

## Convention Information

18<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeschoolers of Maine Convention  
March 7-8<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The Samoset Resort, Rockport, Maine

### HOME vendor rules and regulations (Please read before sending in application)

- NEW LOCATION!! Our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeschoolers of Maine (HOME) Convention will be at the Samoset Resort [www.samosetresort.com](http://www.samosetresort.com), in Rockport, Maine.
- We will have the vendors located in one area, Vendor Hall.
- We will be selling floor space this year. You will have an 8x8 area which will include one 6' table. You may put whatever you would like in that space as long as it is appropriate.

## Directions to Samoset Resort

### From Boston, MA: (3 1/2 hours)

Proceed North on I-95 to Exit 52, Falmouth

### From Portland, ME: (90 mins.)

95 North to Exit 52 (Falmouth) to Route 295 North to exit 31 (Topsham) to Rt. 1 North. Due to construction we advise turning left on Rt. 90 (Warren) and follow until it reconnects with Rt. 1, north and south. Turn RIGHT at this light onto Rt. 1 south. At this point you are 4 miles north of the Samoset. Follow Rt. 1 south until you stop at the traffic light at Home Depot. Next traffic light is Shaw's Plaza. At the third light turn LEFT onto Waldo Avenue. (Tim Horton's is on the right at this light) The Samoset is 1/2 mile down Waldo Avenue, the entrance road is on the right.

### From Augusta, ME: (45 mins.)

Route 17 East approx. 41 miles, when Route 17 meets Route 1 turn left (McDonald's on left), onto Route 1 North. 1/3 mile down turn right at the light onto Waldo Avenue (Littlefield Baptist Church) 1/2 mile on Waldo Avenue to the Samoset Resort entrance.

### From Bangor, ME: (75 mins.)

Route 1A South to Route 1 South through Belfast and Camden, 7 miles beyond Camden and 1 mile beyond Penobscot Bay Medical Center, turn left onto Warrenton Street just past the Glen Cove Rest Area, 1 mile on Warrenton Street to the Samoset Resort entrance.

- It is understood that the "Exhibitor and Advertising Application, Homeschoolers of Maine 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention" is only an application to exhibit. Completing and submitting the form does not ensure that the potential exhibitor will be asked to exhibit at the convention. All vendors who sell materials that they think may be of value to Christian home educators are welcome to apply. Exhibitors who are approved will be notified by email or first class mail no later than February 16, 2008. Those companies who apply late or after all space is filled may be placed on a waiting list. The decisions of HOME are final.
- HOME does not require that exhibitors and/or advertisers subscribe to our Statement of Faith, but HOME does require that the exhibitors and/or advertisers do not promote any materials that might include stories or art work containing witches, ghosts, dragons, or other occult materials; "Values Clarification"

curriculum; multicultural curriculum (the ideas of valuing all lifestyles and religions as equal to the biblical view); fantasy role-playing games or curriculum; or any materials that portray the Bible as merely mythological, or Christianity as untrue or as one among many religions. HOME reserves the right to exclude specific items or entire displays which in HOME'S opinion would be inappropriate for display during the convention. Vendors who refuse to remove items deemed inappropriate by HOME will be asked to leave without refund. Participation at the Convention implies an understanding of and agreement to these conditions and releases HOME from any financial or other liability.

### Contact Information

- Vendor Information  
Trisha White- 207-564-7308
- Advertising  
Debbie Foss- 207- 865-4007
- Shopping Bags  
Kathy Green- 207-763-2880

### Deadlines:

- Exhibitor Space deadline is February 15, 2008
- Exhibitor program advertising deadline is January 11, 2008
- ~~State Newsletter (convention issue) advertising deadline is November 15, 2008.~~  
(Not available this year due to time of Convention.)
- Shopping Bag inserts February 22, 2008

### Advertising Policy:

- **\*\*\*All ads must be sent electronically in Word or Adobe (Word preferred) to [vendors@homeschoolersofmaine.org](mailto:vendors@homeschoolersofmaine.org) \*\*\***
- No refunds will be issued for ads which do not arrive by the deadline.
- HOME reserves the right to refuse advertising which does not promote Christian Homeschooling or family values.
- All ads are subject to the approval of HOME.

### Refund Policy:

- Exhibitor cancellations of signed and paid contracts before February 8, 2008 will receive a 75% refund of space rental.
- From February 9 to February 29, 2008 a 50% refund of the space rental will be paid **only if the vacated space is resold.**
- Cancellations of advertising space in the newsletter or program prior to 30 days before the printing deadline will receive a 75% refund.
- No refunds for cancellations of ads will be issued within 30 days of the deadline.
- After February 29, 2008 no refunds will be issued for any reason. Vendor may request a refund in writing explaining special circumstances to be presented at a **post-convention board meeting, and refund decisions will be made by the Board of Directors of HOME at that meeting.** The results will be made known in writing to the vendor.

### Setup Time

- Thursday - 5:00-9:00 PM
- **Friday - All vendors must be completely set up by 7:00 AM.**

### Exhibit Hall hours

- Friday, 8:30-5:00PM. You may stay open until 6:00 pm. There will be an auction at 4 pm and then people will be arriving in vendor hall so it may benefit to stay open until 6 PM.
- Saturday, 8:00-3:00PM
- We offer an exhibit hall/shopping only pass for Saturday from 11-3 PM. HOME would like the vendors to be open until 3pm on Saturday to allow shopper ample time to visit all vendors. If a vendor is found leaving early on Saturday, they may not be invited for the following year of convention. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
- Exhibit hall must be vacated by Saturday at 6PM. **If you need some volunteers to help you with this, please let us know so we may have them available for you.**
- It is highly recommended that each vendor cover their displays at the end of the day. There is no security is available.

### Application information

- If you need AV Equipment, please contact The Samoset for price and availability at 207-593-1532
- Please enclose a detailed and accurate description of your complete line of product(s) or service(s), and/or a company brochures or catalog. We cannot process your application without this information.
- Only one company per application. Please photocopy the application for the number of businesses you will be exhibiting.
- Website link will be posted on the HOME website at [www.homeschoolersofmaine.org](http://www.homeschoolersofmaine.org) for all approved vendors.
- Send application and payments to:  
Trisha White  
306 Wharff Rd.  
Guilford, ME 04443  
Please note deadlines above
- Shopping Bags: You may include your company's materials in our distribution of 500 shopping bags of homeschool related brochures or flyers to our attendees. Send payment of \$45.00 fee along with enclosed application to Trisha White, 306 Wharff Rd. Guilford, ME 04443; send brochures to HOME, 337 Hatchet Mountain Rd., Hope, ME 04847.  
**Please note deadlines above**
- The application included with this letter is for vendor exhibit space and advertising only.
- Space is limited, so please don't delay with your applications.