

InHome Conference and the Japanese American Service Committee
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Tsukasa Taiko Drummers
Legacy: Mind, Body and Spirit



A live performance to kick off the 2007 conference, Friday at 9:15 a.m. in the Paramount Ballroom
Don't miss this powerful show by Chicago's leading Japanese drumming ensemble!

Friday and Saturday Adult Workshops (Teens Welcome)

Friday Adult Session A 10:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

A1 - Preparing Your Teens For Life on Their Own - *Barbara Frank* - Will your teens know about insurance, taxes, mortgages, or handling credit before they leave home? Here's how you can make sure they're prepared to live on their own.

A2 - Unschoolers Support Network - *Cynthia de Seife* - This workshop is a roundtable discussion designed for committed unschoolers who would like to get together and share stories, experiences, questions, and support for this unique form of home education.

A3 - Get It Done! Setting and Attaining SMART Goals: Part 1 - *Marsha Marsh* - Are you a classic procrastinator? Do you think this year will be the year you finally get organized? This year will you actually write up and follow your lesson plans? Many times when we find ourselves unable to reach our goals, the problem isn't apathy, but that our goals are not in line with our values. This experiential workshop can help you learn how to discover your top values and how to use those values to create and meet specific, attainable, relevant, time-measured goals.
This is a 2 session workshop, you must register for the B7 session as well.

A4 - Great Books/ Socratic Discussions - *Pattie Kelley-Huff* - Using Great Books, Jr. Great Books, and Newbery Award books, learn the basics of the Socratic method & book discussion. Great way to foster critical thinking and speech skills.

A5 - Answering Others' Concerns - *Dorothy Werner* - Dorothy has been answering such concerns for 28 years now. She will help define who needs answers and what you can do to allay others' worries. This is frequently called the grandmother problem. Bring your particular questions.

A6 - Holistic Health Ideas to Enhance Learning - *Kiela Smith-Upton* - Enhanced learning requires that our children's body, mind and spirit function at its best. This workshop will introduce you to holistic health concepts that may have a beneficial impact on your schooling and family life. Receive priceless information, learn powerful and simple movements and breathing techniques that may help concentration and sample healthy refreshments.

A7 - What in the World is...? - *Carol Severson* - This workshop will explain in depth all the different approaches to homeschooling so parents can make an informed decision as to which one is best for their family and their children. This will be an interactive workshop so bring your list of questions about each type of learning and each curriculum. We will be discussing everything from correspondence schools to the free-to-learn approach, and math to driver's ed.

A8 - Breathe & Relax! Techniques for the Harried Homeschooler. - *Suton Cicero* - Using relaxation techniques can reduce feelings of stress. Take a seat, get comfortable, close your eyes. Come, relax all your muscles, breathe slowly.

Friday Adult Exhibitor Session FE 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

FE1 - The MAHMA Project - *Susan Pecyna* - Mothers At Home Making A Difference - a business model and lifestyle perfectly matched for homeschoolers. This Project incorporates a mother-to-mother network of support for those interested in building a Shaklee business. Shaklee is the #1 natural nutritional company in the world, a pioneer/leader in the Green movement, a company with a 50 yr. track record in wellness and a great opportunity to build wealth. If you value freedom, a non-toxic world, optimum health and like to help others..."Whether you think you can, or that you can't, you are usually right."... - Henry Ford. This is a no-hype/no-pressure presentation about Shaklee and the MAHMA Project conducted by mothers who home school.

FE2 - When Education Is Fun, It's Fun To Be Educated: Board Games and Education - *Graeme Thomson* - There are few more effective means of imparting and retaining knowledge than when learning becomes part of play. This presentation will focus on the positive educational, social and personal benefits of board games. Drawing on recent studies that have shown that board games can increase brain size, promote higher levels of thinking and reduce the risks of dementia, the presentation will not only seek to encourage the use of thoughtful (and fun!) board games as part of a general educational environment, but also to increase awareness of the resources available to the public.

FE3 - Take the Groan out of Writing - *Cathy Ptak* - Institute for Excellence in Writing - When you ask your student to improve a written composition "just a little bit" do you get groans and whines? This need not be! Come discover a method of teaching writing that equips students with a palette of stylistic techniques that not only dramatically improve writing, they even make it fun.

FE4 - AL Abacus + Card Games = RightStart Math - *Angie Benz* - The AL Abacus incorporates hands-on learning and visual strategies to build a foundation. Card games provide the interesting repetition to master the facts. RightStart Mathematics is a research-based kindergarten through middle school curriculum, one that children love.

FE5 - The Five Approaches to ADD, ADHD and Obesity (Part I) - *Dr. Olga Roshior* - Optimize Your Child's Learning by Improving Health: What Do ADHD and Obesity Have in Common?
Approach #1: Chiropractic, biomechanics, neurology
Approach #2: Exercise and movement
Approach #3: Rest and environment
Approach #4: Attitude
Approach #5 (See Part II, SE6.)
This is a comprehensive and energetic lecture on some of the typical parts of our life that we are able to have control over and reach a more optimal health for us and our children. Please come and get affirmed as to what you are doing correctly and what you might want to improve in the health of your family. Dr. Olga believes that health does not need to be complicated; simple, fundamental steps can go a long way.

FE6 - Test Your Family's Health IQ! - *Kim Skinner* - Come learn how nutrition can help ADD, autism, chronic ear infections, allergies, asthma, headaches, and other health concerns without the use of drugs. Hear from those who have experienced success. See how easy it is to incorporate into your daily routine. Presented by Reliv International.

FE7 - Helping Parents Improve the Writing Skills of Their Children - *Herb Hrebic* - This workshop will provide hands-on strategies to improve reluctant writers' sentence skills and paragraph development. Four user-friendly devices will be featured including grading sheets, think sheets for brainstorming, and a revision technique that makes mistakes "jump" out for the writer. In short, the ideas are practical - guaranteed.

FE8 - The Increasing Need for Quality Alternative Education - *Annie Packard* - Studies show that an increasing number of students are turning to alternative education. As individualized instruction becomes the goal for educators, alternative credit programs, such as BYU Independent Study, become a valuable resource. BYU Independent Study offers over 300 high school and over 200 university courses that can help students make up credit, graduate on time, enhance their curriculum, or earn university credit. Students can sign up at any time and have one year to complete each course, allowing them to work at their own pace. All courses are accredited and are generally transferable to other educational institutions. BYU Independent Study is known as an organization with integrity, and our primary goal is to help students receive a high-quality, affordable education.

Friday Adult Session B

1:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

B1 - Living with the Right-Brained Child - *Cindy Gaddis* - Does your child need the tags taken out of their clothes or will s/he only wear sweat pants? Is change difficult for your child or are transitions from activity to activity or even life-phase to life-phase a balancing act? Does your child have a strong sense of fairness and everything is negotiable? Is the glass always half-empty? Discover the emotional, social, and sensorial differences that often accompany the right-brained learner. Learn about strategies available to facilitate positive experiences, incorporate skill-building tools, and adjust your value system to create a balanced approach to living harmoniously with this complex learner. You may also be interested in Cindy's other workshop called "Understanding the Right-Brained Child".

B2 - Blogging for Homeschool Moms - *Barbara Frank* - Learn what a blog is and how it can expand your circle of friends and your home business too. You can even use it to bring in a little side income on its own. Find out how at this workshop.

B3 - The Cure for the Math Curse - *Kathy Wentz* - Ah, math, the subject that most of us freak out about the fastest. How can we ensure our children LOVE math and are good at it, when we don't like it ourselves? Learn how to break the mold of math anxiety by breaking the bad teaching habits that create it, and learn new ways of approaching math to replace those old fear-inducing habits.

B4 - PE & Health Requirements - *Carol Severson* - How do you go about meeting your state physical education requirements? How do you keep track of the time spent and make sure that you have what you need? What counts, how do you count the credits, and how do you report it on your transcripts? What should be covered and how? What do I need to cover each year in my health class? These and many more questions will be answered in this workshop. As a PE teacher in a private school and at a local community college, Carol can explain what is necessary to cover for high school transcripts and college requirements.

B5 - Translating Unschooling into Transcripts - *Dorothy Werner* - How can we make what we do as unschoolers understandable to mainstream educators? Dorothy has had many years of experience helping Clonlara families to do that. She will give tips and answer questions about making ourselves comprehensible to institutions.

B6 - Teach Art at Home - *Karine Bauch* - This workshop offers help for homeschooling parents looking to introduce the world of art in practical ways that can be used across the curriculum, incorporating various other subjects.

B7 - Get It Done! Setting and Attaining SMART Goals: Part 2 - *Marsha Marsh* - Are you a classic procrastinator? Do you think this year will be the year you finally get organized? This year will you actually write up and follow your lesson plans? Many times when we find ourselves unable to reach our goals, the problem isn't apathy, but that our goals are not in line with our values. This experiential workshop can help you learn how to discover your top values and how to use those values to create and meet specific, attainable, relevant, time-measured goals. *This is a 2 session workshop, you must register for the A3 session as well.*

B8 - Make It Easy on Yourself - *Kathryn Stout* - Put the spark back into your homeschool! Turn kids into thinkers and independent learners without exhausting yourself or your bank account. Children trained to love learning become a joy to teach. Learning becomes their goal, not just another assignment. If that's what you want for your children, there are specific activity ideas and methods to use with children of all ages, including those that make it easier to teach multiple levels.

Friday Adult Session C

3:00 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.

