



[Train up a child in the way he should go: And when he is old, he will not depart from it.](#) Proverbs 22:6 KJV

Support for Your Homeschooling Journey

Smoky Mountain Home Education Association

Welcome to SMHEA's new member newsletter, a tool in our renewed commitment to homeschool families in East Tennessee. We are arming parents and communities with resources, networking, support, financial opportunities, student highlights, and events that support parents in the education of their own children to the glory and honor of God.

The SMHEA region includes Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Cocke, Cumberland, Fentress, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Morgan, Pickett, Roane, Scott, Sevier, and Union counties in Tennessee.

[Visit our new website for updates and information](#)



Homeschooling Encouragement

Tip for the day: Set a schedule that your children can follow. Teach it to them, and enforce it until it becomes a habit. When you are multi-tasking, juggling many important tasks, their schedule, once learned, will keep them going and teach them to be self-learners.

Shared by April Shepherd; read more of what she has to share on our [website](#).

This section offers tips and tricks, advice, and other boosts to your journey. Please, feel free to submit ideas to info@smhea.org.

We also post encouragement on our [Facebook](#) page.



Local Support Groups, Events, and Resources

Events - When submitting events (info@smhea.org), please indicate the county they apply to.

You may want to consider registering early for [Teach Them Diligently 2023](#).

Resources - This month, please check out our Homeschooling 101 video on the website smhea.org.

Local Support Groups - Please, let us know of any events you are hosting, plan on attending, or would like to request (info@smhea.org).



Highlighting Options for Homeschooling

This month, April Shepherd, shares her input on Classical Conversations. This is an amazing program focused on God and community. Please, access this wonderful resource on our [website](#).

This section focuses on curriculum and homeschool approach options and highlights to support your journey. We welcome reviews and input on various curriculums so we can share with your fellow homeschoolers. Please, submit to info@smhea.org.



Calendar of Events

Please, submit homeschool-related opportunities, field trips, conferences, etc. to info@smhea.org.

This month's submissions (website calendar coming soon):

[Eagle Forum's Student Eagle Meetings](#)

Knoxville/Oak Ridge

Saturday, November 19th,
10AM-12PM

Lakeview/Christ the King
Church

3330 West Wolf Valley Road

Clinton, TN 37716

Morristown

Friday, November 18th,
4PM-6PM

Check this [website](#) for
information.

Upcoming Event

**SMHEA Hot
Cocoa/Tea
Meet & Greet -
Local Author
Andrea Salzman
will be available
for book signing**



and discussion!

SAVE THE DATE!

Meet-and-Greet - Ask questions, receive information, make suggestions, and enjoy a gift from SMHEA to help you on your homeschooling journey! Door prize drawing, as well.

Dec 12, 2022
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

I'll attend

[I can't attend](#)

Add to your calendar



Here are links to Andrea Salzman's book:

[*Homeschool PJ Time: A Bedtime STEM Book*](#)

<https://www.colbybooks.com/homeschoolpjs>

Here's the editorial review from the website:

Homeschool PJ Time: A Bedtime STEM Book has it all! STEM lessons, adventure, rhyme, activity ideas, and a celebration of being a homeschool kid! Written by a homeschool mom who understands that lasting lessons start at home, and if you're willing to look, you can find educational lessons all around you, from ice cubes in your cup to campfire heat.

Homeschool PJ Time wins the trophy by offering suggestions for easy-to-understand STEM activities any child can try. Every year, thousands of families make the decision to home-educate and **Homeschool PJ Time** fills a gap in the book world by celebrating the life of a homeschool family.

Editorial Review: Michelle Proctor-Stembridge

(Library and Educational Services – A wholesale supplier of educational books)

Rally Day on the Hill - 2023

Visit our website for more information.

SMHEA Spring Events

To be announced in January (possibilities include): Spelling and Science Bee, SMHEA Field Trip, Lego Competition and Craft Activity

Students Shaping the Future

SMHEA students have been very active in educating themselves and participating in world-impacting activities during 2022.



March

Rally Day on the Hill 2022

Many attended [Homeschool Rally Day on the Hill](#) in Nashville, TN this past spring. **We recognized two SMHEA outstanding students: Haley Collins and Daniel Metcalf.** To learn more about this annual opportunity for student recognition, [please see our website.](#)



June-October

Other Student Events

Some other events that various students participated in included: [The Eagle Forum Student Eagles National Conference](#) in June (Nashville, TN); [Eagle Council 50](#) in September (St. Louis, MO); Eagle Forum's "[On Eagle's Wings 35](#)" on October 8th (Nashville, TN). Please, share what your student's are doing with us; we want to highlight the students and events.

SMHEA Graduation Ceremony Dates to be Announced by November 30th!

Serving You

SMHEA in Action

SMHEA members attended the [Teach Them Diligently Conference in Pigeon Forge](#) during May of 2022. We provided resources, networked with other homeschooling organizations and resources, discussed opportunities for our students with colleges, gained further information on homeschooling best practices, and much more. Consider attending this year's [TTD in Pigeon Forge](#).

