



2026 NDHSA
Home Educators Convention
Feb. 26th-28th, 2026
Alerus Center
1200 S. 42nd St. Grand Forks, ND

Greetings from the NDHSA. I know many of you are just finishing up the 2025 convention season, and we here in North Dakota are just starting plans for our 2026 convention. We'd love to have you join us! We appreciate our faithful returning exhibitors and are always looking for new curriculum options and resources.

We aim to assist, equip, and encourage our attendees to home-educate their children. You, as the exhibitor, play a crucial role in this process.

We hope you will consider joining us in Grand Forks, North Dakota, on February 26th-28th, 2026.

BOOTHS

Booths are 10' x 10'. They are piped and draped on the back and sides and include an 8' table and two chairs.

Table linens, skirts, additional tables, and carpeting may be ordered for an extra charge.

*We prefer tables to have linens and skirts. If you prefer to purchase your own, check out www.tableclothsfactory.com for their fitted polyester or spandex table coverings.

ELECTRICITY

Electricity is available @ \$35/booth.

INTERNET/WIFI

Internet access is available at no charge. It is a closed, secured line separate from the public access side.

BOOTH SETUP AND TEARDOWN

Thursday, February 26th: 1:00—8:00 PM.

The Exhibit Hall is located in the Arena of the Alerus Center. There are two roll-up doors for loading and unloading. Vendors can park at Entrance 7. If you have a trailer, please park on the south side of the facility after unloading. Please contact us if you will not be setting up on Thursday. Booths should be set up by 9:00 AM on Friday. Booths must be taken down by 7:00 PM on Saturday evening.

EXHIBIT HALL HOURS

Exhibit hours will be: Friday: 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM; Saturday: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM (subject to change). We encourage exhibitors to be at their booths while the hall is open, but it is not mandatory.

BAG STUFFING

You may have your advertisement of any thickness stuffed into our convention attendee bags. Send 400

company advertisements no later than Feb. 18th, 2026 to: NDHSA Bag Stuffing/Amber Sand, 9198 98th St. SE, Ellendale, ND 58436.

PRODUCT SHIPPING

If shipping items, you may use the shipping company of your choice. Address items to: Alerus Center, Attn: NDHSA Convention Event Manager, 1200 S 42nd St., Grand Forks, ND 58201. Packages must be picked up from the Admin Office located at Entrance 1; they will not be delivered to your room or vendor booth. All freight or pallet deliveries must be coordinated with an Event Manager and should arrive no more than 48 business hours before the event begins. Please note that any deliveries requiring a forklift will incur an expense for the client. At the end of the convention, please prepare your items for shipping and attach the bill of lading.

EXHIBITOR WORKSHOPS

These workshops focus on your product or service. Limited slots are available over the noon break (45-minute sessions). Please select that option on the registration form. Final choices will be at the discretion of the coordinator due to limited space. The fee will be reimbursed if you are not chosen to present. Please contact Amber Sand with any questions you may have.

SILENT AUCTION

Please consider providing a donation for our annual Silent Auction. You may give your item(s) to our Exhibit Hall coordinator upon arrival or mail in advance to the address provided on the next page.

T-SHIRT PROMO

A convention t-shirt will be available for purchase. If you would like your company's logo imprinted on the back of the shirts as a promotion opportunity, select the option on the enclosed registration form or online.

PRINT ADVERTISING

Advertising space is available in the convention program. A program is distributed to the attending adults/families. This is an excellent way to reach the convention audience with discount coupons or promotions for materials at your booth.

Ads can only be submitted by email (sand723627@gmail.com). Artwork must be sent as an electronic file in either JPEG or PNG high-quality format.

Ads must be one of the specified sizes listed below. Poor-quality ads will be returned. Ads are published on a space-available, first-come, first-served basis and are subject to NDHSA Board approval. Ads can be sent any time after registration, but no ad will be accepted later than January 1st, 2025.

Cost:

1/4 page = \$35 (4.75" h x 3.50" w)
OR 2" h x 7.5" w)
1/2 page = \$70 (4.75" h x 7.50" w)
Full page = \$140 (10" h x 7.50" w)

SPONSORSHIP

Exhibitors/businesses have the opportunity to help sponsor the NDHSA convention through one of our sponsorship packages. The sponsorship packages are detailed and allow the exhibitor/business to demonstrate their support of NDHSA and homeschooling. They also provide several ways (banners, signs, webpage links, etc., depending on the package) to get your company's or organization's name before the attending homeschoolers and/or those visiting the NDHSA website.

If you would consider being a sponsor, please contact Amber at sand723627@gmail.com before registering with the enclosed form, as the sponsorship form includes many of the options offered here.

REFUND POLICY

100% of the monies (minus a \$15 handling fee) will be refunded upon request before December 26, 2025.

Cancellations of paid registrations made after December 26, 2025, but before January 26, 2026, will receive a 50% refund of the monies paid.

Refunds after Jan. 26th, 2026, will only be made for weather-related or family emergencies.

FOOD

A catered lunch will be available daily. This year, the venue will be managing all food orders. Please pre-order your selections to ensure availability and note any dietary needs that you may have. A link for purchasing meals will be provided at a later date. Additionally, there will be a concession stand on-site offering other lunch options.

Outside food/sack lunches ARE NOT ALLOWED.

ACCOMMODATIONS

There are many hotels in Grand Forks, but the NDHSA has blocks of rooms (ask for the North Dakota Homeschool block when calling) at the following hotels:

Canad Inn (Connected to Alerus Center) Call 701-772-8404, book by January 26th to guarantee this rate; Waterpark, Restaurant, & Trailer Parking. Rooms Starting at \$99-\$169 (+tax)

Country Inn & Suites (4 minutes from Alerus Center) Call 701-757-2200, book by January 26th to guarantee this rate; 3101 S. 42nd St., Pool, Children's Pool, Fitness Center, & Free Breakfast. Rooms starting at \$155 (+tax)

Ramada (5 minutes to the Alerus Center) Call 701-203-1714, book by January 26th to guarantee this rate; 1205 N. 43rd St., Pool, Free Breakfast, Pets Allowed, & Trailer Parking. Rooms=\$89 (+tax)

EXHIBITOR CHECKLIST

- ☐ I have read the exhibitor information.
- ☐ I understand that the deadline for Early Bird registration is December 26th, 2025.
- ☐ I have included my sales tax information.
- ☐ I have filled out the registration form.
- ☐ I have enclosed a money order or check made payable to NDHSA.
- ☐ I have kept the exhibitor information for my records.
- ☐ I have printed a copy of the registration form for my records.

**Visit our website at www.ndhsa.org, Amber Sand, Convention Coordinator
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