

VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

RUNNING START INFORMATION MEETING

The Running Start counselor at Wenatchee Valley College is willing to meet with area homeschoolers April 9th. This is a great way to take the mandatory orientation with a person who knows our home-based instruction law. Students are encouraged to attend.

What is Running Start?

Running Start (R.S.) allows high school juniors and seniors to enroll in high school and community college at the same time, earning credits that apply to each institution. Students can earn up to 45 college credits per year while in high school. By attending the community college exclusively they can attain the maximum.

The high school district pays for the college tuition with a basic education allotment from the state. The Running Start student pays all other consumable expenses, which include books, computer fee, parking, etc.

College credits earned through Running Start are transferable to colleges and universities in state, according to the guidelines of each specific institution. How courses transfer to out-of-state colleges can never be guaranteed, but to date there have been few problems. Contact those colleges for their own policies.

Mandatory Orientation nights are held at the high schools each spring and on the college campus for winter quarter (November) and spring quarter (Feb/March). These sessions are directed toward the tenth and eleventh grade students and provide an excellent opportunity to ask questions. Attendance is mandatory for any student who is planning on enrolling in Running Start anytime during the following school year.

Home-based instruction students must register with their local high school but we do not need to fulfill their graduation requirements. Homeschoolers must also have filed a Declaration of Intent to Homeschool one year prior to attending R.S.

If you are interested in other meetings, go to WVC's website for a list:

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

The homeschool Running Start orientation will take place at the District 2 fire station at 377 Eastmont Ave. in East Wenatchee, THURSDAY, APRIL 9 from 3 to 5 pm.

Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can let Ann know. My email is:
Emilie Fogle
gardenfev@flymail.net
630-9225

If you have questions about R.S., write them down and come to the meeting or contact Ann Brown at:
abrown@wvc.edu

Pass Testing

This is a non timed assesment for grades 3 - 8. For information about the test check out the web site. www.hewitthomeschooling.com.

Please contact me by **May 15th**

Arleen Bergstrom 886-7541 or email jabergstrom@msn.com

Testing cost \$24.00 per child

Tests should arrive about the 1st of June. You would have a couple of weeks to give the test at home and then return them to Arlene.

Information needed: Name and grade of each child, parents name and address.

Check made out to Arleen Bergstrom. And a self addressed stamped envelope for the test results

Tests are sent to the coordinator and then given out to each family. Tests must be returned as a group. Any tests not returned with the group will be charged a \$10.00 fee.

Coming to: Omak on May 6

Wenatchee on May 7

Stanford Achievement Test, 9th Ed. Abbreviated

Administered by Alice Wescott, Ph. D.
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: (\$40.00 per test) If registration and check are postmarked 21 days prior to test date, pay the following fees per test: **1st sibling: \$35; 2nd sibling: \$30; 3rd sibling: \$25; 4th (and subsequent siblings) \$20 per test** (Cancellation fee: \$5/test)

Questions? Registration Form? Contact us at (425) 697- 4021 or www.EduGreat.com

Moving Sale!

Charlotte Mason Society is closed and moving--
(the house is also for sale \$215,000) will show by appointment

Huge Garage Sale this Saturday
April 4th from 1-4pm

lots of misc stuff craft items and Holiday items

call with questions
CarrieLee
#662-0362

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Larson, an area orthodontist in both Wenatchee and Leavenworth, is involved with the Village Voices out of Leavenworth. The Village Voices would like to award a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating senior who is actively engaged in music. It doesn't have to be singing, it can be with an instrument as well.

This morning, his receptionist, Linda, called me to ask me to inform the homeschool community of this opportunity because its not just limited to public school grads. I mentioned to her that I could email you since there is a newsletter that goes out to the homeschoolers. She asked me to do so and suggested that I give you their email address. She said they would be willing to do a paragraph for your newsletter if you'd like announcing the scholarship.

So, here's their address
BavarianBraces@yahoo

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, 2009; ends early June, 2010.

- * 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 one-time \$40 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@gmail.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, 2009; ends early June, 2010.

- * 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 20

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Wenatchee Renaissance Faire

Wenatchee Renaissance Faire will be Sat., April 18th at the Wenatchee Valley College. There will be workshops, entertainment and kids activities. For more information contact Kari at 663-6389 or go to www.wenrenfaire.com

WANTED

Attn: Homeshcoolers....does anyone have a copy of "Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons" that is no longer being used? I have a need here in Belize...some kids and one adult. One copy would be great. Two would be better.
My son leaves on Monday for Belize, so if you have a copy, please call him to connect. Thank you. His cell is 860-4315. Thank you. He works Friday and Sat. afternoon/evening, so keep trying him. Terry is 860-2119.
Blessings, Wendy