C1 - 5 Steps to Becoming an Unschooler - *Alison McKee* - So you are realizing that unschooling is probably the best thing for your family but are unsure about how to get there. It isn't too hard as long as you keep focused on the basics so you can put them to use immediately as you transition to your unschooled life.

C2 - High School Sciences for the Faint of Heart - *Kathy Wentz* - Which sciences does my high school student need to graduate? How is it possible to teach upper level sciences in a home? Where do you find the materials and resources? Here is a guide to help parents maneuver through all the scientific gobbledy-gook to help their high school students learn what they need to know.

C3 - The Art of Teaching - *Kathryn Stout* - All of us can remember in our own experiences having "good" and "bad" teachers. Some inspired us, others may have left us with a permanent dislike for a particular subject. What makes a "good" teacher? Learn the techniques that inspire confidence and a love of learning in kids while building understanding and skill at the same time.

C4 - 10 Things Homeschools Can Do Better Than Public Schools - *David Klein* - In the last 30 years, researchers have come to understand important principles about how people learn. However, public schools haven't taken advantage of these discoveries. This session will explore the ten most important ways that learning can be nurtured in the home, based on new principles of learning.

C5 - Basic Primer of Classical Education - *Pattie Kelley-Huff* - An introduction to the Trivium approach to classical education and critical thinking for any learning style and amount of structure. Kid-tested and parent-appreciated resources!

C6 - Study Skills & Note-Taking - *Jonathan Carroll* - Arm yourself with practical solutions to help your students improve study skills and take great notes!

C7 - I Can't Even Draw Stick Figures - *Karine Bauch* - A hands-on art class for parents to help you gain artistic confidence. Step-by-step instruction will guide you through your first masterpiece.

Friday Adult Session D

6:45 p.m. - 7:55 p.m.

D1 - The Collaborative Learning Process - *Cindy Gaddis* - How do you homeschool all your different children and meet each of their needs and still help them find their gifts? What is your role as parent-educator at the various stages of learning? How do you let all your children lead out in their own learning lives, but still bring in the wisdom, experience, and perspective one can offer as the adult in their lives? There are distinct learning stages that each child navigates through, that builds on one another in discovering each person's gift. You play a crucial role during each stage in exposing your children to all that is available while sharing wisdom and insight while developing their weak areas through collaborative efforts. Come, learn the formula sometimes referred to as the 60/30/10 principle.

D2 - The Art of Philosophical Discussion - *Roy Underhill* - Philosophical discussion improves our ability to think, listen, and articulate our thoughts and evaluate what we hear from the media, government, friends and family. We will discuss what philosophy is, how to promote philosophical traits of open-mindedness, consistency and thoroughness, how to choose topics and find further resources, and the special challenges of facilitating philosophical discussion in the family and in larger groups. You may also be interested in Socrates Café for Adults, where participants will engage in a philosophical discussion. Teens are welcome to attend and can participate in their own Socrates Café.

D3 - You're Doing It Right! - *Elizabeth Klein* - Most homeschoolers worry that they are not doing things right. Examples might be sleeping schedules, meal schedules, lessons taught, and how much they fit into their schedules. Most homeschoolers know someone who they believe is doing it better than they are doing it. However, Dr. Bette Klein will show you how you are really doing it right!

D4 - Organization Strategies - *Jonathan Carroll* - Get organized! Helpful tips will be provided to improve your organization both during and away from your daily instructional routines.

D5 - European Travel Discussion Panel - *Dale Bartlett* - Come and discuss the pros and cons of traveling abroad. See how to do it inexpensively and incorporate it into your children's education.

D6 - Deschooling Ourselves - *Dorothy Werner* - We can keep our children out of institutional schools, but how do we take the school out of ourselves? How about all the people around us who are institutionalized also? Dorothy will discuss recognizing school patterns, and we will explore some strategies for minimizing their effects on our children.

D7 - Coaching Youth Soccer - *Phil Anders* - Considering coaching your child's soccer team? Youth soccer programs are often in need of volunteer parent coaches. Come discuss coaching methods and tips from an experienced, licensed youth soccer coach. Topics covered will include organizing practice sessions, game strategy, drills, positions, scrimmages, team work and sportsmanship.

Saturday Adult Session E 9:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.

E1 - Hiking the John Muir Trail: 220 miles of family time, learning, and inspiration - Family Workshop - *Lisa and Michael Varnes-Epstein* - Two homeschooled families with children ages 7, 9, 10, 10 and 11 completed the 220 mile John Muir Trail in the heart of the Sierra Nevadas on Sept 8th, 2006. Come share the adventure that will weave together the accomplishments of the naturalist John Muir, the natural history of the Sierra Nevadas, and our personal experience of such pristine wilderness. Hear about "Trail Magic", the beauty, and the fun. Come be inspired. You really can do more than you think. Think BIG! This is open to children who would like to attend with a parent.

E2 - Discovering the Joy in Math - *Roy Underhill* - Come explore how mathematics is as interesting, varied and beautiful as art, music or literature. See how you can enjoy that beauty with children of any age and overcome or prevent the "I hate math" mentality through books, games and other activities that focus on the joy and beauty of math and the fascinating mathematicians who have created it. Covered topics will include basic computation to current research, along with resources and activities appropriate to all ages.

E3 - Classic Movies as Literature - *Richard Stout* - Are your teens able to analyze literature? Can they articulate why they like or don't like a movie? If not, they may find themselves accepting a jumble of philosophies without really thinking. Stories entertain, but they also teach. By developing the ability to critique movies, teens will not only be better protected from absorbing the wrong influences, but will be better able to analyze any literature. This workshop includes a discussion of story elements and film techniques, questions to ask, and movies that can be used for students 13-18.

E4 - Sound, Art & the Music of Words - *Amy Lowe* - Singer and songwriter Amy Lowe, inspires participants to explore the rhythm of words and learn how to add elements of music to text to create musical compositions. Through creative group interaction, theater games, and music activities, participants will learn how to demonstrate simple rhythms through chant and body percussion that identifies the feeling and mood of a story. There will be plenty of opportunity to create and perform their original compositions with each other.

E5 - Did You Say What I Heard? Part 1 - *Marsha Marsh* - Listening is an important communication tool. It is an essential component of both parent/child and teacher/student relationships. So, how do we listen and what do we really hear? Through a series of innovative, unique exercises, this workshop is designed to help you better understand and enhance your listening skills and learn who you might really be listening to when you parent and teach your children. *This is a 2 session workshop, you must register for the F7 session as well.*

E6 - Environmental Education: Education in the Natural World - *Spring Valley Nature Center* - What is environmental education? Why is it important to homeschool families? Field trips, homeschool classes, and family programs that weave together topics such as animals, habitats, history, literature, and conservation will be discussed. Be ready to participate in some hands-on activities.

E7 - Frugal Family Travel - *Dale Bartlett* - Travel for the homeschool family can be the "ultimate field trip". What better way is there to learn about a particular region, city, or culture than by actually visiting? This workshop will focus on traveling with children and how to incorporate travel into your homeschooling without breaking the bank. Learn from over six years of our experiences traveling the world cheap and free. Discover how to get free airfare for the entire family, free places to stay, free transportation when you get there, and more.

E8 - Former Teacher's Panel - *Dorothy Werner and Melissa Bradford* - They've looked at kids and learning from both sides - conventional schools and homeschooling. Come hear what these homeschooling parents, who are also former teachers, have to say about their experiences in the world of school, why they chose homeschooling for their own families, how being teachers helped or didn't help when they began to homeschool with their children, and how they feel about school now.

Saturday Adult Session F 10:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

F1 - Understanding the Right-Brained Child - *Cindy Gaddis* - Is your child interested in drawing, music, theater, computers, video games, or building things (Legos)? Have you heard the labels ADD, gifted, dyslexia, Asperger Syndrome, LD, or other similar differences associated with your child? Have you heard people make comments about your child, such as, s/he does not live up to his or her potential or s/he is smart but lazy? Does your child resist teaching methods? Your child may be right-brained and/or a visual-spatial learner. Discover your child's path to learning with joy and the characteristics of this learning style. Come celebrate the gifts of the right-brained learner while understanding why certain subjects may develop "later". You may also be interested in Cindy's other workshop called "Living with the Right-Brained Child".

F2 - Educational and Motivational Philosophies - *David and Elizabeth Klein* - A little technical, this workshop will explain theories of education and motivation that apply directly to homeschooling. We (Drs. David and Elizabeth Klein) will show you practical ways to implement these theories into your homeschool and family. While "isms" may be a little frightening, we will take the bite out of educational philosophies and theories and make them homeschool friendly.

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F4 - Simple Bookbinding - *Cynthia de Seife* - It's a make-it and take-it craft activity for adults! Learn a simple bookbinding technique while making your own blank book. You can use it as a diary, a scrapbook, a travel journal, or a neat, handmade gift. Then take this method home and use it with your children to enhance many different kinds of learning activities.

F5 - Free Open Source Software - *John Jeffus* - Learn how to access software that can be used, copied, studied, modified, and redistributed with little or no restriction. A resource list will be provided as well as tips on what's available to you, where to get it, why you may want it, and the many uses it can have in your homeschool. Yes, there are free desktop publishing programs, office programs, educational programs and more readily available for you.

F6 - Introduction to Brain Gym® - *Barbara Bednarz* - Develop the brain's neural pathways through movement in order to improve cognitive, organization, focusing, coordination and relaxation skills. Highly effective, especially for learning challenges.

