

ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

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November 2008



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

November 3rd – Keepers at Home @ Calvary @ 6pm

November 7th - Mom's dinner out!

November 10th - ERCHA monthly meeting of 2008-2009 @ 6:30pm @ Calvary

November 14th – Museum of Idaho 2:30

November 14th – YOUTH – game night @ Haas House 7-9 p.m.

November 18th – Open Gym and Elite Gymnastics

November 21st – TWEENS – Game night @ Haas House 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

November 27th – Happy Thanksgiving!

December 3 – 5th – Barnes and Nobles, Christmas wrapping fundraiser

December 4th – Idaho Falls Symphony

December 5th – The Nutcracker performed by the Idaho Ballet Theatre

December 8th - ERCHA Christmas Party!! 6:30pm @ Calvary

December 16th – Open Gym and Elite Gymnastics

December 25th – Merry Christmas!

January 27th - Cirque Le Masque's Carnivale – Student Matinee @ 10:30 @ Civic

February 4th – Legislative Day

February 16th – The Ant and the Elephant – Student Matinee @ 12pm @ Colonial

March 3 –5th – ICHE Testing

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

November Meeting

Monday, November 10th - 6:30pm – 8:00pm - Calvary Chapel of Idaho Falls in the Fireside Room (the north end of the building).

Womens Topic: Holidays and Homeschooling!!

How do you manage school over the holidays?

How to keep the holidays simple.

What are your family traditions?

Men's Topic: TBA

Kids: Board Game night! Bring your monopoly, scrabble – whatever favorite games you have. The kids will break up into groups for some fun. Nursery will be available for the littles.

☺Any adult or youth who would like to help baby-sit or chaperone, please let Kristine know☺

November Park Play Time:

You're on your own! Because weather is getting colder, we will not have a "scheduled" park time, until we move to the recreation center (we'll keep you posted). If you are interested in starting the Rec. Center before January, please contact Melissa @ fieldtrips@homelight.org.

OPEN GYM

However on Tuesday, November 18th, and Tuesday Dec. 16th We will be having an open gym time at Elite Gymnastics from 12:30 – 2:30. Cost is \$5

Tweens: grades 4 – 6 (ages 9 – 12)

Game night at the Haas home: Friday, November 21st – 6:30 – 8:30.
Bring \$2 for pizza

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

Game night at the Haas Home: November 14th 7pm – 9pm. – Bring \$2 for snacks or bring a snack to share.

Friday, Novemeber 21: at Starlite Skating Rink. The session is 4-6:30pm. Admission is \$3.50; with roller skates it's \$4.50, and with roller blades it's \$6.00. You can also bring extra money for snacks and stuff. Email Hannah if you need any more information and to RSVP. (youth@homelight.org)

We can also offer rides and parents are definetly welcome! And whoever chaperones can take pictures for the yearbook!

Museum of Idaho Field Trip

DATE: Friday, November 14, 2008

TIME: 2:30 p.m.

COST: See Chart Below

HOST: Call Michele with questions

Tickets for the Museum of Idaho

Exhibit admission prices:	
Adults - 18 and up	\$6/person
Adult Group (min. 15 adults)	\$5/person
Seniors (62+ yrs)	\$5/person
Senior Group (62+ yrs; min. 15 seniors)	\$4/person
Youth (age 4-17)	\$4/person
Student Groups (17 yrs and under; min. 15 students) with 1 Chaperone per 10 students Additional chaperones - Full rate	\$2/person
Children (under age 4)	FREE
Families (Household Members)	\$19/family
Family Night (Household Members) Mondays 5-8 p.m.	\$15/family
Tickets available at the door, or by phone at (208) 522-1400.	

Fundraising/Witnessing Opportunity

Wednesday, Dec. 3rd – through Friday, Dec. 5th; is a fundraiser opportunity. Calvary Chapel Christian School has a table at the outside entrance of Barnes and Nobles with information about their school, gospel tracts and the teacher's Christmas lists for books. At the same time, another table is set up at the entrance from the mall. This table is the gift wrapping table. CCCS wanted another Christian influence covering that end and has invited ERCHA to help out. B&N recommends a donation jar to raise funds for whatever organization is doing the wrapping. Normally gift wrapping is available there for free, so we want to be able to offer something a little more special (cute tags & bows) so people will use the wrappers. B&N provides the paper, tape and the table. CCCS can supply the bows, tags, a sign and donation

jar. It would be a great way to get our name out there, as well as raise some funds for future projects. Please reply to Kristinehaas@gmail.com **by November 21st** if you are able to help out. The times are flexible – anywhere from 2pm – 9pm. Let us know! Thanks☺

Shakespeare:

The Dean & Kathy are again hosting Shakespeare readings this school year: We just finished “Comedy of Errors” which was a wonderful experience! For the rest of the year are slated: “As You Like It”, “Henry V”, and “Pericles”. Our next play will begin in January. We usually read half a play at a sitting. Anyone 12 and up interested in joining us, please email shakespeare@homelight.org We're not thespians, but we have a lot of fun.

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 email Melissa keepers@homelight.org .

