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Wisconsin Parents Association 2020 Conference



Kindling the Flame

## 37th Annual Conference and Resource Fair

**Registration Packet**

**May 8 - 9, 2020**



**Holiday Inn Stevens Point - Convention Center**  
1001 Amber Avenue • Stevens Point, WI 54482

## Welcome Message From the WPA President

**It is my great pleasure to invite you to Wisconsin Parents Association's 37th Annual Conference & Resource Fair!** It's hard to believe this will be the 37th year homeschoolers have gathered from across Wisconsin to share time together and learn from one another.

Being among so many homeschoolers at these events is always so meaningful and enjoyable, and each year I have been inspired and motivated by all the ideas shared by the wonderful speakers and workshop presenters. As I go about my own family's homeschooling journey, I often think back to these inspiring, inclusive gatherings and I am so grateful for everyone I've met along the way. I invite you to join us for this year's conference and to think about what it means to you and your family to be not only a part of this event, but also a part of our vibrant statewide homeschooling community.

Join us as we explore this year's theme: **"Kindling the Flame."** Learn from fellow homeschoolers, share your story, make new connections, enjoy celebrating the unique journey that is homeschooling in Wisconsin, and **kindle the flame** in your own homeschool!

~Jodi Buntin, WPA Board President

## Conference Logo Contest

We would like to thank the six student artists who entered the Logo Contest!

- Aspen, age 14, Amherst
- Ely, age 12, Sun Prairie
- Evelyn, age 9
- Felix, age 8, Port Washington
- Karna, age 14
- Klara, age 15, Stoughton



The 2020 Conference Committee chose "Lighting the Fire," a community-focused, inclusive, heart-warming pencil drawing created by WPA member Ely, age 12, from Sun Prairie, as it best represents the quote that inspired this year's theme: "Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel." (Author unknown) All of the art will be on display throughout the conference.

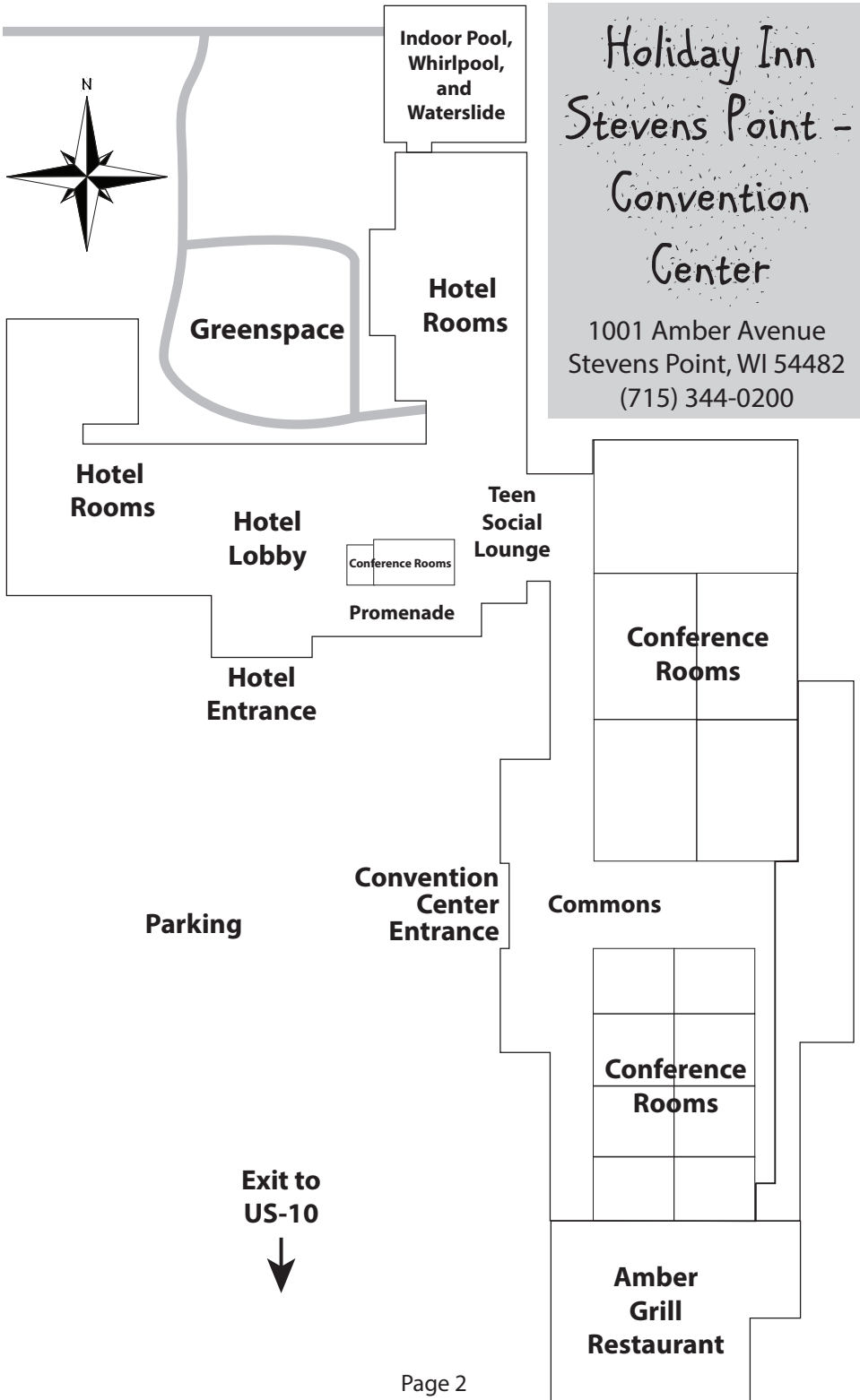
This Registration Packet is your roadmap to a successful conference! We have tried to include all the information you'll need to understand what's being offered, and help you make the most of the conference.

