

## VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS SEPTEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

### ESD SIGN UP TIME IS HERE

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#### Educational Service District Sign-up

NCESD stands for North Central Educational Service District. The Media Services Cooperative is a cooperative operated for the public and private schools in the North Central ESD service area. The Coop serves as a regional library of media materials that are available for use by cooperative members only.

There is a once a year sign up period.

Valley Home Educators sign up as a group just like other schools.

That means you cannot sign up in Nov., or March, only this one time. If you are interested, call or email me to sign-up. An Orientation date is being worked out with Louise Schmutzler, Media Services Coordinator for ESD. We usually have them during the day and they last around 2 hours. We need a head count so ESD can provide computers to show us their various services and materials.

It is \$20.00 per student per year (it will be good through next summer). If you've looked into video/DVD rentals for educational material, you know even with a large family, this is still a bargain. It's important that interested families send in their money. New families cannot be signed up until the registration period is closed. To accommodate new families, registration does close until around the end of Sept., beginning of October. Those families who are continuing with this media service may still use the service under their old agreement.

The North Central Educational Service District location is now at 430 Old Station Road. They are in a four story, white building which is located near the entrance to Confluence Park. The Pick-up area will still be in the basement.

Checks should be made out to NCESD and mailed to;

Emilie Fogle            630-9225 or [gardenfev@flymail.net](mailto:gardenfev@flymail.net)  
1413 Easthills Ter.  
East Wenatchee 98802  
I need your;

NAME  
EMAIL (this is how we communicate)  
ADDRESS  
PHONE NUMBER  
# of children

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### Media Services Online Catalog

Over 10,000 curriculum-based instructional titles are available for circulation. In an average year, approximately 10,000 DVDs, videos, CD-ROMs, laser videodiscs, software, kits and equipment are used for staff development and classroom instruction. Equipment includes: LCD projectors, camcorders, public address systems, slide projectors, and DVD players.

Titles can be scheduled from home on a Saturday or Sunday for use in the classroom on Tuesday or Wednesday. Titles are checked-out an average of seventeen days.

### **New Digitized Titles**

The media collection now includes streamed titles from Discover Education. 4,000 streaming titles are available to Coop members via UnitedStreaming. Coop members now have the ability to stream or download over 40,000 video content clips and 4,000 full video titles. This resource allows educators to capture the teachable moment in the classroom and incorporate clips into multimedia presentations.

The cooperative pays for all its members to have access through ProQuest, eLibrary, CultureGrams, and Opposing Viewpoints (new as of last year).

ProQuest Information and Learning provides access to information from periodicals, newspapers, multimedia and image collections, out-of-print books, dissertations, and scholarly collections in various formats. Its archive includes more than 5.5 billion pages of information, spanning 500 years of scholarship, in formats that range from print to microform to digital.

Opposing Viewpoints draws on the acclaimed social series published by Greenhaven Press, as well as core reference content from other Thomson Gale and Macmillan Reference USA sources including selections from Bioethics for Students. The result is a dynamic online library of current event topics-the facts, as well as the arguments, of each topic's proponents and detractors. Unique features include Topic Overviews - frameworks that allow students to explore each topic's many facets - and exclusive electronic access to Thomson Gale's Information Plus reference series of statistics, government data, information on legislation and more.

### **Other services include: video duplicating, and laminating materials (in 12 and 24 inch widths).**

Catalog now includes Special Education, Assessment and Literacy, Safe and Civil Schools, and STEPS to a Healthier Washington titles. Check out their website at:

<http://www.ncesd.org/media/default.htm>

Here is more information on the ESD sign up.

If anyone would like more information, Laura Thompson is kind enough to devote a page on the NCWHN (North Central Washington Homeschool Network) page

<http://www.ncwhn.net/index.htm>

There will be an orientation meeting to go over the services such as ProQuest, eLibrary and United Streaming. If you know other families who may be interested in this wonderful offer by ESD, please let them know.

**Tuesday, Sept. 18th at 4:00 at 430 Olds Station Road.** This is on the road to Confluence Park, behind Food Pavilion. Children must be old enough to participate in the service discussion, otherwise ESD requests no children at this meeting.