Additionally, SMHEA was truly honored for the invitation to speak at the Homeschool [101 event sponsored and hosted by Kingdom Culture Education Group of Sevier County](#). We are grateful to all whom attended and all who we had the pleasure of meeting!



Students in Service

Helping Others

We want this newsletter to be about our member families and your students; please, send submissions to info@smhea.org for the "Students in Service" section. Let us know how your students are serving others.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

HELP US HELP YOU!

Countless opportunities: communications, event coordination, area support, promotion, and much more. Sign up on our [website](#); see the bottom of the page.



Legislative Highlights

The Laws Matter

Legislation Summary for 2022

THEA pays a reporter each year from Chapter dues to watch Tennessee education legislation.

The 2022 legislative season had some good bills that were signed by Governor Lee that could positively effect home education.

Such bills included: SB1861 (Hensley) HB1895 (Ragan), As introduced, requires the commissioner of education to withhold a portion of the state education finance funds that an LEA is otherwise eligible to receive if the LEA fails or refuses to determine a student's gender, for purposes of participation in school sports, by the student's sex at the time of birth...amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6.

HB1959 (Wright) SB2370 (Lundberg), As introduced, creates an opportunity for high school students to complete a state college of applied technology program by the student's graduation from high school. - amends TCA Title 49.

SB2476 (Bowling) HB2575 (Doggett), As introduced, specifies that if an anonymous report of harm is made to the department, a juvenile court must not order the parents ... to allow the department entrance for purposes of interview, examination, and investigation unless

the department has presented evidence corroborating the anonymous report of harm. - Amends TCA Title 37.

Our next legislative season is January to April 2023. Those are the months when TN decides on bills for our state. Click [here](#) to sign up for weekly summaries recorded in the THEA Observer.

By Lindsay Schultz and April Shepherd

Financial Aid Opportunities

Supporting the Furthering Education of SMHEA Students

SMHEA will provide information on identified scholarship and financial aid opportunities throughout the year. There will be a *Richard Meehan Memorial Scholarship* application for **\$1,000** available in the spring!

Please, share any opportunities you are aware of with info@smhea.org and if you wish to provide a financial opportunity to a student, let us know!



Your membership makes all the difference! Please, consider supporting our efforts to serve you and other homeschool families across the region. Annual membership is just \$30 and includes your state membership to THEA.

Membership in [Tennessee Home Education Association](#) (THEA) is included with your membership in SMHEA. A portion of your dues go to support this state organization, which is responsible for monitoring legislation at the state level. We also have a strong working relationship with [HSLDA](#) to keep us informed about legislation at the federal level.

Student Brag Board

Share your artist, poet, animal lover, musician, athlete, hero, sibling or child of the year....whatever you want to publicly call your student out for, let us know. **Send inputs to**



Nature Lover

You may want to highlight kiddos that love farming, hiking, gardening, puppy dogs here.



Artistic Highlights

Share your young poet, artist, photographer, or other creative genius.



Musical Genius

Does your child sing, compete in musical talent shows, write music, play an instrument, or anything else music-related?



Athletic Stars

All sports, all abilities; share their highlights!



Umbrella School/Co-op Highlight

Umbrella Schools and Coops can make a nominal donation to SMHEA and have their logo, description, and contact information listed on our website to ease connecting area homeschooling families with their resources. Two members have already contributed \$100; Christian Academy of Knoxville and River's Edge.

To join them, click now on the "[Join Us](#)" button, then contribute \$100 as a once-a-year organizational fee to support SMHEA as a Home Builder. Please, send any questions and information to info@SMHEA.org.

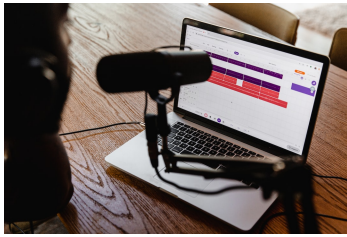
Homeschool-supporting business highlight

We would like to promote homeschool-friendly businesses and/or business that homeschooling families run to help support their educational freedom. Our members can list their businesses for free and for a nominal fee, others can be added to the listings on the website.

Resource Corner

We want to provide some simple links to encourage and support you in your homeschooling journey. Please, share any that you are aware of.

[View all](#)



Podcasts

[Teach Them Diligently](#)



Homeschool Discounts

[Pigeon Forge Chamber of Commerce](#)



Upcoming Homeschooling Events

[Teach Them Diligently](#)

Check our [website](#) for other opportunities.

How would you like SMHEA to serve you?

Let us know events, services, and support activities you are interested in.

SMHEA Science Fair and/or Spelling Bee that allows advancement to region, state, etc.

SMHEA member annual networking/socializing event

Used Curriculum Fair

SMHEA Expo with speakers, resources, curriculum, vendors, etc.

SMHEA field trip opportunities (discounted rates)

Other - e-mail us at info@smhea.org

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