

CONVENTION 2010

by Elizabeth McArthur

On Friday, 9:00 AM, the flood gates opened, or at least it seemed that way! We watched as more and more people arrived for AHEA's annual Home Education Convention. How many people came? Over 1800 of them, a record attendance! What brings all these home educators together? Great speakers, a chance to shop, fellowship with other home educators, a weekend away, a great concert, encouragement, motivation, inspiration and more...

The best way to communicate the impact of the convention is to let you read the feedback from attendees. So, here are just a few comments from convention attendees:

What attendees had to say about Ken Ham: •Excellent • Incredible! • Thought-provoking • Wealth of information • Humorous • Relevant and needed • Encouraging • Refreshing to listen to a Godly man unwaveringly upholding the Word of God • His message was very pertinent to me • Got me thinking • Best speaker yet • Helped unify my husband and me on home education • Changed my thought for 100% homeschooling • Reason I came • Sparked some interesting questions

What attendees had to say about Diana Waring: • Dynamic • Encouraging • Humorous • Spoke to my heart • Wow, her energy is great • Loved her transparency • Very practical • Made me feel better about what I am doing • Thanks for the inspiration • Awesome, just what I needed to hear • Totally related to her message • I laughed, I cried, I was inspired in my homeschooling journey

What attendees had to say about other speakers: • I feel blessed every time I meet Donna Ward and am always inspired by attending her sessions • Ben Huber presented an excellent live demo and great opportunity to deal with the reality that we face daily (Internet and emails) • I loved the fresh perspective Gwynne Funston presented; she was very encouraging • Craig

Webber struck on some very real issues, a good reminder of how important it is for me to be just "Dad" as I bring up the next generation • Juanita Rogers is a gentle, knowledgeable speaker with lots of practical advice • Jennie Van Hooff's video game talk was very well done, providing facts, but not being pushy one way or the other • Loved Christina Rogers' class; it was fun and now I feel more able to make literature fun and hands-on • Cory McKenna was enjoyable to listen to and very informative • Lots of sound information from Peter and Debbie Beam • Really appreciate Laura's work with the teens; going to miss her •

What attendees had to say about the convention overall: •

So much to do, so little time • I have been home educating for many years, but this was my first year and I will be sure to save my money and come again. • Great speakers • Excellent Biblical/Challenging/Teaching speakers • Amazing co-ordination and quality in this conference • Thank you for the opening prayer • We appreciate the encouragement of just knowing that there are other homeschoolers around • Thanks for the changes you made from last year. Amazing to see so many men and fathers here this year • Concert: refreshing variety

We would like to express our gratitude to the many volunteers who work so hard to make this year's convention a success. We could not do it without you!

It is hard to believe that the convention has come and gone for another year, but it has been a good year and we are already gearing up for next year. We look forward to seeing you again on

April 15th and 16th, 2011.

Keynote speakers for next year are

Clay and Sally Clarkson

"I don't think I've ever seen such a response at our resource tables even when compared to a large Home School Convention in the USA after a keynote talk. People flocked to our resource tables, and throughout the whole day there were lines of people wanting to obtain curriculum materials, DVDs, books, etc. It was one of the most phenomenal responses I have seen in 30-plus years of ministry. Many told me how the relevance message I gave in regard to the authority of Scripture and how this is being undermined by compromise in the church is so needed across Canada..." -- Ken Ham, 2010 keynote speaker

<http://blogs.answersingenesis.org/blogs/ken-ham/2010/04/17/overflow-crowd-in-canada/>

CONVENTION 2010 PICTURES



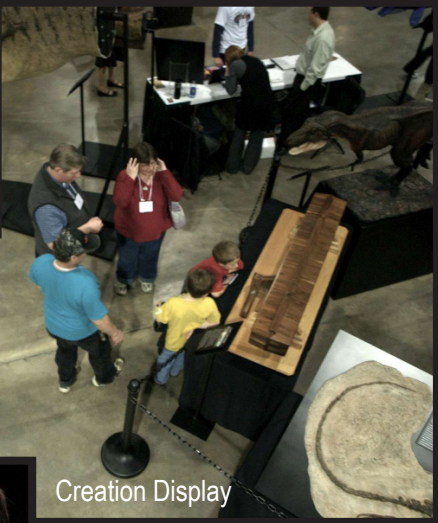
Cory McKenna (HSLDA)
Workshop Speaker



Ken Ham visiting with attendees



Ken Ham
Keynote Speaker



Creation Display



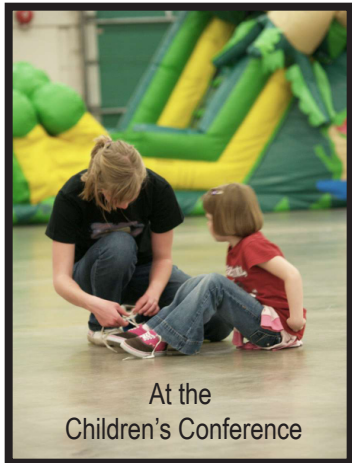
Listening
to a Story



Diana Waring
Keynote Speaker



Concert with The Larsgards



At the
Children's Conference

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