

ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

www.homelight.org



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Elite Gym - 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays from 12:30 – 2:30

Parks & Rec. Play time – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. The cost is \$1+tax per child.

Enjoy basketball, racquetball and just a time for the kids to run around. The address is 520 Memorial Dr

Chick Clique Bible Study - Every Tuesday 2:30 - 4:00pm

March 5th - Swimming @ Aquatic Center

March 5th – Youth Movie Night @ the Haas @ 6 – 10-pm

March 8th – Monthly Meeting @ Calvary @ 6:30pm – 8pm (Curriculum!)

March 11th – Blast-Off with the pre-schoolers – 2-4pm

March 12th - YOUTH - ski trip @ Kelly Canyon

March 17th –Speak-Up at the Library at 3pm

March 18th – Ladies Lunch Out @ Perkins @ 7pm

March 19th – Swimming @ Aquatic Center

March 19th - TWEEN game night @ Haas House

March 23rd – Cirque Mechanics Birdhouse Factory at Civic Auditorium

March 25th – Preschool Group - Scottish Dance from 2 - 4pm

April 2nd – Youth Movie Night @ the Haas @ 6 – 10-pm

April 9th - Christ in the Arts 6:30 -pm

April 16th – Child Care Fundraiser

May 6th - Spelling Bee

May 7th – Youth Movie Night @ the Haas @ 6 – 10-pm

End of May – Science Fair

March Meeting

Curriculum Madness!

Monday: March 8th at 6:30-8:00pm
Calvary Chapel of Idaho Falls

We'll be talking about our favorites (and least favorites!) of curriculum we've used this year (or past years). Bring examples to show, charts to share or anything else that you're excited about. Men will have the choice of breaking off into their group to pray and discuss different ways to encourage our children.

Children's Extra: (Optional) If you'd like to use the opportunity to teach your child(ren) about Limericks, have them write one and share it with us adults. They can read it, or have you read it. Illustrations are also welcome! Prizes will be awarded for participation 😊

Next Month: Linda Patchin from CHOIS is coming to speak on Homeschooling for the Jr. High and Sr. High ages. Everyone encouraged to come...if you're not there yet, they will sneak up soon enough!!:)

Current Needs:

~ Curriculum - Hi my name is Jamie and I was wondering if there is anyone who has books or programs addressing learning problems like dyslexia or right brain thinking. I would like to look at them or even purchase them. Thank you, Jamie.

~ English/humanities major - Is there a parent out there who could lead discussions of books with upper level high school students? Dean & Kathy are both engineering majors and don't feel competent to lead literary discussions above the Jr. High level. With their oldest, Megan, going into her last year of high school this fall, they need to find a remedy for this hole in her education so that she's ready for college in 2011. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact Dean or Kathy. Thanks for helping!

~ K-5 Curriculum - We have a mom who just pulled her daughter out of school and is homeschooling her K-5er. Does anyone have any curriculum she could borrow or buy?

~ 3rd Grade Curriculum - We have a mom in need looking for some curriculum.

~ Desk Job - Misty has a desk available for someone who may need it.

If you have a curriculum need for next year, let us know, we will be posting those in the March newsletter. Our March meeting will focus on curriculum...what worked...what didn't, bring samples, and books for us to look at.



Child Care Fundraiser: Calvary Chapel School is having their annual Auction on April 16th, and has asked us to again provide child-care for the evening. We need a committee of youth to help us organize, plan and prepare for that event. We still have our funds from last year that we can combine with this year for a mission project, or a fun-trip. Please RSVP to Kristine by March 8th if you would like to be on the planning committee.

Spelling Bee

Calling all spellers!

ERCHA's 2010 spelling bee will be held on Thursday May 6, at 6:30 p.m. in room 15 (across the Fireside room at Calvary Chapel).

Children of all ages are welcome to participate. This will be challenging and lots of fun.

Prizes to be awarded to the top spellers.

If you are interested please send the names and grades of the children who want to participate to Mandy.