**Register to attend at [conference.homeschooling-wpa.org](http://conference.homeschooling-wpa.org) or by mail with the form at the back of this booklet.**

You'll receive an on-site event program with room assignments and additional information at conference check-in. Until then, keep this packet handy!

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## WPA's Mission and the Goal of This Conference

Wisconsin Parents Association is a state-wide, inclusive, grassroots organization dedicated to protecting the right and freedom of parents to provide an education to their children according to their own principles and beliefs.

**The goal of our 37th Annual Conference and Resource Fair is to strengthen the WPA community for all Wisconsin homeschoolers — prospective through seasoned — and their families, by providing accurate information, offering enrichment opportunities, and fostering positive connections.**

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, May 8

4:00 - 6:15 PM	.....	Conference Check-In
4:00 - 10:00 PM	.....	Resource Fair
4:00 - 10:00 PM	.....	Teen Social Lounge
4:00 - 6:00 PM	.....	Used Book Sale
6:30 - 8:00 PM	.....	Welcome, Graduate Recognition, and Keynote
8:00 - 10:00 PM	.....	Used Book Sale
8:00 - 10:00 PM	.....	Welcome Reception and Table Talks
5:00 - 10:00 PM	.....	Lifeguard on duty for hotel waterslide

### Saturday, May 9

7:00 - 8:30 AM	.....	Conference Check-In
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	.....	Resource Fair
7:00 AM - 4:00 PM	.....	Connections
7:00 AM - 4:00 PM	.....	Teen Social Lounge
7:00 - 8:30 AM	.....	Light Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30 AM	.....	Workshops - Session A
9:45 - 10:45 AM	.....	Workshops - Session B
10:45 AM - 12:30 PM	.....	Lunch Break
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	.....	Optional Pre-Order/Pre-Paid Lunch Buffet
		<b>12:00 PM: Hotel Check-Out</b>
12:30 - 1:30 PM	.....	WPA Annual Membership Meeting
1:45 - 2:45 PM	.....	Workshops - Session C
3:00 - 4:00 PM	.....	Workshops - Session D
4:05 - 4:20 PM	.....	Closing Ceremony

9:00 AM - 10:00 PM: Lifeguard on duty for hotel waterslide

# How to Use This Conference

## Come to learn, enjoy, connect, or just breathe a sigh of relief that we're all in this together!

The conference is filled with resources, information, and inspiration! But where should you start? Follow the **Suggested Learning Tracks** on page 10 or choose the workshops that call to you. Find activities to feed your passion for the lifestyle your family has chosen.

The conference is more than learning sessions. Go beyond the workshops with the Resource Fair, Scavenger Hunts, Used Book Sale, "Please Touch!" Curriculum Table, Connections, Teen Social Lounge, Table Talks, and chances to network with other homeschoolers.

Plan your conference schedule with your family – find or create individual learning tracks that will give you each a meaningful, personalized conference experience. Consider splitting up to cover more ground. (Please keep in mind children must be supervised, and all attendees must be registered by name and wear their conference name tag at all times.)

Grandparents are welcome as part of your family registration and are included in your conference fee. Often grandparents come to provide child care. They may also sign up for workshops.

Remember not all workshops will exactly apply to you. Take home what you love and what you need, leave the rest behind. Gather information, make connections, and get inspired while you're surrounded by like-minded people!

Talk to your neighbors. Introduce yourself. This is a place where you don't have to explain your choices. Have fun, play, and socialize.

Don't miss the **Welcome, Graduate Recognition, and Keynote** – we promise you all the inspiration you can handle wrapped up in this truly wonderful affirmation of homeschooling.

