

ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

www.homelight.org

October 2009

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Park Day: Every Tuesday @ 2:30 – 4pm @ Tautphaus (Weather Permitting)

Elite Gym: 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays from 12:30 – 2:30

October 5th – Keepers at Home at Calvary at 6pm

October 5th – Chick Clique Bible Study – 4 – 5:30pm

October 9th – Field trip at Museum of Idaho Falls at 2pm

October 9th – Youth Game Night @ 7 -8:30pm

October 12th - ERCHA monthly meeting at Calvary

October 12 – Chick Clique - 4:00-5:30pm – Bible Study @ Haas House

October 14th – Chick Clique – Greenbelt Walk/hot Chocolate 4 – 5:30

October 16th – TWEEN – Bowling 2 – 3:30

October 18th – Volunteer Opportunity – Please Help!

October 19th – Chick Clique – Bible Study 4 – 5:30pm @ Haas House

October 26th - Chick Clique - 4:00-5:30pm – Bible Study @ Haas House

October 28th – YOUTH – Skating or bowling (vote) time TBA

October 29th – The Jungle Book at Colonial Theater

November 6th – Youth Movie Night @ 7:00-9:00pm (movie TBA)

November 18 – 2:30-4:00pm VOTE!! Rock Climbing or Ice Skating

December 4 & 5 – Nutcracker at Colonial Theater

December 11th – 6:30-9:00pm Christmas Party!

January 15th – O! Theater at Colonial Theater

March 23rd – Cirque Mechanics Birdhouse Factory at Civic Auditorium

May – date TBA – Science Fair

OCTOBER MEETING: October 12th – 6:30 – 8:00pm

in Fellowship Hall

Topic: How to keep the MAIN THING the MAIN THING

What to bring: Snacks anyone? If you have the time and desire to bring snacks for us grown-ups (or children) to munch on while we meet, let Kristine know – she'll bring the plates and utensils...

*Needs: If we could have couples oversee **child-care** once during the year, we would have child-care more than covered. If you're interested and able to help, let Kristine know*

Membership Information

We're reminding all families who have not yet filled out a new registration form that you can now go on-line and complete them and make the yearly payment that way also by going to the "Contact Us" page. OR you can print out the form and bring it to the next meeting. JoAnn wants to get our directory updated and available by the November meeting, and needs your information updated. This is also a good time to check out the website at www.homelight.org and see all the changes and additions!

Volunteer Opportunities – Specific Needs:

- ✓ TWEENS and YOUTH Chaperones for outings,
- ✓ Coordinator for Pre-school/early elementary play-group,
- ✓ Teachers for the Art America Curriculum.
- ✓ Coordinator for Box Tops
- ✓ Coordinator for Spelling Bee
- ✓ Special Event Coordinator
- ✓ Coordinator for Child-care @ monthly meetings
- ✓ Monthly Meeting planner
- ✓ Someone to purchase prizes etc. for various activities (funds will be provided)
- ✓ And more..... ☺

Volunteers needed for childcare:

On Sunday October 18th at the Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls, the Idaho National Guard Family Program will be briefing the soldiers in our area to prepare them for deployment. What we need are volunteer caregivers that day for different shifts to care for the soldiers children (35-40 expected) during this all day briefing. Shifts are morning, 7:30-12, afternoon 12-5 or even all day. Please respond by Thursday, October 1st to Shelli. This must be committed to in advance and I am sure that if some would like to split one of the shifts that would be helpful. Thanks so much.

Scholastic Books

Please email Melanie if you'd like to be on her distribution list for fliers of upcoming Scholastic Book Sales.

Tweens: grades 4 – 6 (ages 9 – 12)

October 16th – Bowling @ 2 – 3:30pm @ Bowlero Please RSVP to Kristine AND to be put on the TWEEN email list for updates.

Youth!



