

**VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS  
MAY 2005 NEWSLETTER**

**Tames Alan Presents:  
LIVING HISTORY LECTURES**

Wenatchee Valley College, Van Tassel Center  
Noon, Wednesday, May 4

**Learning Among the Oak Groves -- A Look at Celtic Life** In this program, I appear in authentic Celtic costume and talk about what it was like to live in ancient Britain at the time of the Roman invasion. I explain the hierarchy of the Celtic tribe and the binding factors between the tribes -- the Druids and Bards.

Tames combines her love of period clothing and history into an educational and entertaining presentation. She has been at the college before and presented programs on the life of a Victorian lady and life in the times of Queen Elizabeth 1.

Check out her web site from more information -  
<http://www.oz.net/~tamsalan/histmain>  
Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the program.

**PASS Test Group Order Information**

**DEADLINE IS MAY 4 - Don't Delay Call today !!**

I will be collecting names and money for a group order to Hewitt Homeschooling Resources so we can get the group discount.

The cost is \$22 per student which includes the shipping and handling of the tests and booklets to and from Hewitt.

Please mail the following to me by Wed. May 4th to register your students:

- Name of each student being tested
- Grade level for each student
- Parent(s)' name(s)
- address/phone #/email (to notify the arrival of tests)
- \$22 per student tested - make checks to Kathleen Ansley, order is paid for with one check. Once the tests have arrived you will have several weeks to complete them and then return them to Kathleen. If you do not return your test to her in time and mail it back to Hewitt Resources on your own there is a \$10.00 PER TEST charge.
- self-addressed stamped envelope (for test results)

My address is: Kathleen Ansley  
2009 Center Court Dr  
Wenatchee, WA 98801  
888-2150

As soon as I receive the booklets, I will notify you by email to come and pick them up. You will have several weeks to administer the test. I should receive them mid-May and will need them returned to me in June. I will let you know that date when you receive your tests.

If the timing doesn't work for you, you are able to order directly from Hewitt.

Kathleen Ansley

### **SCIENCE AND MATH CLASSES OFFERED**

My name is Kim Sweeney and I would like to offer high school level science and math courses, preferably at my house in Cashmere. I am willing to offer just about any science course (physical science, chemistry, earth science, biology, physics). I am an experienced high school science teacher and I am planning on home schooling my five year old twin boys. If you are interested, please call or e-mail me.

(509) 782-3301

[hagstromsweeney@msn.com](mailto:hagstromsweeney@msn.com)

### **Charlotte Mason Society Summer Workshops.**

For registration information and more details call Carrilee Farris - 662-0362 or email her at [CarrileeFarris@aol.com](mailto:CarrileeFarris@aol.com)

For additional workshops in the months of July and August check out the North Central Washington Homeschool Network web site - [www.ncwhn.net](http://www.ncwhn.net) and look on the right hand column.

**Workshops held on Tuesday through Thursday. Cost \$45 per week +\$15 materials fee (varies on class materials).**

May 31 - June 2 9 a.m. - 12 noon Artist Study: Monet / watercolor painting  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Music Appreciation: Mozart, Nature Study

June 7 - 9 9 a.m. - 12 noon Beginning Spanish, Geography: Mexico, Cooking  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Field Trips with Mrs. Briggs

June 14 - 16 9 a.m. - 12 noon Sign Language, Art Appreciation: Monet, Cooking  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Storytime: Bo Goes to France, Art: Watercolors

June 21 - 23 9 a.m. - 12 noon Reading Club, Geography: Africa, Nature Study  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. TBA

June 28 - 30 9 a.m. - 12 noon TBA  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Cooking, Nature Study, Musician Study: Haydn

**1985-2005**  
**Join us June 17th and 18th, 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**

**Has been canceled. I received an email notifying me of this a few days ago.**

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

## WENATCHEE VALLEY FARMERS MARKET

Applications are now being taken for participation in the Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market 2005 'Market Basket' (or C S A, Community Supported Agriculture) program. In this program, people receive a bag each week of farm fresh, nutrient-rich produce, grown by local farmers. One bag provides enough of any given fruit or vegetable for a serving for 4 people (2 if they are vegetarians.), and usually includes 8-10 different kinds of produce. The value of an average share is more than \$20 per week. The weekly shares can be picked up on Wednesdays at the market or, for a slight additional cost, delivered to a few central locations around the Greater Wenatchee area. Subscribers may choose a 20 week (June 8-October 19, cost \$455) or a shorter 16 week (June 22-October 5, cost \$370) distribution. There is a \$20 discount if you pay in full by May 15. For further information or to receive an application contact Patty Dauer, the CSA Coordinator at 784-1275 or [pdauer@tumwater.net](mailto:pdauer@tumwater.net)

### HOMESCHOOL CURRICULUM SWAP Wednesday, June 8, 9:00 - 2:00

Wenatchee Free Methodist Church, 1601 5th Street.

For more information contact Jill Sheets

[jaoe@earthlink.net](mailto:jaoe@earthlink.net) or 886-5455

Table space to sell items is limited so call soon to reserve a table, if you have a smaller amount consider sharing a table with others.

It is your responsibility to set and take down your own items for sale, watch your table and have change.

THANKS, Jill for stepping up and volunteering to organize this event.

### 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
- \* Work phone: 682-6755; Work email: 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.
- \* For further details, please contact Rob Fitch.
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### **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)

**Phone: (425) 697- 4021**

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

**Deadline for the June Newsletter is May 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](mailto: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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