

## VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS MARCH 2006

Homeschool Ice Skating will end on Thursday, April 6  
Watch here for it to resume in the fall.

Coming to North Central Washington

### Stanford Achievement Test 9th Ed. Abbreviated

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

Omak - May 10 \* Wenatchee - May 11

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.

**FEE:** (\$35.00 per test) If registration and check are postmarked **21** 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 or for online registration go to: [www.EduGreat.com](http://www.EduGreat.com)

## Coming May 19 & 20 to Wenatchee

### Home School Parent Qualifying Course

#### Meets Legal Requirements for Parent Qualification

This ten-hour class establishes a framework for homeschooling and will appeal to both seasoned and new homeschooling parents. It is also a great course for those parents who are simply considering the homeschool option for their children's education. Completion of the course fulfills the Washington State legal qualification requirements for parents who do not otherwise qualify to provide home-based instruction. The course is sponsored by Cascade Bible College. The instructors have homeschooled children from birth to college entrance and have provided many years of service to the homeschooling community in Washington State, providing annual testing and assessments, teaching classes for homeschooling families and serving on boards in local and state organizations. Plan to come to be informed, inspired, and encouraged about homeschooling your children. GREAT EXPECTATIONS does not promote one curriculum over another, nor do we recommend one method of teaching over another (natural learning, traditional, etc). We believe that these are personal decisions and that each family must decide what is best for their family. Our course is very intensive. We pack volumes into our 10-hour seminar to give homeschooling families the most value in the least amount of time, so that they spend as little time away from their families as possible.\*\* Please bring to the class on Friday evening a copy of Washington State's Laws Regulating Home-based Instruction (including Appendices 1, 2 & 3). It is available on-line from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Download at: [www.k12.wa.us/PrivateEd/HomeBasedEd/regulations.aspx](http://www.k12.wa.us/PrivateEd/HomeBasedEd/regulations.aspx)

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## READING IS THE TICKET

**REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR SILVERWOOD READING LOGS TO VICKI SEABROOK BY MARCH 24.**

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

**When your child has completed their reading I need their tally sheets mailed back to me with a self addressed stamped envelope so I can return the tickets when they arrive. The deadline for the tally sheets to mailed to me is **March 24, 2006**. Please**

## WRITE ON THE RIVER COMES TO EASTERN WASHINGTON

Interested in writing? Wish you could find top-notch instruction east of the Cascades? Your opportunity is here. On May 20th, 2006, Write On The River comes to the Wenatchee Valley College campus. This first-ever one-day writers' conference will offer twelve inspiring seminar topics ranging from developing characters to finding a publisher. Every topic will be taught by a published author brought to our community from throughout the greater Northwest.

In addition to the exciting courses, Timothy Egan, Pulitzer Prize winning author of "The Winemaker's Daughter", will deliver a keynote address. The day will be capped off with a reception at the historic Wells House.

Early enrollment is advised as attendance will be limited. To receive updated information please send your mailing address to WOTR, P.O. Box 3596, Wenatchee, WA 98807 or visit the website at [www.writeontheriver.org](http://www.writeontheriver.org).

## TUTORING OFFERED

Debbie Kwast will be offering tutoring in grammar and writing at \$10 per hour beginning in June. Her daughter, Chelsea, will be offering math tutoring from basics through Algebra I beginning in June at the same rate. Our phone number is 884-1043. If you need any further info. please call me.

## 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, 2006; ends early June, 2007.\* We will meet on Tuesday mornings for 1 ½ hours from 9:15-10:45 AM.
- \* 4-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
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- \* 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, 2006; ends early June, 2007.\* We will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:45 AM.
- \* 4-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.
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## EARTH DAY

Sleeping Lady Foundation proudly announces two benefit lectures by scientist, comedian, teacher and author Bill Nye on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, at Leavenworth's Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat. The afternoon session from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. is aimed at 8 to 18 year students; it is FREE for students and accompanying parents, but reservations are required. The evening session, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., is open to all ages. He will address global warming, evolution vs. intelligent design, and other science issues. Evening tickets are \$15 for Adults and \$8 for students. Reservations for the afternoon session and tickets for the evening lecture are available through Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat at (509)-548-6344 or (800)-574-2123. All proceeds will benefit Barn Beach Reserve's Science Education Program

### FOR SALE:

Saxon Math 3 Teacher's Manual                    \$ 5.00    (\$50.00 new CBD)

Saxon Math 54 Textbook, Answer Key, Test Book    \$15.00    (\$71.99 new CBD)  
Second Edition

### The Weaver Unit Study:

Volume 1 plus Day by Day Supplement    \$30.00    (\$175.00 new CBD)

Volume 2 plus Day by Day Supplement    \$30.00    (\$175.00 new CBD)

Volume 5 plus Day by Day Supplement    \$30.00    (\$175.00 new CBD)

\$75.00 all three Volumes together

Volume 1 High School Supplement    \$ 5.00

Family Math                                    \$10.00    (\$21.95 new)

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