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## VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS JULY NEWSLETTER

Interested in Speech or Debate? Save these dates!

**August 28.** Joanne Nye will be bringing a group of Christian homeschooled debaters from Western Washington to Wenatchee for a one day workshop and demonstration. Anyone is welcome to attend. Afterward we'll have a meeting to discuss starting an NCFCA debate team in the Wenatchee area. Watch this newsletter for more details. You can also call or email Michele Townliand 881-1423, [michelet@nwi.net](mailto:michelet@nwi.net) and go to the National Christian Forensics and Communication Association website for more information <http://www.ncfca.org/>. NCFCA competition is for homeschooled students age 12-18.

**October 14-17.** Institute for Cultural Communicators (formerly Communicators for Christ) will be holding a series of speech and debate workshops in Couer d' Alene, ID. I took my kids to a two-day workshop last year and it was fantastic. I'd like to get a group together to attend this fall--so if you're interested, mark the dates on your calendar and check out the website for more info. <http://www.instituteforculturalcommunicators.org/> They offer one day Beginning Speaking workshops for 7-11 year olds (approx grades 2-6) and two day beginning and advanced Public Speaking and Logic and Debate workshops for middle and high school students. They also offer information and resources for parents and coaches.

If you have experience with debate or know someone who does, we're looking for a person or couple to coach a debate team next fall--please call Michele 881-1423. Thank you!

**EASY GRAMMAR PLUS CLASSES FOR HOME SCHOOLERS** --Instructor: Boni MerchantI home schooled our three boys, and I also taught English 90 (Basic English Structure) at Wenatchee Valley College for 3 yearsI can be reached at 886-8172 or [gracie704@aol.com](mailto:gracie704@aol.com) -- Twenty seven weeks of one hour classes will be taught Tuesday afternoons beginning Sept. 15, 2009, and we will meet the same weeks that the Columbia Christian Homeschool Co-op meets (Go to [www.ncwhn.net/CCHC.htm](http://www.ncwhn.net/CCHC.htm) to see their calendar) --The two class times being offered are: 12:30 to 1:30 and 2:00 to 3:00 --Materials needed: (many are available on amazon.com) Easy Grammar Plus teacher edition Easy Grammar Plus student workbook --The one hour class will include weekly tests and instruction over new material. Parents will grade the homework which will be assignments out of the student workbook, and the instructor will grade the tests and any writing assignments. --The class is being offered for 12 to 14 year olds. The minimum class size will be six and the maximum size will be eight. --Fees: \$45 a month --For further details or to register, contact the instructor by phone or e-mail.

### **DIGITAL PHOTO CLASS FOR TEENAGERS**

I will teach up to 5 teenagers in my home how to store and edit pictures on Creative Memory software (Memory Manager) and also how to make a digital scrapbook using StoryBook Creator Plus software. To get more information on both of the software programs, contact the instructor for webinar information that can be viewed on your computer. The class will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 for 10 weeks starting September 15 and ending on November 17. At the end of the session, the students will have in their possession a portfolio with their work and a digital storybook (size and number of pages to be determined with help of the parent). There will be a bit of homework which will include printing photos for their portfolio. Materials needed:Lap top computerDigital pictures that would be used for an album (contact instructor for album ideas) on camera or stored in file on lap topTwo software programs: Memory Manager 3.0 (\$39.95) and StoryBook Creator Plus (\$59.95) OR you may purchase a Click It II Collection for \$129.00 which includes:StoryBook Creator Plus SoftwareMemory Manager 3.0 SoftwareDigital Variety Pack CD which includes a \$39.94 coupon code good toward the purchase of a digital StoryBook Charge for class: \$50 for the session (Can be paid monthly: September \$15, October \$20, and November \$15) Contact information:Boni Merchant886-8172Gracie704@aol.com

## SUMMER CLASSES OFFERED

Affordable Summer classes for children 2-10 are offered by the Greater Wenatchee Parent Child Preschool. We still have openings in several of our classes: Leaping into Literature (ages 3-5), Cultures of the World (ages 6-10), Rocket Science (ages 4-6), Spanish for Kids (ages 3-5, and 6-9), Dance Workshop (ages 3-5, and 6-9), Masterpieces (ages 6-10), and Painting Outside the Box (ages 2-4). If you would like more information, please look up our website: [www.gwpcp.org](http://www.gwpcp.org) (or call 509 662-9453) Look under "what we offer", and click on summer enrichment classes to find complete information and print registration forms. Parents often take turns assisting the instructors, and are always welcome to stay.

## TUTORING OFFERED

**Tutoring and homeschool support services: Flexible summer hours or reserve space for next fall. All subjects. I can work with your curriculum or use materials from my curriculum resources. I can also provide assistance with organization of your homeschool. \$20/hour. Call Nancy Leonhard (Certificated teacher, BA Education, MA Special Education. Experienced homeschool Mom) 664-0110 or email [wenatchi@aol.com](mailto:wenatchi@aol.com)**

## TUTORING AVAILABLE

Looking to improve your child's writing skills this summer? Private tutoring available for narrative and expository writing in grades 1-12 and beyond! Editing services also available. Invest in your children's future this summer for only \$20 per hour.

Call April Cheadle at (509) 679-7042 or e-mail [swim4him@hotmail.com](mailto:swim4him@hotmail.com) . B.A. Elementary Education, B.A. English Literature, and English Grammar, History Minor, Reading Specialist endorsement, and experience tutoring non-native English speakers at U of W. Former Sylvan Learning Center teacher, current Librarian at Kenroy Elementary, and proud former homeschooled student.

