

Workshop Descriptions

Aaron Academy

Getting Started – How do I do this?

Aaron Academy has been serving the homeschooling community since 1999. Our staff have all been home educators and it is our goal to help you have a successful school year. During this seminar I will discuss the importance of a Home School Umbrella, Curriculum, Testing, How to Report Days & Grades, and more! Also, at the end of the session there will be time for questions. We hope to encourage and equip new parents as they begin their homeschool journey.

Accelerated Christian Education

Secrets to Developing Christ-like Character

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” Proverbs 22:6. This verse tells the importance of children learning Christ-centered character not only for now, while they are young, but also for when they are grown.

Biblingo

Biblical Greek and Hebrew as Homeschool Foreign Languages

Biblingo incorporates proven methods and innovative technology to offer an effective, engaging, and accessible way to learn biblical Greek and Hebrew. Discover how Biblingo is being used in homeschooling contexts not only to satisfy foreign language credits, but also to give students a richer experience of the Bible. From Kindergarten through High School (and beyond), Biblingo can help students in each step of their journey toward reading the Bible in its original languages.

Brand X

Bring your kids to experience our youth fitness class!

During this workshop we will invite youth ages 5-15 to participate in a Brand X Chattanooga workout specifically for kids! The Brand X Method programming focuses on teaching functional movement skills that prepare youth to live an active lifestyle and develop the physical abilities to be able to do whatever they set out to do. Join us to learn more and have your kids get to experience some hands-on fun!

Bryan College – Pat Wesolowski

Preparing Your Student for College in Light of Changes Made Since COVID

How can a parent be sure their students are prepared for life after high school? When do you begin preparing and what all do you need to do in order to be sure your students are prepared for college? How has the admissions and scholarship process been affected by COVID? With intention and well-planning, it is not difficult to homeschool your high school student with confidence. Come and find out more about dual enrolling, transcripts, scholarships and college testing. Do not rule out private colleges that come with high sticker prices because there are many ways to bring down the cost of college! You can do this!

Building Tradition

Apprenticeships: Preparing for a Career in the Construction Trades

Chattanooga State Community College

Getting a Jump Start on College: Dual Enrollment with Chattanooga State Community College

This is your chance to learn about Early College opportunities for your student with Chattanooga State Community College. We will have an information session, and staff members will be available to answer any questions. Early College is a program that provides high school students with a unique opportunity to get an early start their college education. High school students take college courses and the credit earned applies to both a high school diploma and a college degree. Students can attend college classes during the regular school day on any Chattanooga State campus and can even attend online. By taking advantage of Tennessee's Dual Enrollment Grant, students can receive scholarship money to put towards tuition with Early College. Choosing to take dual enrollment classes is an excellent way to jump-start your student's college education and future career!

Classical Conversations

The Art of Grammar: Attending to the Essentials.

It will be a brief overview of the Foundations and Essentials programs. We will also give a glimpse of how we approach our grammar program.

Are You Up to the Challenge? Homeschooling Through High School.

It will include an overview of our Challenge program scope and sequence. We will have directors on hand to answer questions.

The Constitution Defender

Be a Constitution Defender for ALL Ages - Do you know the Constitution?

The Defender Express Railway to Union Station Washington D.C. is ready to depart, so climb aboard and join us on a ride you will never forget. Meet Tweety-Pie, your Junior Tutor, hear stories from Mrs. Madison, and learn all seven articles of the U.S. Constitution with the Constitution Conductor. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind, interactive time of learning one of our nation's most important documents. Be a Constitution Defender today!

Creators for Christ dba Frog's Rainy-Day Story

Teaching a Christian Worldview in Today's Confusing Culture

Our culture is out of whack! A majority of Americans today would probably agree with many of the following false spiritual narratives:

Truth is found inside each of us, so it can be different for everyone. Gender is a decision.
All spiritual paths lead to God. Intolerance is wrong. Happiness is the goal of life.
Sin is an unhealthy, outdated concept. People should have the right not to be offended.
Organized religions do more harm than good.

In these confusing and increasingly unbiblical times, how are parents and grandparents to fulfill their God-given responsibility to teach a Christian worldview to the next generation? Drawing on their experiences in the New Age Movement and the occult prior to coming to faith in Christ, Michael and Sarah Dowling offer guidance about how to recognize and combat "pretensions that set themselves up against the knowledge of God" (2 Cor 10:5). Practical illustrations from their award-winning book *Frog's Rainy-Day Story and Other Fables* make this a most enlightening and entertaining seminar!