The lists are fairly long so the sooner you contact Mandy the sooner the children can start studying!

Don't forget: Final registration for the Spelling Bee is May 1st!



Christ in the Arts

Participate in our 3rd annual "Christ in the Arts" - an opportunity for our children to share their God-given talents in the arts: Singing, piano, poem or Scripture recitation, dance, martial arts, visual arts.....



Friday, April 9th

6:30 pm - 8:30 (ish)

Calvary Chapel of IF - Main Sanctuary

Sign-Up by Monday, April 5th. Kristine needs correct spelling of names, and pieces to be performed, and an approximate number of minutes.

Please bring snacks to share following the concert (to be left in the Fellowship Hall)

Ladies Night/Afternoon Out



If you have any questions you can contact Misty.

Thursday March 18th @ 7pm

Saturday April 17th @ 2pm

Thursday May 20th @ 7pm

Title of Liberty

A local patriotic organization is hosting a series of talks on the constitution.

From their website: <http://thetitleofliberty.org/events.html>

The Title of Liberty presents a 10-night lectures series on the 28 Principles of Liberty with Pastor David Bass of Idaho Falls, based on his weekly radio show, “A Moment of Truth”, and the book, The 5,000 Year Leap by W. Cleon Skousen. The lecture series will be held at the ISU Auditorium at University Place, 1776 Science Center Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho, at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Friday, March 5

Friday, March 12

Friday, March 19

Friday, March 26

Thursday, April 1

Thursday, April 8

Friday, April 16

Thursday, April 22

Friday, April 30

Friday, May 7

For more information, check out their website: <http://thetitleofliberty.org/events.html>

This is definitely of interest for Jr High and up. Pastor Bass, the speaker, is both very knowledgeable and a great orator.

On-Going ERCHA Programs

Pre-school Playtime & Scottish Dance



Blast-Off – Thursday, March 11th from 2-4pm. The cost is \$3.50 for unlimited play in the tunnel and dress up area. Moms do not have to stay; Michele will be there to supervise. Please RSVP.

Scottish Dance - Also, we will have Scottish Dance on Thursday the 25th from 2-3pm. Drop-off is optional. We'll meet at the Eagle Rock Dance Academy, which is right behind Brownstone Brewery (same bldg, just further back in the little 'shopping center') on Riverside Drive. You enter through the same door as the Better Business Bureau. There is no charge for this energetic, fun activity, just come and enjoy. Any Questions? Contact Kathy at shakespeare@homelight.org.



Swimming!

Join us on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month for swimming at the Aquatic Center on 7th Street. The cost is \$2.00 per person in the swimming area, adults welcome to swim too. Pay Kristine day of swimming, with cash or checks made out to ERCHA. Aquatic swim time is from 11:30 to 1:30, with most ERCHA moms showing up between 11:30 & 12:00.



We all shop for groceries, sometimes two or three times a week – or more. Now turn those shopping trips into easy cash for your school, and encourage friends to do the same! Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios[®], Hamburger Helper[®] and Kleenex[®], in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and send them to your school's Box Tops coordinator - each one is worth 10¢. We will save our money to buy equipment for ERCHA members to use (microscope, laminator...). You may turn them in at any meeting.



SPEECH/SPEAK UP - 8-years & up

Do you want to learn how to communicate more effectively? Public speaking can be intimidating for some! They say that public speaking and flying in an airplane are the most common fears, (how about giving a speech why you ride in an airplane??)

We will meet at the Public Library the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3pm – next meeting scheduled for March 17th is canceled. Any questions please email Carolina.

Science Fair HELP – Due to Remington’s baseball schedule, there may be a chance we wouldn’t make it back to Idaho until the beginning of June. By this time, most of you will be finished with school. I need to know if you’d like to have it in June or if someone would be a co-chair just in case I’m not back but then we could have it around May 27. Please email me your thoughts! The job of co-chair is pretty easy, just over-seeing the room and making sure it’s cleaned up afterwards. Also handing out certificates and prizes! Carolina is willing to help by demonstrating a fun science project to do with the kids.

