

ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

www.homelight.org

October 2008



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

October 6th – Keepers @ Home

October 10th – FAMILY Corn Maize @ Riot Zone 4pm

October 13th - ERCHA monthly meeting of 2008-2009 @ 6:30pm @ Calvary

October 17th – YOUTH – Video Scavenger Hunt 6pm – 9:30 pm

October 20th – Keepers @ Home

October 23rd – Spelling Bee – Need to RSVP right away to Kristine

October 24th – TWEENS – Bowling – 2 – 3:30 p.m.

October 27th – YOUTH Laser Tag @ Leo's 4-5pm

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

November 27th – Happy Thanksgiving!

December 4th – Idaho Falls Symphony

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

December 8th - ERCHA monthly meeting of 2008-2009 @ 6:30pm @ Calvary

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

October Meeting

Monday, October 13th - 6:30pm – 8:00pm - Calvary Chapel of Idaho Falls in the Fireside Room (the north end of the building).

Agenda: “Heart-struggles for Homeschooling Parents”

Kids: Kids will be in the old Sanctuary/new fellowship hall watching the movie Akeela and the Bee. Nursery will be available for the littles.

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

October Park Play Time:

For the month of October, we'll be meeting at Tauphus Park on Tuesdays at 2:30p.m. (weather permitting)

Tweens: grades 4 – 6 (ages 9 – 12)

Bowling! October 24th 2-3:30 p.m. @ Bowl-Ero. Should be about \$2.50 per person. Email to RSVP or if you would like to chaperone.

kristinehaas@cablone.net

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

Video Scavenger Hunt

Friday, October 17

6pm-9:30pm

Cost: \$2.00

Meet at Haas' house

Please call or email to RSVP and/or if you can chaperone and/or provide a video camera

youth@homelight.org

Laser Tag

Monday, October 27

4pm-5pm

Cost: depends on how many people come, \$5.00 each if we get ten people

Leo's Place

Call or email to RSVP or if you have any questions or suggestions, *or if you would be interested in hosting and/or supervising any youth activities.*

youth@homelight.org

Spelling B:

We're having our first ERCHA spelling B on October 23rd at Calvary Chapel, 6:30 p.m. . If anyone is able to help Kristine facilitate, it would be greatly appreciated!!!

Shakespeare:

The Byers are again going to be reading four Shakespeare plays this school year: “As You Like It”, “Henry V”, “The Comedy of Errors”, and “Pericles”. 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.

Scottish Country Dance:

For those who haven't heard of it, Scottish Country dancing is the traditional social dance of Scotland. Think of it as a cross between square dancing and contra, though it's older than both. It's easy, fun, and a good workout. Dean & Kathy teach a class (the only one in E. Idaho) on Thursday evenings starting at 6:30pm. We love to have families of all ages. New people are welcome anytime. Come check us out! For more information email Dean & Kathy at dance@homelight.org.

When: Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 pm

Where: Express Yourself Dance Studio, 575 E. 3rd St, Idaho Falls, diagonally across from the Post Office

Cost: \$3 per person/class, \$15 family max

Come See Scottish Country Dancing at the Farmer's Market

At the October 11th Farmer's Market in Idaho Falls, Dean & Kathy Scottish Country dancers will be demonstrating a few dances while the featured entertainment, Rhiannon, plays for us. If you've wondered what this dancing is that we've been advertising in the newsletter, come check us out! The music is scheduled from 10-noon, and we'll be dancing about 10:20-10:30 or so.

Corn Maize at the Riot Zone:

October 10th - 4pm. Prices are: 12 and up \$6.00, ages 4-11 \$4.00 and 0-3 free.

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 various homes. For questions, or to sign-up email keepers@homelight.org .

10/6/08: Liza is teaching latch hook

10/20/08: Alexis is teaching clay sculpting and soap making

Mom's Night Out:

This year we are going to make the Mom's night out work! This is meant to be a low or no cost and low or no stress night where mom's can meet and get together and chat and have some fun without the kids. Alexis is heading this up and is open to suggestions and ideas for each month. IF you would like to have a gathering at your home you are welcome to do that HOWEVER it is not a requirement. REMEMBER, this is supposed to be FUN and NOT about

stress. October's gathering will be announced in the near future. Please email Alexis at activities@homelight.org.

Upcoming Performances: Please remember to pay for your tickets and sign-up with Julie Schweinsberg at 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.

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.

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

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:

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

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.

We hope to get an ERCHA directory for you, as well as making Student Activity Cards for the students who would like them (Jr. High and High Schoolers). If anyone would like to help that would be great! Let Kristine know!

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