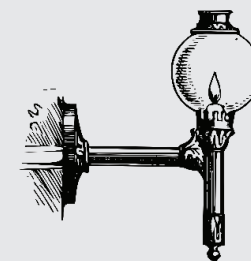
Attend the **Membership Meeting** – meet WPA's Board of Directors and learn more about WPA and why it's **so incredibly important that we stand united.**

Specific questions? Get specific answers when you attend **Table Talks** and/or register for one of our **One-on-One Questions Answered** workshops (A-11, B-10, or D-11).

Take notes! Be open to new ideas!

Give us feedback. This conference is brought to you by dedicated volunteers that work hard to bring you a conference you'll enjoy and find helpful. Share your thoughts, and consider volunteering to help the conference grow.

ASK ME! Look for conference committee members wearing special ASK ME! shirts. If we don't have the answer we'll make sure to find someone who does.



## Lodging

We are delighted to be returning to the wonderful Holiday Inn Stevens Point - Convention Center, 1001 Amber Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54482.

For those wishing to stay in the attached hotel you must book by April 10th to get the WPA conference rate. Book your room at [http://bit.ly/2020WPA\\_hotelroom](http://bit.ly/2020WPA_hotelroom), or call (715) 344-0200 and use Group Code "WIP". Book by phone if you're staying more than one night. Your rate may be different for additional night(s).

The hotel has a pool, whirlpool, and indoor waterslide. The waterslide is only available when a lifeguard is on duty, Friday 5:00 - 10:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM. The lifeguard schedule is subject to change. **NOTE: You must be a registered guest at the hotel to use the pool area.**

Hotel check-in is 3:00 PM; check-out is 12:00 PM. We have organized the conference schedule to allow time for check-out during Saturday's lunch break.

## Meals

WPA will provide light snacks on Friday afternoon in the Resource Fair, and cake at the Welcome Reception. Dinner is not provided. Saturday morning, WPA will provide a light continental breakfast buffet. Complimentary food is first come first served.

For lunch Saturday, there is an optional pre-order/pre-paid buffet for \$10/ person. Deli-style buffet will include: soup; sliced turkey and ham; egg salad; bread, fixings and condiments; coleslaw, potato salad, chips; coffee, tea,

and lemonade. **Lunch buffet must be ordered and paid with your conference registration, it will not be available for on-site purchase.**

The convention center has an attached restaurant, Amber Grill ([ambergrillrestaurant.com](http://ambergrillrestaurant.com)), open 6:30 AM - 10:00 PM. Room service is available, and hotel rooms have refrigerators, coffee makers, and microwaves. There are many restaurants in the area. **Note: Carry-in food is not allowed in the convention center.**

## Benefits of Membership

Membership in Wisconsin Parents Association is \$35/year. Benefits include:

- Twice-yearly newsletter
- Legislative watch - local, regional, state and federal
- Members-only email list for important news, information, and reminders
- Discounts on WPA event registration, including this conference!
- Knowledge that you are a member of a grass-roots organization actively protecting the right and freedom of parents to homeschool according to their own principles and beliefs

Annual Membership runs from the month you join for 12 months. You can easily join or renew your membership when you register for the conference.

## WPA Info Table and Ask Me! Shirts

The **WPA Info Table** will be staffed throughout the conference so you can stop by to ask questions, find out about volunteering with WPA, or check for lost and found items. Look for conference committee members wearing ASK ME! shirts too.

## How to Get Involved

WPA and this conference run on volunteers! Do you have an hour or two? Teenagers are welcome to volunteer on their own. Whole families can volunteer together so younger children can participate. Please email [volunteers@homeschooling-wpa.org](mailto:volunteers@homeschooling-wpa.org) to let us know you are interested in lending a hand.

## WPA Annual Membership Meeting

We encourage everyone to come and hear what WPA has been doing in the past year and what the future holds at the **Annual Membership Meeting** Saturday afternoon. This is the time where you - the members - can ask questions, raise issues, and make suggestions for the organization.

WPA is a grassroots organization, and that means YOU are the organization! WPA has undergone a lot of changes over the past year, and more exciting changes are on the horizon! We encourage you to come and learn what is happening, and how you can be a part of the future of WPA.



## Donations and Conference Merchandise

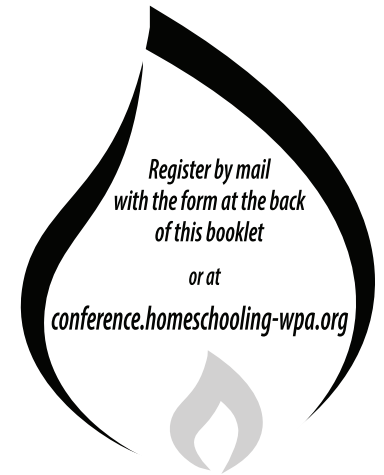
Show your support for the WPA conference by becoming a sponsor! You can donate as an individual, a family, a business, or a homeschooling group. Donate when you register for the conference, anytime online at [www.homeschooling-wpa.org](http://www.homeschooling-wpa.org), or separately by mail to WPA.