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F8 - What Tests??? I Can't Afford College. - *Carol Severson* - Do you need help sorting out all the tests? What tests do your kids need, if any. Do you know a CLEP test from an AP or the SAT? Carol will make all the tests, how and where to take them, which ones to take, and when, clear to us all. She will also address financial aid, how to get scholarships and how to pay for college without going broke. The Seversons currently have their last 2 in college. All have gotten full-tuition scholarships- not just for grades either. Come find out how to get scholarships and when to apply. Teens are welcome.

Saturday Adult Exhibitor Session SE 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

SE1 - Yes, Mom, You Can! - *Carol Severson* - You can get healthy, feel better and have more energy through changing your diet and exercise. This presenter went from a size 14 to a size 0 with a program called T-Tapp. She regained her health and energy and now teaches others how, in 35 minutes three times a week, they can do it too. Some moms even use this as their PE program. Come and learn all about how this amazing, easy, nutritionally sound program can work for you!

SE2 - Homeschool, Inc. - *Tim Perry* - Homeschool, Inc. is a web-based application that provides a "Beginning to End" experience that includes planning courses and assignments, community learning resources, report-making, on-line curriculum shopping, and so much more. No other organization offers everything under one roof, and it is FREE! Our mission: First, we are focused on increasing the awareness of home-based education around the globe. Second, we provide a web-based application that provides an invaluable tool for the entire family.

SE3 - Knowledge Journeys - *Debby Williams* - This demonstration of Knowledge Journeys' conceptual, hands-on math curriculum will forever change how you view the way kids learn math (and use it in real life!). Geared towards early elementary, participants will gain a whole new appreciation for the fun and importance of early mathematical concepts such as grouping, sequencing, and geometry.

SE4 - Bite-Size Physics - *Jim Mueller* - Frustrated trying to teach science at home? Are you finding books that contain content but no experiments? Or books that have experiments but no content? Is it all up to you to create an interesting, cumulative, sequential curriculum? You may want to give Bite-Size Physics a try. In this workshop, Jim Mueller will describe his philosophy of teaching science and will describe how this full physics curriculum may be just what you need for your at-home science curriculum. Jim Mueller is the Director of Launch Pad Science and the creator of the Bite-Size Physics curriculum. He has been teaching science exclusively to homeschoolers across northern Illinois for over three years.

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Approach #5: Nutrition

This is a comprehensive and energetic lecture on some of the typical parts of our life that we are able to have control over and reach a more optimal health for us and our children. Since without food and water we can not live, it has to be prioritized appropriately. Besides being a chiropractic physician, Dr. Olga has been working on a Ph.D. in Natural Health for the past 10 years and can give you some functional suggestions which can produce great strides in the health of your family. Dr. Olga believes that health does not need to be complicated; simple fundamental steps can go a long way.

SE7 - The Way You Wish You'd Been Taught, Guaranteed - *Jessica Brown* - Flexible...Faith Affirming...Filled with Great Stories! Do you want to create life-long learners and equip students to think, not just memorize facts? Come see how Sonlight Curriculum has done the planning for you and compiled all the tools to make this year a learning adventure for a lifetime.

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SE10 - How to Avoid the 5 Most Common Errors When Teaching Math - *Kristy Trahan* - For parents/educators of children aged 4-8 - Many children grow up not liking math or not being very good at it, but a love or at least appreciation of math can often be fostered just by avoiding these common errors. In this hands-on interactive workshop, strategies and tactics are provided on ways to avoid the fear, frustration, and boredom that often accompany math and to make math learning fun.

SE11 - Parents as Guides - *Marsha Marsh* - Would you like to improve your relationship with your children? With unique tools and innovative ideas, Marsha will facilitate the exploration of yourself, your kids, and your relationship. Through examination of the factors that most influence the parent/child relationship you will come away from this workshop with a fresh new approach to parenting. "If I fill up my children's lives with things that are important to me, there may be no room left for the things that are important to them." - Meditations of Parents Who Do Too Much.

Saturday Adult Session G

1:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

G1 - Special Needs Panel - *Kathy Wentz, Pattie Kelley-Huff and Cindy Gaddis* - More and more children with special physical needs and significant learning differences are finding success through homeschooling. As parents are empowered to become experts on their own child's unique needs they are better able to build on strengths instead of focusing on weaknesses. This panel discussion is designed to help you find the resources you need to educate and advocate for your child.

G2 - Life After Unschooling - *Alison McKee* - Children who are unschooled take on the responsibility for their learning in significantly different ways than their "schooled" peers. What can this look like? What should we expect? How can we help our children make the final transition to adulthood without having to resort to traditional high school work? Alison has first-hand experience with this final transition and will share her insights with you in this session.

G3 - Music for Homeschoolers - *Roy Underhill* - We will discuss why music should be part of your homeschooling day and the many ways to enjoy it. We will explore traditional approaches (such as Suzuki), including ways to find a good teacher and ways to make practicing an instrument more meaningful and enjoyable. We will also discuss the many other ways to listen to, sing, play, and especially create, different kinds of music.

G4 - Homeschooling a Large Family - *Elizabeth Klein* - Most people view having a large family as overwhelming and homeschooling them impossible. Dr. Bette Klein will provide practical tools to use in getting your large family organized and show how to homeschool more than one level and stage at a time.

G5 - Math that Makes Sense - *Kathryn Stout* - Children need to understand math, not just memorize formulas and reproduce them with practice. Help kids get past the "I don't get it, just tell me what to do" stage with these practical techniques for teaching children from preschool to grade 8. Encourage discovery, logic, and reasoning in order to develop the "math sense" necessary for your children's future day-to-day living.

G6 - Legal Panel - *Rebecca Jaxon, Dorothy Werner and Maureen O'Grady* - What exactly is the law regarding homeschooling and how do we respond to it? Several experienced people will present the law and answer your questions about it.

G7 - Teaching Living History - *Carol Severson* - Journey through each time period with literature that shows people and historical events intertwined and influenced by each other. Learn how to use great literature and living books to teach history, science, literature, and language arts with ease. You will also learn how to teach your children to create their own webpages on their favorite time periods. You will receive book recommendations and a history overview showing the lifetimes of famous painters, musicians, inventors and so forth, to see how they influenced each other's thinking. There will be a brief demonstration on how you can incorporate living history events to make history really come to life for your kids.

G8 - Teaching the Creatively Gifted - *Sharon Jeffus* - Many parents become frustrated and discouraged because they either have not recognized their child's giftedness, consider them rebellious, or the child has been misdiagnosed with ADHD. Learn how to recognize giftedness. Creativity is good; in its very nature, creativity marches to a different drummer. Come, be encouraged to develop your own creative gifts and the gifts of your children.

Saturday Adult Session H

3:00 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.

H1 - The Value of Developing Self-Motivation - *Alison McKee* - So you don't think your child is a self-motivated learner and you'd like to do something about it. What is self-motivation? How does it really look? How can we become more attuned to the process of helping self-motivation flourish? Alison, a devoted unschooler, will answer these questions and yours in this session.

H2 - Homeschooling for Cheapskates - *Kathy Wentz* - Homeschooling doesn't need to be expensive. In fact, many of us find that homeschooling can be virtually free! Join us for a discussion about how to homeschool for free on the internet, at the library, or in your community. Be sure to bring your unique problems as well as creative solutions and ideas you have discovered.

H3 - Socrates Cafe for Adults - *Roy Underhill* - When is the last time you had a really deep, engaging discussion about important questions with other adults? This seminar aims to provide that experience. No prior experience necessary; just bring an open mind and a desire to cooperatively examine whatever compelling questions interest us at the time, whether from religion, politics, morality, or even homeschooling (!). This seminar is a hands-on version of The Art of Philosophical Discussion. Attendance at that seminar is strongly encouraged. Teens are also welcome to attend and participate.

H4 - Strategies for Teaching and Learning Spelling - *Kathryn Stout* - Find out why so many approaches fail to help children remember how to spell words beyond the test. Discover the simple techniques anyone can use to learn and retain correct spelling (even the dyslexic). This is not an attempt at photographic memory, but rather the use of strategies that can leave kids confident in their ability to learn.

H5 - Education Savings Plans - *Judy Nicchetta* - Take a look at various education savings alternatives including a focus on section 529 plans. Start planning for your family's future educational needs today.

H6 - Teaching Writing - *David Klein* - Based on research and his experience teaching college writing, Dr. David Klein will demonstrate how writers learn to write, and what home educators can do to help learners become good writers, and even enjoy writing. Although the ideas apply to anyone, this hands-on workshop will be of particular interest to educators of children who are heading to college.

H7 - Gaming Your Way to Classical Education - *Pattie Kelley-Huff* - Learn how to use games, multimedia resources and other real-life experiences to foster learning and critical thinking skills within the classical education model. Your kids will love these ideas!

H8 - Maximum Internet Learning Experience - *John Jeffus* - Make the most of your family's learning experience through the internet, computer web design, and desktop publishing. Lots of tips and ideas to get you started or get you going further.

