

ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

www.homelight.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Park Time: Every Tuesday 2:30 - 4:00 (weather permitting); Tautphaus Park - (by Fun Land)
Chick Clique Bible Study - Every Tuesday 2:30 - 4:00pm

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

May 10th – Monthly Meeting @ 6:30pm @ Calvary Chapel

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

June 3rd - Used Curriculum Sale at CHOIS Covention 11am – 1pm

June 4th & 5th - CHOIS Homeschool convention in Nampa

June 6th - Graduation (All grades – pot luck..more info following)

June 20 – 25th - Luther Heights Day Camp @ First Lutheran Church 9 - 3pm. Stop by church office for details at 455 W. Sunnyside.

June 12 – 17th or June 21st – June 24th or June 28 – July 1st - Science/Geography Camp @ Hawthorne Elementary from 9 – 12pm or 1 – 4pm. For details email: coxconn@d91.k12.id.us

July 12 - 16 - VBS at Calvary Chapel of Idaho Falls. Morning and evening sessions. Contact vbsinfo@yahoo.com.

May Meeting

Last meeting of the year!

Bring your used books to sell – look for next year's books – hear about what's going on this summer-listen to what "Classical Conversation" is all about-get a sneak peek at the homeschool convention speaker....lots to do!

May 10th 6:30pm @ Calvary Chapel of IF

Graduation!

June 6th – Mark your calendars! More info coming – but join us for fun and fellowship as we mark your child’s completion of the 2009 2010 school year...ALL GRADES included:)



Year Book Photos Due: *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.***



ERCHA SCIENCE FAIR 2010

Will be postponed until the fall of 2010

IFCGA Children’s Gardening Programs 2010

Welcome to the 13th season of the Idaho Fall Community Garden Association’s children’s gardening programs,

SPROUTS

(7 - 9 years) and **SPUD BUDS (10 - 14)**. SPROUTS and SPUD BUDS are fun and educational programs designed to teach kids the basic concepts for growing a beautiful and productive organic garden. There will be lessons and hands-on experience with everything from planting to harvesting: vegetable and flower varieties, garden planning, seed planting, good watering practices, weed and insect identification, composting and soil building, nutrition, safe tool use, food chains and life cycles, art in the garden, and more. Each child will plan and plant their own

garden plot and they will be involved in the planning and planting of the common gardens where specialty gardens and large crops like corn and squash are grown. In the fall the gardeners prepare a Harvest Festival feast to share with family and friends. Classes are taught by experienced local gardeners and Master Gardeners.

Class Schedule: 2 hr sessions twice a week from mid-May through mid-Sept.

Attendance: This is a learning program designed to introduce new gardening concepts on a weekly basis and to build on what has been already learned with each week's new lessons. The more they attend the more they will learn. We ask that the children miss no more than 6 lessons throughout the session.

Green Thumb awards: Throughout the gardening season the children will be earning Green Thumb points. Points will be awarded for attendance, participation, good gardening practices (weeding, watering, plant knowledge, etc.), weed and insect identification, and seeking out and sharing new gardening information. At the end of the season gardeners will be presented with certificates and garden prizes based on the number of points they have accumulated over the season.

Cost: \$50 for the season

For more details on the **SPROUTS** or **SPUD BUDS** Children's Gardening programs please call the Idaho Falls Community

Garden Association at 524-0383 or go to www.ifcga.org. Enrollment is limited. **Orientation is Friday, May 7, 2010.**

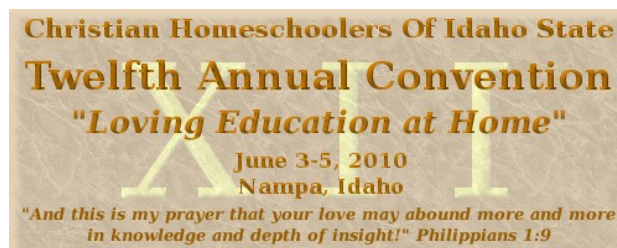
Ladies Night



If you have any questions you can contact Misty.

Thursday May 20th @ 7pm

CHOIS COVENTION DETAILS:



USED CURRICULUM SALE!

Thursday, June 3

10AM - 1PM

Friday, June 4th & Saturday June 5th Workshops

- **Keynote Speech**
 - [8:45 - 10:15](#)
- **Workshops**
 - [10:45 - 11:45](#)
 - [12:45 - 1:15](#)
 - [1:30 - 2:30](#)
 - [3:00 - 4:00](#)
- **Keynote Speech**
 - [4:30 - 6:00](#)

Keynote Speakers:

- [Clay and Sally Clarkson](#)
- [Dr. Brian Ray](#)

Workshop Presenters:

- [Diana Waring](#)
- [William Estrada](#)
- [Gary Sinclair](#)
- [Barry Peters, Esq.](#)
- [Linda Patchin](#)

CHOIS Children's Convention

Ahoy Mates! Climb aboard the S. S. Agape with Captain Blessing and his crew of Somewhat Selfish Sailors.

With 1 Corinthians 13 as our map, we are setting sail on a voyage to discover what it really means to love our neighbors. This program, designed specifically for children ages 5-11, is a treasure chest full of hands-on activities. Participants will enjoy new stories, songs, puppets, crafts & games. This is one adventure you do not want to miss!

Convention attendees may enroll their children (ages 5-11) in the two-day CHOIS Children's Convention. Miss Abbie Kircher will manage our team of enthusiastic and well-trained teen volunteers. Children must have at least one parent attending the convention to be enrolled. Children must be 5 years old by the convention to attend.

Early registration is required as there are a limited number of openings for the children's program. ***There will be no registration at the door for this program.*** Only children who are pre-registered for the children's program

may attend the CHOIS Children's Convention!
Questions? Call (208) 424-6685 or [email us](#).

REGISTRATION FEES

Adults: \$45 (spouse is free) - \$55 at the door

Teens: \$15 each - \$20 at the door

Children: \$25 each - NO REGISTRATION AT THE DOOR

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 lecture 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	Thursday, April 1	Friday, May 7
Friday, March 12	Thursday, April 8	
Friday, March 19	Friday, April 16	
Friday, March 26	Thursday, April 22	
	Friday, April 30	

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

Park Time

Tuesdays from 3:00 – 4:30 @ Tautphaus Park
(near play-land).



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.



Youth!

Fun activities for homeschoolers 13 YEARS AND UP!

MOVIE NIGHT

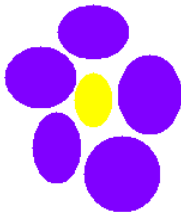
A movie from the Lord of the Rings Trilogy

When: 6 – 10pm (dates below)

Where: Haas Home

What to bring: Snacks to share

May 7th - Two Towers
May TBA - Return of the King



The Chick Clique

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

Bible Study - For Such a Time as This

Tuesdays from 2:30pm-4:00pm

There are still books if you would like to join!

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.

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

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).

Science Fair Websites:

<http://www.super-science-fair-projects.com>

www.terimore.com

www.easyfunschool.com

www.topscience.org

www.all-science-fair-projects.com

www.sciencefair-projects.org

www.school.discoveryeducation.com/sciencefaircentral

www.ipl.org/div/projectguide/gettingstarted.html

www.sciencenerddepot.com/Science_Fair_Categories.html

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.

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