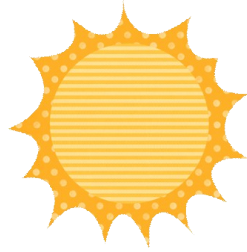


# ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

## July 2008



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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

**July 7<sup>th</sup> – at NOON – Highschool Brainstorm session**

**July 19<sup>th</sup> – Shakespeare in the Park**

**July 25<sup>th</sup> – Day at Ross Park.** The park opens @ noon (it's in Pocatello) and closes at 9pm. It's a fun day for those who have never been there. There's also a small zoo across the road if you wanted to do that in the am. Bring a picnic dinner and join everybody for some fun! RSVP to Kristine so she can arrange carpooling etc. if there's a need.

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

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

**September 8<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> ERCHA monthly meeting of 2008-2009 @ 6:30pm @ Calvary**

### High School Sharing Session

Is your child getting ready for high school? Anyone interested in gleaning information from each other regarding High School is welcome to join us at noon on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. (Bring some food to share), and bring questions, and anything that might be helpful to others. Please RSVP to Kristine.

## Sun Valley Renaissance Faire:

Recreating the Life & Times of William Shakespeare! Free Admission for Kids, Jousting by "The Seattle Knights", Archery, Medieval Combat and Piratical Antics. Limited Camping available.

## Testing:

ICHE offers testing (the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) and the Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED)). Registration must be completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>. You may get a written form from Kristine or register on-line at [www.iche-idaho.org](http://www.iche-idaho.org) . Dates will be March 3,4,5.

## 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 June – 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.

## Scottish Country Dancing

We will be dancing in various parks every Thursday night for June and July. We start at 7 pm. New dancers and observers always welcome.

### **SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SCHEDULE**

SUMMER 2008

All dances start at 7 pm.

#### July

10 - The Greenbelt

17 – Fremont Park

24 – Community Park

July 31 though the end of August we will be **OFF**.

Class in the studio begins again on **September 4**.

## 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)

## Shakespeare Reading:

There is one last Shakespeare reading for this school year on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be an all-in-one day reading of Julius Caesar at the park right by Blackfoot Airport. We'll meet in the morning, read half the play, take a lunch break, and then finish the reading.

## Back to School Picnic

August 18th – Give any ideas or helping power to Kristine!

## September Meeting

First “official” 2008-2009 ERCHA meeting on September 8, 2008. Please let Kristine know you'd like to run a project, activity, class or organize any field trips!

## 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

