

# Valley Home Educators

## April 2007 Newsletter

### Soccer Sign Up Time is NOW

Registration for fall soccer is going on now! Register between April 1st and May 31st to receive a discount. If your son/daughter was born between 7/31/2003 and 8/1/1992 they are eligible to enroll. If you would like more information or would like to register your child please go to [www.bigriversoccerclub.com](http://www.bigriversoccerclub.com). If you do not have internet access you can pick up more information at Douglas County Parks or call Tami @ 886-4440.

Sincerely,  
Jana Auvil  
President  
Big River Soccer Club  
509-784-1748  
SOCCER... The sport for ALL kids!!!

### Homeschool Sale and Swap

CCHC will be sponsoring the academic resource sale for the Wenatchee Valley on Thursday, June 28th, 2007 at the Nazarene Church parking lot, 1011 S. Miller St. (across from WHS) from 4 to 7pm. If you'd like to have a table, please call Karla Slonaker 662-4418 or April Burnett 662-8672. Table fees of \$5 will include lots of advertising!

### Upcoming State Christian Homeschool conference- Christian Heritage April 12-14th

2nd Annual [CHRISTIAN HERITAGE STATE HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE](#) . . .

#### “Discipling the Next Generation”

Mark your calendars now . . .

**April 12-14, 2007**

Overlake Christian Church, Redmond, WA

After March 30, register at the door.

For information on the conference go to [www.ChristianHeritageOnline.org](http://www.ChristianHeritageOnline.org)

# Washington Homeschool Organization 2007 Convention & Curriculum Exhibit June 15 & 16

## Western Washington Fairgrounds

110 9th Ave SW  
Puyallup, WA 98371

**One Low Price Includes Everything  
Workshops, Seminars, Curriculum Exhibits & Family Zone**

**Prices Per Day(s):** \$15.00  
WHO Members Get 1 Day Free!  
Child: \$5.00  
Families: \$35.00

CHECK OUT the WHO Web site for more information.

[www.washhomeschool.org](http://www.washhomeschool.org)

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## **Stanford Achievement Test, 9th Ed. Abbreviated**

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

**Coming to:      Omak on May 10  
                         Wenatchee on 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 so parents can get the results THAT day
- \* Same day - 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) Tests are professionally scored with no 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 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** (Cancellation fee: \$10/test)

**Questions? Registration Form? Need Other dates/locations?**

Contact us at (425) 697- 4021 or [www.EduGreat.com](http://www.EduGreat.com)

## **Great Expectations ~ A Framework for Homeschooling Coming to: Wenatchee on May 11-12**

**Just the FACTS, please!**

**LOCATION:** Calvary Crossroads Church \* 65 - 23rd St NE \* East Wenatchee

**DATE:** May 11-12, 2007

**TIME:** Friday evening 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. and all day Saturday, 9 A.M. to 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).

**(5) QUESTIONS? REGISTRATION FORM?** Contact us at: (425) 697-4021 or [www.EduGreat.com](http://www.EduGreat.com).

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 requirements 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 our 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

\*\* "Wow!! Things are going amazingly great, and your class was such a huge inspiration to me. I still think back at how much I enjoyed it." ~~ "M" from Marysville

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

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

Our course is very intensive; we pack volumes into our seminar. The reason for this is that we want 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. 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 lunch break.

The instructors 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.

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## **Homeschool Day at the Capitol" in Olympia**

Misty Defina, Luanne Raber, Karla Slonaker & our children accepted the invitation of the Christian Homeschool Network to spend yesterday, March 28th, at the "Homeschool Day at the Capitol" in Olympia. It was a great experience and one that we would recommend for all families! I think we would all agree that the best part was our local legislators warm welcome and time spent with us!

Plan now to visit during the 2007 Legislative SEssion (through April 22nd - capitol tours happen on the hour) and our legislators; Linda Evans Parlette, Mike Armstrong & Cary Condotta, can be reached by calling 800-562-6000 or during the 2008 Session which starts (Jan. 15th? and goes through March 28th?) Over 1000 students visit the capitol every day!

Senator Parlette still has need for Senate Pages this session (April 8-13 and 15-20, 2007). Students must be 14-16 yrs. old, are given instruction, daily pay and housing arrangements. If you're interested, contact Bonnie at 360-786-7038, senate page coordinator or fax the application (of which I have two - Karla - 662-4418 to 360-786-7173). Homeschooled students can be accepted very rapidly because principal approval is not required.

### **WANTED ---**

As my beloved homeschooled babysitter moves on to other things, I find myself in need of another RELIABLE gal to watch my 3 and 4 year olds during daytime hours for occasional doctor appointments and coffee breaks, and hopefully some evenings out with hubby. Please call me at 884-3055. Carisa

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