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## **The Write Question: Dan Schwabauer Inspiring Kids to Write Through The Art of Storytelling** Room F

Story is an essential tool in getting kids to love writing. Fortunately, anyone can learn to create a compelling story—even kids who hate to write! Discover the five elements of a good story with award-winning author Daniel Schwabauer. Learn how to teach the basics of storytelling to your students by asking "The Write Questions." As we discuss the fundamental basics of every gripping story, we'll also look at what makes fiction an effective teaching tool, how to balance mechanics with imagination, and how to choose quality reading material. Story starters will help you jump-start your class. Your students will learn to be better storytellers, and in the process gain a remarkable skill: the ability to see the world through someone else's eyes.

Daniel Schwabauer, M.A., is the Ben Franklin Award-winning writer of *Runt the Brave* and creator of the *Amazing True Life Stories* comic book series. His professional work includes stage plays, radio scripts, short stories, newspaper columns, comic books, non-fiction ghost writing, and scripting for the PBS animated series *Auto-B-Good*. He is currently editor of Crosswind Comics.

## **BLOCK 1 SATURDAY 10:30-11:30**

### **Marriage by Design - for Men Voddie Ambassador Room Baucham**

In this message we examine the biblical role of the husband in Ephesians 5. This message is designed to help men strive for godliness and encourage young women to settle for nothing less in a husband.

### **Teaching Preschool & Kathy Wilson Kindergarten Lobby/Courtyard**

This fun and practical workshop will help beginning homeschool parents with the basics of teaching younger children. We will discuss practical ideas and resources for developmental learning, as well as age-appropriate goals. We will also discuss helpful ideas for homeschooling older children while having preschoolers and toddlers in the house. Kathy is a wife and mother of four children. She has been homeschool-

ing for 6 years. Prior to her career change, she received her MBA and JD degrees from Case Western Reserve University in Ohio and worked as a corporate attorney.

### **Homeschooling In Kansas Kent Vincent Truman Room**

Kent and Christy Vincent have been blessed with eleven children and ten grandchildren. Kent served as an infantry officer in the Marine Corps and then received a juris doctor from Washburn University School of Law. He has been in solo practice since 1982 in Topeka, specializing in adoption. They started home education in the fall of 1981, Lord willing, they only have eleven years of home school remaining before their youngest graduates. Kent serves as the Legislative Liaison for CHECK and represents families in homeschooling disputes as local counsel for HSLDA.

Kent will address and answer questions about home education legal requirements in Kansas, including recent court and legislative matters.

### **Homeschooling in Missouri Susan Mehl And the Importance of FHE Pershing Room**

Are records really important? What is the difference between a diary and a planbook? What is an hour of instruction? Come and find out the answers to these and many more questions in a session on educating your child at home in Missouri. Families for Home Education has been actively protecting *your* right to educate *your* child in *your* home in Missouri for a quarter of a century. Why is this organization important? What does it do for you? These topics will also be discussed during this session.

Norman and Susan Mehl are the Region 3 Directors of Families for Home Education. The Mehl family started their homeschooling journey in 1995, the year their oldest started kindergarten. Currently, Susan regularly speaks on the importance of Families for Home Education and following Missouri statutes governing homeschooling to local support groups and varying organizations in Kansas City and surrounding areas.

## **BLOCK 2 SATURDAY 10:45-11:45**

### **The Popularity Myth: Equip Your Julie Daughter to Embrace Hiramine True Friendship Room A/B**

Is your daughter the "odd girl out" or the "leader of the pack"? The rise and fall of the hierarchies of our daughters, and their siblings and friends, is like the rise and fall of kingdoms and world powers. How do we as parents deal with the cliques and their fall out? What is a Godly pattern for our girls and how should they structure their relationships? How do the lies

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of our culture perpetuate the need for our daughters to bolster their self image and define themselves through the eyes of their peers? Come and hear about God's design for our daughters and their relationships. Step off the treadmill of our culture's say so and into the Spirit of God as the architect of relationships--even those of girls.

