

# ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

## August 2008

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**Play dates @ Community Park will remain Tuesday mornings @ 10:30 through August! If you'd like to try a different park, let Kristine know and we can email the changes on Mondays.**

August 7 – 9<sup>th</sup> – Roaring Youth Jam @ Greenbelt

August 10<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to let Kristine know about God's World News

August 15<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to let Kristine know about book orders

August 18<sup>th</sup> – Back to school picnic!

August 21<sup>st</sup> – Placement auditions for Dance

August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – Renaissance Faire in Sun Valley

September 8<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> - ERCHA meeting with Maja Ledgerwood @ 6:30pm @ Calvary

October 13<sup>th</sup> - ERCHA monthly meeting of 2008-2009 @ 6:30pm @ Calvary

October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Spelling Bee

February 4<sup>th</sup> – Legislative Day

March 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> – ICHE Testing



### Back to School Pot Luck

**When:** August 18<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Community Park Shelter 6:00 p.m. – 8:00p.m.

**What to Bring:** Food to share

**Why:** Fun! Get to know everyone! Catch up on what went on during the summer!

### September Meeting

We're having Maja Legerwood, author of the book **Pocohontas: Princess of Faith and Courage** as a guest speaker. She will be reading her book to the children, autographing any books you have pre-bought (more info following), and she will then lead the children in some crafts from the era of Pocohontas. Because of the nature of the crafts, it is helpful to know how many children will be there and their ages, so she can plan accordingly. Please let Kristine know by August 29<sup>th</sup> (if you can) how many will be coming from your family.

Here's some more info – but you can also check out her website at

# [www.majaledgerwood.com](http://www.majaledgerwood.com)

**Book Info:** Young readers will love this introduction to Pocahontas! Aided by colorful and life-like illustrations, readers will discover the true story of Pocahontas, including her conversion to Christianity. The illustrator applies his unique style with thirty-six original watercolor paintings (**which she is bringing an original water color to show!**) including Native American and Christian symbols to complement the author's narrative. Not only is this book fun and informative, it is designed to be used as an educational tool by teachers and parents alike. Offering a quiz, discussion questions and an informative note from the illustrator, this book was created to enhance your readers' interest in history and inspire young minds.

**Ordering Books:** Maja will not have books with her to sell, so if you would like to purchase a book, (if you want her to autograph it), it would need to be bought before she gets here, so **plan ahead**. The cost off of the website is \$12.95. It is cheaper to order books together, so if you want to let Kristine know, she can place the order. I'm not sure how much of a discount there will be, but anything helps!

**We need to order by August 18<sup>th</sup>, so please let Kristine know if you want to order any books by August 15<sup>th</sup>.**

She will also have free bookmarks and post cards for anyone who would like them Please let Kristine know you'd like to run a project, activity, class or organize any field trips!

This is an awesome opportunity to invite new homeschooling families to our group!

## ERCHA's Website:

Check it out! [www.homelight.org](http://www.homelight.org) - ERCHA'S new website is up and running! Kudos to JoAnn for doing such an awesome job! We can edit and make changes as needed, so if you haven't submitted your business feel free to do so. Also - anything you think that needs to be on the website let Kristine or JoAnn know.

## Spelling B:

We're having our first ERCHA spelling B on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Calvary Chapel, 6:30 p.m. Spelling lists will be available at the September meeting. If you are not able to make the meeting and want to participate, let Kristine know. It will be for all grades. If anyone is able to help Kristine facilitate, it would be greatly appreciated!!!

## Dance! Dance! Dance!

Abi is teaching dance classes again☺ ALL dancers of all abilities 3 years-10 years are welcome, however, **placement auditions are required**, and will be held August 21 @ 2:00 pm @ her home.  
Cost: \$15 for the semester.

## Legislative Day:

Legislative Day is a formal pie reception at the Capital hosted annually by ICHE. The purpose of this event is to give our legislators the opportunity to see the quality achieved by home education in Idaho without government funding or regulation. This is accomplished by presenting academic, social, organizational, and testing displays. In past years, displays have included history, art, science projects, unit studies, 4-H, Chess Club, sports and family projects. Students can play music, and hundreds of home baked pies provided by the homeschoolers allow the opportunity to interact with the legislators. The Date is **February 4<sup>th</sup>**, although we need to pre-register, and make hotel arrangements, etc., for members of our group. If you are interested in attending this year, or participating in any way, please let Kristine know by **November 15<sup>th</sup>** if you'd like to participate in the music, or by **January 1<sup>st</sup>**, if you would like to participate in any other way.

## Park Play Time

For the month of August we'll be meeting at Community Park at 10:30am. Remember the path around the park for bikes, scooters and roller skates as well as time to play on the gym.

## God's World News – Offer

God's World News is a current event's newspaper/magazine from a Christian Worldview. We can get a 10% discount if we order as a group rate. If you're interested let Kristine know. The ages are broken down as follows:

PK1 – Pre-K - 1st Grade

E23 - 2nd & 3rd Grade

E45 - 4th & 5th Grade

E69 - 6th - 9th Grade

To get an idea of the discount, a single subscription is 21.95, but if we have more than 7 (for each level) the price is only 8.25 each.

The 10th - 12th graders subscription rate is 25.95 for 1, or 14.95 for 5 or more.

The drawback is that all of the magazines get mailed to one address, so you would have to work out a pick-up or delivery schedule, however this year they are MONTHLY and not WEEKLY, so we could always have them available at the homeschool meeting.

Each paid subscription includes:

7 printed magazines + 1 bonus online issue

Each magazine features a triple-page cover poster or map for every student

4 full unit studies per issue - multi-page unit studies from current events using Math, language, Science History and more.

Teacher's Helper delivered by email or online.

Let Kristine know by AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup> (if you have not already done so)

## Resources

**We have an MP3 of all of the workshops from the homeschooling convention. If you would like to borrow it, please let Kristine know.**

## We need helpers.

If you are interested in helping in anyway – please let Kristine know. There are several suggestions below.

Youth Group leader or co-leader

Tween Group leader or co-leader

Christmas Party

Christmas Caroling Coordinator

Valentine's Party

Spelling B

Geography Fair

Science Fair

Biography Fair

Field Trips (theatre shows, museum, etc)

Mom's dinner out coordinator

Acting Classes

Service Activity Coordinator

Dancing Classes

Keepers @ Home

Graduation 2008/2009

Back-to-school picnic 09/10

Play Time Coordinator

Presidential Challenge Coordinator

Book Club for kids Coordinator

**Family News:** Maurie and Hannah had an awesome mission time in Peru!  
Thanks for your prayers!!!

## Great Websites:

[www.chois.org](http://www.chois.org) – Christian Home Schoolers of Idaho State

[www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org) – Home School Legal Defense Association

[www.iche-idaho.org](http://www.iche-idaho.org) - Idaho Coalition of Home Educators

