



## **MACHE 2009 Annual Conference Friday Workshops**

**Workshop:** It's Off to Work We Go! Homeschooling for the Marketplace, the Home Front, or the Military

**Speaker:** Becky Cooke, HSLDA High School Coordinator

**Session:** II **Time:** 1:30 p.m.

Preparing your teens for the marketplace, the home front, or the military is an exciting endeavor. The high school years are an important time to equip them academically. Come hear about various careers and opportunities that do not require a 4-year degree.

### **Introduction**

#### **Academics**

- Core subjects
- Electives
- Extracurricular activities
- Transcript

#### **Careers in the Marketplace**

- High school preparation
- Post-high school training options
- Employment

#### **The Home Front**

- Home management
- Full time ministry
- Caregiver services
- Family business
- Public service
- Gap year

#### **The Military**

- Historical background
- Current home school policy
- Enlistment documentation
- Enlistment benefits
- Further considerations

## Recommended Resources

### General HSLDA Links

- Home School Legal Defense Association  
[www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org)
- HSLDA's Homeschooling Thru High School webpages  
[www.hslda.org/highschool](http://www.hslda.org/highschool)
- For HSLDA members:  
HSLDA High School Coordinators: Becky Cooke and Diane Kummer  
[highschool@hslda.org](mailto:highschool@hslda.org)  
540-338-5600
- Generation Joshua  
<http://www.generationjoshua.org/dnn/Home/tabid/1/Default.aspx>

### High School Email Newsletter Links

- To sign up for free monthly Homeschooling Thru High School email newsletters:  
[www.hslda.org/highschool](http://www.hslda.org/highschool)
- Newsletter archives on other high school topics (examples: Transcripts, Gap Year, Military)  
<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/newsletter.asp>

### Transcript Sample Forms

<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/academics.asp#transcripts>

### Life Skills

- *Life Skills for Kids*, Christine Field
- *Life Prep for Home Schooled Teenagers*, Barbara Frank
- Homeschooling Thru Highschool Website,  
[www.hslda.org/highschool/beyondacademics.asp#LS](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/beyondacademics.asp#LS)

### Financial Management

- *Money Matters for Teens* and *The World's Easiest Guide to Finances*, by Larry Burkett

### Career Testing

- ASVAB Career Test, [www.asvabprogram.com](http://www.asvabprogram.com)
- Career Direct, <http://www.careerdirectonline.org>
- The Call, <http://www.thecallonline.com/Home>
- The Highlands Ability Battery, <http://www.highlandsco.com/>
- Homeschooling Thru Highschool Website,  
<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/testing.asp#persaptcareer>

### **Career Readiness Certificate**

- <http://www.act.org/certificate/>

### **Internships**

- *Mentoring Your Teen*, Education Plus by Inge Cannon, [www.edplus.com/Mentoring.asp](http://www.edplus.com/Mentoring.asp)

### **Apprenticeship Information**

- Federal Office of Apprenticeships [www.doleta.gov/OA](http://www.doleta.gov/OA)
- Vocational Information Center [www.khake.com/page58.html](http://www.khake.com/page58.html)
- Occupational Information Network (info on apprenticeships, occupational skills, careers), <http://www.onetcenter.org/ladders.html> and [http://www.onetknowledgesite.com/pages/onet\\_resources.html](http://www.onetknowledgesite.com/pages/onet_resources.html)
- Websites for careers/jobs for special needs students: <http://www.servicelocator.org>, <http://www.careeronestop.org/ExploreCareers/ExploreCareers.aspx>, <http://www.careeronestop.org/ExploreCareers/ExploreCareers.aspx>
- Homeschooling Thru High School website, <http://www.hsllda.org/highschool/vocation.asp#apprenticeships>

### **Military Links**

- Military section of HSLDA website, <http://www.hsllda.org/highschool/military.asp>