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Friday and Saturday Children and Teen Workshops (Adults Welcome)

Children/Teen Session A

10:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

A21 - Romp 'n Play - Join us in this special playroom which has been specially set up for the two to five year olds. Duplo, puppets, drawing materials, and many other toys and games are sure to hold your child's interest. Rough-housing is not permitted. A low child to care-taker ratio will be enforced. Parents must sign their children in and out. Space is limited. If you sign up for back-to-back workshops, there is no need to pick up your child between workshops. Older siblings may attend with younger children. This workshop is ongoing and available during each session. **Ages 2 - 5.**

A22 - Toy Tech - *Chris Gingrich* - Staff from Kline Creek Farm, an 1890's living history farm, will help participants understand how changing technology has impacted everyday life by looking at and trying a variety of old-fashioned toys. Children under five must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-7.**

A23 - Animal Coverings - *Brian Winters* - A Forest Preserve Naturalist presents a collection of animal skins, specimens, shells and more. Discover the wildlife of the forest preserves and learn how their animal coverings help them survive. **Ages 4-7.**

A24 - Johanna Unpacks her Immigrant Trunk - *Lydia Scheller* - Johanna tells her story of immigration through artifacts from her trunk. Participants will also learn a Swedish folk dance and make a Swedish craft. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-7.**

A25 - Hands-On Science - *Melissa Bradford and Rob Puhl* - This ongoing workshop will have fun-filled scientific exploration. We'll have four stations: the competition corner, Rube Goldberg creative play, a make-and-take project, and the Lego building area. We will also have occasional demonstrations of scientific principles. This session's make-and-take will be making a lightbulb, with a demonstration of a Van de Graaff Generator. We will compete to see who can build the tallest paper tower. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-13.**

A26 - Galaxy of Art - *Stacie Suhrbur* - Join us for free exploration in the art room. We have billions of cool materials for you to use to create your own masterpiece. Stations will include painting, scratch art, sculpting material, yarn art and collage. This session's unique art activity will be papier mache' bangles. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-13.**

A27 - Community and Fire Safety - *Doug Hajek and Pete Ahlman* - Meet Officer Hajek and Lt. Ahlman from Arlington Heights Police and Fire Departments. Talk with them about stranger danger, dialing 911, dangerous item safety, and fire safety. Learn about all the gear a firefighter wears when going into a fire. If the vehicles are available, you might also get a close-up look at the fire truck and prisoner transport vehicle. Be sure to bring your coat to this session! **Ages 4-10.**

A28 - Soccer: All Ages - *Mason and Phil Anders* - Families, come and learn the fundamentals of soccer together. Build teamwork skills and cooperation. Learn the basic rules and skills while discovering the enjoyment of playing for the sake of the game. Children under 10 must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-100.**

A29 - JASC Tsukasa Taiko Drumming Ensemble - *JASC Tsukasa Taiko* - Japanese American Service Committee Tsukasa Taiko, Chicago's leading Japanese drumming ensemble, will offer an introduction to this exciting and dynamic drumming style. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 5-20.**

A30 - Froebel Blocks - *Jan Kieckhefer* - American architect Frank Lloyd Wright played with Froebel blocks as a child and credited them with inspiring his innovative prairie style. Participants in a Froebel block workshop observe, create, reflect, think, and problem-solve while building and designing with geometric wooden blocks. **Ages 7-10.**

A31 - Toys and Games of Times Past - *Kim Shehorn-Martin* - This program utilizes toys and games to illustrate how Native American and pioneer children lived 200 years ago. Participants will engage in hands-on activities to discover similarities between kids today and 200 years ago. **Ages 7-10.**

A32 - Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry - Alice Muciek and Kim Campbell - Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry comes to the conference. Young magical people will find that a place has been prepared for them. Experience genuine Hogwarts classes. This period will have an emphasis on Charms, Wand Making and more. **Ages 7-13.**

A33 - Preteen Club - A great place to meet other homeschoolers your age. Make new friends while enjoying activities such as board games, card games, hanging out, and crafts. This session will also include a Nintendo DS/Game Boy Advanced linkup, so bring your hand-held games. **Ages 9-13.**

A34 - Make a Tetrahedral Kite - Ivy Rio - They don't need much of a breeze, and they really do fly! Using string, straws, and tissue paper, make your own tetrahedral kite. **Ages 10-20.**

A35 - Art Technique Bonanza - Diane Keen - Travel station to station to experiment using unusual art techniques. Create a great reference guide so you can try these fun techniques again with friends. There are so many fun techniques, you will have a hard time deciding on a favorite! **Ages 10-100.**

A36 - How Do Car Engines Work? - Sean O'Laughlin - Ever wonder what's under the hood of a car and what is going on in there? Ever hear things like "3.0 Liter V-6" or "dual overhead cams" and wonder what those means? Come learn the basic idea behind the engine and how all the pieces fit together. Within small groups, you will even have a chance to build a model engine and really see it at work. **Ages 10-100.**

A37 - Uglies and The Giver - Natasha Gordon - "Uglies" by Scott Westerfeld and "The Giver" by Louis Lowry are wonderful and engaging novels about human nature and community. Please read them before the conference and come ready to discuss. Once you start them, you won't be able to put them down! **Ages 12-20.**

A38 - European Weave Chain Maille - Bethany Harvey - In this workshop you will learn the European 4 into 1 chain maille weave. This weave is most commonly used for armor and clothing, and is the weave of chain maille that was worn by knights during the Renaissance and medieval time periods. It can also be used to make jewelry, purses, and inlays. **Ages 12-20.**

A39 - LAN Party - George Carpenter - Come and join a LAN Party! Four X-Boxes will be networked together so we can play games such as Halo 2, or equivalent mature or teen rated games as a 16-person party. Experience with X-Box helpful, but not required. **WARNING:** This session will use Halo 2 which is rated Mature for violence and blood. Do not sign up if you will find this objectionable. **Ages 13-20.**

A40 - Women, Wardrobe and WWII - Debbie Fandrei - Did short skirts help with WWII? Find out! This program looks at the fashion changes caused by WWII. Students will see examples of 1940's advertising, vintage clothing and WWII artifacts from the collection of the Raupp Museum as the museum educator speaks about the government's clothing regulations during the war and what effect they had on women and fashion. **Ages 13-20.**

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A42 - Art Round Robin - Karen Wiebe - Collaborate with other artists in an unusual shared art experience. Participants will start an art project, and after a few minutes, will pass their work to their neighbors, who will add their own creative touches. The round robin continues until everyone has contributed to each piece of work. The originator of each piece gets to keep that piece of art work. **Ages 13 - 20.**

Children/Teen Session B

1:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

B21 - Romp 'n Play - See A21 for description.

B22 - Animal Talk and Animal Tongues - Karen Ritter - Learn different ways in which animals communicate. Explore how animals use their tongues through a unique and fun way of comparison and experimentation. **Ages 4-7.**

B23 - Birds of Prey - Brian Winters - A Forest Preserve Naturalist presents a collection of preserved hawks, owls and other raptors. Learn about the raptors of the Forest Preserves and discover how these hunters of the sky are adapted to survive in the habitats of Illinois. **Ages 4-7.**

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B26 - Felted Necklace - Nicolette Downs - Come learn how you can transform shapeless wool fibers into colorful felt beads! Then string the beads together to make a beautiful necklace. **Ages 4-13.**

B27 - Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands - Penny Berlet - The Curator of Education, from Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, will be sharing the history of tribes that lived in Illinois. Through artifacts, games, and a craft, we will learn about people who lived in the Eastern Woodlands including the Chicago area. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 5-8.**

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B29 - Creative Dramatics, Mime & Juggling - Chris Fascione - A hands-on, participatory exploration of beginning drama techniques, as well as an introduction to pantomime and juggling. **Ages 7-13.**

B30 - Walk In My Shoes - Maureen Statland - Learn about the 4-H "Walk In My Shoes" materials, involving how to ask questions to write the stories of your family history. Come meet some wonderful older adults that will help you learn these techniques. **Ages 7-10.**

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B32 - Packing for Pioneer Life - Debbie Fandrei - This program covers Buffalo Grove's history from settlement to the 1850's. Explore a pioneer trunk filled with reproduction artifacts and participate in a hands-on packing activity. **Ages 7-10.**

B33 - A-maize-ing Things About Corn - Sandy Brubaker - Graue Mill and Museum staff will help children learn about the early uses of corn, how it was used in the mid-19th century and how we use it today. Make a pioneer corn husk doll to take home. **Ages 7-10.**

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B35 - Foam Swords - Basic - Nicholas Huff - Learn the basics of foam sword battling, how to construct a warlord sword, and how to battle with it. Also, learn basic moves and techniques. **Ages 10-20.**

B36 - Testing the Waters - Museum of Science and Industry - Become an environmental scientist and analyze the health of a Chicago-area water source! Students will work in teams using environmental science methods to determine the quality of a water sample. Is the water source safe for plants and animals? Find out! Students may bring their own water samples to test, but the Museum will provide water as well. A lagoon, pond, stream or other body of water in your community would be a great place to collect a water sample. The amount of water to bring is 10-12 oz., about the amount of liquid in a coke can or small water bottle. **Ages 10-13.**

B37 - Building Soccer Skills for the Experienced Player - Mason and Phil Anders - This session is for the experienced player. Step beyond the basic skills and fine tune your abilities while learning the finer points of the game. **Ages 10-20.**

B38 - Boom Whackers - Sharon and Shara and Cassie Welter - Come learn about these colored tubes that can actually make music. You'll learn about their origins and how they are made. After that we will play several songs and play fun games. **Ages 10-20.**

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B41 - Manga Drawing - *Nina Perez* - As manga, or Japanese comics, become increasingly popular, more and more artists want to learn the manga-style of drawing. Come set your inner samurai free by joining us for this fun class. **Ages 13-20.**

B42 - Grow Your Brain with Brain Gym® - *Barbara Bednarz* - Grow your brain with Brain Gym®, simple movements which make learning easier and faster. As a side-effect, become more focused, organized and relaxed. **Ages 13-20.**

Children/Teen Session C

3:00 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.