## **Teaching Writing** **Sheri Thompson** Room C

This writing strategy teaches students formulas for simple, compound, complex and compound/complex sentences. It is memory driven which enables the students to verbally rehearse what they have learned. After students have mastered sentence structure, they build on that foundation with paragraph writing and essay writing. This method works for individuals and in the classroom setting as students can progress at their own pace. It can be taught to elementary through high school age students with complete success, so if you are teaching multiple ages, you can do so with one writing strategy. If writing is not your strength, this method will encourage and empower you! If you already love to write, you will appreciate the specific tools you will receive. Everyone wins!

Sheri Thompson teaches her own children, Peter a 9th grader Jessica a 6th grader, at home. She is also the high school Composition and American Literature teacher at Brighton Academy in Overland Park, Kansas. She is a former public school teacher who has used this writing technique in both the classroom and at home. Sheri is also the director of a high school youth ministry and the Director of Children's Ministry at Hillcrest Covenant Church. She loves to write and uses the same skills she teaches in her work.

## **ADHD Versus Kinesthetic** **Dr. Gufanti** **Learner: Living Happily With Your Child** Room D

Transform your home to more calm, happy and loving with a new way of interacting with your child. Experience dramatic improvement with these coping skills, resources, and techniques! Whether you are using medication or not, find your child's strengths and help your child compensate for any weaknesses. Dr. Guffanti offers hope for the future, and solutions for today. Tell everyone you know this workshop is a must.

## **Homeschooling** **Curt & Kathy Roggow** **High School Cont'd.** Room E

This two hour workshop will be broken into two parts. Part one: Has the question been looming in your mind, "Can I teach high school?" Curt and Kathy have encouragement for you. This session will cover Dad's role with sons and daughters and making decisions on the classes you feel you are not equipped to teach. Information will also be shared about the extracurricular activities and volunteer work that can fit right into your schedule.

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desire to encourage and challenge parents who want to home educate their children through high school with practical advice based on personal experiences.

## **How to Live Healthy** **Healthy Homes** **In A Toxic World** Room F

America is the home of the free and the country with the highest statistics of degenerative diseases in the world! Learn the 10 worst foods eaten by adults and children that will guarantee membership in America's shocking statistics. An alternative lifestyle that will lead to health, happiness and longevity of life will be discussed.

## **LUNCH** **12:00-1:00**

## **BLOCK 1** **SATURDAY 1:00-2:00**

## **Homeschooling in the "Real World"** **David** Ambassador Room **Hazell**

Do you have other responsibilities beyond homeschool? Do you have trouble balancing cooking, cleaning, family life, social life, finances, and homeschooling? The "real world" often interferes with our concept of an "ideal" homeschool. We, however, must educate our children in the "real world." The key to finding the balance may begin by re-evaluating our philosophy of homeschool.

## **Countdown to Launch** **Parent Panel** Lobby/Courtyard

Sound doctrine. Spiritual support. Housing arrangements. Academics. Reputation. Cost. Curriculum. Location. Student-teacher ratio. Career networking potential.

The speakers in this session will discuss how these and other factors affected their families' college decisions. They will also share things they did (or wish they had done) to prepare their children for college.

Harvey and Carol Amos have been homeschooling their children since 1989. Their daughter Amy is married and works as a nurse. They have a son, Jeffrey, who is in graduate school at Rutgers studying mathematics. Patrick is a senior in accounting at K-State. He is getting married in May and starting graduate school in the fall. Janice will be a sophomore next year, and Benjamin will be in third grade.

Gary Gallimore and Karen Allison began homeschooling in 1983. Their sons attended Kansas State University, both majoring in Agricultural Economics with minors in political science and leadership studies. Their oldest son, Bobby, is an attorney. Andy is an internal auditor for Kansas City Southern. Molly, their daughter, is a senior in high school.