CSTHEA Activities Info

Come learn about the CSTHEA sponsored activities from athletics to Mock Trial and Homeschool Players. Find out about upcoming events and other activities to enrich your child's education.

Cynthia L Simmons/Heart of the Matter Radio

Teach Reading and Reading Comprehension

Reading is a fundamental skill that forms the basis for life-long education. The class covers how to teach reading at various developmental stages and demonstrates how to achieve comprehension. The goal is to teach a child to understand written material and learn how to evaluate the content.

Homeschool without Losing Your Sanity

Homeschool is great for kids, but it puts a lot of pressure on mothers. Many moms crash and burn from stress. This class covers ways moms can organize to stay on top of the work and explains how to manage pressure.

Creative Writing: Write for Publication

Publishing a book is easier today than ever. However, writing for publication requires the student to write so people will read. This class gives a thumbnail sketch of producing and marketing a book.

Exploring Expression

Unit Studies: How to Use What your Child Wants to Know About to Teach What They Need to Learn About

Every child has a passion. Maybe its horses, dragons or Minecraft. This workshop will show you the steps I take to turn a single book, topic, or passion and craft a multi subject unit study. I will give you an actionable strategy for how to leverage your child's individual interests to make their learning adventures more fun, easy and natural.

Hamilton County 4-H Youth Development

How to Get Involved in 4-H

Find out how to get involved in 4-H. Hear from youth actively involved in 4-H leadership, horse, gardening, archery, photography and other project areas. There are 26 different project areas in 4-H, so there is something for everyone. 4-H - make the best better!

The Homeschooler's Helper

How to Teach Preschool and Lower Elementary Grades

What are the signs of reading readiness? How much time should I spend teaching? Jennifer Henn, veteran homeschooler, answers your questions about curriculum, teaching multiple students, grades, and more. She'll help you determine expectations for your family. Bring your questions and get a strong start for homeschooling from this informative class!

Use Lapbooks and Notebooks to Motivate Your Kids

Join this hands-on class where Jennifer teaches the why and how of enhancing education through the use of lapbooks and notebooks. These methods utilize the five senses and your children's strengths which results in high interest for better retention of material. There will be examples and you'll leave with a sample. It's not art, it's creative learning!

Jeannette Tulis

Introduction to Charlotte Mason's Living Ideas For Your Homeschool

Who was Charlotte Mason? What were some of her ideas which changed the face of education in Great Britain at the turn of the century? What difference might this make in your homeschool today? Learn how incorporating the principles of Charlotte Mason might smooth your days and ease your lesson times. Come and listen how to spread the feast of ideas before your children in various subjects so that you and your children can learn alongside each other in this gentle style of education which respects the child as a person. Jeannette will also be sharing her favorite resources so you can explore more on your own. For both the new or veteran home educator.

Kindergarten at home: What is required?

How can you keep it simple and encourage a love of learning that will carry into the future years? Jeannette will share favorite how-to resources as well as her favorites for each subject. Plus, what makes a worthy picture book. A special welcome to those brand new to homeschooling. Be encouraged, you can do this!

Learning Rx

Train the Brain to Read or Train the Brain to Focus

Do you have a struggling learner? Does the learning process seem harder than it should? Let's focus on the "how" instead of the "what" in learning. Cognitive Skills dictate our learning process, utilizing our brain's ability to focus, process quickly, retain information, problem solve, and easily read, spell and comprehend.

Hear from Michelle Hecker Davis, Board Certified Cognitive Specialist, about the importance of cognitive efficiency and it's role in learning. You will leave the workshop with more insight into your learner's strengths and weaknesses, as well as tools for addressing any struggles at the root. This workshop is especially helpful for those students who struggle with attention, learning, and reading-related difficulties.

Learn to Play Music

Special Hands-On Workshop for Kids & Parents

Faith Barr will lead this hands on group. Children can try a variety of different musical instruments and have fun playing together. No previous musical experience necessary. Parents can join in the fun and take pictures and videos, if you like!

Mathnasium

Building Number Sense: The Cure for Finger Counting

In this seminar, we will discuss and provide insight into common challenges that students face when working on lower elementary math. In addition to going over some strategies for addition and subtraction that parents often find unintuitive, Alex will also share some tips on how to help your child build Number Sense and move away from finger counting.

Multiplication, Fractions, and Decimals, Oh My!

In this seminar, Alex will discuss and provide insight into common challenges that students face when working on upper elementary math. We will hit the big three: multiplication, fractions, and decimals, and dive into some strategies that are often used to teach these concepts.

Money Lit

Why are money life skills important?