You can also support the conference by purchasing logoed merchandise from our Threadless store at [wpa.threadless.com](http://wpa.threadless.com). All proceeds will go towards conference scholarships and expenses.

## Connections

**Connections** is a place for families to play, hang out, and visit all day Saturday. Adults are encouraged to join in the activities with their kids. It is a great place for parents to get new ideas for their families, and for kids to meet other kids, take a break, and try something new. Please note this is not a drop-off activity. Children must be supervised.



## Teens

**New for 2020:** A special hang-out location just for teens in the **Teen Social Lounge** with ice-breakers, games, and conversation. Meet and hang out with your fellow homeschoolers. Drop in any time throughout the conference.

**Also New for 2020: Teen Service Teams** Are you a teen who likes to help? All teens are welcome to explore their interests in areas of A/V, Photography, assisting/serving others in the Resource Fair and Used Book Sale, or leading a game session (video games not included) for fellow teens. Interested teens should contact Dawn at [dawnc@homeschooling-wpa.org](mailto:dawnc@homeschooling-wpa.org) by **April 10th**.

**Do you have a graduating teen?** Graduating students and their parents who are interested in participating in Graduate Recognition should email [openingceremonies@homeschooling-wpa.org](mailto:openingceremonies@homeschooling-wpa.org) by **April 10th** for more information.

**Are you a homeschool graduate?** Join in the conference experience by helping a Teen Service Team, attending workshops, or enjoying the Teen Social Lounge.

## Resource Fair

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Make time to visit the **Resource Fair** where exhibitors and vendors offer resources for all homeschoolers, whatever your approach to homeschooling. Curriculum, textbooks, workbooks, games, art materials, educational toys, activity opportunities, services, and books will all be on display or available to purchase. If you or a business or resource you know would make a great vendor or exhibitor at the conference, please visit [conference.homeschooling-wpa.org](http://conference.homeschooling-wpa.org).

## Used Book Sale

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WPA is sponsoring a special opportunity to buy and sell your used homeschooling materials during the **Used Book Sale** on Friday. This will be a good chance to network with others on many resources relating to homeschooling. Sell items you no longer use and find new treasures for your homeschool. Find more information at [conference.homeschooling-wpa.org](http://conference.homeschooling-wpa.org). WPA Members who wish to sell at the Used Book Sale will be able to make their reservations online March 4th - April 8th. Space is limited.

## “Please Touch!” Curriculum Table

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What curriculum should you use? Really, the answer is whatever works best for your family. But the choices can be overwhelming! Thanks to the generosity of a long-standing member family, we will once again be offering the **“Please Touch!” Curriculum Table**. Filled with almost 75 examples of textbooks and materials brought for display, these items are not for sale. They are a resource to help you explore and make decisions about what you may want to purchase for your own use including curriculum samples, curriculum approaches, math, language arts, science, social studies (including history, geography, architecture, and travel), foreign languages, logic, and economics.

## National Railroad Museum Scavenger Hunts

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**New for 2020!** Attendees are invited to participate in two special Scavenger Hunts throughout the conference. Make your way along a simulated **Underground Railroad** route looking for quilt squares, clues, and informational pieces hidden throughout the convention center. Or learn about the first migrant workers in the US and the Great Depression in your search for special “code of the road” **Hobo** language signs. Start your historical adventures at the National Railroad Museum’s booth in the Resource Fair.

## Welcome, Graduate Recognition, and Keynote

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Start your conference off right with this inspirational gathering. Following the welcome message from Board President, Jodi Buntin, join us as we honor homeschool students who are marking the transition into the next phase of their lives. This is always a touching event where we see, first-hand, extraordinary examples of how homeschooling works. Each graduate will receive a Certificate of Recognition from WPA. It is important to note that this certificate is not a diploma or official document; rather, it is WPA’s way of honoring the graduates’ achievements. Parents are welcome to use this opportunity to present their graduate with their diploma and/or other recognition. **Graduating students and their parents who are interested in participating should email [openingceremonies@homeschooling-wpa.org](mailto:openingceremonies@homeschooling-wpa.org) by April 10th for more information.**

## Submit Your Photos and Videos

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One of the highlights at WPA’s annual event is always the **slideshow** at the opening ceremonies showcasing our members’ homeschooling photos from the year. We’d love for you to share your journey with us! Visit [http://bit.ly/2020WPA\\_snapshots](http://bit.ly/2020WPA_snapshots) to learn more and submit your photos and videos!

## Welcome Reception and Table Talks

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Join us immediately following the Welcome, Graduate Recognition, and Keynote for the **Welcome Reception** to socialize with each other and talk one-on-one with experienced homeschoolers. Light refreshments and cake will be served. Stop by for 5 minutes or stay the whole time. **Table Talks** will be arranged by category, including [getting started](#), [homeschooling laws](#), and [a general discussion](#), and will be led by WPA Board Members and experienced volunteers.

