons that explore the sense of taste. Printable worksheets help kids map out their mouth's taste buds for salt, sour, sweet, and bitter flavors. Note: Nestle products are not required materials to conduct the experiments in these lessons.

<http://kids.icecream.com/flavorology>

## FOR SALE

### CURRICULUM FOR SALE -

CONTACT **DEBBIE GOTT** AT 713-560-3766

ABeka

History of the World (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) – Gr 7

Student text – 7.00      Teacher text – 10.00

Test book – 2.00      Extra test book – 2.00

Test Key – 4.50

Quiz book – 2.00

Quiz Key – 4.50

World Atlas & Geography Studies of the Eastern Hemisphere – Gr 7 (Current edition)

Student Activity book – 4.00

Teacher Key – 5.00

Backgrounds in World Literature (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) – Gr 10A

Student Text – 5.00      Teacher Guide – 2.00

Masterpieces from World Literature (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) – Gr 10B

Student Text – 5.00      Teacher Guide – 2.00

Beginnings of American Literature (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) – Gr 11A

Student Text – 5.00      Teacher Guide – 2.00

Literature of the American People (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) – Gr 11B

Student Text – 5.00      Teacher Guide – 2.00

Saxon Algebra ½ (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.)

Student text – 17.00      Teacher text – 12.00

Test Masters & Answers Bk – 11.00

Solution Manual – 11.00

Saxon Algebra 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.)

Student text – 25.00      Solutions Manual – 11.00

Test Masters & Answer Bk – 11.00

Alpha Omega Life Pacs-Complete Boxed Sets

Gr 12 Language Arts - 30.00

Gr 5 Language Arts - 30.00

Gr 1 Art – 20.00

Gr 4 Language Arts Teacher Guide – 5.00

Gr 11 Language Arts – 10.00 Inc #4-10, 2 novels