## Columbia Christian Homeschool Co-op

Fall Registration

CCHC will hold it's 2009-10 registration at 7:00 pm on **Wednesday, August 19**, at First Presbyterian Church in Wenatchee (in the gym). Schedules are on the website now and detailed class descriptions will be posted after July 15.

<http://www.ncwhn.net/CCHC.htm> or contact registrar Sheryl Smith 888-1099 or [cchc@ncwhn.net](mailto:cchc@ncwhn.net).

## 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](mailto:rfitchk@gmail.com)
- \* Work phone: 682-6755; Work email: [rfitch@wvc.edu](mailto: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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### **Help Needed for MOPS**

The East Wenatchee MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers -a Christian organization that supports mothers and children birth to kindergarten) is looking for volunteers to help with their child care dept. MOPS meets the 2nd and 4th Wed of each month from 8:45-11:00 am Sept.-May. If interested and are 13 years old or older, please contact Joy Pipgras at 888-0730.

### AMERICAN GIRLS HISTORY CLASSES

Hands-on Classes!

Activities include:

Historical Crafts, Cooking & Games!

Students will learn about History and Geography as they explore each time period!

**1st class - Sept. through Nov. (10 weeks)**

**"Kit Kittredge - 1930's"**

**2nd class - Jan. through March (10 weeks)**

**"Molly McIntire - 1940's"**

**3rd class - March through May (10 weeks)**

**"Kirsten Lasson - 1850's"**

Tuesday afternoons

2-3:30PM

**For Girls in 3rd-5th Grades!**

**Supply Fee: \$25.00 per class**

**Request a Registration Packet at:**

**[tutoringbyheidi@gmail.com](mailto:tutoringbyheidi@gmail.com)**

### **Writing and Grammar Classes**

Instructor: Sally Voorhies

Formerly wrote English grammar curricula for Accelerated Christian Education and taught in the sister school in Chicago where Stack The Deck writing program was developed. Has used this program at The River Academy for the past 6 years as well as in home-school classes for the past 9 years. Also teaches grammar for grades 5-7, upper level grammar for high school (including PSAT preparation) Even taught her own Down's Syndrome son how to read when home schooling.

#### **Writing for Home School (grades 9-12)**

Advanced 8th graders OK

One year of high school writing

Meets on Tues. for one hour 11:30am-12:30pm

(If there is enough interest for another day, can be arranged.)

Begins Sept 15 and continues to end of May

Minimum size 8

Text: Cut the Deck (parents order) and additional handouts  
\$70 per month (cost includes instruction and all correcting time)

Contact: Sally Voorhies

(509) 664-3692

salvoor@charter.net

#### **Grammar for 5-7th grade**

**One year of basic grammar**

Meets on Tuesdays from 10:15-11:15am

Begins September 15 and continues to end of May

Minimum size 8

Text: Easy Grammar Plus (parents buy) and handouts

Cost \$60 per month

Contact: Sally Voorhies

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2009 WATCH Conference Details

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15th Annual Family Learning Adventure

DATE: Friday August 7 - Saturday August 8

TIME: Friday 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Eastside Foursquare Church

14520 100th Ave NE, Bothell, WA

MORE: see our website [www.watchhome.org](http://www.watchhome.org)

Featuring

Ken Ham of Answers in Genesis

&

Todd Wilson of Familyman Ministries

Other workshop speakers: Diana Waring, Heidi St. John, Lee Binz, Patrick

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Dr. McKenzie, Ann Dunagan, Carla Williams, and Melody Waring

We will have a Teen Program and Children's Program both Friday and Saturday.

And, of course, an Exhibit Hall.

We're looking forward to an exciting, uplifting event.

Free BBQ dinner with entertainment Friday evening for those who preregister

for

the conference

Cost: \$50 for full two day conference - spouse is free

or \$30 for one day

(At door registrations are \$10 more)

Register at [www.registration.watchhome.org](http://www.registration.watchhome.org)

Early bird registrants (before July 1) get free e-book on organization "A

BREATH

of Fresh Air", written by WATCH board member and professional organization

coach,

Beverly Miller.

Conference attendees get special \$15 discount on new WATCH membership

(Unless you are on our Yahooogroup WATCHhome, you are not a current member,

and would

qualify for the new \$20 membership.)

Teen program: Bill Jack with World View Academy \$25 per person

Children's Program presented by Children's Conference International:

\$45 per person, multiple child discount

(Children's program has separate registration)

Free Toddler Care (two hours on, two hours off)

Children ages 5-18 attending the conference with parents but not enrolled in

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children's program will need a supplemental ticket.

Supplemental tickets: \$10 per person per day (max \$40 per family) for

non-conference attendees for the Exhibit Hall or the Friday Night

session with Ken Ham.

We will be having food available for all meals & snacks throughout

the conference at a nominal fee in the food court.

Lodging: Group pricing available through July 6 at the

Courtyard Marriott Kirkland, 11215 NE 124th St, Kirkland 425-602-3200 ext.

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## WANTED

I am looking for a copy of the Sonlight Core 7 Instructor's Guide to either purchase or borrow just for the Bible section only. We will otherwise be using Core 6, and if possible, I was hoping to avoid the expense of two entire Instructor's Guides.

You can email me at [kansley@nwi.net](mailto:kansley@nwi.net)

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