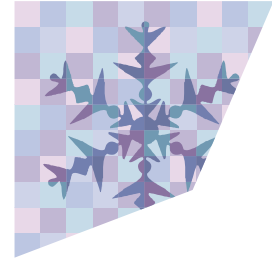


ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

www.homelight.org

January 2010



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



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

Chick Clique Bible Study: Every Monday 4-5:30pm

January 11th – Monthly Meeting @ Calvary @ 6:30pm

January 15th – O! Theater at Colonial Theater

January 20th – Speak-Up @ the library @ 3pm

January 21st – Ladies Night Out @ 7pm @ Perkins

February 8th - February Meeting: Couples ONLY - night out☺

February 12th - ERCHA Valentine Party @ the Ice Skating Rink

March 23rd – Cirque Mechanics Birdhouse Factory at Civic Auditorium

End of May – date TBA – Science Fair

January Meeting

Monday: January 11th: 6:30-8:00pm

Calvary Chapel of Idaho Falls

Ladies: Calling on all ideas for organization! How to organize your day...your home...your school...Many of you have the gift of organization, and we'd love to hear your ideas on how to stay organized (and GET organized). Come with ideas, examples, etc... OR just come to get ideas! We'll also have a free-time to share and encourage, as well as PRAYER TIME

Men: Share success stories/struggles with being head of the household....financial organization & preparation; supporting homeschooling; marriage etc... PRAYER TIME

Current Needs:

Overseer for Valentine's Party on February 12th

TWEEN Activity Overseer for any upcoming month

Organizer for Spelling Bee in Spring

Contact Kristine if interested: kristinehaas@gmail.com

Featured Websites

Please be sure to send me any that you might use and want to share! I'll choose just a few each month:

Rainbow Resource Center, Inc. – Online curriculum store –
www.rainbowresource.com/index.php

Eagle Rock Art Museum – www.eaglerockartmuseum.org

Idaho Falls Art Council – www.idahofallsarts.org

Parks & Rec – Zoo Home Page www.idahofallszoo.org/main/index2asp?pagelid=834

The Museum of Idaho – www.museumofidaho.org/

Idaho Museum of Natural History – <http://imnh.isu.edu>

Museum in Ogden, UT – www.learningtree.org

Ladies Night/Afternoon Out



If you have any questions you can contact Misty Jones.

Thursday January 21st @ 7pm

Saturday February 20th @ 2pm

Thursday March 18th @ 7pm

Saturday April 17th @ 2pm

Thursday May 20th @ 7pm

On-Going ERCHA Programs

Pre-school Playtime

Please join us if you have children preschool through 3rd grade for a chance to play call Michele.



Homelight Newspaper!

We are enlarging our newsletter into a newspaper. There will be articles on a variety of topics, contests, games, and stories, including a student spotlight. We are in need of students who want to write, edit, and/or interview for the newspaper. This is a great opportunity for your students to grow in their writing ability, get constructive criticism for their work, and gain experience in writing and working as a team. For more information and to apply, contact Maurie Haas.

Email: ree_haas@yahoo.com or

Call: 208-351-0433



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 starting in January. (January 20th) Any questions please email Carolina.

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!

Computer typing skills – Jan. 19th to Feb. 2nd
Introduction to Word – Feb. 9th to Feb. 23rd
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 details

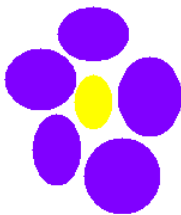


Youth!

Fun activities for homeschoolers

13 YEARS AND UP!

January Info Coming Soon.....



The Chick Clique

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

Bible Study "A Young Woman After God's Own Heart" meets every Monday 4-5:30.

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

208-351-0433

Tweens: grades 3 – 6 (ages 8 – 12)
Friday, January 15th - Game Night @ Haas House 6:30 -

8:30pm. Please RSVP - 542-2738 or email:

kristinehaas@gmail.com

Scholastic **Books**

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



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 contact Michelle or Melissa at keepers@homelight.org for more information.

Science Fair - For the end of our school year (May 2010), 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.

Lending Library - Books available for borrow or sale. The ERCHA library continues to grow! See the attachment for a list of books. 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.

YearBook: 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.***

Other 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

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