

ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

www.homelight.org

May 2009



Calendar of Events:

May 1st – Shakespeare Reading

May 4th – Keepers at Home

May 5th – Elite Gym 12:30 – 2:30

May 5th – Park time at Kate Curley – 2:30 – 4:00

May 8th – Shakespeare Reading

May 12th – Park : Kate Curley

May 11th – Used Book Sale/Monthly Meeting @ Calvary @ 6:30pm

May 15th – TWEENS @ Haas Home

May 18th – Keepers at Home

May 19th – Elite Gym

May 19th – Park: Kate Curley

May 26th – Park: Kate Curley

May 28th – Biography Fair

Looking Ahead:

June 1st – Deadline for family photo

June 7th – **Graduation @ the Apple**

June 12th & 13th – CHIOS

Homeschool Convention @ College of Nazarene, Nampa

June 18th - Father/Son golfing at Sand Creek @ 6:30 p.m.



to Alexis (see Year Book Article)

May Meeting – May 11th

This month's meeting topic will be – **Used Book Sale, Summer Info, and Help Us Serve You:**

Used Book Sale: Looking for an opportunity for your used curricula, and pick up something for next year? Bring your books to the May monthly meeting.

Please label each book with:

Name

Grade Level

Subject (if not obvious)

Price

You can use an index card taped to the book to make it easy.

Also there will be **Usborne Books**: Peggy Merkle is offering great discounts for our homeschool group: 10% discount off of the purchased books and for every \$85 in books purchased you can receive \$45 in free books. (orders may be combined) An additional 8% S/H and 6% tax on their order will be necessary Call or Email Kristine to help or if you have any questions

Summer Info: we will have information for summer programs and local VBS's around the city that you might enjoy checking out

Help Us Serve You: we'll have sign-ups, evaluations etc., for our homeschool group – it's an opportunity to let us know what you would like more of, less of, new ideas etc.

Hope to see you there!

Kids – weather permitting may play outside, otherwise, bring a game to share:)

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

Park Time

As weather is getting warmer, it's time to move outside! This month we're meeting at Kate Curley Park Kate Curley (between Holmes and S. Boulevard AND 9th and 10th streets)

There is sort of a playground that is very visible from the street. I think we will congregate around there.

when: 2:30 to 4 (Elite Gym is still available on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 12:30 – 2:30)

Summer Park Schedule: 10:30 – noon

June - Tauphaus (the handicapped park behind Fun-land)

July - Community Park (Holmes and 25th)

August - Ammon Park

End of Year Celebration

Where: Apple Athletic.

When: Sunday, June 7th Time 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Potluck: Bring a dish to pass – Last name begins with A-L bring a side dish or dessert and M-Z bring a main dish.

Cost: \$3.00 per person for ERCHA members, \$5.00 per person if not a member

Bring swimsuits and towels to swim. Please RSVP to Alexis by June 1st to activities@homelight.org with a yes or no. Let me know if there are any questions.

Biography Fair

We will be having our first Biography Fair on Thursday, May 28th. Please have 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!!

Our participants so far:

Isabelle - Walt Disney
Remington - Ronald Reagan
Samuel - Thomas Edison
Luke - Johnny Appleseed
Emma - Sojourner Truth
Rachel & Wesley - Abraham Lincoln
Maurie - C.S. Lewis
Abi - Amelia Earhart
Jesse - Manfred von Richthofen
Natalie - Jesus
Bridget - Mother Teresa
Sterling & Evan - Lewis & Clark

Paige – Helen Keller
Rocio – Saint Philomena

CHOIS Convention 2009 Highlights

See www.chois.org/conv2009 for more details and to register

Workshop Schedule Friday, June 12th

8:45 - 10:15 Keynote Address - “The Future of Homeschooling: God is Already There” - Chris Klicka,

10:45 - 11:45 Workshops

“Seven Keys for Unlocking the Leader within your Child” - Denise Mire Sanctuary

“Homeschool Answers” - Panel of experts

“Can Struggling Learners Succeed? You Bet!” - Jordan Hulcy

“Guide to the Parent Teacher: The importance of Knowing How the Brain Works” - Sara Erling

12:45 - 1:15 Workshops

“The 5 D's of Learning Create Love of Learning” - Jordan Hulcy

“Gospel for Asia”

“Christian Service Brigade”

1:30 - 2:30 Workshops

“The Heart of Homeschooling: Living What Really Matters” - Chris Klicka

“Getting God's Strategy for your Household” - Denise Mira

“Homeschooling: The Great Adventure” - Linda Patchin

“The Evolution Paradigm: How We Got It” - Patrick Nurre

3:00 - 4:00 Workshops

“How to Instill a Vision in your Children Concerning Their Homeschool Heritage” - Chris Klicka,

“The Secret to Thriving over the Long Haul as a Homeschooling Parent” - Denise Mira

“The ABC's of Selecting the Right Curriculum and Teaching Method” - Linda Patchin

“Teaching Preschool at Home” - Micheline Ghiroso

4:30 - 6:00 - Keynote Address - “Revolutionary Parenting” - Denise Mira

Workshop Schedule Saturday, June 13

8:45 - 10:15 - Keynote Address - “Hot Topics” - Barry Peters, Esq.

10:45 - 11:45 Workshops - “How to Keep the Heart of Your Teenager” - Chris Klicka, Esq.

“Building Strong Men: Producing the Next Generation of Effective Fathers and Leaders” - Denise Mira

“Personal Finance: Escaping Crisis Living” - Robbie Roberts

“The Age of the Earth Controversy” - Patrick Nurre

12:45 - 1:15 Workshops

“Sonlight”

“Where Seeing is Understanding MathUSee” - Gary Sinclair

1:30 - 2:30 Workshops

“Being a Mother of Impact (Moms only)” - Denise Mira

“Homeschooling Fathers: Taking a Stand for your Family (Dads only)” - Chris Klicka, Esq.

