

GREAT HOMESCHOOL CONVENTIONS, Inc.

SouthEast Homeschool Convention in Greenville, SC

Attendee Information and Understanding

We look forward to a **GREAT** convention that everyone will find enjoyable and valuable. It is our desire that you will be encouraged and inspired; charged with fresh energy and ideas for your homeschooling journey!

Convention registration and other details have been designed to keep things **very simple**, and to allow us to keep registration pricing as **affordable** as possible.

Please review the following information in its entirety.

REGISTRATION

- All advance registration is online via the convention website and our secure registration form.
- VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover are all acceptable methods of payment.
- You will receive a confirmation email immediately upon registration.
- NO registration confirmation or information is mailed out. **ONLY** your email confirmation.
- You will pick up your registration packet when you arrive at the convention – whether you arrive on Thursday, Friday or Saturday. You will need to present a copy of your email confirmation or your Driver's License when picking up your registration packet.
- Your registration packet includes a WRISTBAND that you are required to wear for entrance into the Exhibit Hall or Workshop Sessions.
- If you registered anyone for the Worldview Teen Track, these wristbands will also be included in your registration packet.
- If you purchased TIM HAWKINS tickets, these will also be included in your registration packet.

EMAIL COMMUNICATION

When you register, you are required to provide a valid email address. This is very important as we use email to provide you with your registration confirmation, any changes or other important convention updates as well as special offers from our convention sponsors. However, we do not sell your name, address and/or email address to any third-parties! And, you may elect to unsubscribe from receiving our emails at any time.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

We are honored to have such an outstanding Featured Speaker roster with literally HUNDREDS of information-packed workshops! These workshops will cover a wide variety of topics, and we will be posting a complete schedule (including Speaker, Topic, Description and Time Slot) in January. Suffice to say, with 12 to 20 workshops-per-time-slot and nineteen (19) available time slots throughout the convention...you'll have an abundance of pertinent topics from which you can choose.

Workshop sessions are all first-come / first seated.

All workshop sessions are allotted up to one (1) hour, and then there is a minimum 30-minute break in between sessions.

CONVENTION HOURS

Thursday

2:00 PM - - - Registration & Information Desk opens
3:30 PM - - - Workshop sessions begin - including the Worldview Teen Track
6:00 PM - - - Exhibit Hall opens
9:00 PM - - - Exhibit Hall closes / Workshop sessions are over for the day /
Registration & Information Desk closes.

Friday

7:30 AM - - - Registration & Information Desk opens
8:30 AM - - - Workshop sessions begin - including the Worldview Teen Track
9:30 AM - - - Exhibit Hall Opens
8:30 PM - - - Exhibit Hall Closes
9:30 PM - - - Workshop sessions are over for the day / Registration &
Information Desk closes

Saturday

7:30 AM - - - On-site Registration opens
8:30 AM - - - Workshop sessions begin - including the Worldview Teen Track
9:30 AM - - - Exhibit Hall Opens
5:00 PM - - - Workshop sessions are over for the day
5:30 PM - - - Exhibit Hall Closes / Convention is officially over

COMEDIAN TIM HAWKINS - LIVE

Comedian Tim Hawkins is performing at the 2011 SouthEast Homeschool Convention in Greenville! There will be two (2) performances...one at 5:00 PM on Friday and one at 8:30 PM on Friday.

Tim Hawkins **sells-out** all over the United States with ticket prices that average \$15 to \$20 per person. However, when you attend a Great Homeschool Convention, you can

get tickets to see Tim Hawkins LIFE for as little as \$5.00 per person! (Please see our PRICING page for more information.)

An “Individual” convention registration means you may also elect to purchase one (1) discounted Tim Hawkins ticket.

A “Family” convention registration included husband, wife, children and even grandparents. This means you may also elect to purchase discounted Tim Hawkins tickets for your entire immediate family.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS

There are no refunds – just as there are no refunds for tickets to a sporting event, concert or similar event.

WORKING SCHOLARSHIPS

Nobody has ever been turned away that didn’t have the money to register because of financial hardship. Mom or Dad may work a four-hour “volunteer” shift in exchange for their entire family being able to attend one entire day of the convention. Mom or Dad may also choose to work a six-hour “volunteer” shift in exchange for their entire family being able to attend the entire convention.

If you’d like to work one of these shifts, please send an email to **“GreatHomeschoolConventions at gmail.com”** and include your name, phone number, the convention you are interested in and the “day” you would like to be scheduled to work. We will do all we can to accommodate your request, and will confirm both via phone and email.

We have always accommodated all working scholarship requests. However, you may have to work on a day other than your original requested day.