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## Creating A Creative Classroom

Truman Room

This workshop will discuss learning styles and present ideas for teaching core subjects at a higher level of learning through activities and creative forms of assessment. Research regarding effective teaching and learning repeatedly indicate that students internalize and retain significantly more from doing than from simply listening. Learn how to easily write objectives and teach more than just the facts. School may never be boring again!

## Shannon Le Grand ACT One

## Melody's Beat

Pershing Room

*Melody'sBeat* is a new exciting and fun interactive music curriculum for home school elementary students. The workshop will discuss how students learn music through movement, singing, playing instruments, composition, ear training, reading music, games and more. Ms. Melody will discuss why music is an important in a child's life. Also, she will explain to parents how easy *Melody'sBeat* music curriculum is to use.

## Ms. Melody

## BLOCK 2

SATURDAY 1:15-2:15

## Wife Hunting

Room A/B

Proverbs 18:22 says, "He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord." This was not necessarily included in our homeschool curriculum. But something happened on the way to the altar. I found out that my older sons needed some coaching on steps to take in pursuing a relationship that leads to marriage. We had several discussions about what to look for in a wife, and I can promise that the young men are looking! In this session we'll review Biblical ideas in how to define the eligible pool of prospects, how to narrow it down, waiting on God, parental involvement, and discuss creating conversation starters. There will be examples from our household on how we are going about this differently with different sons. There will also be a Q&A session with two of the Kangas sons.

Todd Kangas will be presenting this workshop. He is president of MPE. Todd and his wife Pat have been married over 30 years and been homeschooling 24 years. They have 8 children (ages 28-8) and now a daughter-in-law. Joining Todd for a Q&A time will be his son Caleb who married 12/31/07 and Jesse who is currently involved in a courtship.

## Todd Kangas

## Homeschooling in the Northland

Room C

Come to this workshop and learn about the oldest homeschool support group in the Northland, and what Clay-Platte Home Educators has to offer you. We'll also provide you with information about other groups located in the area.

## Clay-Platte Home Educators

Also covered in this workshop will be information about homeschooling in the Northland and the unique and varied points of interest that you might be interested in.

## Sensory Processing What it is & Why it's Important

Room D

Sensory processing is never "perfect" in any individual. However, some have more difficulties adjusting or feeling comfortable in their bodies and the world around them. They may wonder why some tasks seem so hard for them. They may compare themselves with others and feel like, "life can't be this hard for ." Growth in our confidence and abilities increases when we understand our senses and the way they affect us and influence our learning and adapting to others or the "space" in which we live and move. Many children have unidentified or misunderstood needs because they are not efficiently adapting to the sensory input they receive moment by moment, both from within their bodies and from the environment. Often their unidentified and unmet needs result in coping and compensation methods that are considered maladaptive or inappropriate behavior.

See previous workshops for bios.

## Sheryl Kelly

Jean Wetherilt

## Writing the Essay

Room E

## Institute for Excellence in Writing

The new SAT requires a clear, logical essay written within 25 minutes. Is your student ready? Since writing essays is a life skill that will not only get your student into college but prepare him to write for life, it is imperative that students have a usable plan for writing. This workshop will provide you with a teaching plan to prepare your students for any essay assignment.

## Cheryl Horton

## Stocking the Freezer

## With Healthy Meals

Room F

Too tired to cook a healthy meal at the end of a busy day? Don't settle for highly processed convenience food...pull a complete meal or handy homemade mix from your "freezer pantry" instead! Discover how to gently lead even the most reluctant family into a "whole grain lifestyle," with real-life examples of menus featuring a variety of kid-friendly recipes for grain- and bread-based meals, including ideas for quick breakfasts and lunches that help you stretch your grocery budget, cut calories, and improve your health. Demonstrations include: how to cook whole grains, express breadmaking, tortillas, and packaging food for the freezer the RIGHT way. Learn how to avoid overwhelm with a system to make it all work for you, with emphasis on time-saving techniques. Enjoy a taste test of samples.

Lori Viets is a homeschool mom who has been speaking and teaching classes at schools, libraries, churches, and corporations in the Kansas City area since 1998 and is the author of No More Bricks! Successful Whole Grain Bread. Audiences enjoy her thorough but entertaining explanations with a variety of interesting visual aids.