Please let me know if you plan to attend and/or you have questions, email me at: [gardenfev@flymail.net](mailto:gardenfev@flymail.net)

Emilie Fogle

Anyone interested in BIBLE QUIZZING please contact Marilyn Black at 630-0020. We will be starting up again on September 13 at the Black's house. We are starting with Galatians this year.

**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](http://www.EduGreat.com).

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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.

## **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](http://www.lifetrac.org)**

## **Creative Writing Classes! Coming this Fall!**

Creative Non-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

## 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](mailto:rfitchk@aol.com)
- \* Work phone: 682-6755; Work email: [rfitch@wvc.edu](mailto:rfitch@wvc.edu)

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<http://www.fmquizzing.org/>

## 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](mailto: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

**WANTED \*\*\* FOR SALE \*\*\* FREE**

**FOR SALE**

\*Saxon Math 76 3rd Edition - complete set with answer key, test forms, extra practice etc.

\*Hooked on Phonics - SRA reading and comprehension, 100 lessons with answer key and student booklet - brand new condition.

\*Trumpet & Electric Guitar with amp and jack

My phone number for contacts is 884-8789 or 741-8789. **Deedee Lipp**

Rod & Staff English 4

Teacher manual, student text, worksheets and tests.

May have some pencil scribbles, but otherwise good condition.

Rod & Staff English 5

Teacher manual, worksheets and tests.

Also may have some pencil scribbles, but otherwise good condition.

Does not contain the student text.

FREE!!

Call Jenny Tesh at 663-8618 if interested.

## Konos Character Curriculum Vol 1—**FREE**

**Contact Terri Hibbett, 663-5256**

[What is Konos????](#)

[Unit study driven:](#)

"In Unit studies information is divided, not by subject, but by topic, or content. For example, if the topic is "birds" then Science will be covered as we study the anatomy of birds, their habitats, migration, etc. Migration of birds will also cover Geography, and if we study the life of John James Audubon (the famous American ornithologist), we will be covering History. Meanwhile, as the children read whole books on birds..."

[Vol 1 KONOS Volume 1 \(Yellow\):](#)

### **Attentiveness**

Senses, sound & music  
Frontiersmen, Tracking, Predators  
Indians/Birds

### **Obedience**

Authority, Bible, light  
Medieval times  
Military/Horses  
Friction-resistance  
Crime & punishment

### **Orderliness**

Sequencing, building construction  
Counting, measuring  
Solar system  
Calendars, seasons  
Classification: animal, plant, mineral

### **Trust**

Deception & illusion  
Sheep, weaving, Scotland  
Floating & ships  
Flight & airplanes

### **Patience**

Grain, bread & yeast  
Human birth & growth  
Animal birth & growth  
Plant growth & gardening

### **Stewardship**

Ecology & conservation  
Managing time, money & possessions  
Careers  
Abuse & prevention  
Nutrition, exercise, rest & fun

### **Honor**

Attributes of God, hymns  
Pottery & sculpture  
Tabernacle  
Cathedral & church architecture  
Countries & cultures, Japan  
Kindness, service, etiquette

**For Sale:**

**Abeka: 2nd Grade- Our America \$7.00; Letters and Sounds Workbook (first few pages missing) \$8.00; Letters and Sounds 2 Tests 3rd Ed. \$3.00; Letters and Sounds Tests 2nd Ed. \$2.50; Spelling and Poetry \$7.00; Health Safety & Manners 2 \$6.00 2nd Ed; Health Safety & Manners 2 \$8.00 3rd Ed; Enjoying God's World Science \$8.00; Arithmetic 2 Tests and Speed Drills \$4.00; Blend Practice Cards B \$8.50; Clue Word Cards Phonics \$8.50; Blend Practice Cards A \$8.50. All are current 3rd Ed. unless 2nd Ed. follows. The 2nd Editions are exactly the same material just different covers. Everything is in new or slightly worn condition.**  
**Apologia Exploring Creation With Physical Science CD ROM 1st Ed., includes student text, tests and solutions. \$20.00**  
**Easy Grammar PLUS \$10.00**

Please call Misty @888-2353 or e-mail mdefina@nwi.net

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