

# VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS APRIL 2005 NEWSLETTER

North Central Washington Homeschool Network  
Uniting Homeschoolers in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan Counties

[www.ncwhn.net](http://www.ncwhn.net)

A great web site to find out what is going on in North Central Washington and around the state for homeschoolers.

1985 – 2005  
Join us June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and  
Celebrate 20 Years of Homeschooling  
Freedom in Washington!!!

## Washington Homeschool Organization Conference

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the legalization of homeschooling in Washington State, and the 20th Washington Homeschool Convention sponsored by WHO. We invite you to join us in recognizing this landmark in our educational history. The convention will again be held at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup, and will surely be an inspiring and encouraging weekend.

In addition to the largest homeschooling curriculum exhibit in the Northwest, there will be homeschooling workshops, and exhibitor classes available both days. We are very pleased to offer a one day Teen Speech and Debate seminar. On Saturday morning we will have a very special General Assembly where we will welcome former governor Booth Gardner, who signed our historic legislation into law, as well as hear from some of our homeschooling leaders who were there at the beginning, working hard with legislators to ensure that we all would have the freedom to teach our children in our home schools. Top it all off by witnessing treasured moments at the WHO Graduation ceremony on Saturday evening. It promises to be a great weekend, filled with information and inspiration.

No Registration Required!!!

### Schedule:

Friday, June 17th

Exhibit hall open 9 a.m. -6 p.m. WHO sponsored Homeschool Workshops, Exhibitor Classes

Saturday, June 18th

General Assembly 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Exhibit Hall open 10 am -6pm WHO sponsored Homeschool Workshops, Exhibitor Classes

Graduation Ceremony 5:00 p.m.

### Location:

Western Washington Fairgrounds

110 9th Ave SW, Puyallup, WA 98371

### Admission:

\$10.00/Adult, \$5.00/Child, \$15.00/Adult 2 Day Pass

\$20.00/Family (adults & children residing in the same household) WHO Members receive ONE day free!!!

More Information at: <http://www.washhomeschool.org>

Washington Association of Teaching Christian Homes  
Conference – may 12-14, Bellevue, Washington

Check out their web site - [www.watchhome.org](http://www.watchhome.org) for more information

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

This year's conference will again be excellent, and we are confident you will be greatly blessed by it. The price is the same as for the past several years. But this year our "Full Conference Pass" covers

the all-day Friday and Saturday conference plus ...

- our NEW Thursday "Family Night", 5:30-8:30,
- where your entire family can shop in the Exhibit Hall
- and attend the Opening Session & Keynote Presentation by Doug Phillips.

CONFERENCE PRICING:

Full Conference Pass: \$75 if pre-registered on or before May 6th; spouse free

- THE BEST DEAL: If you register by April 22nd, you will receive at the door an additional \$10 Exhibit Hall Voucher as an "Early Bird Bonus".
- Registration at the door (for those not pre-registered by May 6th): \$85, spouse free
  - For additional family members accompanying a Full Conference registrant:
    - Nursing babies -- no charge
    - Other children -- \$20 each
    - Grandparents - \$20 each

Thursday-Night-Only Pass

- Family Pass: (Dad, Mom, & children) \$30.00, if pre-registered on or before May 6th; \$40 at the door.
- Individual Pass: \$15, if pre-registered on or before May 6th; \$20 at the door.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

My name is Teddy Gere and I own The Art of Driving. I am trying to put together a morning class of drivers ed for some students that have requested it and need 2 or 3 more students.

We would like to start the class on April 13, have it go Mon, Wed and Friday mornings.

Approximately 10:30am - 12:30.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions, 679-5485. The best time to reach me is between 3pm and 8pm Monday - Friday. Or you can email me if that is easier for you. [artofdriving@genext.net](mailto:artofdriving@genext.net)

We need someone to step up to the plate and help with the safe we have had the past few years. This has usually been held on a week day in late May or early June. The basic tasks are to set a date, reserve a room (I can help with that if you need suggestions), collecting names of those who want tables and letting the facility know how many tables are needed. Each person is responsible for their own set up and money, etc.

So call me, Sandy at 663-0364 or email me at [esbriggs@aol.com](mailto:esbriggs@aol.com)

## BIOLOGY LAB FOR HOME SCHOOLERS!

- \* 1 year of High school level Biology laboratories (I've taken students as young as 8th graders).
- \* Lab work begins late September, 2005; ends early June, 2006.
- \* We will meet on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings for 1 ½ hours from 9:15-10:45 AM.
- \* 3 -week break for Christmas & New Year in December.
- \* 2 -week Spring break in late March.
- \* Cost: \$40/month per student (8 total payments during the year) plus a \$30 one-time lab fee.
- \* We use *A Beka* Biology text and lab books (parents purchase) plus supplemental materials I provide.
- \* Minimum class size is 8, maximum is 14.
- \* For further details, please contact Rob Fitch.
- \* Home phone: 662-5589; Home email: [rfitchk@aol.com](mailto:rfitchk@aol.com)
- \* Work phone: 682-6755; Work email: [rfitch@wvc.edu](mailto:rfitch@wvc.edu)

## ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY LAB FOR HOME SCHOOLERS!

- \* One year of High School level Human Anatomy & Physiology laboratories.
- \* 1 year high school level Biology recommended as prerequisite.
- \* Course begins late September, 2005; ends early June, 2006.
- \* We will meet on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:45 AM.
- \* 3 -week break for Christmas & New Year in December.
- \* 2 -week Spring break in late March.
- \* Cost: \$40/month per student (8 total payments during the year) plus a \$30 one-time lab fee.
- \* We use Anatomy & Physiology Coloring books (parents purchase) plus supplemental materials I provide.
- \* Minimum class size is 8, maximum is 14.
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## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.washhomeschool.org).