## Closing Ceremony

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**New for 2020!** We invite you all to come together at the close of the conference to wrap up your experience with a short-and-sweet bow. We will have exciting announcements, vital thank yous, and a very special 2020 Conference group photo of everyone who wishes to participate. We hope you will join us for a few minutes before you head out!

# Full Workshop Schedule

Workshop descriptions can be found on the following pages. Workshop capacities are limited, and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Register early for the best chance of getting in your first-choice workshops.

We encourage every family to send at least one attendee to **A-05: WPA's Legislative Watch** and **D-05: Do No Harm** workshops. These foundational sessions provide vital information about responsible homeschooling in Wisconsin.

<b>SESSION A – 8:30 - 9:30 AM</b>	<b>SESSION B – 9:45 - 10:45 AM</b>	<b>SESSION C – 1:45 - 2:45 PM</b>	<b>SESSION D – 3:00 - 4:00 PM</b>
A-01: Fired Up for the Library	B-01: Gracie Jiu Jitsu: Bullyproof and Self-Defense Workshop	C-01: No Child Left Indoors	D-01: Homeschooling the Dyslexic Reader
A-02: Finding Your Homeschooling Style and Choosing Resources	B-02: Homeschooling 3- 4- and 5-Year Olds	C-02: Homeschool. Work. Life. Repeat: Encouragement and Advice for Parents Balancing a Career and Homeschooling	D-02: Homeschooling From a Christian Father's Perspective
A-03: Charlotte Mason: A Method that Meets Each Child Where They Are	B-03: The Science of Reading and Literacy Concerns for Homeschooling Families	C-03: Gameschooling: Learning Through Play	D-03: Applying for and Transitioning to a UW System School
A-04: How to Make Flower Dolls	B-04: Homeschooling Methods and Philosophies	C-04: Avoiding Homeschooling Burnout	D-04: Honoring the Quiet People in Your Homeschool
<b>A-05: WPA's Legislative Watch</b>	B-05: All the Best Parts: Reflections From Experienced Homeschoolers	C-05: Transitioning From Homeschool to College on a Budget	<b>D-05: Do No Harm</b>
A-06: Homeschooling with ADHD	B-06: Citizen Science Opportunities in Wisconsin	C-06: Looking Within: Unlocking Intrinsic Motivation in Your Homeschooler	D-06: Gracie Jiu Jitsu: Bullyproof and Self Defense Workshop
A-07: The Importance of Play	B-07: Careers, Higher Education and Functional Fixedness	C-07: Swing Dance Workshop	D-07: Homeschooling Into Highschool
A-08: What's All the Buzz About Kids' Biz?	B-08: Outdoor Science Learning	C-08: Homeschooling Kids Out in Their Communities	D-08: Kindermusik Workshop
A-09: Worldschooling	B-09: Supporting Play Make and Take	C-09: Homeschooling With Grace	D-09: Doing ALL the Things vs. Doing the Best Things for Your Family
A-10: Kindermusik Workshop	B-10: One-on-One Questions Answered	C-10: Hands-On Nature Activities for Active Learning	D-10: Unschooling
A-11: One-on-One Questions Answered			D-11: One-on-One Questions Answered

# Suggested Learning Tracks

Check out these 16 individualized tracks for help choosing workshops for you and your family members.

	<b>Session A</b>	<b>Session B</b>	<b>Session C</b>	<b>Session D</b>
New to WPA	A-05	B-05	C-09	D-05
Prospective Homeschooler	A-02	B-04	C-04	D-09
New to Homeschooling	A-07	B-02	C-03	D-05
Survey of Homeschooling	A-02	B-04	C-03	D-10
Gotta Keep Moving	A-10	B-09	C-07	D-06
Out and About	A-01	B-08	C-08	D-09
Nature Lovers	A-04	B-08	C-10	D-04
Homeschooling Supporter	A-05	B-04	C-06	D-05

	<b>Session A</b>	<b>Session B</b>	<b>Session C</b>	<b>Session D</b>
Looking for Inspiration	A-03	B-05	C-06	D-02
Pre-School Ages	A-04	B-02	C-01	D-08
Elementary Ages	A-07	B-09	C-01	D-08
Middle School Ages	A-08	B-06	C-08	D-06
High School Ages	A-08	B-06	C-06	D-07
College-Bound	A-09	B-07	C-05	D-03
Overcoming Challenges	A-06	B-03	C-02	D-01
Just for Fun	A-04	B-01	C-07	D-08

## A-01: Fired Up for the Library

(Shawn Brommer and Nicole Ozanich)

