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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Free Admission for Parents of Preschoolers at 2009 Virginia Homeschool Convention  
Plus Four Free How-to-Begin Workshops Open to the Public**

In its twenty-sixth year, Virginia's largest homeschool convention, presented by Home Educators Association of Virginia (H.E.A.V.), is offering free admission to qualifying parents of preschoolers as they consider how to give their child the best education possible. Parents will have the opportunity to choose from more than 119 workshops offered at the convention, including sessions on getting started, choosing curriculum, the Virginia homeschool law, teaching preschoolers at home, working with special needs children, and more. They can also visit more than 300 booths filled with many of the best educational resources from around the country—colorful books, games, puzzles, experiments, hands-on learning materials, curricula, and much more.

“This will provide a unique opportunity for parents to learn about home education and to see if it's the right fit for their family,” said HEAV President Anne Miller. “Even if parents are not sure about homeschooling, they should come and explore the educational resources available.”

For FREE “Parents of Preschooler” admission, the eldest child in the family must be under five years of age, and this must be the parent’s first time attending the convention. Details and a registration form are available at [www.heav.org/convention/registration/preschool.html](http://www.heav.org/convention/registration/preschool.html).

ALL interested parents can attend our FREE how-to-begin workshops on Thursday, June 11. The free sessions include an introduction to homeschooling, information on how to get started, an overview of the laws and requirements for homeschooling, and guidance on choosing curriculum.

- What:** 26<sup>th</sup> Annual HEAV Virginia Homeschool Convention  
Free Admission for Qualified Parents of Preschoolers  
(Plus Four Free “How-to-Begin” Workshops for the General Public)
- When:** Thursday, June 11, through Saturday, June 13, 2009
- Where:** Greater Richmond Convention Center, Richmond, VA
- Cost:** Free – Qualified Preschool Parents  
Free – “How-to-Begin” Workshops on Thursday, June 11  
\$70 – General Three-Day Admission (See website for other admission options.)
- More Info:** [www.heav.org/convention](http://www.heav.org/convention), 804-278-9200

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The Home Educators Association of Virginia strengthens and empowers the more than 29,000 homeschoolers throughout the Commonwealth. HEAV, a statewide, member-supported, non-profit association, has served Virginia homeschoolers through information, legislation, and resources for the past 26 years. Members of the media can learn more by visiting [www.heav.org/media](http://www.heav.org/media).