

VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS APRIL 2006 NEWSLETTER

North Central Washington Homeschool Network Web Page Update

This is just a quick note to let you know that our Forum page at <http://www.ncwhn.net/forum/> has been reformatted and is exclusively for use as FREE Classifieds! There are separate places to list things "For Sale" and "Items Wanted". Registration for the Classifieds is quick and easy.

RUNNING START

The Feb. 2006 issue of the newsletter had updated information about how Home-based Instruction Students access Running Start. Most of the local school districts we have contacted have the current ready to go as well. If there is interest in having a homeschool meeting call Emilie Fogle - 884-1237 or Sandy Briggs 663-0364. The web sites in the Feb. Newsletter should be able to answer all of your questions as well. **Washington Homeschool Organization - www.WashHomeschool.org**

The process has been standardized for the whole state and is now just a simple one page form that can be obtained from your local superintendent's office.

Charlotte Mason Society Yard Sale

**Saturday, April 8 732 Orondo St. Wenatchee
Donations welcome !!!!
Call Carrieele Farris 662-0362 for more information**

Great Expectations ~ *A Framework for Homeschooling* is coming to Wenatchee on May 19-20

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 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! 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 home-schooled 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 Valley Praise Center * 230 North Georgia * East Wenatchee

DATE: May 19-20

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).

QUESTIONS? REGISTRATION FORM? Contact us at: (425) 697-4021 or e-mail us: GreatExpect4hs@aol.com. Register online at www.EduGreat.com.

Coming to North Central Washington

Stanford Achievement Test, 9th Ed. Abbreviated

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

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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

For a complete list of testing dates or for online registration go to: 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, 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
- * 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, 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.
- * Minimum class size is 8, maximum is 14

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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

Home School Survey

WATCH - Washington Association of Teaching Christian Homes is conducting a survey on their website. This is a great way to get your voices and desires heard as they plan for the future. Spread the word to all your homeschooling friends so they can get their vote in.

They are also giving a free gift for doing the survey. www.WATCHhome.org

"Celebrating the Homeschool Family" Washington Homeschool Organization's 21st Annual Convention & Curriculum Exhibit June 16 & 17, 2006

Admission Price: \$12 Per Day!

WHO Members Get One Day FREE!

Exhibit Hall hours: 9:00 – 5:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday

ShowPlex, Western Washington Fairgrounds, 110 9th Ave SW Puyallup, WA

Special Guest – Jim Weiss, Award Winning Storyteller & Recording Artist

Also Featuring – Jessica Hulcy, co-author of the well-known KONOS Character

Curriculum Workshops: Friday & Saturday – see the complete list at

www.WashHomeschool.org Exhibitor Classes: Friday & Saturday– see a full list of exhibitors at www.WashHomeschool.org

PRE-REGISTER FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS: : Leadership Symposium: Friday - 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.-
Registration deadline May 1st

For Registration and Information Click on the link.

<http://www.washhomeschool.org/who2006LeaderSymp.html>

Student Expo: Friday & Saturday –Registration deadline May 1st

For Registration and Information Click on the Link:

<http://www.washhomeschool.org/studentexpoweinfo.pdf>

Graduation: Saturday – 5:00 p.m.- Registration Deadline: May 1st

For Registration and Information Click on the Link

<http://www.washhomeschool.org/whoGraduation06.html>

Grad's Night Out: Friday from 1:00 p.m.– Midnight-Registration Deadline May 10th

For Information and Registration Click on the Link

http://www.washhomeschool.org/2006_GNO_Registration_Form.pdf

Speech & Debate: Contact Mary Butcher – Inquiringmind37@yahoo.com - 425-251-0439

Math Physics and Science Tutoring

Hello Home Schoolers, My name is Jerry and I am offering tutoring services in math and physics for students from junior high through college. I have a degree in Electrical Engineering (University of Minnesota) and have had many classes in math, physics and other sciences. I have always enjoyed math and science subjects and have been fortunate enough to have excellent instructors so I'm very comfortable with those subjects. I lived in Redmond, Washington for many years ago until moving to Wenatchee in 2003. While in Redmond I tutored a number of students at both the high school and college levels. At the end of April, 2006, I will be retiring from my position of Director of Buildings and Grounds at the Wenatchee Free Methodist Church and thus will be able to schedule tutoring sessions at most any time that is convenient for you and your student. So if you have a student that could use some help in math or physics, please contact me either by my home phone: 509-667-7922, or by email: jnswhite@nwi.net. My fee is \$25 per hour.

Rubber Stamp Sale

April Vurnett is organizing a rubber stamp sale. If you have any stamps you are not using anymore now is a good time to find a new home for them. She will provide the place, table space, chairs, signs and advertisement. Everything will be set up and ready to go. The 6 ft. tables will cost \$6.00 each or \$3.00 for half a table. You will be responsible to manage your own table and money exchange. Items should be priced ahead of time. You need to commit to 45 minutes before the start of the sale and stay for all hours of the sale. Bring finger foods to share for lunch.

Call her now if you are interested. Possible date is Sat., April 22 from 9:00 - 3:00
April Burnett - 662-8672

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