C21 - Romp 'n Play - See A21 for description.

C22 - Creative Dramatics, Mime & Juggling - *Chris Fascione* - A hands-on, participatory exploration of beginning drama techniques, as well as an introduction to pantomime and juggling. **Ages 4-7.**

C23 - Fascinating Fish - *Karen Ritter* - Listen to fish tales as secrets are revealed about how they survive in their natural habitat. **Ages 4-7.**

C24 - Singing in Rounds - *Nancy Carpenter* - Learn a variety of 2-, 3-, and 4-part rounds and canons. Music-reading ability and singing experience are NOT necessary! **Ages 4-100.**

C25 - Hands-On Science - *Ivy Rio* - This ongoing workshop will have fun-filled scientific exploration. We'll have four stations: the competition corner, Rube Goldberg creative play, a make-and-take project, and the Lego building area. We will also have occasional demonstrations of scientific principles. The make-and-take will focus on Oil: the Kitchen Slicker! We will make a wave maker and a lava bottle. There will be a competition to make the strongest spaghetti structure. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-13.**

C26 - Galaxy of Art - *Stacie Suhrbur* - Join us for free exploration in the art room. We have billions of cool materials for you to use to create your own masterpiece. Stations will include painting, scratch art, sculpting material, yarn art and collage. This session's unique art activity will be mosaics. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-13.**

C27 - From Wool to Wow! - *Debbie Fandrei* - Learn how a sheep becomes a shawl in this fun hands-on program. Participants will be able to touch different types of wool, learn how to make yarn using a drop spindle and experiment with using natural materials to dye yarn. Finally, everyone will put their knowledge to work on a weaving project. **Ages 4-7.**

C28 - Rube Goldberg Machines - *Ruben Areyzaga* - A Rube Goldberg machine is an exceedingly complex chain reaction device that performs a simple task in a convoluted way, like the game "Mouse Trap." Come make your own Rube Goldberg machine out of dominoes, string, car track, marbles and other assorted materials. **Ages 7-13.**

C29 - Golden Rule School Days - *Jan Witt* - Travel back in time and discover what it was like to be a student learning in a one room schoolhouse in 1910. How were students expected to behave? How were students disciplined if they did not obey the rules? What other subjects were taught besides reading, writing and arithmetic? Each participant will play the role of a student who attended a one-room school in Elk Grove Village. **Ages 7-10.**

C30 - Native American Life - *Kim Shehorn-Martin* - Two hundred years ago the Potawatomi lived in what eventually became the southwest suburbs. How did they live? How did they communicate with each other? In this session, students will engage in hands-on activities to learn the answers to these questions and more. **Ages 7-10.**

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C33 - Introduction to Soccer - *Phil and Autumn Anders* - Learn the basics of soccer in a fun and exciting way. Dribbling, passing and shooting will be covered. **Ages 7-10.**

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C36 - Theatre Games - *Natasha Gordon* - Join the improv class, where actors (aka students) will perform spontaneously, without a script. We will be playing a few theater games, and props will be provided. Just come ready to act. **Ages 10-13.**

C37 - Foam Swords - Advanced - *Nicholas Huff* - Go beyond the basic foam sword. Learn to make a warlord battle axe and how to battle with it. Learn more advanced moves and techniques. Previous experience with foam swords required. **Ages 10-20.**

C38 - Bottle Cap Creations - *Cassie Bradford* - Learn this easy and fun craft using recycled materials. Make fabulous magnets, key chains and jewelry out of bottle caps. **Ages 10-20.**

C39 - Tamora Pierce Book Discussion - *Barbara Hardin* - Are you a huge Tamora Pierce fan? Come and share your thoughts and insights with others who love this author too. Focus will be on Lioness, Immortal, Protector of the Small and Trickster series. **Ages 11-20.**

C40 - Geography Through Art: Part 1 - *Sharon and John Jeffus* - We begin by making a picture of the earth using chalk, we then discuss the art of mapmaking and create a map. During our quick trip around the world, we will complete several projects from all corners. Enjoy creating different forms of art including watercolors, paper, clay, and beads, from the Orient, to Europe, South America, and Africa. This is a double workshop, you must also register for the D40 session. **Ages 10-20.**

C41 - In the Kitchen with Chef Dan - *Dan Levato* - What is a chef's job like, and how do you become one? Sheraton chef Dan Levato will talk about that, as well as how he became interested in cooking, and the many opportunities in the field. He will conduct a tour of the kitchen; explain the various positions on the kitchen crew, the tools and equipment used to prepare meals, how food is ordered and stored, and the health guidelines and safety features of the kitchen. He'll also discuss the new water resort, its special menu items, and the franchise outlets for A & W, Pizza Hut, and Starbucks. Question and Answer session at the conclusion. **Ages 12-20.**

C42 - Teen Hangout - Kick back and hang out with other homeschooled teens while enjoying a variety of board games, card games, crafts, and other activities. Video games will be available. **Ages 13-20.**

C43 - LAN Party - *Patrick Gocek* - Come and join a LAN Party! Four X-Boxes will be networked together so we can play games such as Halo 2, or equivalent mature or teen rated games as a 16-person party. Experience with X-Box helpful, but not required. WARNING: This session will use Halo 2 which is rated Mature for violence and blood. Do not sign up if you may find this offensive. **Ages 13-20.**

C44 - Socrates Cafe for Teens - *Roy Underhill* - As a teen, you probably spend lots of time talking to other teens, but how often do you discuss with your peers really important, compelling questions about religion, politics, morality, or even homeschooling? This seminar aims to provide a setting for that kind of discussion. No prior experience in philosophy is necessary; just bring an open mind and a desire to cooperatively examine whatever compelling questions interest you at the time. We will focus on improving our ability to articulate and clarify our thoughts about complex, important issues. Although the moderator will be an adult, the discussion will be entirely among the teens attending. Parents may attend to observe (with the permission of their participating teens, if any), but may not speak. **Ages 13-20.**

Children/Teen Session D

6:45 p.m. - 7:55 p.m.

D21 - Romp 'n Play - See A21 for description.

D22 - Africa's Beat - *Andy Hershberger* - Explore a variety of African instruments and create your own African percussion ensemble, complete with self-made instruments and traditional rhythms. **Ages 4-7.**

D23 - A to Z Art in 2D - *Diane Keen* - Discover new ways to have fun creating 2D art while using artist-quality supplies. Experiment with fun materials while learning techniques that you can use over and over again with any subject matter. By the time this workshop is over, you will have tons of great ideas to try at home. **Ages 4-7.**

D24 - Galaxy of Art - *Stacie Suhrbur* - Join us for free exploration in the art room. We have billions of cool materials for you to use to create your own masterpiece. Stations will include painting, scratch art, sculpting materials, yarn art and collage. This session's unique art activity will be crayons turned to oils via warming trays. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-13.**

D25 - Hands-On Science - This ongoing workshop will have fun-filled scientific exploration. We'll have four stations: the competition corner, Rube Goldberg creative play, a make-and-take project, and the Lego building area. We will also have occasional demonstrations of scientific principles. We will have an astronomy observing session for beginners and compete to build a variety of egg towers. **Ages 4-13.**

D26 - Understanding Our Families - *Jillian Snider* - Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization whose goal is to educate and inspire young people to succeed in the global economy. During this interactive workshop students will better understand how families differ and how they work together to make where they live a good place. Using a colorful community poster, the students will read a short story and use stickers to find family members helping each other in the community. The students will also identify the difference between a need and a want. Using flashcards, the students will become aware that all families must have food, clothing, and shelter to live. **Ages 4-7.**

D27 - Bead Bracelet - *Bonnie Gullak* - Come and learn about beginning beading with Bonnie. Meet other kids who also are interested in beading. Make a daisy chain seed bead bracelet for yourself or as a gift. **Ages 6-10.**

D28 - Storytelling Outside the Box - *Carol Johnson* - Carol Johnson, professional storyteller, has the great ability to bring stories alive. Come and listen, as Carol tells stories with group participation and laughter guaranteed! **Ages 7-10.**

D29 - Creative Decoupage - *Portia O'Laughlin* - Let your imagination run free with this project. Use paint and decoupage techniques to personalize a few ordinary flower pots and saucers into a decorative object of many uses. It could be a miniature zen garden, a jewelry catchall, a decorative bird fountain, or anything else that you can dream up. Bring decorative scrapbook papers or wrapping paper if you like but there will be plenty to choose from. **Ages 7-20.**

D30 - Paper Airplanes - *Erik and Jake Wachlin and Dan and William Magner* - Children will learn the basics of flight and also learn to fold and adjust their own paper airplanes for maximum distance and flight time. **Ages 7-10.**

D31 - An Artist's Journey: Chicago Painted & Mosaic Murals - *Kiela Smith-Upton* - Take a visual journey and be inspired while learning about collaborative mosaic and painted public murals with artist Kiela Smith-Upton. See lots of her artwork, created during the last 16+ years, including mosaic and concrete benches at Chicago's Navy Pier. Learn from, and have your questions answered by, a practicing artist. **Ages 7-20.**

D32 - Tropical Fish Panorama - *Karine Bauch* - If you can draw ovals, then you can create this fish panorama. Just add a little color and fishy elements like eyes, fins, and stripes. Then practice highlighting to give them a great shine! **Ages 7-10.**

