

Charlotte Mason Education Conference June 9-12, 2010

General Information

Updated 4/12/10

Registration Periods and Fees	
1 March 2010 – 30 April 2010	\$99 per person \$89 for a group (3 or more)
1 May 2010 – 25 May 2010	\$119 per person \$109 for a group (3 or more individuals or families*)
26 May 2010 until conference	\$129 per person or family: no group rates
For each additional family member attending conference (spouse, adult child)	\$25 administration fee
One Day Only Registration	
Thursday	\$59
Friday	\$59.
Saturday	\$49
Apartment Lodging for Adults	\$25.00 per person per night
Apartment Lodging for Children	
0-2 free	free
3-11 50% of adult price	\$12.50
12+ same as adult	\$25.00
Meals	
Whole conference meal ticket Wed. dinner to Sat. lunch	\$52
Meals for Children	
0-2 free	
3-11 50% of adult price	\$26.00
12+ same as adult meals for Children	\$52.00

Conference and Registration Fees

Note the 3 registration periods and prices. Please register early and save money. We offer early registration to keep the conference accessible to as many people as possible.

The easiest method of payment is to send registration form with check made out to Gardner-Webb University to Charlotte Mason Education Conference, Gardner Webb University, Box 7226, Boiling Springs, NC 28017.

If you want to pay by credit card, you will still need to send in your completed registration form to the above address, but you can call The Charlotte Mason Education Center at 704-406-3913 Mon., Tues., Thurs., or Fri. between 12:00 noon and 5:00 (eastern standard time) and Monique will take your credit card number. She is not available on Wed. or before noon.

You should receive an email confirming your conference registration and payment.

We cannot offer meal tickets or guarantee apartment availability after May 25, 2010.

We are offering whole conference meal tickets only at \$52 per adult ticket. Individual meals may be purchased at the door for a slightly higher fee. We are unable to offer day only meal tickets this year.

Spouses or adult children may attend the conference for an additional \$25 administrative fee per additional adult attendee.

Walk-ins welcomed at the late registration fee of \$129.00.

Conference questions can be directed to cmedctr@gardner-webb.edu.

Additional Conference Information

A comprehensive conference schedule is being put together; please see the Quick Look for 2010 Conference Topics. Check for updates 4/17/10.

No childcare will be provided at the conference, but children are welcome on campus as long as they are under adult supervision at all times. **Please do not leave unsupervised or unattended children in the halls outside of class rooms.** We ask that only nursing babies accompany their parents to a session and if the baby cries, please take the child out to avoid interference with recording. Please remember that **each child must have own registration form for security/insurance purposes.** There is a duck pond with an encircling sidewalk on campus; lovely place to walk but be careful of small children feeding bread to squawking geese who will pursue bread. Across Main Street, to the right of the cemetery, behind a building that used to be an old school is a small playground/park.

Please keep in mind that auditorium seating is for registered conference participants only.

Those interested in continuing education credits, please check CEU box on registration form

We will enjoy entertainment throughout the conference.

On Campus Lodging

We are offering apartment options only this year at \$25 per night per person. Please note that university policy requires lodging fees per person per night and graduating fees for different children's ages

After early registration is closed on May 25, we cannot offer apartments.

Apartments contain 4 bedrooms with a double bed in each room. In each apartment there is a living room, kitchen and small laundry room in the center with two bedrooms and a bath on each side.

Please bring your own double bed linens, pillow and towels.

Please indicate your roommate preference or we may have to assign one. This is usually not a problem for a conference like ours because you meet interesting, like-minded people. For apartment mates, we try to put friends on one side of apartment, sharing a bath. Since you pay per person per night for the apartment, a married couple can have "their side" of an apartment with two rooms and one bath. If we have to put two couples in an apartment that don't know each other, we put one couple on one side with their own bath and one couple on the other side with their own bath. Fire code allows only 6 persons per apartment.

Remember to bring your own towels, bed linens for double beds and toiletries.

Off Campus Lodging

If you prefer staying off campus, there is an AmericInn about .8 of a mile away from the conference site for rooms with double queen beds or a king bed, the AmericInn offers a conference rate of \$79.90 plus tax. Families with multiple children may find this cheaper than staying on campus. The rate includes an enhanced continental breakfast and use of the indoor pool and hot tub. Children under 12 are free. To take advantage of this rate, you must call the hotel directly at 704.434.9996 and ask for the Charlotte Mason/Gardner Webb conference rate. This rate is not available through on line registration.

Other traditional accommodations such as Holiday Inn Express; however, these are a 15-20 minute drive away. At all of these ask for the Gardner-Webb/Charlotte Mason Conference rate. You can also see the link on this website for other choices.

On Campus Meals

We consider the conversations shared around a meal to be a vital part of the conference and therefore encourage people to eat together on campus. We offer informal "Eat and Meet" discussions at meal times with conference speakers in the Bailey Dining Room (next to The Caf) that seats 35 and in the Conference Room down the hall that seats 15. Meals are served in the university cafeteria "The Caf."

We can offer only full conference meal ticket at \$52 for Wed. dinner through Sat. lunch.

University policy requires graduating fees for children's meal ticket according to ages: 0-2 free, 4-11 half price \$26.00, and 12 and above are adult price of \$52.

You may purchase individual meals at the door of The Caf for a slightly higher fee per meal.

We ask that you consider your option carefully because there are no refunds for meals, even if you do not use your card. The Caf plans and purchases food days before the conference begins and these costs must be covered. After we give the university the head count by May 26, we cannot offer any more whole conference meal tickets, but you can always pay at the door.

Transportation Information

If you are flying into Charlotte and need a ride to/from the airport, please consider that we are offering a 12 seat van shuttle at 3:00 on Wednesday 6/9/10 from the airport to conference and at 1:00 on Saturday 6/12/10 from conference to airport. Conference to airport is approximately a one hour drive. Van has 12 seats and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. We ask you to consider these shuttle times when purchasing your plane ticket, as the conference cannot assure transportation beyond the shuttle van. If you have special circumstances on arrival/departure times beyond the van shuttle, you can contact Bonnie Buckingham at KBuckingham@carolina.rr.com BEFORE you purchase ticket to see if special accommodations can be arranged. If you sign up for the van, you will receive an email confirming your seat.

Weather Related Information

Bring a raincoat and a light jacket for cool evenings. You might want to check www.weather.com before coming. Sometimes it is hot and sometimes it is cool.

Refund Policy

To obtain a refund, you must have registered before 15 May 2010. After 15 May there will be no refunds except for extreme emergencies such as a death in the immediate family. Refunds create a lot of extra work and since volunteers do most of the work for this conference, refunds become a burden.

Please remember that if you lose a key, the university will charge us \$25.00. Our conference leaves on Saturday and then Crossroads youth ministries arrive on Sunday, ready to receive their keys. They fill every dorm room and apartment on campus. So even if you leave with a key and send it back the following week, it is too late and we are charged \$25 and have to pass that expense along to you.