

VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS MARCH 2005 NEWSLETTER

Yoga at the Y

There is still room for families interested in a yoga class. It is held at the YMCA, Thursdays at 9:30 in the morning. It is VERY child friendly - there are three girls who have been coming regularly. Cost is \$6 per month for YMCA members

I'm taking it by myself for the stretching and balance and think it is a great introduction to yoga.

You can show up any Thur. or you are welcome to call or email me with questions.

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RUNNING START INFORMATION

The following description of Running Start is taken from the WHO web site.
www.WashHomeschool.org. Click on Information and Resources on the left.

"Running Start is a public school program that allows high school 11th and 12th graders to attend community or technical college. Credits earned in the community or technical college will count as college credit as well as high school credit which may, but aren't required to, fulfill graduation requirements for a public high school diploma. The state pays the college tuition and parents are responsible for books, fees, and transportation.

Many homeschooled students are taking advantage of this program. For the purposes of funding it is necessary to enroll as a student in a public high school. The school counselor determines if the student is eligible for the program by establishing that the student is indeed an 11th or 12th grader. Then the counselor signs the appropriate papers that go with the student to enroll in the community or technical college of their choice. The student must also pass whatever entrance or eligibility exams that the receiving community or technical college administers."

Possible VHE Meeting about Running Start

Spring is just around the corner and so is the time of year when VHE hosts a meeting about Running Start. Before we go to all the effort of setting a meeting up we would like to know if there is enough interest on your part in attending a meeting. We would like to have a few current Running Start students and their parents at the meeting for a time of questions and answers. So please RSVP as soon as possible and let us know if you would come.

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WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE - General information about Running Start.
<http://www.wvc.edu/directory/departments/runningstart/rscalendar.asp>

Ann Brown - Wenatchee Valley College RS coordinator - 667-4843

WASHINGTON HOMESCHOOL ORGANIZATION (WHO) - www.washhomeschool.org - Click on About Homeschooling. Scroll down the page until you see Running Start, click there. General information and direct links to read the WA St. laws and codes on the program. Phone - (425) 251-6984.

EASTMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT - General information about Running Start and planning for high school and college years and beyond. Also direct links to the college web page for Running Start.
<http://eastmont206.com> Click on High School; then click on Counseling;

WENATCHEE SCHOOL DISTRICT - General information about Running Start, college planning and career guidance. <http://home.wsd.wednet.edu> Click on Wenatchee High School on the right under High School. Click on DEPARTMENTS on the left, then select Counseling and Guidance.

Running Start
[High School Orientation Schedule \(Fall 2005\)](#)

Attendance Mandatory for Entrance into the Running Start Program

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>High Schools</u>
4/12/05 6:30 pm	Brewster HS Library
4/12/05 6:30 pm	Bridgeport (<u>Brewster HS Library</u>)
4/12/05 6:30 pm	Cascade HS Library
3/07/05 7:00 pm	Cashmere Choir Room
4/14/05 6:30 pm	Chelan HS Library
3/24/05 7:00 pm	Eastmont Auditorium
3/23/05 6:00 pm	Entiat HS Library
3/30/05 6:00 pm	Liberty Bell Room 109
4/14/05 6:30 pm	Manson (<u>Chelan HS Library</u>)
4/14/05 6:30 pm	Okanogan HS Library
3/28/05 6:30 pm	Omak Multimedia Room
4/11/05 6:00 pm	Oroville Commons
4/12/05 6:30 pm	Pateros (<u>Brewster HS Library</u>)
3/29/05 7:00 pm	Quincy Performing Arts Center
4/13/05 6:30 pm	Tonasket HS Library

4/13/05 6:00 pm Waterville and Mansfield Waterville HS Career Center

4/19/05 6:30 pm Westside (WVC Wenatchee, VT Lounge)

(The meeting at Wenatchee HS was March 1, so those in Wenatchee should attend a meeting at another District. Attending a meeting at any district is OK, you and your student must attend one, it does not even have to be together.)

. Attending one of these meetings is required for both the parent and student. It can be any one of the meetings not only the one in your school district.

For I orientation dates and ASSET test schedule check the Wenatchee Valley College web site or call Ann Brown -667-4843

COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM

Earn college credits by passing tests in designated subject areas. For more information check out the following web site. www.collegeboard.com/clep/

Reading is the Ticket

Deadline is April 1 to complete the reading.

Your child can earn a free admission to Silverwood Theme Park, Courd'Alene, Idaho.

This program is for children K-8th grade. The children read 600 min. of reading for pleasure. A tally sheet is kept and turned in and then tickets are sent back to you.