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D34 - Nighttime Observing Session - *Nancy Carpenter* - An astronomy observing session, primarily for beginners. We'll identify stars, constellations, possibly planets, and maybe see the ISS (International Space Station) fly by. Please dress for the weather, including a hat and warm gloves or mittens. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll move indoors for an armchair and computer astronomy session, including a slide show of interstellar images from the Hubble Space Telescope, along with astronomical phenomena such as aurorae and eclipses. **Ages 7-13.**

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D36 - Build a Geodesic Clubhouse - *Ruben Areyzaga* - Geodesic domes are made of interlocking geometric shapes, often triangles. Because loads are spread over many triangles, these domes are especially strong. Now you can learn how to make a geodesic dome you can play in, using newspaper, a stapler, and tape. **Ages 10-20.**

D37 - Foam Sword Play - *Will Suhrbur* - Boofing is the act of fighting with padded weapons. Join in for one-on-one battles, with a posting of a final winner (one point per win). Boofing is done purely for entertainment. If you already have a foam sword(s), it would be helpful to bring it/them. See www.realmsnet.net/content/publications/introtoboffers.html for information on game rules and sword making. **Ages 10-20.**

D38 - Bird's Nest Basket - *Georgia Kmetz* - Weave a wild-looking, useful bowl or basket of natural, recycled, and found materials. Anyone who can use a pair of scissors and follow simple weaving instructions will love this project. **Ages 10-20.**

D39 - Begin to Knit - *Nicolette Downs* - This workshop introduces the basics of knitting. Learn to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off. If you own your own needles, please bring them. Handouts and materials will be supplied. **Ages 10-20.**

D40 - Geography Through Art: Part 2 - *John and Sharon Jeffus* - We begin by making a picture of the earth using chalk, we then discuss the art of mapmaking and create a map. During our quick trip around the world, we will complete several projects from all corners. Enjoy creating different forms of art including watercolors, paper, clay, and beads, from the Orient, to Europe, South America, and Africa. This is a double workshop, you must also register for Part 1, the C40 session. **Ages 10-20.**

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D43 - Improv Games - *Jared and Cynthia de Seife* - In this workshop we will do a variety of theatre games leading up to "Whose Line Is It Anyway" style improvisational comedy. Improv is very challenging but lots of fun. Wear comfortable clothes, bring your sense of humor, and check your ego at the door! **Ages 13-20.**

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D45 - CSI - *Hilary Gordon* - Come solve a crime that has been committed in this very hotel. Something has been stolen and you as a rookie CSI cadet will need to help solve the case. Use logic and track down statements from all those involved. You will be traveling around the hotel so please only sign up for this if you are responsible enough to walk around the hotel without an adult. **Ages 14-20.**

Children/Teen Session E

9:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.

E21 - Romp 'n Play - See A21 for description.

E22 - Water Color Tiles - *Linda Kraft* - Come and learn how to make a stamp design on a ceramic tile. You will then decorate your design with chalk pastels. Keep your tile for a treasure or give as a special gift. Linda will tell you the designated area to pick up your Water Color Tile when it is completely dry. Children who are 4 must be chaperoned to assist with the project. **Ages 4-7.**

E23 - Wiggles & Giggles Storytelling - *Carol Johnson* - Carol Johnson, professional storyteller, has the great ability to bring stories alive. Come and listen, as Carol tells stories, with group participation and laughter guaranteed! Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-7.**

E24 - Spolin Theatre Games - *Robin Hughes* - Join us for theatre games and exercises which nurture your children's creative abilities. They develop ensemble skills, discover how to take risks and expand character development. **Ages 4-7.**

E25 - Galaxy of Art - *Stacie Suhrbur* - Join us for free exploration in the art room. We have billions of cool materials for you to use to create your own masterpiece. Stations will include painting, scratch art, sculpting material, yarn art and collage. This session's unique art activity will be pop-up cards; suddenly a figure comes alive by leaping out at you. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-13.**

E26 - "The knee bone is connected to the ..." - *Jen Pontoriero* -and other games and exercises "connected" to the body. Have fun learning how your heart, muscles, and bones work!!! Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-10.**

E27 - Hands-On Science - This ongoing workshop will have fun-filled scientific exploration. We'll have four stations: the competition corner, Rube Goldberg creative play, a make-and-take project, and the Lego building area. We will also have occasional demonstrations of scientific principles. The make-and-take will be straw structures, and we will compete to make the best parachute. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-13.**

E28 - Signing Songs - *Tamara Martinez* - Come sing and begin learning sign language with us! Learning through songs helps with memorization and makes practicing easy. Parents welcome. **Ages 4-7.**

E29 - Jacob's Ladders - *Susan Golland* - Join Des Plaines History Center to make your own wooden Jacob's Ladder and learn the history behind the toy. **Ages 7-10.**

E30 - Cork Flingin' Catapults - *Jim Mueller* - The fling is the thing! With nothing but popsicle sticks, tape, corks and a sense of purpose can you be the top flinger of the day?! Do you have what it takes to make the best cork catapult? Come join us as we "siege the day"! **Ages 7-10.**

E31 - Lego Robotics - *Meg Edwards* - Learn how to build a robot using the Lego Mindstorms and program it to move around obstacles. **Ages 7-20.**

E32 - Junior Master Gardener - *Anne Gauchuhi* - In this workshop, learn about plants and the environment, relating gardening to nature and healthy eating. Activities presented by Anne Gauchuhi will include paper towel gardening and plant people. **Ages 7-10.**

E33 - Egypt Unwrapped - *Andy Hershberger* - Prepare a mummy for its journey to the afterlife. You'll explore the traditions and beliefs of ancient Egypt as you recreate sacred objects and treasures of this ancient civilization. **Ages 7-10.**

E34 - Pirate Party - Piratitude! - *Portia O'Laughlin* - Ahoy Matey! It's time to set sail for a swashbuckling adventure. Master your piratitude, talk like a pirate and look like one too. Make yourself a jollyboat and build a mighty fine crew. **Ages 7-13.**

E35 - Preteen Club - A great place to meet other homeschoolers your age. Make new friends while enjoying activities such as board games, card games, hanging out, and crafts. Video gaming will be available. **Ages 9-13.**

E36 - LAN Party - *George Carpenter* - Come and join a LAN Party! Four X-Boxes will be networked together so we can play games such as Stars Wars Battlefront 2, or equivalent teen rated games as a 16-person party. Experience with X-Box helpful, but not required. **Ages 10-13.**

E37 - Faerie Houses (are not for sissies!) - *Georgia Kmetz and Annie Max* - What is a faerie house? A gentle way to make three-dimensional art that is beautiful, functional and kind to our planet. Build a faerie house, faerie boat, faerie playground, faerie walking stick, faerie - well, you get the idea. Rules for building, examples of techniques and materials provided. We'll get you started, but mostly it's up to you, the creator of your unique faerie habitat. **Ages 10-13.**

E38 - Magic: the Gathering - *Jonathan Harper* - Magic: the Gathering fanatics will find a home here. Come ready to play. Never played before? Don't worry - instruction is available. **Ages 10-20.**

E39 - Airbrushing T-Shirts - *Rob Puhl* - Have you ever wanted to try airbrushing? Get hands-on experience while creating your own t-shirt. Beginners welcome. Just bring your enthusiasm. **Ages 10-20.**

E40 - Herbal First Aid - *Teri Heinichen Owens* - Be prepared for all of your on-the-go adventures this summer. In this hands-on class you will make your own herbal first aid kit using four different traditional medicine-making methods. Create your own custom blends as you learn how to make salve, bug spray and more! **Ages 10-13.**

E41 - Teen Hangout - Kick back and hang out with other homeschooled teens while enjoying a variety of board games, card games, crafts, and other activities. **Ages 13-20.**

E42 - Glassblown Masterpieces: Chihuly Faux-Glass Bowls - *Karolyn Kuehner* - Artist Dale Chihuly, an American National Living Treasure, fashions himself a magician - not unlike Harry Houdini. He is recognized for his transformative large-scale environmental glass sculptures. Join us as we create our own faux-glass versions of a smaller form - the nested bowl. **Ages 13-20.**

E43 - Favorite Fiction Book Discussion - *Barbara Hardin* - Come and talk with other reading enthusiasts about your favorite book. You will find others who have read some of your favorite books and will be able to compare notes. And, if you are looking for something new to read, you will hear about new and interesting books. We will put together a list of favorites. **Ages 13-20.**

Children/Teen Session F

10:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

F21 - Romp 'n Play - See A21 for description.

