

VALLEY HOME EDCATORS AUGUST 2006 NEWSLETTER

Is your daughter interested in machine sewing?

Then, this 4-H class is for you! Beginning **October 3...**

Day: Tuesdays
Time: 3:00 - 5:00pm
Place: Cornerstone Christian Church
12 N. Chelan, Wenatchee
Ages: 8-18 years old
Cost: \$15 per student (Oct-Dec)
Limit: 8 girls

The classes will continue through May. Please contact Janny Hall at 293-4390 to sign up your daughter!

Homeschool Qualifying Course

'Great Expectations', Alice Wescott and Beth Rosenzweig have come to Wenatchee in the spring offering testing and a qualifying class. Presently they are wondering if anyone in the Wenatchee area is interested in a Qualifying class this fall possibly the first weekend in October and let them know if you are interested.

You may contact them at: Greatexpec4hs@aol.com or 425-697-4021

Soccer Tots

Hello, I would like to inform you that we will be starting a new Soccer Tots session Wednesday, August 2nd. The classes will be Wednesday nights, 6pm for 3-4 yrs and 7pm for 5-7 yrs, at Orchard Middle School. We will be at the upper soccer field behind the school. The cost for the session is \$64 and a one time \$8 player card fee for those who don't have a player card or if it has expired. The player card is good for one year. If you have any questions or would like to signup, please feel free to contact me at 888-5200, or my cell at 679-3257. Thanks. Cristian

Wenatchee Scholastic Chess Club

Every Sunday 6-8PM
Grace Lutheran Church (1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee)

The Wenatchee Scholastic Chess Club is beginning its summer program schedule starting July 16th. Anyone with an interest in playing, regardless of their skill level, is welcome to attend. The focus is on enjoying the game, improving gameplay and sportsmanship, and optionally preparing for the tournament season.

There have been dozens of controlled studies on the benefits of chess in developing mental acuity, particularly in children. Chess has the benefit of being a game that anyone can play, but that increases with

complexity the more one understands its nuances. A single chess game provides the players with dozens of mental puzzles to solve, in an environment where good decisions will be rewarded with a gain of material, and less optimal decisions will be punished by having your opponent take your pieces. Children who play chess learn to concentrate on solving complex problems and to accept the consequences of the decisions they make. These skills ultimately have been shown to translate into better overall learning in traditional studies like Reading and Mathematics. The best part is they get all these benefits by simply playing a game they enjoy.

When the regular school year starts, the scholastic chess tournament season also begins. Parents and kids who are interested can enter these tournaments and test what they have learned by playing other kids from throughout the region. Most of these tournaments are broken into multiple skill-based divisions with multiple trophies for each division. Everyone who enters has a reasonable chance of being awarded some kind of trophy.

Typically a scholastic club is affiliated with a specific school with membership restricted to just its students, but this one is not. It was started by the Grace Lutheran Church several years ago, but is open to anyone. For home-schoolers this has the benefit of not only being able to introduce all the proven benefits of chess to their children, but without the issues of dealing with a school you don't attend.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email donlester@gmail.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

For further details, please contact Rob Fitch

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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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Columbia Christian Homeschool Co-op

The new CCHC fall registration info is up at the website. Check out the class offerings and registration information at the following web site. <http://www.ncwhn.net/CCHC.htm>

**Patria Academy International is Pleased to Announce
Biblical Worldview, Distance-Learning Education
Pre-Algebra Field Test – Available this Fall!**

Patria Academy International is seeking 200 Home- and Christian Day School participants for the 2006-2007 school year field-test of its new and exciting Biblical Worldview, Distance Learning Education Program. The Level 1 course (Pre-Algebra) will be field-tested through the School of Mathematics this fall. This course, using DVD lectures, is taught by James Nickel, Master Teacher and Dean of the School of Mathematics at Patria Academy International. Dean Nickel is also the author of *Mathematics: is God Silent?* – the most comprehensive study of the Biblical view and Christian history of Mathematics available today.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in participating in this golden opportunity, please reply to this email and send your name and address (or that of your friend) and we will immediately send an information packet, including an application form.

A request for the packet of information does not obligate you in any way. If you have questions, we would be more than happy to discuss this offer with you. Give us a call at 509-548-7575.

Feel free to forward this e-mail to any individuals or schools that may be interested in participating.

Again, simply click reply or send an e-mail to info@patriainstitute.com.

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- 2 books used in Running Start classes at WVC,
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- ~The American Nation, History of United States 11th Ed., Carnes/Garraty, \$30.00

Please call Terri Hibbett--663-5256 if interested

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