

TOPIC DESCRIPTIONS. CONTINUED...

Educating the Child: Whose Resource Is It?

Who are our schools for? Can the neighbor boy attend? Should our schools be an evangelism tool? Whose influence is actually the most concerning?

Facilitating Challenged Learners (Panel Discussion)

School boards, teachers, and parents often struggle to work together to meet the needs of challenged learners. Methods and perspectives differ, often resulting in strained relationships. Come to this panel discussion to hear comments on the responsibilities of the school in these situations.

Teaching Music

What are we trying to do with music class? Is our music program augmenting our heritage of congregational singing? What if the teacher can't pull the wagon so well?

Teaching Penmanship

What are we trying to do with Penmanship class? Why should we be concerned about this, now that we are in the digital age? Does cursive matter? What are state curriculums doing with penmanship, and should we take notice?

Teaching Tech

How important is it to teach keyboarding and basic computer skills? Are our students prepared for the workplace of today?

Relief from the Pressures of Life

Life happens. The teacher at school is overwhelmed, a patron is melting down, work is stressful, and the children are sick. You feel like taking an Aspirin and reading Psalm 23 repeatedly in hopes of some relief. What are some skills we can learn for coping with the pressures of living in a fallen world?

Stories to Learn From

Several stories will be presented to illustrate and cement the concepts discussed throughout the day. Bring your family for an interesting evening.

PLEASE REGISTER



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Lodging

Limited lodging is available on a first come, first served basis at the Bible Camp. For details and reservations, call:
Tim Stolfus (509) 680-8095

Board of Directors:

This event is directed by the Western Fellowship Teachers' Institute Board and organized by Jonathan Erb, Paul Bear, and Jeff Friesen.

WFTI Board:

Dan Weaver, Conrad Smucker, John Smucker, Kent Kropf, and Edwin Bontrager Jr.

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October 17 & 18



*"Thou art good, and doest good; **teach me thy statutes.**"*

- Psalm 119:68



Waits Lake Bible Camp
3362 Thompson Road #D
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

5:00–6:00 Supper Served

6:30 Devotional & Song

- Jonathan Erb (Hamilton, MT)

6:40 Short Topic

- *What is an Educated Child?*
- James Krahn (LaGrande, OR)

6:55 Evening Topic

- *Educating the Child: Whose Responsibility is It?*
- Mike Hofer (Stirling, AB)

7:35 Book Introductions

7:55 Closing

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:30–8:00 Coffee & Registration

8:00 Announcements/Songs

8:05 Main Session

- *Educating the Child: Whose Administration Is It?*
- Mike Hofer (Stirling, AB)

8:45 Intro to Workshops

- Jonathan Erb (Hamilton, MT)

8:50–9:10 Break

9:10 1st Workshop Session

- #1. Cultivating Teachers
- TBD

- #2. Structure in the Classroom –
Finding the Sweet Spot
- Neil Hackman (LaGrande, OR)

- #3. If I Were 30 Again...
(Women's Workshop)
- Laura Smucker (Madras, OR)

10–10:20 Break

10:20 Short Topic

- *A Pastor Reflects...*
- Jason Schrock (Halsey, OR)

10:45 Main Topic

- *Educating the Child: Whose Resource Is It?*
- Mike Hofer (Stirling, AB)

11:30 Book Introductions

11:50–1:15 Lunch

1:15 Panel Discussion

- Topic: *Facilitating Challenging Learners*

Panelists: Jason Derstine,
Eddie Troyer, Joel Schrock

Moderator: Paul Bear (Kingston, ID)

2:35–2:55 Break

2:55 10 Minute Sessions

#1. Teaching Music

- Ted Hartzler (Salmon Arm, BC)

#2. Teaching Penmanship

- TBD

#3. Teaching Tech

- Mahlon Zehr (Milton-Freewater, OR)

3:25 Afternoon Topic

- Relief from the Pressures of Life
- Steve Engbretson (Grangeville, ID)

4:10 Announcements

4:15–5:00 Break

5:00–7:00 Supper & Fellowship

7:00 Songs/Introduction

7:05 Stories to Learn From

8:15 Closing

TOPIC DESCRIPTIONS

What is an Educated Child?

What is the ideal profile of our graduating students? What are their worldviews, values, and qualifications? To what marker in the distance are we steering?

Educating the Child: Whose Responsibility Is It?

With a well-seated school program, it's easy to relegate the responsibility of bringing up our children to the school, when we really only meant to delegate it. On whose desk does the buck stop for the education of a child? What are the implications for parents and school staff?

Educating the Child: Whose Administration Is It?

How far does the delegation of responsibility extend in the matter of school? How can we find balance between competing perspectives of parents, teachers, and board? How should "in honor preferring one another" direct our thoughts and actions?

Cultivating Teachers

Is anyone a 'born' teacher? What soft skills will help board members in understanding teachers and their needs? How can we mentor them towards enduring, quality service?

Structure in the Classroom-Finding the Sweet Spot

Where is the optimum balance of enough law and order, but not too much? Why do we need it? When is enough enough? How can the board steer it?

If I Were 30 Again...

(Women's Workshop)

A mother, grandmother, and church leader's wife reflects on past years, and relates the advice she would use if she were 30 again.

A Pastor Reflects...

A pastor reflects on 50 years of ministry. What advice does he have for today's school boards?