

Rules and Regulations

In order to conform to MassHOPE and the Sturbridge Host Hotel policies, exhibitors are expected to understand and comply with the following:

1. It is understood that the "Application to Exhibit" is only an application to exhibit. Completing and submitting the form with a check does not ensure that the potential exhibitor will be asked to exhibit at the convention. All vendors who sell materials they feel may be of value to Christian home educators are welcome to apply. Exhibitors who are approved will have their checks cashed and will be notified by e-mail no later than February 29, 2024. Companies which apply late or after all space is filled may be placed on a waiting list. **MassHOPE's policy is to accept or deny exhibitors without comment.**
2. MassHOPE does not require that exhibitors and/or advertisers subscribe to our Statement of Faith (below), but it does require that exhibitors and/or advertisers do not promote any materials which would be in conflict with the Statement of Faith or might be offensive to Christian home educators. Such materials might include stories or artwork containing witches, ghosts, dragons, or other occult material; science material based on evolution; New Age or overtly humanistic material; homeopathy; "Values Clarification" curriculum; "multi-cultural" curriculum (the idea of valuing all lifestyles and religions as equal to the biblical view); fantasy role-playing games or curriculum; or any material that portrays the Bible as merely mythological, or Christianity as untrue or as one among many equal religions; materials related to gender beyond male or female. MassHOPE reserves the right, **at the convention**, to exclude specific items or entire displays which, in MassHOPE's opinion, would be inappropriate for display. Vendors who refuse to remove items deemed inappropriate by MassHOPE will be asked to leave without refund. Participation at the convention implies an understanding of, and agreement to, these conditions and releases MassHOPE from any financial or other liability related to such exclusion.
3. There is to be **NO used curriculum** of any kind available for purchase.
4. No vendor may sell any type of food or beverage product
5. By signing the *Application to Exhibit* form you are agreeing that you will set up on Thursday, April 18, **and stay set up until the close of the convention at 5 PM, Saturday, April 20. Your booth MUST be manned during ALL hours the exhibit hall is open.** Failure to do one or more of these may jeopardize your chances of being invited back in subsequent years, and/or may result in a fine.
6. **If you are sending a representative in your place, it is your responsibility to make sure that he understands these rules and signs the application. Applications will not be processed without signatures.**
7. All materials or displays must stay within the confines of a pre-measured booth space (8'x10' or 8'x8'). Exhibitors MUST sit or stand within the booth space, and not in the aisle. You **WILL** be asked to move, and **MUST** comply; this is a safety issue.
8. Exhibitors are not allowed to share booth space with another company or organization, or display materials from another company or organization (not normally in their product lines) without PRIOR approval of MassHOPE.
9. The exhibit hall is provided for attendees so that they can see and purchase curriculum and home school related merchandise. Multi-level marketers may be invited to exhibit if their sole purpose is to sell products. **Multi-level marketers are not allowed to recruit in any way.** No signs, signup sheets, business cards, or notices of any sort of advertising business opportunities, home parties, etc. will be allowed. A vendor may give attendees a brochure, catalog, or business card with his name and address **only if asked for such information.** An attendee may contact an exhibitor outside of the exhibit hall. Multi-level marketers who disregard this rule may be asked to leave the convention without refund.
10. Exhibitors are responsible for collection and payment of sales tax. A list of exhibitors will be given to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue before the date of the convention.
11. If you agree to hold material for an attendee at your booth (after it has been paid for), you do so at your own risk.
12. Dress code: Business casual.
13. **Cancellations after March 21, 2024 will not be refunded.**

MassHOPE STATEMENT OF FAITH

We Believe:

- The Bible to be the inspired Word of God, the supreme and final authority for all faith and life.
- That there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- In the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His imminent bodily return in power and glory.
- That man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin and is therefore lost, and only those who put their faith in Jesus Christ alone, not trusting in any personal works whatsoever, can be saved.
- That salvation is the free gift of God brought to the sinner by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose substitutionary death on the cross paid the penalty for man's sin.
- That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict mankind, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for Godly living and service.
- That the God of the Bible established marriage as the exclusive lifetime covenant of union between one man and one woman. It is His unique gift that echoes the union of Christ and His church, and is the ideal environment that He has ordained for procreation and for the raising of children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord to the glory of God.
- In the spiritual unity of believers through our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that individual doctrinal differences which may exist, outside the aforementioned, should not hinder the unity of Christian home educators.

(Revised November 2010)