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Valley Home Educators Running Start Information Meeting

Date - Monday, March 17

Time - 3:00 - 5:30 in the afternoon

Location - Public meeting room

Douglas County Fire Station #2
337 Eastmont Ave, East Wenatchee

Ann Brown, the Running Start Advisor from Wenatchee Valley College will be our guest at this meeting. We also hope to have a few current RS students and their parents there to answer questions. If you plan to attend please contact Emilie Fogle at gardenfev@flymail.com or Sandy Briggs at esbriggs@aol.com.

Current RS students and parents are needed to attend the meeting to share their experiences. Please contact Emilie or Sandy if you can attend.

For information about Running Start check out the Wenatchee Valley College web site

<http://www.wvc.edu/directory/departments/runningstart/default.asp>

This web site has information about the Running Start Program, important dates to keep track of for registration for the Fall of 2008. Mandatory meetings begin in March. Here are a few of them. Check the web site for more locations and the exact meeting room at each location. The web site has many helpful sites about Registration, signing up for the Admission test and more. Don't miss this information. Sign up times are coming up soon for the Fall of 2008.

Wenatchee HS - Tuesday, March 11- 6:00pm

Eastmont HS - Thursday, March 13 - 6:00 pm

Cashmere HS - Monday, March 17 - 7:00pm

Cascade HS - Tuesday, March 25 - 6:30 pm

Waterville HS - April 10 - 6:00 pm

WVC/Westside HS - April 24 - 6:00 pm

WVC Omak - April 30 - 6:00 pm

For information about Home-based Instruction students and Running Start check out the

Washington Homeschool Organization web site.

www.washhomeschool.org

Columbia Christian Homeschool Co-op Registration

Columbia Christian Homeschool Co-op is holding registration for spring session on Wednesday, March 5th from 9am-1pm at First Presbyterian Church in Wenatchee. The session will run on Wednesdays from March 26-May 21. For more details on classes, schedules, and fees, please visit our website www.ncwhn.net/CCHC/htm or email michelet@nwi.net.

YOUR FAMILY IS INVITED TO AN

OPEN HOUSE AT WATERVILLE LIBRARY TUESDAY MARCH 11TH 6:30-8PM
AN INFORMAL GATHERING OF FAMILIES WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO
ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION.

PRESENTERS WILL BE:

David Robinson: Learning on the Road

Mike Grand: Home school to College

Sandy Bareither: It's Your Library!

SIGN-UP FOR STUDENT ART & PROJECT SHOW AT THE LIBRARY

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

Call 745-8354 for

more information.

SEE YOU THERE!

Waterville Public Library 105 N. Chelan St. Waterville@ncrl.org

Coming to **Wenatchee** on May 13

and **Omak** on May 14, 2008

Stanford Achievement Test, 9th Ed. Abbreviated

Administered by Alice Wescott, PhD. 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? Contact us at (425) 697- 4021 or www.EduGreat.com

Reading is the Ticket

It's that time of year again. Time to read!!!! You can earn a ticket to Silverwood a theme park outside of Couer D'Alene, Idaho. For more information about Silverwood go to silverwoodthemepark.com. This program is for students K-8th grade. Your children need to do 600 minutes of reading for pleasure, keeping track on a form I will send to you. In exchange for the reading they earn a child's ticket to Silverwood.

Here is what you need to know to participate. You can email me back at shutterbrook@msn.com and I will send you the information sheet and your tally sheet to keep track of your reading. When your reading is complete you will mail the tally sheet and self addressed stamped envelope (for me to return your ticket) to me at Vicki Seabrook, 270 12th PL NE, E. Wenatchee. The mail in deadline this year is 3/31/08. I will mail the tickets to you sometime in May. The tickets are valid from 6/9/08 to 9/28/08. This is a great way to motivate those reluctant readers and a terrific way to reward an avid reader.

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 April Newsletter is March 25, 2008

Ideas to please picky eaters. Watch video on AOL Living.

(<http://living.aol.com/video/how-to-please-your-picky-eater/rachel-campos-duffy/2050827?NCID=aolcmp00300000002598>)