Come find out what Money Lit is all about and why we value money life skills during the middle school and high school age groups. Find ways to incorporate these important life skills into your child's education to better prepare them for the real world and navigate the college years.

Raising Real Men & Craftsman Crate

Raising Real Men

In spite of what the culture is telling us, boys and girls are different. Have you ever had a war break out in the middle of a playdate or had a single math lesson take three hours? Then, you're probably raising boys! If the world seems intent on gender-bending and forcing our sons into a feminized mold, Hal and Melanie, parents of six boys, explain the Biblical way out - and a better way to turn wild little dirt-lovers into strong Christian men!

Middle School Madness

When our oldest was eight, we thought we were pretty great homeschool parents. Then he hit nine or ten and the wheels fell off his educational train! Another child did pretty well until he was eleven, then all-of-a-sudden he couldn't focus at all or remember things he'd learned last week. Others didn't struggle until twelve or thirteen, but there seems to be something that makes middle school just plain hard, for nearly *everyone*. How do you live through it? Is it possible to make the middle school years great? Join Hal & Melanie for do-able ideas and real hope for getting through the challenging tween/preteen years and laying a foundation to make high school even better.

Shining Armor: The Battle for Our Sons

Today's young men grow up with challenges to their moral integrity on every side. In a time when over 90% of teens have been exposed to Internet pornography, how can we teach our boys to keep their way pure? What can we do when temptation is lurking on friends' phones and beckons just a click away? How can we give them a Biblical context for sexuality--from their toddler years to adulthood? Come hear the parents of six sons give you frank, practical advice on raising your son to be a virtuous knight."

RightStart Mathematics

RightStart™ Math: Why it Works

Have you heard the buzz about RightStart™ Math? Hear about our philosophy and what sets us apart from other curricula. We will teach children that a real mathematical problem is like a puzzle, that math is more than memorization, and that math is fun. Come and learn what's special about our math program!

Scenic City Dance LLC

Scriptorium

The Most Vital Academic Subject: Writing - Why It's So Important and Tips for Teaching It

Writing is hard, and teaching writing is hard - so it's easy to put it off or give up. But you can help your students write well, and that's the most important academic skill they can have.

The Most Undervalued Academic Subjects: Mythology and Fantasy - Why They're So Important and Tips for Teaching Them

Mythology and fantasy seem like a waste of time - so it's easy to ignore them in our "just the facts" culture. But these unlikely literary genres have more to offer than we might think.

Singapore Math Simplified

Mastering Math Facts for Life

Using the three levels of fluency, we can help students increase their visual memory to build lasting fact fluency. We will look at how visualization and subitizing begin to help students picture facts to count on and then use mental strategies to make sense of math facts. Participants will walk away with strategies and samples to use right away for addition facts within 20 and basic multiplication facts from a published author of two best-selling Singapore math textbooks.

Making Sense of Word Problems

Students don't have to rely on key words to know how to solve a word problem. They just need to determine whether it's a part-whole problem, a comparison problem or an equal groups representation. Once students narrow it down, they can solve simply by seeing the operation in a drawn visual called a bar model. Join me to learn how to help your students tackle any word problem with these three models. Participants will walk away with real-life examples and resources to begin using immediately from a published author of two best-selling Singapore math textbooks.

Unbound

Project-Based Education and Does it Really Work?

In this workshop, I will break down how Unbound enables students to gain experience, remain engaged in their local communities and churches, and equip them better to tackle the issues they are facing.

Being Extraordinary at the Ordinary

Our world expects so little from students, especially college-aged students in today's day and age. In the session, I will address how we can change that stereotype and take back a western civilization that is crumbling.

Union Hill Publishing

Equipping Our Kids with the Evidence of God: A Homeschool Family's Handbook

Am I equipped with and equipping my child with the evidence of God's existence across the disciplines? Do I fully understand the logical conclusions derived from both theism and atheism? Am I teaching my child how to defend their faith in our skeptical culture? For over 30 years Richard E. Simmons, III, has been researching the evidence around the existence of God and one result has been his recent bestseller, *Reflections on the Existence of God*, a series of 57 accessible essays – each easily read in 10 minutes or less – that evaluate the tenets of atheism from a Christian perspective. In this workshop, Rebecca Hairelson will share Richard's passion for his own children – and yours - to know the evidence of God's existence and be equipped to defend their faith in our increasingly skeptical and unbelieving world.

United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps: Chattanooga Division

Becoming A Sea Cadet

An officer will provide a brief overview of the steps to become a Sea Cadet. Afterward, a question and answer session will be offered to parents and future cadets.

Youth Villages