



## Rocky Mountain Homeschool Conference

# ROADMAP

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## *A little help along the way...*

Welcome to the world of homeschool conferences! Whether you are new to this or a longtime attendee, we are excited that you are joining us!

I have loved attending homeschool conferences since I was a teen. I am thrilled to team up with CHEC to provide this resource so that you can enjoy the conference too. So many resources at your fingertips can feel overwhelming, especially if it is your first time, so here's a roadmap to ensure that you can confidently make the most of your weekend.

On the next page we break down the three sections of the roadmap and talk about how to use each one. Feel free to use — or not use! — any of the included pages. Let them be a help, not a burden! And if you get overwhelmed onsite, Stop. Breathe. Connect with a seasoned mom or dad. We're sure they would love to share from their experience!

So cancel the overwhelm and say hello to an exciting weekend! CHEC is here to help.

*Thara Reinitz & CHEC*



*Check out Thara's blog at [HealthAndHomeschool.com](http://HealthAndHomeschool.com)!*

## ASSESS



As a homeschool mom myself, I know that “assessment” can be a daunting word — but have no fear! The idea here is for you to spend a little time evaluating your current homeschool. What is working? What is not going so well? These pages are designed to simplify this process. Grab a pencil and your favorite drink and take a look at your year. Use what is helpful and feel free to skip what doesn't fit. Let these pages serve as a tool for your homeschool.

## EXPLORE

Once you have assessed your current homeschool, you are ready to explore. This is such a fun process! It is all about finding solutions and exploring options. Many of these pages were designed to be used at the Rocky Mountain Homeschool Conference so be sure and bring your roadmap to the event. There is always something new to learn and the way you homeschool is unique to you and your family. Enjoy taking notes in the sessions, talking to the experts in the exhibitor hall, and thinking outside the box.

*Download the app!*

Start exploring via the CHEC Homeschool app before you even arrive and continue doing so throughout the event! Download now via Apple or Google, then browse the schedule and star individual sessions to create a customized schedule for yourself.



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Our hope is that this conference is transformative for you and your family. We're praying that you leave filled up, equipped, and ready to move forward into the new school year with excitement — **with all the encouragement, training, and resources that you need to homeschool with confidence to the glory of God.** After the conference, take a moment to record some of your takeaways. Keep this guide as a part of your homeschool record and planning process, and refer back to it when you feel discouraged or need to refocus your vision.





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## Homeschool Review

Before the conference weekend, spend some time evaluating your current homeschool plan. If you are new to homeschooling, you can answer the questions based on your anticipated needs.

Our best homeschooling days  
have included the following:

Issues/struggles  
we are facing:

What is going well in my  
homeschool that I can build on?

Questions about homeschooling:

*I want to have more \_\_\_\_\_ in my home & homeschool!*

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# Current Curriculum



Make a list of your current curriculum. No one wants to waste time and energy on something that isn't a good fit! Instead, ask yourself a few evaluative questions to give you some clarity.

| Curriculum | Is it working? | Why or why not? | Time to find another option? |
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# Individual Plan

Print one per child. Write out the specific curriculum plan for each child for the upcoming year. On the left, list things you already plan to use and things you think would be a good fit. You can add to this section throughout the conference. When faced with a myriad of options, use the right side to help narrow your choices.

Child's name:

Grade:

Learning Style:

My Current Curriculum Plan:

*(Update/add to this while you're at the conference)*

Interests/Passions:

Challenges:

Areas to Develop:



## Curriculum Needs



List what you need for the next year (think resources, not personal chef). Maybe it's something specific you need to buy, like the next level of a student workbook. Or it could be something that needs more consideration — like which Spanish curriculum is the best fit. Start the list before the conference and add to it as you go.

Buy it

Discover it

The **CHEC Homeschool app** has all sorts of cool features which allow you to find and connect with exhibitors before you ever arrive. Once onsite, use the interactive map to locate the booths you want to visit.



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# Conference Hopes



Take some time before you attend the conference to think through your hopes for the weekend.

I am excited to discover...

I want to connect with...

I need practical advice about...

As you see and hear about fun or interesting resources, add them here. Think of this like a Christmas wishlist but for homeschool awesomeness. And don't forget to watch for conference specials!

[illegible]

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# Session Schedule



Download the CHEC Homeschool app (from Apple or Google) for an up-to-date session schedule. Plan to attend as many general sessions as you can, and then select other sessions based on your particular needs. Jot them down here. If you prefer a digital version, use the CHEC homeschool app to star sessions and create a customized schedule.

*Can't decide between sessions?  
Need more time in the exhibit hall?  
Don't sweat it. You can purchase a  
session recording for anything you  
missed at the Resounding Voice  
booth in the exhibitor hall!*

| Attend this live | Listen to this later in my jammies |
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# Session Notes



Print several so you can take plenty of notes.

Speaker

Main takeaway that spoke to my heart...



## Plan Your Days

The conference looks different for everyone! You can bring the whole gang and take advantage of all the add-on programs for kids and teens. You can treat it as a time to connect and get on the same page with your spouse. Or you could make it a mom's trip for girl time and power-shopping. Whatever you choose, we don't want you to forget to eat or run out of time to explore the exhibits. Consider the following suggestions as you prepare and make your plans.

### Attend as Much of Conference as Possible

The Rocky Mountain Homeschool Conference only comes once a year, so take full advantage of the curated content. Thumb through a book to confirm you are making the right purchase, talk to a publisher or author directly, soak up the wisdom shared in the sessions, and then make some family memories at the evening events! There is a lot to take in and you don't want to be rushed.

### Stay Onsite or Close by

Staying onsite has its advantages, even if you live close by. It eliminates traffic first thing in the morning, gives you a convenient place to rest before the evening events, and helps provide focus to maximize your time at the event.

### Buy Onsite

Everyone loves a good deal, and many exhibitors offer conference specials! Knowing your budget before you arrive helps give you the confidence to buy what you need when you see it. While there's always a possibility you can find a better price online, we encourage you to buy from the exhibitors who have spent significant time and money to serve you personally!

### Bring This Stuff Along

Here is a checklist of things to bring along to ensure you are equipped!

- ☐ Road Map notes
- ☐ Phone (pre-loaded with the CHEC Homeschool app!)
- ☐ Phone charger and power pack
- ☐ Pen/pencil
- ☐ Extra paper or notebook
- ☐ Sweater/light jacket
- ☐ Comfortable shoes
- ☐ Water bottle

## Word Cloud

Use this space to create a word cloud of inspiration and takeaways from the conference. Come back to this page throughout the event. When you get home, refer to this page as you finalize your homeschool plans. Let the things you learned at the conference continue to inspire and encourage you all year long!



# Post-Conference Reflection

Something I learned about me...

Something I learned about my children...

In the upcoming homeschool year, I will incorporate...

A one-sentence summary of my vision for the upcoming year...