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Homeschool Network**
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Hawai'i Island Homeschool Network
Second Annual

Conference

April 4, 2016

8:30 am – 2:30 pm

**North Hawai'i Education and Research Center
Honoka'a, HI**

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Schedule of Events

Organized Session Agenda

- 8:30 am - Sign-in / Continental Breakfast / Resource Fair
- 8:45 am - Welcome and Introductions
- 9:00 am - Session 1
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Featured Session (Conference Room)
- 12:00 pm - Lunch/ Resource Fair / Networking / Curriculum Swap
- 1:00 pm - Session 2
- 2:00 pm - Closing Statements / Resource Fair / Networking

Ongoing Events

- 8:30 am - 12:00 pm - Student Supervision (Room 204)
- 8:30 am – 2:30 pm – Resource Fair (Conference Room)
- 8:30 am – 2:30 pm - Heritage Center Tours (Lower Level)
- 11:00 am – 4:00 pm – Vendor Fair (Pavilion – Lower Level)

Session Schedule

	Conference Room	Room A	Polycom Room	Room 206	Room 204	Pavilion	Heritage Center
Welcome 8:30 – 9:00 am	Sign-in / Continental Breakfast / Resource Fair				Student Room		Exhibit Tours
Session 1 9:00 – 10:00 am	Session 1: Options for Homeschoolers: Harmony Educational Services Resource Fair	Session 1: What is Unschooling Anyway?	Session 1: Big Island Natural History Field Trips	Session 1: The Lost Tools of Learning (Classical Conversations)		Session 1: How to Make Your Life Loads Busier...But Your Children Will Love It!	
Featured Session 10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Featured Session: The 5 Habits of Highly Successful Homeschoolers						
Lunch and Networking 12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch Big Island Networking	Lunch North Hawaii Networking	Lunch East Hawaii Networking	Lunch West Hawaii Networking	Lunch South Hawaii Networking	Vendor Fair (until 4:00 pm)	
Session 2 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Session 2: Vision Tracking Resource Fair	Session 2: The Struggle is Real: Confessions of a Reformed Educator Mama	Session 2: College for Homeschoolers	Session 2: Health Education/ Drug Prevention	Session 2: Blended Learning at HTA		
Closing 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Closing Statements / Resource Fair / Networking						

Featured Session

The 5 Habits of Highly Successful Homeschoolers

Session Leader: Oliver DeMille and Rachel DeMille

Session Description: There are many types of homeschooling, and each family ideally individualizes what is needed for each child. But there are 5 Habits that are simply essential if you want your kids to get a truly excellent education. These habits are used by people in many different styles of homeschooling, and they facilitate greater family unity, reduced stress, increased learning and higher levels of achievement. Learn what they are and how to apply them in this exciting mini-seminar! These 5 Habits will revolutionize the quality of your homeschool, making it both easier and much more effective.

Rachel DeMille is living joyfully in a world that makes only as much sense as it absolutely has to. Striving to develop and share her gifts with those they were intended for, and constantly humbled and amazed at the goodness of those who share in return. Wife to Oliver, mother of 8 and counting, co-creator of TJEd, and on a mission to heal families, inspire others to detect, refine and unleash their genius and anxiously awaiting more grandbabies. Currently building a mini-farm, wondering if it's going to push her over the edge. Rachel is the creator and editor of Homeschool.com's 2013 & 2014 Best Curriculum award-winning This Week in History.

Oliver DeMille is the founder of the highly acclaimed Thomas Jefferson Education ("TJEd") model of learning and the presenter of the online educational series, the Homeschool.com 2014 Best Curriculum award winning Mentoring in the Classics. He and his wife Rachel are the parents of five daughters and three sons. The DeMilles' insights are informed not only by dealing with the unique needs, learning styles and gifts in their own home, but through their experience in mentoring and consulting with schools and families on virtually every level, and around the world. Oliver is a New York Times, Wall Street Journal and USA Today Bestselling Author and a popular keynote speaker at corporate and educational events.

Organized Sessions

What is Unschooling Anyway?

Session Leader: Michelle Kennedy Hogan

Session Description: A lecture and Q&A session about unschooling. What is unschooling? Does it really mean no education? Of course not. Trying to live a life where the idea of school does not really exist is not as difficult as it sounds. Without school, children are able to explore their own interests and the interests of others. Taking classes, doing experiments, traveling, writing, learning and more can all be done outside of the context of school -- but sometimes having the confidence to do it takes a little planning and some undoing of previous held theories about just what constitutes education.

