

VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS AUGUST 2007 NEWSLETTER

PUYALLUP FAIR PASSES FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

Fair Runs September 7, – September 23, 2007

Come by the WHO booth Sept. 14 & 15 in the Pavilion

The Washington Homeschool Organization has once again coordinated with the Fair Marketing Department for free tickets to homeschoolers. Please precisely follow this procedure for getting tickets:

First, contact your local school district for tickets. Most districts have included homeschoolers in their ticket order from the Fair Marketing Department.

If for some reason the district does not honor your request for tickets; send the following to the Fair Marketing Department:

A copy of your "Declaration of Intent to Provide Home-Based Instruction"

* This must have the school district logo on it.

2. Give reason why the district did not honor your request for tickets. Include the name and phone number of district person you spoke with.

3. Self-addressed stamped envelope.

Requests must be postmarked no later than Friday, August 31st. No exceptions, please.

One ticket will be issued for each student ages 6 through 18 and one adult pass per family. Children under 6 years old are free. The tickets may be used any day, including Saturday and Sunday. * A Declaration of Intent does not need to be filed for children ages 6 or 7. So if you have children those ages, simply add their name and age to the Declaration of Intent you are sending to the Fair.

Attention: It's been brought to the Fair's attention that there has been fraudulent use of educator tickets by fairgoers. Educator tickets are only for the parent/educator the ticket was issued to. Please ensure we do not jeopardize our privilege of receiving future tickets. Enjoy! Puyallup Fair Marketing Department 110 9th Ave. S.W. Puyallup, WA 98371 www.thefair.com

Great Expectations ~ A Framework for Homeschooling

is coming to **Wenatchee**

on **October 5-6, 2007 Just the FACTS, please!** **LOCATION:** Calvary Crossroads Church * 65- 23rd St NE * East Wenatchee

DATE: October 5-6, 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:** \$99 Individual/\$135 Couple. However, if the registration form and check are postmarked 10 days prior to the date of the seminar, deduct \$10/registration. (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.

Creative Writing Classes!
Coming this Fall!
Two Locations!

Intro to Creative Non-Fiction/Fiction

Wenatchee

Mondays

Level: Mature Junior High/Early Senior High School. Age is flexible based on student's academic level.

Description: An exploration in creating and developing writing skills over the course of the school year. An emphasis in various forms of writing including short story, dialogue, non-fiction, fiction, and longer pieces. In-class reading and discussion of modern literature. In-class sharing and peer critique of student material. Cost is \$40 per student per month.

Intro to Creative Non-Fiction/Fiction

Leavenworth

Tuesdays

Level: Mature Junior High/Early Senior High School. Age is flexible based on student's academic level.

Excursions in Literature

Wenatchee

Fridays

Level: Junior High School. Age is flexible based on student's academic level.

Description: A heavy emphasis on character-building literature. In and out-of-class reading will be assigned to supplement class discussion. Light writing assignments will be assigned throughout the school year.

Time and place to be announced.

For more information please call Annika Heins.

(509) 630-3764

Education

Bachelor of Arts, Major: English

Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA

*Grades upon request

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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TUTORING SERVICES

Peg Ronhovde will be offering math tutoring for upper elementary, middle school, and remedial high school students in my home starting in September. Cost \$28 per hour. Recommended 2 days a week, either Monday, Wednesday or Tuesday, Thursday. For more information contact Peg Ronhovde at 662-3024 or 670-2337.

Chris Lachowicz will be offering tutoring in reading and math tutoring available for grades kindergarten through 3rd grade in her home starting in August. Cost is \$25 per hour. Two days per week is recommended either Monday / Wednesday or Tuesday / Thursday. For more information please contact Chris Lachowicz, 663-4062. Have taught early elementary grades for over 10 years, public and private schools.

WANTED :

I am a 4-kids Homeschooling Mom, looking for help with my two older kids. I need kind of a general study help for an 11-yr old boy and 9-yr old girl in 5th and 3rd grades. The person doesn't need previous experience doing this kind of work, because I'll be supervising them as well as teaching my younger two kids. Looking for an intelligent person with good organizational skills, who enjoys working with children. Must have good communications skills, be available mornings and work 3 to 5 HRS per day. Will go over the details and program later. Please call Nilla 509-687-8704, or email me at nillastepanov@gmail.com Thank you

Charlotte Mason Society is downsizing it's lending library

all paperback books are on sale for 50cents each
all hard cover books are on sale for \$1.00 each

That's right!

\$1.00 for some great literature books!

I will be packing to move and all books are in the garage---along with metal bookcases if anyone is interested

The big moving sale will be on Saturday, August 4

Homeschoolers can call to see books prior to that day

Call CarrieLee @ # 662-0362
home most evenings

FOR SALE:

Switched on Schoolhouse complete 3rd grade curriculum. Original CDs with license transfer rights. Amazing program with Bible, History, Math, English and Science, as well as grading and record keeping programs. \$300.00 new, will sell for \$100.00.

Complete Saxon Math Kindergarten never used \$25.00

Veritas Press History: Creation through Ancient Egypt (original CD as well as binder with hundreds of pages of copies/worksheets/ideas) \$50.00

Veritas Press Bible: Creation through Joshua (original CD as well as binder with hundreds of pages of copies/worksheets/ideas) \$50.00

(each of the above cost about \$120.00 between software and materials to make)

Contact Katie at 745-8423 or kboswell@nwi.net

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