

ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

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March 2009



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

March 2nd – Keepers at Home at 6pm @ Calvary

March 3rd - Elite Gym

March 3 – 5th – ICHE Testing

March 5th – The Intergalactic Nemesis – Student Matinee @ 10:30am @ Colonial

March – 9th – Monthly Meeting @ 6:30pm @ Calvary

March 10th – Recreation Center

March 13th – TWEEN movie night

March 16th – Keepers at Home at 6pm @ Calvary

March 17th – Elite Gym

March 20th – Youth Game Night

March 24th – Recreation Center

March 27th – Spelling Bee

March 30th – Keepers at Home @ 6pm @ Calvary

March 30th – Youth Bowling

Looking Ahead:



April 13th – Monthly meeting @ Calvary

April 30th – Christ in the Arts

May 11th – Used Book Sale

May 28th – Biography FairHRFEHF

June 7th – **Graduation @ the Apple**

June 12th & 13th – CHIOS Homeschool Convention @ College of Nazarene, Nampa Idaho

March Meeting – March 9th

This month's meeting topic will be on kids and internet safety. If you have questions and/or suggestions please bring them for a time of learning about some basic internet safety precautions. Hope to see you there!

Monday, March 9th @ Calvary Chapel of Idaho Falls: 6:30 – 8:00

Kids: Arts and Crafts and/or Games. We'll have a few things supplied, but if you'd like to bring a game or some crafts to share –that would be awesome!

Anyone who would like to oversee the kids program that night, let Kristine know:

New Events:

Biography Fair

Rachel has offered to oversee a biography fair to be scheduled for Thursday, May 28th. Please start having your child think about whose biography they'd like to share. The library and Wikipedia.com are two good resources for your child to start doing their research. They may put together a lap book or board with information about their person and even dress up as them if they'd like. Each child will have an opportunity to give a 2 – 3 minute speech about their person.

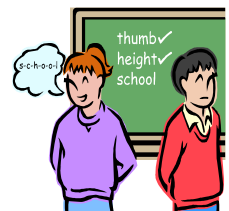
I will have a time-line available so we can fill it up with different areas of time being represented. Please let me know as soon as possible who your child has chosen so I can share the list with the group for both ideas and possible repeats. Thanks for participating, our children are amazing!!

Reminders:

Spelling Bee

We will be hosting another spelling bee on March 27th grades K - 12.

Please let Kristine know who is planning on participating by March 8. Appropriate lists will be at the meeting.



Jr. High Lagoon trip!!!

We're having a Jr. High Lagoon trip, probably around June or July. Lagoon is an amusement and water park in Utah around Salt Lake City. Now, Lagoon tickets aren't cheap, so there will be a series of fundraisers to help cover the costs. If you would like to participate, e-mail Kristine at kristinehaas@gmail.com , or Abi at drama_queen4963@yahoo.com .

Open Gym

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 12:30 – 2:30pm. Cost is \$2.50. If you have any questions, call Michele. Also, Todd is offering a 30 minute instructional session for free for any who would like to participate. Todd and his wife Leslie, are

homeschool parents, and used to teach gymnastics. It's a great opportunity!

Rec. Center

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 2:30-4pm. It's \$1 per child.

SUMMER CAMP-OUT

Just putting it out there...would like feedback on a weekend camping trip for the group in the summer.

Contact Alexis with any comments or suggestions
activities@homelight.org

Mom's Night Out

Need some Christain fellowship with other homeschool mom's? Join us! If anyone has any suggestions, please email Alexis at activities@homelight.org .

Tweens: grades 4 – 6 (ages 9 – 12) – Movie & Pizza Night

Friday, March 13th - We will find a suitable movie for all. We also are open to suggestions. It will be at the Grimm's home. 6:30 to 9 ish . If you want pizza bring \$2-3

Youth: grades 7 & up (age 12 and up)

Friday, March 20th from 7-9pm, game night at Haas house

Monday, March 30th from 1:30-2:30/3:00, bowling at Bowl-ero
\$5 (includes shoes and two games), chaperones needed
Please RSVP

If you haven't signed up for teen e-mails and would like to, please e-mail: ree_haas@yahoo.com and/or kristinehaas@gmail.com and they will get you the information:)

Scottish Country Dance

Come chase away those winter blues and get some exercise at the same time. Anyone can do it! Cost is \$3 per person, per class. There is a \$15 family maximum. All ages are welcome. Call Dean or Kathy for more info: Shakespeare@homelight.org

Student Newspaper

Hey! A couple Junior High students are starting a Jr. High newspaper for ERCHA! They are looking for JH kids who would like to apply to be on staff! They need photographers, journalists, column writers, and more! So, don't hesitate, and contact Abi Haas at Home: 208.542.2738 or E-mail: drama_queen4963@yahoo.com

keepers@homelight.org . February dates are the 2nd & 16th.



Scholastic Books:

For everyone who has been interested in the Scholastic book orders, Melanie has been able to set up online ordering. If you are interested, please email Melanie with any questions!

Keepers at Home: girls ages 6 – 11:

Keepers of the Home is a Christian based group, kind of like girl-scouts, where the girls earn badges (for a sash) by working on various projects. It is for ages 6 – 11 and will be held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at Calvary Chapel. For questions, or to sign-up call Michelle or Melissa @

Idaho Falls Arts Council Student Matinees:

THE INTERGALACTIC NEMESIS (Don't forget that this is during Iowa Standardized Testing for those who are participating).

Student Matinee – Thursday, March 5, 10:30am at the Colonial Theatre

Tennis Anyone?:

We are starting tennis lessons this month with Heath Hartman, a local tennis pro, Saturday mornings @ 10:30. If you are interested in joining, call Kristine!

2008/2009 Year Book!

Alexis & Maurie will be our official reporters and photographers for a year book this year but need our help. Alexis will be taking photos at the activities, field trips and so forth. Maurie will be doing research and layout. Unfortunately, they can't be at all the events and activities so they are calling upon all parents and kids to help us out with pictures. Families can email digital photos to Alexis throughout the year at yearbook@homelight.org or you can give hard copies. Some photos may be used to go on the website during the year if families don't mind. If you would like to help Alexis & Maurie with other aspects of the yearbook other than photos you are welcome to, just let us know!

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.

On-going Volunteer Opportunities:

- Youth Group (adult chaperones needed)
- Tween Group (adult chaperones needed)

Let Kristine know if you can help out! kristinehaas@cablone.net or 680-4963

Membership Information:

We request that each family fill out a new registration form which is available online at www.homelight.org We also encourage a yearly \$25 donation to Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association if possible. The money is used for the web-site, advertising, special events, and other ERCHA needs. You may make the check out to ERCHA or pay at the website with PayPal.

ERCHA ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Chalmers & Kristine Haas – kristinehaas@cablone.net

Eric & Julie

Scott & Melissa

James & Misty

Paul & JoAnn

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.homeschoolbuyersco-

op.org/homeschool/cfghhsjhjhdnaydbggssjehxgsaeydqtweyqeywetqyuirqeifeuh332u

www.parentalrights.org

www.dayspringhomeeducators.com/spelling_lists.htm

www.freetypinggame.net – helps kids learn to type through using games!

www.edhelper.com – Free worksheets!