The Lost Tools of Learning

Session Leader: Barbara Franke and Laura Pulluaim

Session Description: To be effective teachers we must understand how students learn and then teach them according to how their learning develops. This session will give an overview of the classical model which focuses on teaching students how to learn. It will also introduce you to Classical Conversations which exists to assist parents in educating their children through high school. Classical Conversations believes there are three keys to a great education: the classical model, taught within the framework of a Christ-centered worldview, in a supportive community.

Options for Homeschoolers: Harmony Educational Services

Session Leader: Jon Funes

Session Description: Hawaii students who want to receive Harmony curriculum for free do so by enrolling in one of the public schools that Harmony partners with. Upon enrollment with Harmony, and the public school, students receive: Free Curriculum, Educational Reimbursement and Mentor Support

College for Homeschoolers

Session Leader: Stacie Higgins, Academic Support Specialist, UH Hilo NHERC

Session Description: College options for homeschool students in high school and after.

Blended Learning at HTA

Session Leader: Jennifer Gillette

Session Description: What is blended learning? Come to this session to learn about what blended learning is all about. There are many different blended learning programs in Hawaii and this session will just focus on what blended learning is at Hawaii Technology Academy PCS (HTA). You will learn of this new schooling option for students that empowers them to succeed through our blended learning experience-- face-to-face, virtual, and independent. At this session, you will also be able find out if HTA is the right fit for your child.

Vision Tracking

Session Leader: Mary Mihalka

Session Description: "Vision is the brain's way of touching the world"... When eyes track together, reading is enjoyable and comprehension is enhanced. This session will introduce the concept of VISION TRACKING and it's importance in reading. Attendees will learn about how vision tracking can affect learning, classroom behavior and coordination in sports.

Health Education/Drug Prevention

Session Leader: Chris Kelly

Session Description: A practical "how to workshop" on Parenting for Prevention-How to Raise Drug Free Kids in our Drug Filled World with Q and A.

The Struggle is Real: Confessions of a Reformed Educator Mama

Session Leader: Kāhele Nahale-a

Session Description: A talk story session about navigating educational choices for our children and some of the realities I have experienced with putting my own children in traditional schooling, a virtual school program and homeschooling on my own.

Big Island Natural History Field Trips

Session Leader: Adam Low

Session Description: This session will describe the field trips that we have taken every month this year with a multi-age group of homeschooling families. We will explore the field trip curriculum and how it is shared via a free online platform, outline some lessons learned, and provide a structure for groups interested in organizing this kind of experience. We will go through the process of taking a favorite field trip spot and bringing it alive through historical research, and connections with non-profit, and governmental agencies.

Heritage Center Tour

Session Leader: Dr. Momi Naughton, Heritage Center Director, UH Hilo North Hawaii Education and Research Center

Session Description: Tour NHERC Heritage Center's Changing Gallery: *Na Paniolo o Hāmākua*. The exhibit highlights and celebrates the cowboys and ranches of Hāmākua. Also view the permanent exhibit featuring the historical photography of Paul Christensen, Hal Yamamoto, the Okada Collection, and plantation era artifacts and documents.

How to Make Your Life Loads Busier...But Your Children Will Love It!

Session Leader: Jenni Bryson and Michele Malouf

Session Description: Ideas for fun creative coops you can start yourself.

Resource Fair

Conference Room

Booths open from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Representatives present from 12:00 – 1:00 pm

- Classical Conversations
- Usborne Books
- Girl Scouts of Hawaii
- Author Megan Joy Chapman - Lion Heart & Alessio: The Victory Ride Book Series
- Essential Hawaii Oils
- UH Hilo - North Hawaii Education and Research Center
- Blue Zones Hawaii
- Laupahoehoe Charter School - Kaupea Homeschool Program with Harmony Educational Services
- Hawaii Technology Academy
- Ka'ohā Online Academy – Kanu o ka Aina Public Charter School
- Homeschool -- School Photo Day – JM Photography
- Prevention PLUS
- Vision Tracking with Mary Mihalka
- Elevate Academics
- Cub Scouts Pack 4001 Paauilo
- Family Dental Health Issues with Dennis Mihalka, DDS retired

Vendor Fair

Pavilion – Lower Level

Booths open from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

- 31 Bags
- Jamberry
- Lularoe
- Norwex
- Perfectly Posh
- Pretty Please Boutique
- Pure Romance
- Stampin up
- Tupperware
- Woodworks
- Paparazzi Jewlery

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