Additionally, you will be required to “pay” the registration fee upon arrival at the convention, and then the registration fee will be refunded to you once you’ve completed your volunteer shift. This is because we have previously allowed folks to attend at no charge in exchange for working a volunteer shift...only to have them not show up for their shift. ☺

VOLUNTEERS

There are many opportunities for adults and teens who would like to serve fellow homeschoolers. For more information, please send an email to "GreatHomeschoolConventions at gmail.com" and put "volunteer" and the convention ‘CITY’ in the subject line of your email. Please make sure to include your name and phone number as well.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS & EXHIBITORS

A schedule of speaker topics, times and session descriptions will be posted online in January 2011. Please join our email list to be notified of any updates or changes to these items.

While all speakers and exhibitors listed on our website have been confirmed, we recognize that there are times circumstances change, emergencies happen, etc. To that end, it should be noted that Speakers, Exhibitors and Schedules are subject to change at any time...with or without notice.

Seating for all speaking sessions & workshops is on a first-come, first-served basis, and is limited (obviously) to the capacity of the room or auditorium that particular session or workshop is being held in.

Content of Speaker sessions may or may not reflect the opinion of **Great Homeschool Conventions, Inc.**

CHILDREN & TEEN REGISTRATIONS

- We do require that any fussy or crying babies or children be immediately removed from any SPEAKING SESSION or from the EXHIBIT HALL so as not to ruin the convention experience for those around you.
- There is a suggested "TEEN TRACK" of speaking sessions that are specifically designed for teenagers. This is available for a very nominal and affordable additional per-teen charge. (See Registration Pricing) Other than the "Teen Track" room, Teens are welcome to attend non-Teen Track sessions with or without their parents.
- Parents assume all responsibility for their children and their behavior.
- All children must be registered, are expected to be quiet while attending any speaking sessions and to be well-behaved while in a session or the exhibit hall.
- All children ages 12 and under are to be accompanied at all times by one of their own parents.
- If a child is deemed to be disruptive to a session or to the exhibit hall, the parent will be asked to leave the session or exhibit hall, along with their child, until such point that the child is able to be quiet and/or well-behaved.
- There is an unstaffed "nursery" room available for nursing moms at the Cincinnati convention. The other conventions simply have an area that is partitioned off with pipe & drape - as we don't have quite as much space as in Cincinnati.
- The Cincinnati and Greenville conventions have an optional "Children's Program" available that is provided by Children's Conferences International. This requires separate registration and payment on the Children's Conferences International website. (See the LINK provided on the homeschool convention website)

AUDIO TAPING

- Attendees are not allowed to record any of the sessions as some speakers have specific requirements against this.
- Most of the speaking sessions, however, will be professionally recorded, and will be available for purchase each day of the convention. These recordings are available on-site only, and will not be available after the convention.

MEALS

You will be able to purchase food and drinks on-site. There are reduced-price on-site meal options specifically for the convention – including a number of Children's Meal options as well.

As a point of emphasis, you cannot bring your own food into the convention center. You may eat in your hotel room, obviously.

GENERAL INFORMATION / OVERALL CONTENT

This is an outstanding and enjoyable event for homeschoolers! We are also Christians, and have provided a Statement of Faith that you may review in the “About Us” section of the website.

It is important to note, however, that whereas our Christian Faith helps to guide how we structure the convention, we do not require that Speakers and Exhibitors must be in total agreement with our Statement of Faith. So, whereas we may not schedule a speaker or approve an exhibitor that is specifically “anti-Christian” – – – we do have Speakers and Exhibitors that are not specifically “Christian” but that DO have incredible knowledge, information and/or curriculum that is applicable and valuable for homeschoolers – – both Christian and non-Christian alike.

Accordingly, we do not necessarily endorse everything you may find in the Exhibit Hall or that you may hear in a Seminar or Workshop session. (There are many, many things that “Christians” do not all agree on...as evidenced by the number of churches and denominations found throughout the world.) Because this convention is an education forum, we do not propose to “filter” everything – – – allowing you to see or hear only what “we” have approved. We believe that you, as parents and educators, are capable of judging and making intelligent decisions for yourself and your family.

Obviously, we desire that all conversation and conduct is only that which would honor the Lord, Jesus Christ. At the same time, non-Christians or "secular" homeschoolers are completely welcome. We do ask that all attending agree to respect and abide by the guidelines established for this event while they are attending.

It should be emphasized that Attendees are not allowed to distribute literature of any kind to anyone. This privilege is reserved specifically for exhibitors, and is restricted to the Exhibit Hall and to the related Exhibitor booths.

The Convention, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to require anyone that we deem to be disruptive to leave the premises immediately.

FREQUENT QUESTIONS

Some of which have already been covered in the preceding information

Are CHILDREN allowed to attend?

YES! This is included as a part of your FAMILY registration. However, please note that we do REQUIRE that any fussy or crying babies or children be immediately removed from any SPEAKING SESSION or from the EXHIBIT HALL so as not to ruin the convention experience for those around you.

Is there any charge for NURSING BABIES or very young children?

