

Valley Home Educators August 2005 Newsletter

A supplemental issue of the VHE newsletter will be coming in the next few weeks. Information will be included about filing your letter of intent, local homeschool meetings in the fall and important information about rule changes adopted this past June regarding Alternative Learning Programs operated by school districts that could have impact for home-based instruction students. So watch your email mail box in the coming days.

Spokane Home Education Conference Plan

WHO Speakers to be Keynotes

Eastern Washington Home Education Association (EWHEA) is planning an Eastern Washington Home Education Conference on Friday and Saturday, August 12 and 13th at the Spokane Hampton Inn. The conference will draw upon the wisdom of many veteran home educators, including several who have 20 years homeschooling experience. The conference will offer seminars and workshops of interest to those who are just thinking about home educating, those who are enrolled in Public School Alternative Education programs, and experienced home educators.

Friday's Keynote Address will be *Homeschool vs. Public School Alternative Education: What's the Difference? What are the Issues?* The 9:30 a.m. talk will address one of today's hottest home education issues. More and more school districts are offering these special "Homeschool" Alternative Education programs targeted at homeschool families. This is a must-hear presentation if you have been thinking of joining one of these programs, you have already enrolled in one, or you are a home education support group leader! Come learn about this issue from co-presenters Janice Hedin and Val Howard who are both past WHO Board members and currently active advocates for homeschooling with the Washington Homeschool Organization(www.WashHomeschool.org)

Among the other workshops and seminars planned are *Yes, You Can Homeschool Successfully! Teaching Functional Grammar, Giving Your Students Spelling Power, Sew Smart: Teaching Sewing Skills in the Homeschool, WHY Natural Learning? Does it make sense?* and *Fractions the Way You Wish You Had Been Taught*. In addition to a variety of seminars, several homeschool suppliers will be on hand to make their homeschool materials available. In keeping with its mission to serve the homeschool community, there will also be an area in the exhibit area to help attendees connect with their local support group.

The fee for attending the conference seminars on Friday and Saturday is \$7.50 per day. EWHEA Members may register for the seminars for FREE. There is no charge for visiting the curriculum vendor hall or for parking at the event. For more information about the conference you may visit www.EWHEA.org or telephone 509-843-6098.

Fall Session: Sept. 21st - Nov. 16th Registration Night - Aug. 15th

Dear Homeschooling Families: We are very excited to announce our new website: www.ncwhn.net/cchc.htm. Laura and Lisa Thompson have donated a website to CCHC. The new website will have all Co-op information needed for your family. Please visit our new site to find information on session schedules, class schedules, class descriptions, and all registration information and forms. We are hoping to use the website to help cut costs with registration by having families download and print the following for registration night:

Registration Contract

Participation Release and Permission to Treat

Parent/Student/Teacher Handbook (please read thoroughly and **sign back page!**)

Registration Form (one for each child) If you do not have access to the web or have trouble with any of these forms, please contact the registrar by email or phone and one will be mailed to you. If you have any questions regarding class content or expectations, please contact the teacher directly. They will also be available at the mandatory parent meeting (Aug 15th, at 5:30pm).

In His Service, The CCHC Board Holly Lehman – Registrar lehmanha@charter.net 886-3247 2439
Plateau Dr., E. Wen. 98802

Great Expectations ~ *A Framework for Homeschooling*

Our 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 homeschooling 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! This is what our graduates are saying:

** "Your seminar was so inspiring . . . and it left me longing for more. I cannot thank you enough for your help and information." ~ C from Federal Way

** "Every homeschooling parent should attend this course, not just newcomers to homeschooling." ~ Too many parents to list!

** "Thank you for a wonderful homeschooling experience...so much information ... presented in a way that kept our attention and made it exciting." ~ D & S, Edmonds

GREAT EXPECTATIONS does not promote one curriculum over another. In fact, we do not recommend one method of teaching over another (natural learning, traditional, etc.). We convey that each family must decide what is best for their family.

Our course is very intensive; we pack volumes into our seminar as we want to give homeschooling families the most value in the least amount of time, so they spend as little time away from their families as possible. We break up the 10-hour instruction time into two sessions -- one 3-hour Friday evening session and one 8-hour all-day Saturday session, which includes a 1 hour "on site" lunch break.

The instructors, Alice Wescott, Ph. D. and Beth Rosenzweig, M. Ed., have homeschooled children from birth to college entrance and for many years have served the homeschooling community in Washington State, providing annual testing and assessments, teaching classes for homeschooling children and parents, and serving on boards in local and state organizations. Plan to come to be informed, inspired, and encouraged about homeschooling your children.

Just the FACTS, please!

LOCATION: Wenatchee

DATE: September 23-24, 2005

TIME: Friday evening 6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. & all day Saturday, 9 A.M.-5 P.M.

FEE: \$95 Individual/\$125 Couple. However, if the registration form and check are postmarked 10 days prior to the date of the seminar, deduct \$10 (\$85 & \$115 respectively).

SPECIAL FALL Testing: BASELINE ASSESSMENTS

Baseline Assessments identify the skill levels of children (aged 6 – 17) whose parents are BEGINNING to homeschool. These tests can be used to assist the parent with instructional planning. Children are tested in small groups during a 45 minute appointment in the core skill areas of Reading, Writing, and Math. The purpose of each test is to determine:

- 1) the grade level at which the child is performing
- 2) identify any gaps in the child's skill development
- 3) identify skills the child should work on. FEE: \$35 for children in grades 1-3 AND \$45 for children in grades 4-12 (with a \$5 per test discount for early registration).