Fun activities for homeschoolers in 7-12th grade

- *Friday, October 9 – 7:00-8:30pm* **Game Night**
- *Wednesday, October 28 – VOTE!!* **Skating or Bowling**
Email your choice to Maurie at rea_haas@yahoo.com by October 10
- *Friday, November 6 – 7:00-9:00pm* **Movie Night** (movie TBA)
- *Wednesday, November 18 – 2:30-4:00pm* **VOTE!!** **Rock Climbing or Ice Skating**
Email your choice to Maurie at rea_haas@yahoo.com by November 1
- *Friday, December 11 – 6:30-9:00pm* **Christmas Party!**
Bring \$2 for pizza and soda & a gift under \$10 for a gift exchange

Park Time – Tuesdays @ 2:30 – 4pm @ Tautphaus Park (Weather Permitting)

Gym Time – @ Elite Gym. The sessions will continue monthly on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday of the month. The cost is \$3.00. If there is anyone who is unable to pay, please let Michele Rios (523-2992) know, and the cost will be provided.

Field Trip

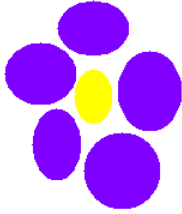
Museum of Idaho Falls – Abraham Lincoln Exhibit

Friday, October 9th at 2pm

\$2 per child - if we have 15 or more kids

1 adult for every 10 kids can get in for \$2 also

RSVP to Melissa at fieldtrips@homelight.org by October 7th



Chick Clique

*Bible study, fellowship, and fun for girls in
7-9th grade*

A Young Woman after God's Own Heart

You're still welcome to join the Bible study; we'd love to have you! There are extra books, so if you'd like to join, call or email Maurie.

- ❖ *October 5, 4:00-5:30pm - Bible Study @ Haas House*
- ❖ *October 12, 4:00-5:30pm - Bible Study @ Haas House*
- ❖ *October 14, 4:00-5:00pm - Greenbelt walk & hot cocoa*
- ❖ *October 19, 4:00-5:30pm - Bible Study @ Haas House*
- ❖ *October 26, 4:00-5:30pm - Bible Study @ Haas House*

Call or email Maurie with any questions, to RSVP,
or for directions:

Ree_Haas@yahoo.com or 542-2738

(don't forget the underscore after Ree)

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 will focus 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. Our 1st meeting is October 5th at 6pm at Calvary Chapel, in the fireside room. Please contact Michelle or Melissa at keepers@homelight.org for more information.



Book-It Program - Reminder to sign up for Book-It for next year. Go to www.bookitprogram.com and click on enrollment then home school and follow the directions.

Box -Tops: Save your box tops from general mills products. We will save our money to buy equipment for ERCHA members to use (microscope, laminator...). You may turn them in at any meeting.

Spelling Bee: We were planning on signing up with Scripps National Spelling Bee this year, however, there are no area sponsors, so it is not offered in Idaho Falls or the nearby area. Therefore, we will be having our own spelling bee in February. If you would like to participate, email Kristine your children's grade, and she will get you the lists to start studying. kristinehaas@gmail.com

Scottish Country Dance: For the 2009-2010 school year we're starting a homeschool class. Class will be on MONDAYS, from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Classes will run in 6-week sessions, with the first session starting on September 21. Cost is \$30 per child, payable at the first class. This class will be for all homeschoolers of all ages, though if we have enough students we may split the class by age. We have a brand new studio to use, Eagle Rock Dance Academy, which has a great floor and good heat and a/c. The studio is at 451 River Parkway behind Brownstone Brewery. See the Idaho Scottish Country Dancers' website, www.thistleandghillies.org for more information on SCD and a map (look under 'Class East'). To sign up, e-mail Kathy at shakespeare@homelight.org.

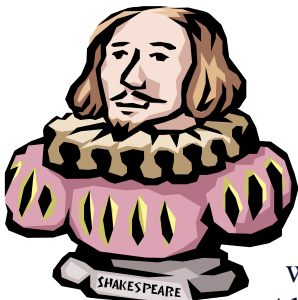
Writing Courses – Please contact Maja Ledgerwood for information

<http://www.majaledgerwood.com>

<http://www.freewebstores.org/thecreativewritingcloset>

<http://www.discoverytoyslink.com/majaledgerwood>

Art Classes - Rigby Art - Art classes by Rebecca West 745-0491 or cell 757-2080
RebeccaWestArt@gobigwest.com.