Please start thinking about a science project that you could share with the group. You will be asked to explain your project then share with us the outcome. Please email Rachel with any questions.

Kid’s College – offered by EITC

There are new and exciting courses geared specifically to children who home school or are in private or charter schools and need supplemental education in the area of computers. EITC has state of the art computer labs and a professional computer educator with 11 children of her own. Join Shayna Hemsely-Spencer for an exciting adventure into the world of computers. \$15 classes offered on Tuesdays from 11am – Noon. The 'Kids' College' classes that EITC is offering starting in January are now listed online. Go to www.eitc.edu and click on 'WFT Winter 2010 Schedule. Scottish Country Dance classes are offered as well (Wednesdays 10-11am). Check it out!

Term Paper/Autobiography skills – March 2nd – March 16th
Introduction to Excel – Mar 23rd – Apr. 6th
Powerful PowerPoint Presentations – April 13th – April 27th

Email tonya.nunes@my.eitc.edu for more detail



Youth!

Fun activities for homeschoolers 13 YEARS AND UP!

MOVIE NIGHT

A movie from the Lord of the Rings Trilogy

When: 6 – 10pm (dates below)

Where: Haas Home

What to bring: Snacks to share

March 5th - Fellowship of the Ring

April 2nd - Two Towers

May 7th - Return of the King

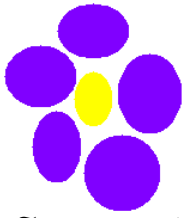
Ski Trip-Kelly Canyon

Friday, March 12th -

Chalmers Haas will be chaperoning, depending on #'s we may need other chaperones. If you're interested, contact Chalmers: chalmers@noplacelikeidaho.com

TWEEN(ages 9 - 12)

- Game night @ the Haas House! March 19th; 6:30 - 8:30



The Chick Clique

A group for homeschooling girls 7th-9th grade!

Bible Study - we're getting ready to start a new study...contact Maurie if you're interested on joining.

E-mail or call Maurie for more information - ree_haas@yahoo.com

208-351-0433

Scholastic Books

Please email Melanie if you'd like to be on her distribution list for fliers of upcoming Scholastic Book Sales.



Gym Time - Elite Gym ages up to 14. The sessions will continue

monthly on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday of the month. The cost is \$4.00 per child, or \$3 if there are 4 or more children in the family. If there is anyone who is unable to pay, please let Michele know, and the cost will be provided.

Keepers at Home: - A Christian girls group, invites girls 6 and older to join us for a fun year of getting to know God, each other and ourselves better. This year we are focusing on Godly character and loving others. Along with fun projects, we will have ongoing visits to a nursing home and help at a soup kitchen. Please email Michelle or Melissa at keepers@homelight.org for more information.

Lending Library - Books available for borrow or sale. The ERCHA library continues to grow! If you'd like to contribute to the library, let Kristine know and she will add the information. If you are in need of something, give Kristine a call to see if we have it.

Year Book: Alexis and Maurie are asking that you continue sending photos of your activities now and during the school year so they can continually work on the 2009-2010 year book. Photos should include field trips, vacations, school time, projects, Family time and outings, Pets, Church functions, and anything else... Photos MUST BE: clear (not blurry) well lighted, large images, large enough to recognize.

This year our vision is to actually have Family Pages. That's right, each family having their own page with written dedications, prayers and verses that are special to your family. SO – please keep this in mind through out the year. We are going to start compiling little by little. We have already started to receive photos! ***You can email the photos or give a CD to Alexis.***

Great Websites

www.homelight.org – Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association

www.chois.org – Christian Home Schoolers of Idaho State

www.hslda.org – Home School Legal Defense Association

www.iche-idaho.org - Idaho Coalition of Home Educators

www.parentalrights.org – Protecting children by empowering parents

www.bookadventure.com – A fun sight with recommended books for each age group and quizzes with points to be earned (a lot like accelerated reader).

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