Mom's Night Out:

What: Dinner Out

When: Friday, Nov. 7th

Time: 6:00 pm to ???

Where: ?? Sol Rio ?? (Sol Rio is by Edwards Movie Theater) I think we can split dishes as well. Or if anyone has another recommendation of a cheap Mexican restaurant in town, PLEASE EMAIL ME.

R.S.V.P. – Alexis activities@homelight.org

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!

Upcoming Performances: Please remember to pay for your tickets and sign-up with Julie theater@homelight.org

Idaho Falls Symphony tickets for the "Maruichi Holiday"

(multicultural) performance on: December 4th. (Thursday)

Times are 9:30 and 12:30; Ticket price is two dollars per person.

Please let Julie know by Wed., October 8th, the desired time and how many tickets you would like. theater@homelight.org Thanks!!

The Nutcracker:

The Idaho Ballet Theater will be performing "The Nutcracker" Friday, December 5th at 10:30am. Cost is two dollars a ticket. Let Julie know if you would like to attend - there are a limited number of tickets. theater@homelight.org

Idaho Falls Arts Council Student Matinees:

Call Julie if you would like tickets to any of these wonderful shows. We have limited number of tickets. theater@homelight.org

CIRQUE LE MASQUE'S CARNIVALE

Student matinee – Tuesday, January 27, 10:30am at the Civic Auditorium

THE ANT AND THE ELEPHANT

Student Matinee – Tuesday, February 17, 12pm at the Colonial Theatre

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

"Lessons an Carols": New Geneva Orthodox Presbyterian Church is having a service of "Lessons and Carols" on Sunday Evening, December 14 . Please join us as we re-create this hundred-year old tradition from King's College, Cambridge. More details in December's newsletter.

Tennis Anyone?:

Heath Hartman (a local tennis-pro) is willing to do a group tennis class for ERCHA members who have an interest in tennis. Cost is \$40/hr. divided by the number of participants, and will be held in-doors. Time TBA depending on size of class. If you're interested, let Kristine Haas know – kristinehaas@gmail.com

On-Line Writing Classes

Maja Ledgerwood will be offering two on-line writing classes beginning in January 2009. The first will be Creative Writing, which is open to all grade levels and will last for 5 weeks. The second course will be Research Paper Development and Writing open to high school ages, this one will be a more structured college prep type course. Both courses will be \$10 per week due by the second week of the course

Maja will be taking 20 students for each class for each session, this way she can assure having time for each student and give them adequate attention and feedback. Maja will begin another Research Paper class in April and continue every 5 weeks with a new creative writing class. If the students like the creative writing class, Maja intends to offer continuation for \$5.00 per week for 5 week sessions and they can take it as many times as they wish.

The courses will be done primarily through email, although her phone number will be given to each student so they can call for extra help or clarification if needed. The assignment schedule and instruction will be given each Monday and the assignments will be due on each Friday. The Creative Writing course students will need to write in a daily journal, which the parent or educator can verify that they have written in it 5 days per week. (They need not read it since it will be a personal journal-

just verify it has been done) and then there will be an assignment each week that will help them to add to their creative writing skills such as: descriptive word lists, story brainstorming, drawing and other exercises that can help foster creativity. The research class will be much more structured with assignments such as: learning the MLS bibliography system, periodical use, research topic selection etc.. This class is structured more like a college prep class and will require some library time.

Anyone interested in signing up can contact Maja's email at author@majaledgerwood.com

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our spelling Bee participants. EVERYONE did an awesome job!! The winners were: 1st place: Samuel; 2nd place: Abigail, and 3rd place: Emma. Way to go!!!

Due to the interest we will be having another spelling bee in March. Your lists may be found on-line.



www.dayspringhomeeducators.com/spelling_lists.htm for grades 1 – 8,
www.Lighthousebaptist.com/lhef/activities/spellbee.htm for high school.
For more info contact: Kristinehaas@gmail.com

Sharing our Blessings

As we did last Christmas, ERCHA is going to adopt a family to help out during the Holidays. Share with your kids the opportunity of saving and giving allowance money, making pictures or crafts, or however they would like to bless another family. More information will follow when we know who it is 😊 Collection will be taken at the December Christmas Party.

Kids Can Earn Money

Learn Business Skills at new website: www.Bizkidz.com is a new website developed by a mom who wanted to teach her children the values she learned by running a small business. Bizkidz.com offers children the opportunity to create their own online store, using products from popular retailers and marketing it to friends and family.

Homeschooling Thru High School:

For college bound students, the college search process is an exciting adventure! The College Board search engine allows you to choose your personal parameters that will then be matched to colleges. If you prefer to limit your search to only Christian colleges, use the Christian College Mentor website. Check out HSLDA's additional resources to help you organize and refine your search at www.hslda.org

2008/2008 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!

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 4th**, 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 15th if you'd like to participate in the music, or by January 1st, if you would like to participate in any other way.

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.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Youth Group (adult chaperones needed)**
- **Tween Group (adult chaperones needed)**
- **Membership**
- **Student Activity Cards**

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.

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/

www.parentalrights.org