### PASS TEST INFORMATION from Hewitt Resources.

Check out their web site for more information on the PASS  
[www.hewitthomeschooling.com](http://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. We need someone or perhaps two people to organize this order this year. Several of us have done it in the past and are willing to lend advice. Please contact Sandy at [esbriggs@aol.com](mailto:esbriggs@aol.com) or 663-0364 and let us know you can help. 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](mailto:GreatExpect4HS@aol.com) . For a complete list of testing dates go to: [www.EduGreat.com](http://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.

### **HOMESCHOOL PARENT QUALIFYING COURSE IN WENATCHEE**

Parent Qualifying Course: 'Great Expectations - A Framework for Homeschooling'. This 10-hour course, sponsored by Cascade Bible College, is packed with practical information as well as a unique message that has tremendous value for any home- schooling parent This class not only meets the Washington State legal requirement for parent qualification to provide home-based instruction, but it also provides a great opportunity to begin networking with other like-minded parents who share the same excitement, struggles, questions, and fears about educating children outside of a traditional school setting! Dates May 20 - 21 (3 hours Friday evening, 8 hours Saturday) Location Wenatchee

Cost \$85 for an individual and \$115 for a couple if paid 10 days in advance of class. Contact Beth Rosenzweig or Alice Wescott at: [GreatExpect4HS@aol.com](mailto:GreatExpect4HS@aol.com) or (425) 697-4021.

Check out the WHO web site for a list of other courses available on tape.

[www.WashHomeSchool.org](http://www.WashHomeSchool.org)

Local Gentleman seeks like minded families to establish a family integrated church, with an emphasis on homeschool education. Contact Scott Jonas at 884-8467 and visit the National Council of Family Integrated Churches (NCFIC) website at [www.ncfic.org](http://www.ncfic.org) for more information.

Thank you, Scott Jonas

## Curriculum For Sale

A Beka Home School Language Arts 3	Asking	Price New
Curriculum/Lesson Plans (c 2000) - Gently Used	\$15.00	\$ 35.00
Language 3 Teacher Edition - Like New	\$15.00	\$23.00
Language 3 Student Work Book - NEW	\$8.00	\$2.15
Language 3 Student Test Book - NEW	\$2.50	\$4.50
Language 3 Teacher Test Key - Like New	\$5.00	\$9.15
Spelling and Poetry 3 Student Book - Like new	\$4.00	\$8.15

Not written in!  
Call 509-884-8847 or Email at [arivis2@wmconnect.com](mailto:arivis2@wmconnect.com)

A Beka Home School Language Arts 4	Asking	Price New
Curriculum/Lesson Plans - NEW	\$15.00	\$35.00
Language A Grade 4 Teacher Edition- Like New	\$15.00	\$23.00
Language A Grade 4 Student Work Book - NEW	\$8.00	\$12.55
Language A Grade 4 Student Test Book - NEW	\$2.50	\$4.50
Language A Grade 4 Test Key - NEW	\$5.00	\$9.15

Call 509-884-8847 or Email at [arivis2@wmconnect.com](mailto:arivis2@wmconnect.com)

A Beka Home School Language Arts 5	Asking	Price New
Language B Grade 5 Teacher Edition - Gently used	\$10.00	\$23.00
Language B, Grade 5 Test Key - Gently Used	\$5.00	\$9.15
2/ Language B Grade 5 Student Work Books - *NEW*	\$8.00 ea	\$12.55
2/Language B Grade 5 Student Test Books - *NEW*	\$2.50 ea	\$4.50
Spelling and Vocabulary 5 Test Key - Gently Used	\$5.00	\$9.15

Call 509-884-8847 or Email at [arivis2@wmconnect.com](mailto:arivis2@wmconnect.com)

### \*\*ABeka Arithmetic 5\*\*

Test and Speed Drills Teacher Key - Gently Used - Like New  
Asking \$ 5.00                      New from A Beka \$ 9.15.  
Call 509-884-8847 or Email at [arivis2@wmconnect.com](mailto:arivis2@wmconnect.com)

A Beka Home School Language Arts 6	Asking	Price New
Curriculum/Lesson Plans (c 2002)	\$15.00	\$35.00
Language C Grade 6 Teacher Edition - Gently Used	\$15.00	\$23.00
2 Language C Grade 6 Student Work Books - NEW	\$8.00 ea	\$12.55
3 Language C Grade 6 Student Test Books - NEW	\$2.50 ea	\$4.50
Language C Grade 6 Test Key - NEW	\$5.00	\$9.15
Spelling and Vocabulary Test Key for Grade 6 - NEW	\$5.00	\$9.15

Call 509-884-8847 or Email at [arivis2@wmconnect.com](mailto:arivis2@wmconnect.com)

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**Deadline for the May Newsletter is April 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.

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