Shakespeare Classes

Shakespeare offered by Dean & Kathy: Shakespeare for or all students 12+, we will be doing read-alouds of 4 of Shakespeare's plays this school year. You don't have to be a thespian to join us, just have a willingness to enjoy the Bard. For 2009-2010, we are reading: Much Ado About Nothing, the Merchant of Venice, Macbeth, and Pericles Prince of Tyre. They are chosen to coordinate with the 2010 season at the Utah Shakespearean Festival (www.bard.org) - where we love to watch the plays done traditionally, conservatively, and very, very well. Our first play reading will be in late October/early November. Time and place are still to be determined. If you are interested, contact Dean or Kathy shakespeare@homelight.org. We'd love to have you join us!

Shakespeare: Offered by Rachel Kepner - My name is Rachel Keppner, and my homeschooling family and I recently moved to SE Idaho from Arizona. In Arizona, I taught a weekly Shakespeare class for youth ages 12 to 18, and my kids and I loved it so much, we decided to start a class here! We call it "Youth Experiencing Shakespeare" or Y.E.S. for short.

For more information please check out the blog at: <http://yeshakespeare.blogspot.com/>

Idaho Falls Arts Council Student Matinees

Contact Julie at theater@homelight.org if you would like tickets to any of these wonderful shows. We have limited number of tickets for \$2.00 each. To secure your tickets, you must pay Julie in advance.

THE JUNGLE BOOK

Student matinee – Thursday, October 29th @ Noon @ Colonial Theater

NUTCRACKER

Student Matinee – December 4 @ 10:30pm @ Colonial Theater

O! THEATER

Student Matinee – Friday, January 15th, 2010 @ 10:30am @ Colonial Theater

CIRQUE MECHANICS BIRDHOUSE FACTORY

Student Matinee – Tuesday, March 23, 2010 @ Civic Auditorium @ 10:30am

ERCHA ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Chalmers & Kristine Haas – kristinehaas@cableone.net

Eric & Julie

Scott & Melissa

James & Misty

Paul & JoAnn

Alexis

Science Fair – For the end of our next school year (May 2010), please start thinking about a science project that you could share with the group. You will be asked to explain your project then share with us the outcome. If you need any science fair ideas, a few good websites are:

<http://www.sciencefairadventure.com/>

<http://scifun.chem.wisc.edu/HOMEEXPTS/HOMEEXPTS.html>

<http://www.scifun.org/>

<http://www.kidsolr.com/science/page2.html>

<http://teachers.dadeschools.net/bdavis/labsheets.htm>

http://www.tryscience.org/parents/se_1.html

<http://www.chem4kids.com/index.html>

<http://www.easyfunschool.com/IndexScience.html>

<http://www.science-house.org/learn/CountertopChem/index.html#intro>

<http://www.all-science-fair-projects.com/kids-science-fair-projects.html>

Remember : Not all science fair projects have to be experimental! There are actually five types of science projects you can choose from:

Investigative - In this type of project you ask a question, construct a hypothesis, test your hypothesis using an experiment and draw conclusions from your experiment.

Laboratory Demonstration - In this type of project you repeat an experiment and retest a hypothesis. These experiments can be found in books, on the net or your science classroom.

Research and Poster - In this type of project you do extensive research on a topic, write a research paper and do a visual of the main points of what you found in your research. Many times backboards are used to do the visual part of this project.

Hobby or Collections - In this type of project you display a collection of objects or interesting artifacts so that the viewer gets a sense of knowledge about your topic. It involves library research but generally no hypothesis is formulated or tested. Examples: Rock collections, Egyptian mummies.

Model Building - In this type of project you build a scaled model to illustrate a scientific principle. Examples: Shadow boxes of land formations, a model of the solar system.

Lending Library - Books available for borrow or sale:

The ERCHA library continues to grow! If you are in need of something, give Kristine a call to see if we have it.

YearBook: The 2008-2009 Year books were passed out at the Back to School Picnic, its AWESOME and such a treat to have (there are 3 left). Lots of hard work went into our first year! Alexis and Maurie are asking that you start sending photos of your activities now and during the school year so they can continually work on the 2009-2010 year book. Here is a plug for this year's yearbook! "You can start sending in yearbook photos now. Don't wait!" What kind of photos? Well... Field trips, vacations, school time, projects, Family time and outings, Pets, Church functions, 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

We have three 2008-2009 Year Books available for purchase – Please email Alexis if you're interested.

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.freetypinggame.net - Teach keyboarding to your kids with fun!