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Free Admission for Parents of Preschoolers at the 2009 Virginia Homeschool Convention

Virginia's largest homeschooling convention is offering free admission to qualifying parents of preschoolers this year. The Home Educators Association of Virginia (HEAV) hopes to encourage parents as they consider how to give their child the best education possible. Parents will have the opportunity to choose from more than 115 workshops offered at the convention, including sessions on getting started, choosing curriculum, the Virginia homeschool law, gifted learners, teaching preschoolers at home, and more. They will also get to view more than 300 booths of some of the best educational resources from around the country.

"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."

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. Parents will need to register, but the registration is free. There is a special registration form on the HEAV website for this option, or they can register at the door.

www.heav.org/convention/registration/preschool.html

**What: Home Educators of Virginia Homeschool Convention
Free Admission for Parents of Preschoolers**

When: Thursday, June 11 through Saturday, June 13, 2009

**Where: Greater Richmond Convention Center
Richmond, VA**

**Cost: Free for qualified preschool parents
\$70 – General Three-Day Admission
(See website for other admission options.)**

More Info: www.heav.org

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The Home Educators Association of Virginia strengthens and empowers the more than 23,000 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.