Not at all! Nursing babies and children – ages 4 and younger – are included at no charge as a part of either an Individual or Family registration.

If you have children ages five (5) and older that you wish to bring with you, you will need to purchase a Family Registration.

Is there a room for Nursing Mothers?

YES! In Cincinnati, there is an actual room for nursing moms. In the other cities we will be providing an area that is marked off with “pipe and drape” to accommodate nursing moms.

Is there an additional charge for the WORLDVIEW TEEN TRACK?

The WORLDVIEW Teen Track requires a FAMILY registration, and then a very nominal & affordable “per-teen or per-person” charge. (See Pricing Information) This is primarily as a means of keeping an accurate head-count for this very popular program, and is to ensure that we don’t have more “teens” than we do “seats”. ☺

Can a GRANDPARENT or grandparents attend as a part of the FAMILY REGISTRATION?

YES! (Please note: This does not mean your other extended family. Just grandparents!) ☺

How much will it cost to park during the convention?

- **GREENVILLE:** The Greenville convention has FREE parking available on-site.

I can't attend all three (3) days of the convention. Do I have to pay for all three (3) days?

Yes, convention registration is for the entire convention. This is by design. It is extremely affordable, and is to encourage your participation throughout the entire

convention...and to encourage the participation of your spouse and teens – even if only for part of the convention.

PLEASE NOTE: You will not find a more affordable Homeschool Convention anywhere in the United States! It is conceivable that you might find a marginally “cheaper” convention somewhere, but it won’t be a convention that provides the Exhibit Hall selection, Seminar & Workshop variety, outstanding Speaker roster, Worldview Teen Track, etc. that is included when you attend a “Great Homeschool Convention!”

[I only want to see Tim Hawkins on Friday evening. Do I have to register for the convention?](#)

Deeply-discounted TIM HAWKINS \$5 per person registration is available WITH an accompanying convention registration. WITHOUT an accompanying convention registration, the per-person price is \$15. Both options are available on the registration page. (EACH registration is checked and double-checked)

[Do I have to also pay “per person” for my young child or infant to attend the TIM HAWKINS performance?](#)

Yes!

To elaborate...

With pricing as affordable as it is, we have to sell virtually every seat to pay for Tim Hawkins, facility rent and Audio Visual production. And, with more demand for seats than there are available seats, we have to adhere to a strict policy in this area so as not to create any confusion. Further, the vast majority of the time, an “infant” is in a “carrier” of some sort. It would not be logical to conclude that everyone with an infant or smaller child would be holding them on their lap for the entire (approximately 80 minute) performance. Thank you for your understanding. ☺

[Do you offer any scholarships in order to attend the convention at no charge?](#)

Yes, we have working scholarships that also help us with our HUGE need for volunteers.

In fact, nobody has EVER been turned away that was willing to “volunteer” for part of the convention in order to also “attend” a similar part of the convention at no charge. (See information above)

[Are we allowed to pack a lunch and bring it into the convention center?](#)

The convention center does NOT allow outside food and drinks to be brought in. There will be many food options available on-site — including special meals and pricing specifically for children.

[Are strollers allowed?](#)

Yes, but not the double-wide or side-by-side strollers as these take up too much space in the aisles of the exhibit hall.

Additional note: We cannot allow strollers in the Tim Hawkins performance as there is no room for them.

[I have purchased a registration, but am now unable to attend. Can I get a refund?](#)

We do not offer refunds – just as if you had purchased tickets to a concert or a ball game. As you might rightfully also conclude, with convention registration so very affordable, we do not have a full-time office staff available to process any refund requests either. Thank you for your understanding!

[Will I be able to buy recordings of the Seminar & Workshop sessions?](#)

Yes! Most sessions will be recorded and will be available for purchase...on-site...during the convention.

[Can I upgrade my registration from an INDIVIDUAL registration to a FAMILY registration?](#)

If you have purchased an Individual Registration, and would now like to upgrade to a Family Registration, please send an email to **GreatHomeschoolConventions@gmail.com** with **UPGRADE REGISTRATION** in the subject line. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number in your email.

You will then be emailed an invoice for \$20. This reflects the \$15 pricing difference between an Individual & Family registration PLUS a \$5 administrative & processing fee. This email will also include “Pay by check” information if you would rather pay-by-check as opposed to paying online with a charge card.

[Can I downgrade my registration from a FAMILY registration to an INDIVIDUAL registration?](#)

As we are working with a very limited number of staff, unfortunately, this option is not available.

[Is there an additional charge to attend the TIM HAWKINS COMEDY SHOW?](#)

Yes, but – like the rest of the convention – it is very reasonably priced. Don't Miss It! It will sell out in advance!

Please join our email newsletter to be informed of Early Bird Discounts, other important announcements and special offers from our convention sponsors. We do not sell or share your information, and you may unsubscribe from our newsletter at any time.