

VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS MAY 2007 NEWSLETTER

C.A.P.E. 2007 Family Convention

The Christian Association of Parent Educators invites you to the Family Convention and Project Fair.

Keynote Speaker Diana Waring, author of Reaping the harvest, Beyond Survival and Things We Wished We Had Known About Homeschooling.

BRING THE KIDS !!!!! There is something for the whole family.

VENDORS - an exciting opportunity to shop and hear demonstrations.

Check out the web site for a current list of vendors and registration information. Or Call Maria Barrett 509-307-4147

www.YAKIMAHOMESCHOOL.COM

WHEN: Saturday, May 12, 2007

WHERE: 3303 Englewood Ave, Stone Church, Yakima, Washington

TIME: 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Registration Deadline Extended to Saturday, May 5th

--\$10 per person/\$20 per couple/\$30 per family Registration at the door

-- \$15.00 per person/\$25 per couple/\$35 per family

(Don't forget, this includes classes, speaker and a delicious BBQ! prepared by Chef Watkins from chef of 12 West Located by Rimrock Lake.)

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. 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

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

TESTING OPTIONS to CONSIDER

PASS TESTS GROUP ORDER

In the past a group order has been organized for this non-timed assessment from Hewitt Resources. Please let me know if anyone is planning of organizing this again this year. Call Sandy at 663-0364 or email esbriggs@aol.com

Check out another testing option from Family Learning Organization at www.familylearning.org.

Stanford Achievement Test, 9th Ed. Abbreviated

Coming to: Omak on May 10

Wenatchee on May 11

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 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

HOMESCHOOL TEST SERVICE

Stanford 9 Achievement Test -Unabbreviated & Comprehensive

Includes: Listening, Study Skills, and Information Scores

Computerized, Professional Scoring

Detailed, Informative Scoring Reports - Friendly, Trained Proctors

Second & Third Graders Write Answers in the Test Booklets

Excellent College Entrance Test Prep -Discounts for Early Registration

Multiple Testing Locations & Dates: Bellevue April 10 & 11, Enumclaw April 26 & 27

Preston May 1 & 2, Camano Island May 17 & 18, Federal Way June 7 & 8

Redmond June 13 & 14, Maple Valley June 28 & 29

Other HTS Supported Test Sites: Cle Elum, Richland, Fall City, Spokane, Graham Tacoma, Port Orchard, Walla Walla, Puyallup, Yakima, Renton (2), Yelm

Practice Tests and "Understanding

Test Results" booklets available

For Registration Information:

www.homeschooltestservice.com<<http://www.homeschooltestservice.com/>>

Val Howard Administrator

hstest@aol.com<mailto:hstest@aol.com> 253.334.8300

Great Expectations ~ A Framework for Homeschooling

is 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.

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.

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, 2007; ends early June, 2008.

- * We will meet on Tuesday mornings for 1½ 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 \$40 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 20
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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, 2007; ends early June, 2008.

- * 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 \$40 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

For further details, please contact Rob Fitch
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Columbia Christian Homeschool Co-op

Columbia Christian Homeschool Co-op will hold its fall registration on Wednesday, May 9 and Wednesday, May 16th from 9am-1pm at First Presbyterian Church. Registration forms and schedules will be on our website by May 9th, or you may stop by co-op on one of those two days and pick up a packet. To read our handbook online go to: <http://www.ncwhn.net/CCHC/Handbook.htm>

For registration questions, email Michele at: michelet@tumwater.net

EXTRA BOOKS?

Have readers, antiques, curriculum, academic materials to sell?
June 28th, 4-7pm, 1011 S. Miller St. (parking lot) Wenatchee

Sellers will have an hour to shop before the sale opens.
For information and/or to reserve a table (\$5)
Call April 662-8672
sponsored by Columbia Christian Homeschool Coop

WANTED -

To buy or borrow -

100 Most Important Events in Church History
100 Most Important Events in Christian History
The Church in History by B.K. Kuiper

Please call Pam at 884-7479 or 679-9123.

Email subscriptions to Valley Home Educators are free. To subscribe please send an email to Sandy Briggs at esbriggs@aol.com with VHE Subscribe in the subject line. To unsubscribe send an email to Sandy with VHE Unsubscribe in the subject line. Information and events of interest to homeschool families are welcome. Deadline for the June Newsletter is May 25, 2007