F22 - Laura Ingalls Wilder: Crafts from the Prairie - *Denise Graf and Laura Berger Gallagher* - Join us for crafts from Laura's childhood. Make a button string, play with paper dolls, make paper bonnets or straw hats and have a snack that Laura would have helped Ma make. **Ages 4-7.**

F23 - Buttermaking - *Susan Golland* - Children will participate in churning butter and then sample the final product. Susan Golland from the Des Plaines History Center will also talk about other chores children have done throughout history. **Ages 4-7.**

F24 - Stranger Danger - *Dona Zeffery* - An interactive and low-key approach to child safety geared to the younger child. This is a non-threatening look at possible dangers and the young child's response to those threats. There will be role-playing scenarios and dialogue with children. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-7.**

F25 - Hands-On Science - *Ivy Rio* - This ongoing workshop will have fun-filled scientific exploration. We'll have four stations: the competition corner, Rube Goldberg creative play, a make-and-take project, and the Lego building area. We will also have occasional demonstrations of scientific principles. The make-and-take will be ooey, goeey and slimy stuff. We will use ingredients commonly found around the house to make a fantastic mess - silly putty, green goop, and purple slime. We will compete to make egg vehicles. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-13.**

F26 - Galaxy of Art - *Stacie Suhrbur* - Join us for free exploration in the art room. We have billions of cool materials for you to use to create your own masterpiece. Stations will include painting, scratch-art, sculpting material, yarn art and collage. This session's unique art activity will be a garden fence; sometimes what doesn't print is the most important part of a picture. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-13.**

F27 - Spectacular Spiders - *Spring Valley Nature Center* - Learn the lifestyle of this remarkable creature by experiencing the spider sensation game, making your own spider web, piecing together a spider and playing bingo. **Ages 7-10.**

F28 - W.S.I. - Wildlife Scene Investigation - *Kevin Luby* - Come join Kevin Luby from the Willowbrook Wildlife Center and learn how to become a wildlife scene investigator. Using wildlife artifacts and clues, teams will work together to figure out and solve real wildlife mysteries! **Ages 7-10.**

F29 - Lego Robotics - *Meg Edwards* - Learn how to build a robot using Lego Mindstorms and program it to move around obstacles. **Ages 7-20.**

F30 - Golden Rule School Days - *Jan Wilt* - Travel back in time and discover what it was like to be a student learning in a one room schoolhouse in 1910. How were students expected to behave? How were students disciplined if they did not obey the rules? What other subjects were taught besides reading, writing and arithmetic? Each participant will play the role of a student who attended a one room school in Elk Grove Village. **Ages 7-10.**

F31 - Pirate Party - Overboard! - *Nancy Connolly and Portia O'Laughlin* - No Landlubbers here! Come "Pass the Pirate Hat", but if yer caught with it, to the sharks you'll go. Arr! **Ages 7-13.**

F32 - Preteen Club - A great place to meet other homeschoolers your age. Make new friends while enjoying activities such as board games, card games, hanging out, and crafts. Video gaming will be available. **Ages 9-13.**

F33 - Cork Flingin' Catapults - *Jim Mueller* - The fling is the thing! With nothing but popsicle sticks, tape, corks and a sense of purpose can you be the top flinger of the day?! Do you have what it takes to make the best cork catapult? Come join us as we "siege the day"! **Ages 10-13.**

F34 - Everything I Need to Know I Learned From Anime - *Arwen Areyzaga* - Join our circle for a humorous and "educational" look at Japanese animation and how it equips us to meet all of life's challenges. Great for the newbie and seasoned otaku alike. **Ages 10-20.**

F35 - LAN Party - *Patrick Gocek* - Come and join a LAN Party! Four X-Boxes will be networked together so we can play games such as Stars Wars Battlefront 2, or equivalent teen rated games as a 16-person party. Experience with X-Box helpful, but not required. **Ages 10-13.**

F36 - Dodge Ball - *Will Suhrbur* - Come play this traditional American game, but you have to know the 5 D's of dodgeball: dodge, duck, dip, dive, and dodge (Patches, A True Underdog Story). **Ages 10-20.**

F37 - Airbrushing T-Shirts - *Rob Puhl* - Have you ever wanted to try airbrushing? Get hands-on experience while creating your own t-shirt. Beginners welcome. Just bring your enthusiasm. **Ages 10-20.**

F38 - Trivia Game Show - *Natasha Gordon* - How much useless trivia do you know? Well, come and put all of that trivia to work and see if you are the master of trivia. **Ages 10-20.**

F39 - Hemp Jewelry - *Alice Muciek* - Using the basic square knot and spiral knot, we'll turn hemp twine and wooden beads into beautiful bracelets, key chains, ankle bracelets, or necklaces. These make really nice gifts for friends and family. **Ages 10-20.**

F40 - Teen Hangout - Kick back and hang out with other homeschooled teens while enjoying a variety of board games, card games, crafts, and other activities. **Ages 13-20.**

F41 - The Homeschool Filmmaker - A Crash Course in Moviemaking - *Richard Stout* - Are you a budding Steven Spielberg? Movies are not just for Hollywood these days. This workshop takes a look at the film process from script to screen for the novice. Clips from movies that began as homeschool projects will be used to illustrate techniques including scripting, editing, makeup, stunts, and special effects. **Ages 13-20.**

F42 - Jewels of the Gods - *Karolyn Kuehner* - Join us as we explore Hindu and Buddhist art. We'll briefly discuss these traditions, then create unique paper beads and fashion them into a one-of-a-kind piece of jewelry. **Ages 13-20.**

F43 - F.A.T.E. - *Jared De Seife* - Fantastic Adventures in Tabletop Entertainment, or F.A.T.E., is an easy to learn, paper and dice role playing game. Come with 4 six-sided dice if you have them, paper, and pencil. We will learn how to play this awesome game and run through an adventure. **Ages 13-20.**

Children/Teen Session G

1:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

G21 - Romp 'n Play - See A21 for description.

G22 - Cooperative Games - *Karen Rittle* - Come play with us! Karen, Allie, Christopher and Sabrina Rittle want to share lots of fun games with you! Fun and excitement are the main ingredient of this workshop, and the best part is: everyone wins! **Ages 4-7.**

G23 - Me, Myself & I - *Denise Graf and DeLynn Zielinski* - Come have a great time making a life-size version of yourself. Trace your body and decorate it with lots of great collage materials! **Ages 4-7.**

G24 - Shake, Rattle and Blow: All About Earthquakes and Volcanoes - *Coleen Davison* - How hot is lava? How big is the biggest volcano? How powerful is an earthquake? Are there earthquakes where we live? We'll answer all these questions and more. Lots of fun, hands-on experiments in this workshop. We'll even have "real" erupting volcanoes! **Ages 4-7.**

G25 - Hands-On Science - *Larry Lochner* - This ongoing workshop will have fun-filled scientific exploration. We'll have four stations: the competition corner, Rube Goldberg creative play, a make-and-take project, and the Lego building area. We will also have occasional demonstrations of scientific principles. The make-and-take will be kaleidoscopes, and we will compete to make the fastest balloon car. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-13.**

G26 - Galaxy of Art - *Stacie Suhrbur* - Join us for free exploration in the art room. We have billions of cool materials for you to use to create your own masterpiece. Stations will include painting, scratch art, sculpting material, yarn art and collage. This session's unique art activity will be go zig-zag, an abstract design made by repeating a simple shape. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-13.**

G27 - African Tie Dyeing - *Kiela Smith-Upton* - Spend this double session with an artist who has traveled to West Africa. Experiment with color, pattern and repetition in textiles as you tie-dye your own t-shirt. Experience West African geography and culture through travel photos, authentic tie-dye fabrics, map observation and learning how to wrap fabric into clothing. A feast for the mind and senses!! This is a double session. Please also sign up for H29. **Ages 7-20.**

G28 - Self-Defense - *Dona Zeffery* - This workshop is a hands-on program to help children realize their options in a dangerous situation. Emphasis will be placed on how to stay out of bad situations and how to avoid confrontations. Participants will be encouraged to try various self-defense techniques on each other and/or the instructor. Any child that has any physical limitations should inform the instructor before the workshop begins. **Ages 7-13.**

G29 - Lego Robotics - *Meg Edwards* - Learn how to build a robot using Lego Mindstorms and program it to move around obstacles. **Ages 7-20.**

G30 - W.S.I. - Wildlife Scene Investigation - *Kevin Luby* - Come join Kevin Luby from the Willowbrook Wildlife Center and learn how to become a wildlife scene investigator. Using wildlife artifacts and clues, teams will work together to figure out and solve real wildlife mysteries! **Ages 7-10.**

G31 - Pirate Party - Shipwrecked! - *Portia O'Laughlin* - Pieces of eight could be yer fate ... marooned on treasure island. Make your team buff and more during this no-elimination survivor style treasure hunt challenge. **Ages 7-13.**

G32 - Build a Better City - *Jillian Snider* - Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization whose goal is to educate and inspire young people to succeed in the global economy. During this interactive workshop students will recognize that a city is a place where people live, work, play, and go to school. They will use a colorful map and pictures to learn about different city zones. Then, the students will have the opportunity to build their own city by constructing cardboard buildings and placing them in the correct city zones. **Ages 7-10.**

G33 - Box-Making - *Bonnie Gullak* - Come and learn the art of box-making. We will be using precise folding skills and colorful materials to create several small decorative boxes for giving gifts or keeping trinkets. **Ages 8-11.**

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G35 - LAN Party - Come and join a LAN Party! Four X-Boxes will be networked together so we can play games such as Stars Wars Battlefront 2, or equivalent teen rated games as a 16-person party. Experience with X-Box helpful, but not required. **Ages 10-13.**

G36 - Not Your Grandmother's Embroidery - *Karen Wiebe* - We'll have fun embroidering some cool and kitschy designs. No experience needed - come and learn. Materials provided. **Ages 10-13.**

G37 - Fashion Design Project - *Karine Bauch* - Do you love to draw clothing and models? Here's your chance for a day in the life of a fashion designer as you create stylish ensembles from a template. You will be able to design an outfit while considering season, formality, age group, price range and don't forget the accessories (hats, shoes, belts, scarves, and jewelry). Take home a template and style sheet so you can continue to create an entire collection. **Ages 10-20.**

G38 - Tape-O-Rama 101 - *Georgia Kmetz* - Duct tape, mailing tape, electrical tape ... just about anything can be fashioned out of this handy and inexpensive material. Coin purses, masks, small sculptures, even clothing with pockets! You may be the next master of stick and style. Sound like fun? **Ages 10-20.**

G39 - Boom Whackers - *Sharon and Shara and Cassie Welter* - Come learn about these colored tubes that can actually make music. You'll learn about their origin and how they are made. After that we will play several songs and play fun games. **Ages 10-20.**

G40 - Teen Hangout - Kick back and hang out with other homeschooled teens while enjoying a variety of board games, card games, crafts, and other activities. **Ages 13-20.**

G41 - Dungeons and Dragons Adventures - *Jared De Seife* - Dungeon Master, Jared de Seife, will be running a 3rd edition D&D adventure in the teen room all afternoon. Come play this classic paper and dice role-playing game from character creation until whenever the group wants to end. This is a double session. You must also register for H42. **Ages 13-20.**

G42 - Herbal First Aid - *Teri Heinichen Owens* - Be prepared for all of your on-the-go adventures this summer. In this hands-on class you will make your own herbal first aid kit using four different traditional medicine making methods. Create your own custom blends as you learn how to make salve, bug spray and more! **Ages 13-20.**

G43 - Mandala Art - *Susan Barker* - Create your own sacred circle and interpret the subconscious messages it reveals. **Ages 13-20.**

Children/Teen Session H

3:00 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.