This year there are 2 ways u can sign up. The first way is like we have done in the past. Please send me the name of the children who are participating and their grade level. I also need 2 self addressed stamped envelopes, one to send the tally sheet and information and one for your tickets after completing the program. Send them to:

Vicki Seabrook , 270
12th PI NE, E. Wenatchee, WA 98802

The 2nd way is if u have a e-mail address u can send me an e-mail marked Silverwood in the subject spot. In that e-mail I need the # of children and their grades. I will then send the tally sheet and parent info. sheet back via e-mail. I will still need on self-addressed stamped envelope sent to my home address so I can send your tickets when they arrive. My e-mail address is: shutterbrook@highstream.net .
If u have any questions u may e-mail me at the above address.

Testing Options to Begin to Think About

The following information is just some of what is available for testing and assessments. Check into each option yourself. VHE is attempting to provide as much information as we are aware of and are not intending endorse any particular service over another. If you are aware of other testing services and options please pass that information along to us.

Family Learning Organization - offers Metropolitan Achievement Test, California Achievement Test, Check list Assessment, Freestyle Assessment. Check their web site - www.familylearning.org or call 1-800-405-8378 for more information.

Bob Jones University Press - offers a variety of testing services. Check out their web site - www.bjup.com or call 1-800-845-5731

Washington Homeschool Organization - WHO has a list of testing providers in the state of Washington who provide tests and assessments. Check out the WHO web page - www.washhomeschool.org.

PASS TEST INFORMATION from Hewitt Resources.

Check out their web site for more information on the PASS

www.hewitthomeschooling.com

Testing grades 3 - 8, the Personalized Achievement Summary System (PASS) covers reading, language and math. The test is designed to be administered by parents at home and is not timed. A brief placement test identifies the student's test level in each subject. The test results will show overall achievement as well as performance in each subject. Four - six weeks after the tests have been returned to Hewitt Home Schooling Resources parents receive test scores and suggestions for reaching goals in each subject area. A certified teacher at Hewitt prepares the summary. **A group order has been organized in the past. This saves on the cost. More information on this will be available soon. In the past the cost has been about \$24- \$26 per student.**

Stanford Achievement Test, 9th Ed. Abbreviated

Administered by Alice Wescott, Ph. D. and Beth Rosenzweig, M.Ed.

Coming to: Omak - May 18 - Wenatchee - May 20

The administration of a standardized test to children receiving Home-based Instruction is governed by state law and publisher requirements. We administer the Stanford Achievement Test, 9th Ed. Abbreviated, and our team members are qualified under the publisher's specifications for administration of this test.

Why Test With Us?

(1) We offer a convenient ONE-DAY schedule, which includes:

- * A half-day group standardized test (3 hours) for grades 3-12
- * On-site hand scoring
- * Same afternoon parent review - in order to see how each question was answered.
- * Only parents receive test scores – we keep no results

(2) The test is administered in a group setting, as required for valid standardized testing.

(3) There is no waiting for tests to arrive and then no second long wait for the test scores to be returned.

(4) In addition to the SAT group test for grades 3-12, we offer a more friendly test option for younger children in grades 1-2 and for special needs children: an abbreviated assessment, which gives the parents a grade-level score for Reading, Spelling, and Math for the same fee that we charge for our group test. Parents are given these results immediately after the test.

Just the Facts!

FEE: (\$35.00 per test) If registration and check are postmarked 10 days prior to test date, pay early registration fees: **1st and 2nd child: \$30 per test; 3rd child: \$25 per test; 4th (and subsequent children) \$15 per test**

QUESTIONS? REGISTRATION FORM? Phone: (425) 697- 4021 or E-mail: GreatExpect4HS@aol.com

For a complete list of testing dates go to: www.EduGreat.com

DO YOU NEED A HOMESCHOOL QUALIFYING COURSE.

Washington State Law requires a parent to meet one of the following four items to homeschool.

The Home-Based Instruction law affects children 8 years old and older.

[RCW 28A.225.010 \(4\)](#) Is the number of the law that states the following

*Have earned 45 quarter units of college level credit.

*Attend a Parent [Qualifying](#) Course.

*Work with a certified teacher who meets with your student on the average of an hour a week.

*Be deemed sufficiently qualified to provide home-based instruction by the superintendent of your local school district.

We are aware of a course coming to Wenatchee as well as course available on tape or on line. If you would like more information about the local course please send an email to Sandy for more information. - esbriggs@aol.com. Check out the WHO web site for a list of courses available on tape.

www.WashHomeSchool.org

YOUR ARTICLES, EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IDEAS ARE NEEDED AND WELCOME FOR THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE SEND ITEMS TO SANDY BRIGGS AT esbriggs@aol.com or 706 Schons PL. Wenatchee, WA 98801

Deadline for the April Newsletter is March 25

Events of interest to homeschool families are gladly included. Our newsletter reaches many in the North Central Washington area and beyond so please don't limit your contributions to only the Wenatchee area.

Subscriptions to Valley Home Educators Newsletter are free via email.

Send an email to Sandy Briggs - ESBRIGGS@aol.com with

VHE subscription in the subject line and please include your name and either a postal address or phone number. To unsubscribe send an email to the same address.

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