## Lori Viets

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## BLOCK 2

SATURDAY 2:30-3:30

### Deadly Weaknesses in the Strong Man:

Moral Lessons Fathers

Dennis

Must Teach Their Sons

Gundersen

Ambassador Room

An entertaining but challenging look at a bizarre and remarkable life: Samson! Learn why Samson failed big in relationships, and most of all: learn how not to repeat Samson's mistakes! This peculiar man, mighty and strong where it mattered least, and weak where it mattered most (character!) makes for a fascinating story, full of truths that fathers must pass on to our sons.

### College Credit by Exam

Ryan Yamene

Lobby/Courtyard

Who said you need to be in a classroom for an entire semester to earn college credit? With Credit by Exam, students can earn college credit on over 300 standard-ized subject exams. This powerful and insightful session introduces you to seven established Credit by Exam programs to save money and time while never setting foot in a college classroom. Attendees will learn exam-specific study tips on the five general CLEP exams, which represent the equivalent of the first year of college. Come discover the best kept secret in education!

### The Vision Versus the Reality

Panel

Truman Room

Sometimes after years of faithfully homeschooling, we find our adult children now making poor choices or wrong turns in life. What then? Are all those years of home education for naught? Is God still in control? What do we do when reality doesn't turn out quite in line with our vision? Listen to a panel of five veterans discuss a delicate topic from the perspective of personal experience.

### Tapestry of Grace Curriculum

Stephanie Tyler

Pershing Room

Teach all the children in your home in a unified, orderly way that will draw the family together while delivering a classics-based, subject integrated, curriculum with a biblical worldview. Tapestry of Grace Curriculum philosophy of education and methods for implementing that philosophy will be covered.

## BLOCK 2

SATURDAY 2:45-3:45

### Time and Home Management

Nancy Bjorkman

Room A/B

Time Management does NOT mean scheduling. It includes

scheduling. Time must be budgeted just like money – We must determine the difference between the fixed – what we must do – and the discretionary – what we would like to do and set our priorities. This workshop will be filled with practical tips and encouragement for everyday living as a homeschool family. Areas covered include understanding your calling, relationships, schooling, household clutter & cleaning, and general household management. Attendees will leave with practical and applicable tips.

### Help! They Can

Dr. Marvin G. Baker

### But They Don't Want To!

Room C

"What do you do for a child who can read but isn't interested? Recognizing the problem isn't enough. Dr. Marvin G. Baker will present some things that have / are making a difference in the lives of reluctant readers - usually boys".

### Teaching To Extra

Parent Panel

### Challenges

Room D

Back by popular demand! Once again we will hear from the parent experts. Those who are in the trenches know how to share from the heart about what works and what doesn't about their own children. However, you may think they are talking about your child! Come and share thoughts, resources, curriculum ideas, laughs and maybe even a few cleansing tears. Each parent will share a short testimonial followed by an open forum for questions and answers. Come prepared with a question or a favorite resource.

### Advocare – Hope, Health and a Future!!!

Room E

Learn about how the amazing health and nutritional products from Advocare can change your life! Get your health back! Get your energy back! Design a future for you!!!

### ESI: Entrepreneurship Investigation

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Room F

Unleash your child's creativity and problem-solving potential and develop their entrepreneurial skills to find a business niche. Explore new ways to harness your child's determination and liveliness into the resourcefulness and spirited energy that is needed to be self-employed. The NE State 4-H Curriculum, ESI: Entrepreneurship Investigation [4h.unl.edu/esi](http://4h.unl.edu/esi) curriculum can be used by individual families, clubs or community classes in rural or metro areas.

Dr. Patricia Fairchild, the UNL Associate Professor, Lincoln, NE coordinator of ESI, and Janita Pavelka, Bellevue, NE, Home School mom of four and Entrepreneurship Educator at the Omaha Home School Learning Center are co-presenters.