

Valley Home Educators September 2008 Newsletter

Declaration of Intent Time!

It is Time to declare your intention to homeschool by filing your Declaration of Intent (DOI) form this fall! This is an obligation of parents under the Home-based Instruction law. The DOI is to be filed with your local superintendent by

September 15th. The only information you are required to include is for children ages 8 and older, and only include their **name, age** (not date of birth). You do not have to indicate what grade level they are in or any schools they have attended in the past. Mark the one box only if you've chosen to qualify to homeschool by working with a certificated person to supervise your studies. That's **all that's required by law!**

Several area schools ask for more information that the law requires. You do not need to fill in those portions of the form.

For a sample copy of the form that the Office of Superintendent of Instruction in Olympia has approved and a copy of the section of the WA State law regarding the Declaration of Intent go to the Washington State Homeschool Organization web site.

www.washhomeschool.org

Home School Information Evening

Wednesday, Sept. 10 5:00 - 7:45 PM

Wenatchee Public Library

(near the County Court House in Wenatchee)

Small meeting room

Come for information about WA state's Home-based Instruction Law, meet experienced homeschoolers and find out about local and state resources. For more information contact

Emilie Fogle - 630--9225 or gardenfev@flymail.net

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

Assessments: for Annual Testing and for New Homeschoolers
Great Expectations ~ A Framework for Homeschooling are coming to
Wenatchee on October 3-4, 2008

When we come to teach our Homeschool Parent Qualifying class, we will also do annual testing for any family who might have missed it in the spring, and additionally, we will do Baseline Assessments for families that are new to homeschooling and who wish to know where their children's skill are.

Testing Facts!

Location: Calvary Crossroads Church (65 -23rd St. NE * East Wenatchee) **Date:** October 3, 2008
Time: Noon- 4 PM. **Fee:** Assessments: \$35/test for grades 1-3; \$45/test for grades 4-12.

Class FACTS! LOCATION: Calvary Crossroads Church **DATE:** October 3-4, 2008 **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 (\$89 & \$125 respectively). **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.

“Great Artists / Elements and Principles of Design” Art Class

We will study the styles and techniques of the masters with hands-on projects as well as weekly lessons on the elements and principles of design.

Ages: 7- 10

Time and day: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays

Dates : starting September 16 and ending June 9.

Cost: \$80 per month (includes art supplies). Fee based on total of 32 lessons.

Location: My home, where I do other tutoring as well (10 S. Garfield, Wenatchee).

Class size limited to six.

Please call Chris Lachowicz, certified and experienced elementary teacher, at 663-4062.

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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WANTED:

Want to purchase: *Abeka Biology God's Creation* 2nd edition text book & work book. Lisa Jackson 667-2373 or 664-9079

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