

VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS AUGUST 2007 NEWSLETTER – UPDATE 2

Home-based Instruction Students Time to file your annual Declaration of Intent to Homeschool.

Below is the section of the HBI Law regarding the Declaration of Intent to Homeschool. You pick this form up at your local school district office. Check in your phone book for the address. In the law below two important points have been highlighted in RED. The form should only ask you to state your child's name and age, NOT their birthdate. You do not need to answer any other questions regarding your child or family that might be included such as phone number, last grade of school attended etc. Only students age 8 and older need to have a form turned in. It is recommended that you keep a date stamped copy for your records.

The Washington Homeschool Organization has a very helpful page of information about the Declaration of Intent to Homeschool. Be informed and take the time to read the helpful information there.

Go to - www.Washhomeschool.org. On the left of the home page under the word HOMESCHOOLING is a link to the page about the Intent to Homeschool.

The Law

RCW 28A.200.010

Home-based instruction -- Duties of parents.

Each parent whose child is receiving home-based instruction under RCW 28A.225.010(4) shall have the duty to:

(1) File annually a signed **declaration of intent** that he or she is planning to cause his or her child to receive home-based instruction. **The statement shall include the name and age of the child**, shall specify whether a certificated person will be supervising the instruction, and shall be written in a format prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction. **Each parent shall file the statement by September 15** of the school year or within two weeks of the beginning of any public school quarter, trimester, or semester with the superintendent of the public school district within which the parent resides or the district that accepts the transfer, and the student shall be deemed a transfer student of the nonresident district. Parents may apply for transfer under RCW 28A.225.220;

The Impact of the Internet What SMART Parents Need to Know

Do you feel intimidated or behind when it comes to the internet and technology? Do you know what the most popular websites for teens and what they are all about? What is "social networking"? What is a blog? Would you like to gain a window into your teen's world?

In this 3 hour seminar, Adam James shares objective, relevant and timely information on the Internet and technology, such as iPod/mp3, text messaging and whatever else is new in the teenage culture by the time this is printed. You will learn the core issues surrounding this powerful tools in our culture and how they impact our family life today. Adam addresses these important in simple terminology that even computer-challenged parents or grandparents can understand in order to make informed, confident decisions about their teen's use of the Internet.

What you will learn

- * The biblical foundations for parental convictions**
- * The core issues today for Christian families**
- * Practical suggestions for good rules and guidelines**
- * The dangers, risks and concerns**
- * The most popular and influential websites, including myspace, youtube and many others**
- * Why these websites are so popular and how they work**
- * The meaning of common terms being used today such as social networking and blogging.**

With a degree in Biblical Studies and Youth Ministries, experience and insight from eight years as a youth pastor, and keen observations of the culture around him, Adam desires to help parents "catch up" with the rapid changes and daily impact of the Internet.

Date - Saturday, Sept. 15

Time - 8:45 - noon

Place - Life-Trac Training Center, Cashmere, WA

Cost - \$10.00 per person; \$15.00 per couple

**To Register or for more information phone (509) 782-3206
or online at www.lifetrac.org**

Creative Writing Classes! Coming this Fall!

Intro to Creative Non-Fiction/Fiction begins Tuesday, October 2nd at 5:00pm.

Excursions in Literature begins Thursday, October 4th at 5:00pm.

See course descriptions below.

Classes will be held at my home in Wenatchee. Classes are based on positive student response. I need at least five students per class to proceed with each. Different weekdays may be a possibility based on feedback. Please let me know if you are interested. Call Annika Heins at (509) 630-3764.

Intro to Creative Non-Fiction/Fiction

Wenatchee

Tuesday - 5:00 PM October 2

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.

Excursions in Literature

Wenatchee

Thursday - October 4, 5:00 PM

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.

For more information please call Annika Heins.
(509) 630-3764

Education

Bachelor of Arts, Major: English

Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA

*Grades upon request

KEYBOARD FOR KIDS

"KEYBOARD FOR KIDS" offers unique preparatory music classes for children ages 4-10. Classes are held at the Brethren Baptist Church in Wenatchee from September through May. The curriculum focuses on beginning keyboard skills, singing and movement, ear-training, introduction to famous composers and instruments of the orchestra. Hands on activities include musical art projects, games, rhythm instruments and creative expression.

Open house registration will be held at the Brethren Baptist Church, the corner of Peachy and Okanogan Streets from 5-7 pm on August 27th and 29th as well as September 10th.

For more information and a brochure please call the instructor, Jill Larson at 662-1588 or e-mail kforkids3@msn.com . Please leave your name and mailing address.

WANTED -

Saxon Math - Algebra 1/2 (2000 or newer version)

Apologia Science - Exploring Creation with Physical Science

Augustus Caesar's World by Genevieve Foster

Call Sandy Briggs - 663-0364 or esbriggs@aol.com