

## **Home School Book Conventions suggestions:**

1. Mark the date: Find out where and when the next one near you and mark the day on your school calendar to attend. Most will have an early registration fee, which will save you money.
2. Planning: You will see lots of stuff displayed. Have a plan of what you will be looking for at the fair. List the things you will be teaching that year in a small notebook. Are you looking for a full curriculum or just supplement stuff?
3. Have a budget: Decide before you go how much you want to spend, if you know what you already want find out through websites/ebay/used books how much they sell for before you buy it there.
4. Don't buy something right away: Mark down where the vendor is and come back later in case you find something better later down the line.
5. Don't go late: A lot of the vendors might leave early and you might miss out on some of them.
6. Leave the kids at home: Unless you plan for them to help you pick out the books leave them at home with dad/grandparents so you can enjoy the seminars. The bigger conventions will have these.
7. If you do bring the kids make sure to give them a set amount of money they can spend this way they wont be bugging you to buy everything they see.
8. If you can bring the father/mother (the one not doing the teaching) with you that would be great. This is a great way to get the spouse involved.
9. Bring water for yourself and snacks for the kids if they allow it at the convention.
10. If you know what you want already you might get a discount buying it there then online or catalog. I wanted a erase board for instance and it would have cost me shipping if I ordered it from web site.
11. Bring a backpack or rolling cart to carry thing in unless the book fair provides you with one to put all your goodies in. A lot of the vendors give away things for free plus their brochures. Just drive nice with those rolling carts this one lady once was hitting everyone with it one year.
12. If you have printed out labels with your name address and phone number/email bring those along. This way when you're requesting more info from a vendor you can paste this to their form instead. It saves time especially when there is so much to see.