Public libraries and homeschoolers are perfect partners in learning! In this session public library staff members will describe library programs, services, and collections that support learning goals, inspire creativity, and nurture curiosity. We also will discuss the best ways to connect and work with your local public library staff and identify strategies for making long-lasting connections. 🔍

## A-02: Finding Your Homeschooling Style and Choosing Resources

(Tomi Fay Forbes)

Overwhelmed by all the different styles of homeschooling? Ready for a change? Trying to figure out where to start? This session will cover various styles of homeschooling including purchased curriculum, unit studies, classical, and more. Learn how to find resources that will work for your family; for both new and experienced homeschoolers. 📖

## A-03: Charlotte Mason: A Method that Meets Each Child Where They Are

(Melisa Hills)

Are you curious about the Charlotte Mason method? Have you wondered if this literature-based method might be too restrictive for your homeschooling

style? Come hear from a parent who leans on this method to support each individual child in her homeschool. 📖

## A-04: How to Make Flower Dolls

(Ella Kaseman-Wold)

Make your own 4" flexible doll from artificial flowers, wooden beads, pipe cleaners and embroidery floss. No sewing skills required. 🧶

## A-05: WPA's Legislative Watch

(Paul Mullin)

**WPA RECOMMENDS THAT AT LEAST ONE FAMILY MEMBER ATTENDS THIS SESSION.** Join this long-time homeschooler to learn about WPA's Legislative Watch's critical role in securing and defending our homeschooling freedoms, its origins, and how it has evolved to present day. 📖

## A-06: Homeschooling with ADHD

(Neil Pascoe)

Teaching kids with ADHD can be challenging. In this workshop, learn concrete strategies to understand the struggles your children face and how to best support them. We'll also discuss how boys and girls present symptoms differently, age appropriate norms, other syndromes that present similar characteristics, fine motor skill problems, how to provide your kids more positive feedback, better organization, and exercise. 📖

## A-07: The Importance of Play

(Megan VanBlaricum)

Play has been researched as one of the most important ways children of all ages can learn academic and social skills, body management, and behavioral development. This workshop acts as an interactive dialogue about how, as homeschool educators, we can support and provide play opportunities to enrich our children's learning experiences. Consider following this up with workshop B-09. 📖

## A-08: What's All the Buzz About Kids' Biz?

(Aloha Seitz)

Are you between the ages of 7 and 17? Do you have a favorite hobby or talent? Learn how to turn it into a business and bring out the entrepreneur inside of you! Join me as we explore this together, and learn how to participate in Kids' Business Fairs. 🔍

## A-09: Worldschooled

(Cheryl Balazs)

Discover how travel can be used to enhance your homeschool experience, both close to home and around the globe. We will discuss the basics of roadschooling and worldschooling then send you off with wanderlust resources to launch your own learning adventures. 🔍

## A-10: Kindermusik Workshop

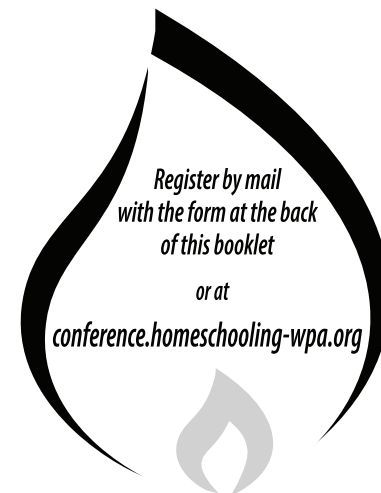
(Amy Payne)

This workshop will be a demonstration of an actual Kindermusik class. We will sing, dance, and play with instruments/manipulatives. We will also discuss WHY and HOW music with movement is beneficial to little ones' brain growth and development. 🧶

## A-11: One-on-One Questions Answered

(WPA's Question Answering Committee Members)

Are you seeking homeschooling advice for a unique situation? This is your chance to talk in private with an experienced member of WPA's Question Answering Committee. Time allotted per question may vary; be prepared to wait your turn. We'll try to answer as many questions as possible. 🔍





## B-01: Gracie Jiu Jitsu: Bullyproof and Self Defense Workshop

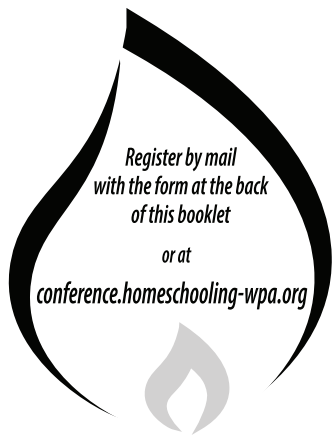
(Nate Stevens / Stevens Self Defense)

Gracie Jiu Jitsu is a system of self-defense that empowers a person to defend themselves against a bigger, heavier, stronger attacker. Gracie Bullyproof is the nationally-recognized kids version which not only has the physical skills needed, but more importantly teaches verbal skills and strategies to give your child the confidence to stand up to bullies. 🙌