3:00 - 4:00 Workshops

“No Ordinary Child” - Denise Mira

“Personal Finance: Preparing for the Future” - Robbie

“Autism Spectrum: Exploring What Works” - Sara Erling

“Teaching Place Value, Addition and Subtraction” - Gary

4:30 - 6:00 - Keynote Address - “The Battle for Our Children's Minds” - Chris Klicka, Esq.

Upcoming Events:



Father/Son golfing at SandCreek -

Thursday, June 18th 6:30 p.m. cost is around \$3. Contact Eric for more info at theater@homelight.org



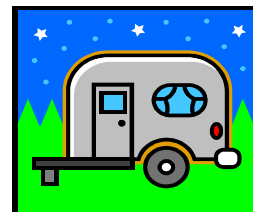
Jr. High Lagoon trip!!!

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. _

Sumer 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



On-Going Fun

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.

Keepers at Home: girls ages 6 – 11:

Keepers of the Home pinning ceremony June 1st! Stay tuned for more information regarding next year!

Mom's Night (Morning) Out

Saturday, May 30th @ 9:30am at Smitty's for breakfast!!!

RSVP to Alexis by the 29th so she can reserve a table – yum!!! Email

Alexis at activities@homelight.org



Scottish Country Dance

We are starting an adult class from 8-9pm on Thursdays beginning April 9. Only \$3 pp, so have a night out with your sweetheart for only \$6! This will start right after our mixed-ages class which runs from 6:30-8:00.

We're currently meeting at Express Yourself Dance Studio, 575 E. 3rd St, I.F. (the old navy bldg across from the post office). Email Dean or Kathy shakespeare@homelight.org for more information. New dancers are

welcome anytime!

Possible homeschool class for next year: We are asking around to see if there is interest in a homeschool Scottish Country Dance class for next school year. We would run the class early in the afternoon once a week so it would not interfere with after-public-school activities. This class would probably have to be open to ALL homeschoolers to try to get enough people (unless we get enough from our group to close it).

We are also thinking about a mommy-and-me class for preschoolers. This would probably be open to the general public (again, unless we get enough from our group).

If anyone is interested in these possibilities please e-mail Kathy at shakespeare@homelight.org by July 1.

Tweens: grades 4 – 6 (ages 9 – 12)

Game night at the Haas House, Friday, May 15th - 6:30 – 8:30 –
Weather permitting we'll be outside most of the time, so dress appropriately!

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

TBA – Watch your email for info...

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



Student Newspaper

Hey! The Junior High Newspaper will be out soon – if you are interested in receiving it please email so you can be on the list!:)

drama_queen4963@yahoo.com



Shakespeare: We'll keep you posted for upcoming events



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!

For the little ones...

Library events –

Book Babies - For mothers with babies 0-24 months - Tuesdays @ 10:00

Lap-Sit Story Time - For children 24 months to 3 years - Mondays @ 10:30

Toddler Time - For 3 year olds - Thursdays @ 10:30 & 1:30 in the Children's Department

Preschool Story Time - For 4 & 5 year olds - Thursdays @ 10:30 & 1:30



Did you know?? 10 Famous Homeschooled People

Stacy Conrardt wrote "10 Famous Homeschooled People" for Mental Floss magazine. Her list includes the following people, four of whom were taught by their fathers.

1. Agatha Christie, a painfully shy girl.
2. Pearl S. Buck, whose mother taught her English in China.
3. Alexander Graham Bell, homeschooled by his mother until he was about 10.
4. Thomas Edison, who would probably be diagnosed with ADD today, was homeschooled by his mother after three months of public school because his mind wouldn't stop wandering.
5. Ansel Adams was homeschooled by his father after being removed from the classroom at the age of 12.
6. Robert Frost, who got literally sick of school.
7. Woodrow Wilson, who studied under his dad and didn't read until age 12.
8. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who was educated by his father while touring Europe.
9. Laura Ingalls Wilder, who was homeschooled until her parents settled in the Dakota Territory.
10. Louisa May Alcott, who studied mostly with her dad.

Hat tip to HSLDA.

2008/2009 Year Book!

Picture requests!!! If you have taken pictures of homeschool activities, either at your home, or with our group, please start sending them to Alexis, either through email or hard copy. Please attach information regarding names and activities.

Also requested is a family photo of each family. It can be formal or informal, just something with your family. **Please email or give a hard copy to Alexis by June 1st.** Please attach information regarding names, and ages or grades (of children). If you are not homeschooling all of your children, we would still like the photo to include everyone. If you are unable to take one, or do not have one, Alexis can take one at the graduation party in June.

Also, individual pictures of each student is desired – again, hard copy or email to Alexis with correct spelling of the grade and the name.

The last day to submit photos will be the “Graduation” / End of the Year Party, June 7th. (but you don’t have to wait!) We will have a price of what it will cost in May. Thank you!

On-going Volunteer Opportunities:

-Youth Group (adult chaperones needed)

-Tween Group (adult chaperones needed)

Let Kristine know if you can help out! kristinehaas@cableone.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@cableone.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.hsllda.org – Home School Legal Defense Association

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

www.homeschoolbuyerscoop.org

www.homeschool/cfghhsjhjdnydbggssjehxgsaeydqtweyqeywetqyuirqeifeueh332u

www.parentalrights.org

www.dayspringhomeeducators.com/spelling_lists.htm

www.hometrainingtools.com

www.mathforum.org