

Valley Home Educators May 2008 Newsletter

WA state Home-based Instruction Law and Annual Testing.

Your students must participate in annual testing. [RCW28A.200.010 \(3\)](#)

Testing can be accomplished one of two ways:

Non-test assessments - an assessment of the student's academic progress is written by a Washington State certified teacher who is currently working in the field of education.

Standardized testing - a standardized achievement test approved by the State Board of Education is administered annually to the child by a qualified individual.

For more information about testing check out the WHO web site.

Test results are part of your private homeschool record, no one else receives a copy.

The Washington Homeschool Organization has a list of testing providers on it's web site.

www.washhomeschool.org Two Wenatchee area options are listed below. If you are aware of others please email Sandy Briggs so we can share that information.

PASS Test from Hewitt Homeschooling

A group order is being organized by Arlene Bergstrom.

Check out their web site for more information about the test.

www.hewitthomeschooling.com click on PASS test.

The PASS Test is a non-timed, standardized test designed for students grades three through eight. It was specifically developed for home-schooling parents to administer to their students. You do not need a degree to give it. The test covers reading, mathematics, and language (which includes spelling, grammar, capitalization, punctuation, composition, and study skills on some levels).

For each student you wish to test, we must have his or her **name** and **grade level**, the **parent(s)' name(s), and address**.

Groups may obtain a discount on quantities sent to one address and returned together. Tests are sent to one address and returned as a group also. Any tests not returned on time to be sent back with the group order will be charged a \$10.00 PER TEST fee by Hewitt to score the tests.

The discount rate is as follows:

10-19 PASS Tests (group) \$23.00 each **PLUS Shipping & Handling**

20+ PASSTests (group) \$21.00 each **PLUS Shipping & Handling**

Hopefully there will be enough to get the price of \$21.00 plus Shipping & Handling **and return postage**.

Shipping and handling will be 5% of the test order if we order 24 tests or more. Otherwise it will be 10% of

the order amount.

Return postage to Hewitt will also be collected for the group order. This amount is not yet determined.

Contact Arlene Bergstrom to sign up by **May 23**. jabergstrom@msn.com
or 886-7541.

Your payment must accompany your order.

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

Creative Writing Workshops!

- *Learn how to write a superb and engaging essay.
- *Learn how to write descriptively.
- *Learn how to edit your work.
- *Learn how to make your writing "sing!"

A four-week class starting Tuesday, June 3rd (...and 10th, 17th, and 24th) at 4:00pm. Also taking students for the August class beginning Thursday, August 7th (...and 14th, 21st and 28th) at 4:00pm. Classes will be held at my house in Wenatchee (close to Safeway). 6th grade level and up. I'm very excited for group teaching and interaction as well as personalized instructing for individual student needs. Cost: \$36.00 per session. Call Annika Heins at (509) 630-3764.

Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Creative Writing, Western Washington University

WHO CONVENTION & CURRICULUM EXHIBIT

A Family Friendly Convention

JUNE 13 & 14, 2008

[Western Washington Fairgrounds](#),

110 9th Ave SW, Puyallup, WA

WHO is committed to providing the highest quality speakers and curriculum hall at the lowest price possible to our attendees so that EVERYONE can attend. We are proud to offer a family friendly convention featuring RC boats, giant chess sets and live games, model train expo and live music (and more!), creating a truly enjoyable event for the whole family.

Special Guest Speakers

Susan Wise Bauer, Andrew Pudewa, Stephen Guffanti, Wade Hulcy, Jim Weiss, And many more

Hours

Friday - 9:00am to 6:00pm

Saturday - 9:00am to 4:00pm

Check out the Workshop Schedule and list of vendors at the WHO web site.

www.washhomeschool.org

Topics ranging from beginning homeschooling to college prep!

Prices

No Pre-registration

WHO Members-1 Day Free

Adult \$15 - Per Day

Child \$5 - Per Day

Family \$35 - 1 Day

Family \$45 - 2 Day

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, 2008; ends early June, 2009.
- * 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, 2008; ends early June, 2009.
- * 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

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FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for Fall Soccer begins on April 1, 2008. You will need to register before May 31st to avoid a late fee. You can register online at www.Bigriversoccerclub.com or attend open registration night on April 22, 2008 at Eastmont Junior High Library from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. If you need more information please go to our website: www.Bigriversoccerclub.com

Thank you for getting the word out.
Sincerely,
Jana Auvil
President
Big River Soccer Club
509-784-1748
SOCCER... The sport for ALL kids!!!

WILD WAVES HOMESCHOOL DAY
Federal Way, Washington

Homeschool Day at Wild Waves Theme Park that will be on June 6th this year. Tickets for Homeschool families are only \$10.99 for this day (almost \$25 lower than general admission). It's our goal to reach as many families that we can in this short period of time, so hopefully they can take advantage of this offer. Please call or email me back so I can give you the rest of the details if you are interested in helping spread the news.

Thank you for your time! I hope to be hearing from you soon.

Amber Lee, Marketing & Group Sales Supervisor

Wild Waves Theme Park
(253) 661-8023
36201 Enchanted Parkway S.
Federal Way, WA 98003

WANTED:

Discovering Art DVD set, by Calvert School--please contact Elsee Eagle: eeagle4953@charter.net, or 662-2030.

FOR SALE -

A Beka Books Biology, God's Living Creation, 2nd ed. Along with the testing manual and the teachers test answer key manual. The entire set is \$15.00. I can be contacted at the following: Debbie Kwast – 884-1043 or hansanddebbie@charter.net.

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