## B-02: Homeschooling 3- 4- and 5-Year Olds

(Beth Kaseman-Wold)

Why and how children learn best through homeschooling. Helping children learn from daily life, carefully selected resources, and playing. Meeting kids' and parents' social needs outside of formal preschool. The risks of preschool screening and how you can avoid them. 📌



## B-03: The Science of Reading and Literacy Concerns for Homeschooling Families

(Claudine Kavanagh and Katie Kasubaski)

What does brain science tell us about the process of learning to read? This talk summarizes current findings in cognitive neuroscience to explain how children become fluent readers. We will provide instructional recommendations for homeschooling families. 📌

## B-04: Homeschooling Methods and Philosophies

(Jodi Buntin)

Unschooling. Charlotte Mason. Eclectic. Unit studies. Classical. Confused? Join us for this overview of common homeschooling methods and philosophies, as well as buzzwords and trendy phrases and what they mean for homeschoolers. 📌

## B-05: All the Best Parts: Reflections From Experienced Homeschoolers

(Colleen Manning, Therese Kluck, Patricia Plichta, and David King)

Choosing to homeschool has unique costs and challenges, but the rewards are plentiful, too. Come to this session to hear experienced homeschoolers reflect on all the best memories, and the ways homeschooling has shaped their families through the years. 📌

## B-06: Citizen Science Opportunities in Wisconsin

(Jessica Ross / UW Arboretum)

Learn about the history and growth of citizen science nationally and in Wisconsin. We will discuss citizen science opportunities appropriate for a variety of ages, as well as projects that focus on space, humanities, biology, and nature. 📌

## B-07: Careers, Higher Education, and Functional Fixedness

(Chandler Forbes and Tomi Fay Forbes)

As homeschoolers we take pride in our educational perspective and the ability to think "outside the box." But, how does that perspective carry over to higher education and career choices? Join this lifelong homeschooler and his mom to discuss careers, higher education, and functional fixedness. 🎓

## B-08: Outdoor Science Learning

(Cheryl DeWelt)

Learn about things you can do to scaffold nature and environmental education while being in the outdoors. From children's gardening, to exploring aquatic ecosystems, seed saving, soil sampling, and more, this session will look at a myriad of multi-disciplinary investigations to do with children in the great outdoors. 📌

## B-09: Supporting Play Make and Take

(Megan VanBlaricum)

This workshop is a hands-on opportunity to experiment with fun learning games you can make yourself. Examples will be offered, and you'll make and take home your own game to play. This workshop is a follow-up to A-07: The Importance of Play, but that workshop is not required to join the fun in this one. 🙌

## B-10: One-on-One Questions Answered

(WPA's Question Answering Committee Members)

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**C-01: No Child Left Indoors** (Eric Slifer)

C'mon out - the fresh air is good for us! Opportunities are available throughout the state to get kids outside and learning about hunting, fishing, and conservation. In this session, learn about organizations that are excited to educate and mentor children and parents in order to enjoy and respect the amazing resources Wisconsin has to offer. 🔍

**C-02: Homeschool. Work. Life. Repeat: Encouragement and Advice for Parents Balancing a Career and Homeschooling** (Lori Ann Trelka)

A working mother of three who homeschools her children, elementary through highschool ages, will share how to balance homeschooling and working outside of the home, offer tips and encouragement, and give time-saving techniques for homeschooling working parents. 🔍



**C-03: Gameschooling: Learning Through Play** (Ansley Knoch)

Incorporating game play into your homeschool is a great way to foster connection, infuse playfulness into tedious subjects, build social skills, improve logic and strategy, and so much more! Gameschooling is great for children of all ages and compatible with nearly all homeschool philosophies. 🎮

**C-04: Avoiding Homeschooling Burnout** (Neil Pascoe)

No matter how passionate or engaged we are in our family homeschool, each of us can face discouragement, overload, and burnout. Join us in this workshop to talk about strategies to combat burnout, and to keep the fires of inspiration alive. 🎮

**C-05: Transitioning From Homeschool to College on a Budget** (Tara Schultz)

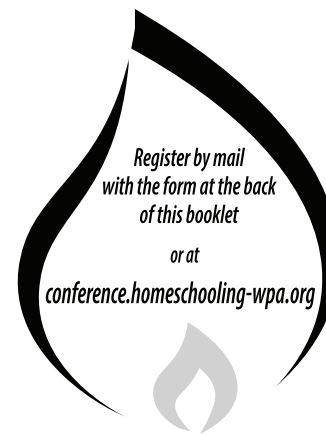
Keep it simple and real! Come listen to this homeschool graduate share how she will graduate in May with her Associate degree at the age of 18, debt-free, and without any CLEP or testing out of classes. This session is to get older youth thinking about their life and finances. 🎓