### **Career Resources**

*America's Top Jobs for People without a Four-Year Degree*, by J. Michael Farr

- Detailed Information on 190 Good Jobs in All Major Fields and Industries  
<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1563708825/002-6559695-6518439?v=glance&n=283155>

*Exploring Careers: A Young Person's Guide to 1,000 Jobs* (Third Edition), Jist Publishing (2003)

- [http://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/product?item\\_no=704889&event=CF#curr](http://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/product?item_no=704889&event=CF#curr)

*Guide to Your Career*, 6th Edition (Paperback) by [Princeton Review](http://www.princetonreview.com)

- The 2006 edition offers very complete profiles of 240 careers. It also provides helpful information on the major employers in the field and major associations related to the job to contact for more information as well as interviewing tips.
- [http://www.amazon.com/gp/explorer/0375763996/2/ref=pd\\_lpo\\_ase/002-0834620-3944029](http://www.amazon.com/gp/explorer/0375763996/2/ref=pd_lpo_ase/002-0834620-3944029)

*Occupational Outlook Handbook* by the US Dept. of Labor

- Provides descriptions for over 260 jobs including training and educational needs, advancement opportunities, skills required, working conditions, earnings and related jobs
- <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>
- [http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1563709880/ref=bxgy\\_cc\\_text\\_b/002-6559695-6518439?%5Fencoding=UTF8](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1563709880/ref=bxgy_cc_text_b/002-6559695-6518439?%5Fencoding=UTF8)

*300 Best Jobs without a Four-Year Degree* by J. Michael Farr, LaVerne L. Ludden, Laurence Shatkin

- This book includes lots of good information covering many different occupations. For each occupation, the entry lists any education/training/certification needed, average earnings, annual job openings, and the necessary skills a person who is interested in the job should have – a great starting place for your child to investigate various options.
- <http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1563708612/oklahomahomes-20/002-6559695-65184399>

*What Color Is Your Parachute? 2007: A Practical Manual for Job-Hunters and Career-Changers* by [Richard Nelson Bolles](#)

- This book is divided into three parts so you can easily carve out portions to create course lesson plans as you lead your child through the steps necessary to get a job. However, it is not a book to a student to read on his own. Be discerning in the sections you have them read and discuss.
- [http://www.amazon.com/What-Color-Your-Parachute-2007/dp/1580087949/ref=pd\\_sxp\\_grid\\_pt\\_0\\_0/002-0834620-3944029?ie=UTF8](http://www.amazon.com/What-Color-Your-Parachute-2007/dp/1580087949/ref=pd_sxp_grid_pt_0_0/002-0834620-3944029?ie=UTF8)

*You're Certifiable: The Alternative Career Guide to More Than 700 Certificate Programs, Trade Schools, and Job Opportunities* by Lee Naftali and Joe Naftali

- A handy reference tool offering contact information, necessary credentials and length of training, and costs involved in many different careers/vocations
- <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0684849968/002-6559695-6518439?v=glance&n=2831555>

*God at Work* by Gene Edward Veith, Jr.

- Helps your teen assess his vocational calling

### **Internet Employment Websites**

- 4Work.com ([www.4work.com](http://www.4work.com))
- America's Job Bank ([www.ajb.org](http://www.ajb.org))
- Best jobs in the USA Today ([www.bestjobsusa.com](http://www.bestjobsusa.com))
- Career Builder ([www.careerbuilder.com](http://www.careerbuilder.com))
- Career Mart ([www.careermart.com](http://www.careermart.com))
- The Monster Board ([www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com))
- The Riley Guide ([www.rileyguide.com](http://www.rileyguide.com))
- Workindex ([www.workindex.com](http://www.workindex.com))

### **Home School Legal Defense Association's High School Brochures**

<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/brochures.asp>

including:

- Developing a High School Plan brochure
- Recordkeeping for High School brochure
- Homeschooling the College Bound: Successfully Navigating the Road to Admissions
- It's Off to Work We Go: Homeschooling for the Marketplace, the Home Front, or the Military
- Keeping on Track: A Timeline for High School