



Eagle Council 54

Friday, 9/25/26

12:45 pm

Speaker: Frances Arthur is a professional educator with 38 years of experience in public schools, homeschools, churches, and homeschool tutorials. She taught music in public schools before homeschooling her sons, Ben and David, through graduation. Ben has served in the U.S. Army for 16 years and is currently assigned to a Special Forces unit in communications. David is a Marine veteran and a U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent in Arizona.

Frances has served as Tennessee Student Eagle Director since 2010 and National Student Eagle Chairman since 2019, equipping young people to understand American government and participate effectively in the political process. Her work at the Tennessee General Assembly has given thousands of students firsthand experience with state government and civic leadership.

She is the author of *Emotional Health & Intelligence: Teacher's Guide*, its companion *Student Journal*, *Pearls of Wisdom for Homeschooling Moms*, and *Life Lessons for Graduates: A Working Journal*.

Frances is also the founder of Field Trip Ready, creating educational videos and teacher resources that help families and classrooms make the most of experiential learning opportunities.

Title: *Andrew Jackson: The Presidency, the Power, and the People*

Outline:

- Andrew Jackson's military career and rise from the Tennessee frontier to the presidency
- The elections of 1824 and 1828 and the changing relationship between presidential candidates and the American people
- Jackson's understanding and expansion of presidential power
- The Bank War, the Nullification Crisis, and Indian removal as defining—and controversial—tests of that power
- The influence of Jacksonian democracy on political participation, campaigning, and the modern presidency
- Andrew Jackson's complicated legacy and what it teaches us about leadership, constitutional authority, and the responsibility of citizens

Action Items:

- Participate in a guided tour of Andrew Jackson's home and grounds at The Hermitage
- Connect the people, places, and artifacts at The Hermitage to the decisions and events discussed during the presentation

- Consider how presidential power should be exercised, challenged, and limited within a constitutional republic
- Evaluate Andrew Jackson's presidency using historical evidence rather than judging it solely through admiration or condemnation