**C-06: Looking Within: Unlocking Intrinsic Motivation in Your Homeschooler** (Charlie Sweet)

In this workshop you will learn about the research on motivation which has shown that traditional methods of motivating people may actually have the opposite effect. We will discuss the unintended negative consequences of reward systems; how to tap into 3 key intrinsic motivators: autonomy, mastery, and purpose; and focusing your energy on what really matters for your homeschooler. 🎮

**C-07: Swing Dance Workshop** (Janet Cary)

Anyone can learn basic swing dance steps! Come learn with us, and have a chance to practice together in this fun, active workshop. This workshop includes the basic step, spins, and other moves of west-coast (aka single step) swing dancing. 🙌



**C-08: Homeschooling Kids Out in Their Communities** (Ella Kaseman-Wold and Wendy Ahl; moderated by Rebecca Ahl)

It can be hard for kids in the middle years to find volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved in their communities. Hear from two early teens who have found unique ways to follow their personal passions and give back in direct and meaningful ways. 🔍

**C-09: Homeschooling With Grace** (Mary Sue Slifer)

Life is messy – how do you homeschool and navigate through these challenges? From disruptions in schedule or changing curriculum to single parenting, illness, death, or moving. We'll talk about allowing yourself and your family grace while learning. 🙌

**C-10: Hands-On Nature Activities for Active Learning** (Cheryl DeWelt)

In this session we will rotate as groups through tables to explore seed saving and seed paper making, observing and identifying living organisms in lake water, owl pellet dissection, and making STEM star constellations. 🙌

**D-01: Homeschooling the Dyslexic Reader** *(Rick and Mary Bowers)*

Hear about one homeschooling family's journey when their second grade son was failing to learn to read and was diagnosed with dyslexia. This presentation will give hope to parents who are experiencing difficulties with their child's reading and show how the homeschooled child can be very successful. 🔍

**D-02: Homeschooling From a Christian Father's Perspective** *(Paul Mullin)*

Do you sometimes wonder how homeschooling fits into the Christian perspective? What role a father plays in homeschooling? Join the discussion about homeschooling from a Christian dad's point of view with this long-time homeschooling father. 🗣️



**D-03: Applying for and Transitioning to a UW System School** *(UW Stevens Point Recruitment Representative)*

The speaker will share tips on how to prepare for college, the application process for the UW system, and some advice on transitioning from homeschooling to college. 🎓

**D-04: Honoring the Quiet People in Your Homeschool** *(Anna Schultz)*

Children do not all learn the same way. As homeschooling parents how do we create the best learning environment for our shy or introverted children? How do you measure learning when it is not outwardly expressed? Learn how to embrace each child's strengths and learning styles with this homeschooling mom of four (ages 20-8) and her experiences dealing with introverts. 🔍

**D-05: Do No Harm** *(Jodi Buntin)*

Wisconsin has some of the most reasonable homeschooling laws in the country. Learn why it's important to know and understand our law, and why doing other than what the law requires or seeking legislative solutions can cause issues for all homeschoolers. We'll talk about why it's important to take personal responsibility for your homeschool, so we and future generations can continue to enjoy these homeschooling freedoms. 🗣️

**D-06: Gracie Jiu Jitsu: Bullyproof and Self Defense Workshop** *(Nate Stevens / Stevens Self Defense)*

Gracie Jiu Jitsu is a system of self-defense that empowers a person to defend themselves against a bigger, heavier, stronger attacker. Gracie Bullyproof is the nationally-recognized kids version which not only has the physical skills needed, but more importantly teaches verbal skills and strategies to give your child the confidence to stand up to bullies. 🗣️

**D-07: Homeschooling Into Highschool** *(Dawn Cisler, Jennifer Grasse, and Michelle Holmquist)*

Some families feel tremendous pressure to send their children to an institutional school for the high school years, but this panel of experienced homeschooling parents will share why high school may be the best time for homeschooling, and strategies to make it work for your family. 🎓

**D-08: Kindermusik Workshop** *(Amy Payne)*

This workshop will be a demonstration of an actual Kindermusik class. We will sing, dance, and play with instruments/manipulatives. We will also discuss WHY and HOW music with movement is beneficial to little ones' brain growth and development. 🗣️

**D-09: Doing ALL the Things vs. Doing the Best Things For Your Family** *(Colleen Manning)*

"I don't want my kids to miss out on anything!" Come to this workshop to hear ideas about how to define your family's goals and make a plan to focus on things that are truly meaningful to you and your children, rather than doing everything everyone else says you should or must do. 🗣️

**D-10: Unschooling** *(Rebecca Ahl)*

In this workshop we'll talk about unschooling as a lifestyle and parenting choice, what research tells us about child-directed learning, and why unschooling is not un-parenting. We'll work together to answer your questions and conquer your reservations about ditching short-view, prescribed learning for a longer-view, lifestyle approach to home education. 🗣️

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