H21 - Romp 'n Play - See A21 for description.

H22 - Folk Dancing - *Karen Rittle* - Come dance with us! Karen, Allie, Christopher and Sabrina Rittle know lots of dances that are easy to learn and fun to do! We will sing a little, dance a lot and come away having learned some new movements. **Ages 4-7.**

H23 - Books, Music and Fingerplays - *DeLynn Zielinski* - Come listen to some stories, act out and pretend to be characters from fingerplays and dance to some early childhood favorites. At the end, children can make their own books/journals to take home. **Ages 4-7.**

H24 - Hands-On Science - *Rob Puhl* - This ongoing workshop will have fun-filled scientific exploration. We'll have four stations: the competition corner, Rube Goldberg creative play, a make-and-take project, and the Lego building area. We will also have occasional demonstrations of scientific principles. The make-and-take will be a buzzing bee on a string, and we will compete to build an earthquake-proof city. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-13.**

H25 - Galaxy of Art - *Stacie Suhrbur* - Join us for free exploration in the art room. We have billions of cool materials for you to use to create your own masterpiece. Stations will include painting, scratch art, sculpting material, yarn art and collage. This session's unique art activity will be melting; turning old crayons into stained glass. Children under six must be chaperoned. **Ages 4-13.**

H26 - Let's Play Dress-up! - *Tamara Martinez* - Dress up and join us for a fun costume parade. We have all kinds of costumes, hats, wigs, and props for boys and girls to try on for size. **Ages 4-7.**

H27 - Lego Windup Cars - *Jake and Erik Wachlin and William and Dan Magner* - Come build and race Lego windup cars. In this workshop, children will work to discover how wheel size and power affect speed and distance. **Ages 7-10.**

H28 - So That's What's In There - *Gregory Jaxon and Gene Blome* - Do you like to work with your hands? Have you ever wanted to "disassemble" things in your house? Well, now's your chance! Take apart regular household appliances and other items just to see what's in there. Bring a small set of tools. **Ages 7-100.**

H29 - African Tie Dyeing - *Kiela Smith-Upton* - Continued double session with an artist that has traveled to West Africa. Experiment with color, pattern and repetition in textiles as you tie-dye your own t-shirt. Experience West African geography and culture through travel photos, authentic tie dye fabrics, map observation and learning how to wrap fabric into clothing. A feast for the mind and senses!!! You must also register for G27. **Ages 7-20.**

H30 - Art in 3D - *Diane Keen* - Learn amazing new techniques to design game pieces, manipulatives, decorative objects and embellishments for creative projects using artist secrets to create a wide variety of 3D projects. **Ages 7-20.**

H31 - Pirate Party - Treasure Chest Mystery - *Portia O'Laughlin* - Rubies, emeralds, or gold? Bluebeard, Anne Bonnie, or Captain Jack? What's in the chest and who put it there? If you like to play the game "Clue", you'll love this Pirate who-dun-it. **Ages 7-13.**

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H35 - First Aid - *Dona Zeffery* - This is a practical look at possible emergencies that may be encountered by anyone, and the safest response to them. Participants will be given many possible scenarios and discuss the best action to be taken. This will be a great workshop for anyone who will be responsible for caring for younger children. **Ages 10-13.**

H36 - Build a Geodesic Clubhouse - *Ivy Rio* - Geodesic domes are made of interlocking geometric shapes, often triangles. Because loads are spread over many triangles, these domes are especially strong. Now you can learn how to make a geodesic dome you can play in, using newspaper, a stapler, and tape. **Ages 10-20.**

H37 - LAN Party - *Patrick Gocok* - Come and join a LAN Party! Four X-Boxes will be networked together so we can play games such as Stars Wars Battlefront 2, or equivalent teen-rated games as a 16-person party. Experience with X-Box helpful, but not required. **Ages 10-13.**

H38 - Origami Book - *Judy Perez* - Learn how to make a unique small book with pages that expand to 4 times their size by using a basic origami folding technique. **Ages 10-20.**

H39 - Half Persian Weave Chain Maille - *Bethany Harvey* - In this workshop you will learn the Persian 3 into 1 chain maille weave, also known as the Half Persian weave. Half Persian is usually used to make jewelry, and is one of the easiest jewelry weaves to learn. You can use the chain made in the workshop as a bracelet or choker or you can attach it to belt loops on jeans. **Ages 12-20.**

H40 - Teen Hangout - Kick back and hang out with other homeschooled teens while enjoying a variety of board games, card games, crafts, and other activities. Listen in on a jam session with Yard Fulla Cars. **Ages 13-20.**

H41 - Not Your Grandmother's Embroidery - *Karen Wiebe* - We'll have fun embroidering some cool and kitschy designs. No experience needed - come and learn. Materials provided. **Ages 13-20.**

H42 - Dungeons and Dragons Adventures - *Jared De Seife* - Dungeon Master, Jared de Seife, will be running a 3rd edition D&D adventure in the teen room all afternoon. Come play this classic paper and dice role playing game from character creation to whenever the group wants to end. This is a double session. You must also register for G31. **Ages 13-20.**

H43 - School of Rock - *Jeff Bradford* - Have you always wanted to be in a rock band? This workshop is geared toward teens who currently play an instrument (beginners are encouraged and welcome!) and would like to jam with the band Yard Fulla Cars. Bring your instrument and be prepared to ROCK. **Ages 13-20.**

H44 - Giant Twister Game - *Natasha Gordon* - Think Twister. Now...think of a giant Twister board with tons of players. Come join in the fun as we spice up this game and have a blast. Please remember, players must be in gym shoes (no sandals, platforms, or high heels) and jeans or shorts are preferable. **Ages 13-20.**

Family Workshops (Everybody Welcome)

The following workshops are designed for families to enjoy together. You may also register individually.

A46 - Juggling Funny Stories - *Chris Fascione* - Chris acts out children's literature using a unique combination of storytelling, acting, clowning and comedy as he "brings literature to life." Children under six must be chaperoned.

B46 - Cowboy Randy Erwin - *Randy Erwin* - Cowboy Randy will be singing cowboy songs, yodeling and telling stories followed by a trick roping demonstration. Participants will learn how to make miniature working trick lariats to take home and practice being a cowboy or cowgirl! Children under six must be chaperoned.

C46 - Scales & Tales: - *Beth Wagner* - Come and learn about some special animals. Beth will take you on an educational encounter with exotic animals. Participants will have a chance to get up close and personal with the animals from this traveling zoo. Come meet a pig that eats like a vacuum, see Xena the sloth, hold a snake and much more! Children under six must be chaperoned.

D46 - Random Acts of Magic - *David Kovac* - Join Chicago's own modern-day Vaudevillian, David Kovac, for an exciting evening of highly original comedy and truly impossible magical effects. Having played every venue from Chicago's Navy Pier to Second City to appearances on national television, David will perform his take on the classic "Suitcase Act" (packs flat and plays big!), and then open up the session for questions, an impromptu juggling or magic lesson, and a brief history of the Variety Arts in America. Prepare to be entertained. Expect the unexpected. And remember -- amazing things happen every day. Children under five must be chaperoned.

E46 - Ballet Folklorico Mexico Family Workshop - *Jesus Avila* - Come and listen to the authentic Mexican folk music as it transforms you to another time. Watch as the beautifully costumed dancers perform authentic Mexican folk dances! Children under six must be chaperoned.

F46 - Fire in Boomtown - *Amy Lowe* - This award winning, fast-paced, fact-based re-enactment of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 is presented through original song and story. Amy Lowe is a multi-award-winning Singer/Songwriter/Storyteller/Guitarist. Her strong soulful voice is a seamless blend of Rhythm and Blues, Country, Celtic and Be-bop. Children under six must be chaperoned.

G46 - Yard Fulla Cars - *Jeff Bradford* - Yard Fulla Cars is an up-and-coming Chicago-area country band. They have played such well-known events as the Chicago Country Music Festival and Oak Park's Oktoberfest. Fronted by two talented and energetic female singers, the band creates ear-pleasing harmonies, and blends up-tempo country music with a dash of rock. Children under six must be chaperoned.

H46 - Cryogenic Show - *Jerry Zimmerman* - What happens when you immerse balloons or flowers in liquid nitrogen? Get answers to those questions and more at this exciting presentation. Jerry Zimmerman, scientist from Fermilab, will demonstrate amazing changes in the properties of materials when they are exposed to very cold temperatures. Children under six must be chaperoned.