Annual Testing: Standardized Testing for Homeschooled Children

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

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 we 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.

FEE: (\$35.00 per test) If registration and check are postmarked 14 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? Contact us at: (425) 697-4021 or www.EduGreat.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
- * 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.
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Attention Parents and Pastors

Psalms 119:9-11 9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. 10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. 11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Are you struggling with getting your kids interested in God's Word?
Are you looking for a systematic way for your kids to study and memorize most of the New Testament?

Then make it a required class!
Here's accountability that's fun!
10-20 minutes a day = eternal rewards!

Bible Quizzing is a way to get kids into God's Word. It is a program for kids ages 5 – 18, designed to encourage them to study the Bible through friendly, healthy competition.

Contact us, John and Minky Black: Home #: 509-888-0363, or email
Aki@FaithByHearing.com. Find out more at www.fmquizzing.org and www.wbqa.org

Daily study: On your own (reading, listening, memorizing), or with a friend (quoting, questions, etc.)
Weekly quizzes: Come as you can 3:30 – 6:00 pm Thursdays. And all quizzers and coaches are then welcome for dinner, followed by quizzing in SPANISH (open to everyone).

Regional Tournaments:

Sep. 24 Romans 1-3
Oct. 22 Romans 4-6
Nov. 19 Romans 7-9
Jan. 7 Romans 10-12
Feb. 4 Romans 13-15
Mar. 4 Romans 16-James 2
Apr. 1 James 3-5
Apr. 29 Romans & James
June 26-30 Finals, Spring Arbor, MI

You don't have to attend every quiz to participate. But the more you do, the better for you.
Levels: Primary: 5-8 (only weekly), Junior: 9-12 (no nationals), Young Teen: 13-15, Senior Teen: 16-18

Math tutor available

Experienced and state certified math teacher will tutor 1st grade-calculus. \$20/hr. Times are available starting immediately. Call Michele 667-9754 or email michelet@tumwater.net for more information and to schedule.

MINIMUSIC

for ages 4-6

An Early Childhood Introduction to Music

An exciting nine month course created specifically for teaching younger children the fundamentals of music preparatory to regular music lessons!

Course includes the following: Introduction to Instrument Families, Rhythm & Counting, Note & Rest Values, Keyboard Familiarity, Intervals and more!

Excellent preparation for private music lessons!

For more information call: Cassandra Bridges 663-2276

Christian Heritage Home Educators of Washington

"Christian Heritage" is a network committed to serving the needs of Christian homeschoolers in Washington State, equipping you to "Train up your children in the way they should go," and inspiring you to pass on a Godly Heritage to future generations.

Coming soon:

contact@christianheritageonline.com

www.christianheritageonline.org

Christian Home Educators of Washington
25 Geissler Rd. Montesano, WA 98563
360-249-2424

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

Please check out my website. <http://handsonscienceclasses.homestead.com>

Wanted for high schooler:

Le Français Facile (The Easy French) French Curriculum, Level 1

or

Rossetta Stone French 1

Thank you,

Dianna Wheeler

886-5103

For Sale -

A Beka 9th grade Science of the Physical Creation. Includes Students edition, tests, test key, Teacher guide and Lab manual with Chapter Reviews. Excellent shape never used \$40.00.

Modern Curriculum press Mathematics. Teachers guide for level F. \$5.00.

A Beka 7th grade History of the World. Includes Student edition, & tests, Teacher test key, and the Teacher Edition. \$25.00.

A Beka 6th grade Science Observing God's World. Includes Student text, & Teacher edition. \$10.00.

A Beka 9th grade Vocabulary Spelling Poetry III. Teacher key. \$3.00.

A Beka 8th grade Matter & Motion in God's Universe. Teacher edition. \$8.00.

Alpha Omega Mathematics 700. Teachers guide. \$8.00.

A Beka 8th grade History America Land I Love. Includes Student edition, Teacher edition, and Teacher test key. \$20.00.

Bob Jones U. Press- The Physical World. (An Intro to Physical Science.) Excellent shape. \$20.00. Student Lab Manual- 2 or 3 pages written on \$6.00.

1. Oxford Concise Companion to the Classical Literature. By M.C. Howatson & Ian Chilvers. \$9.00.

2. Plato the Last Days of Socrates. \$6.00.

3. The Oresteia - Agamemnon, The Libation Bearers, The Eumenides. \$5.00.

4. The three Theban Plays- Antigone, Oedipus the King, Oedipus at Colonus. By Sophocles. \$5.00.

5. The Landmark Thucydides.- A comprehensive guide to the Peloponnesian war. Edited by Robert B. Strassler. \$8.50.

These are brand new books, never used. I have the receipt for original prices. These are 1/2 off.

What your 3rd Grader Needs to Know.

What your 4th Grader Needs to Know.

By E. D. Hirsch Jr. \$5.00 each.

My number is 745-8153 email is JEGrande@aol.com give me a call if you have an questions.

For Sale

~~Silver Ludwig snare drum, stand, practice pad, and drumsticks: \$90

~~Massive rock collection, all types, rough or polished. This was purchased as a set. Call or email to inquire or view. (Very reasonable. Make offer on some or all.)

Cathy Wirth 663-0123 or Wirthwcjc@aol.com

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Deadline for the September Newsletter is August 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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