

ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

www.homelight.org

September 2009



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



*Park Day: Every Tuesday @ 2:30 – 4pm @ Tautphaus
Elite Gym: 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays from 12:30 – 2:30*

- September 1st – Gym Time @ Elite Gymnastics –12:30 – 2:30pm
- September 1st – Art Classes begin @ Rigby Art
- September 6th – Sign up for Truth Project w/Kristine Haas
- September 8th – On-Line Writing Courses begin with Maja Ledgerwood
- September 11th – Riot Zone Corn Maize
- September 13th – Truth Project begins

September 14th - ERCHA Back to School Picnic

- September 15th – Gym Time @ Elite Gymnastics –12:30 – 2:30pm
- September 16th – YOUTH – Ultimate Frisbee 4 – 5:30pm
- September 19th – Chick Clique – Intro @ Shamrock Park – 5 – 7pm
- September 21st – Scottish Country Dance begins at Eagle Rock Dance Academy
- September 21st – Chick Clique – Bible Study 4 – 5:30 @ Haas House
- September 24th – TWEEN – Roller Skating @ Twilight – 4 – 5:30
- September 25-26 – University for Parents at Civic Auditorium in IF
- September 29th – Gym Time at Elite Gymnastics –12:30 – 2:30pm

- October 2nd – YOUTH – Game Night 7 – 8:30 @ Haas House
- 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 12th – ERCHA monthly meeting at Calvary
- October 14th – Chick Clique – Greenbelt Walk/hot Chocolate 4 – 5:30
- October 16th – TWEEN – Bowling 2 – 3:30
- October 19th – Chick Clique – Bible Study 4 – 5:30pm @ Haas House
- October 28th – YOUTH – Skating or Bowling (vote) time TBA
- October 29th – The Jungle Book at Colonial Theater
- December 4 & 5 – Nutcracker at Colonial Theater
- January 15th – O! Theater at Colonial Theater
- March 23rd – Cirque Mechanics Birdhouse Factory at Civic Auditorium
- May – date TBA – Science Fair

Back-to-School Picnic

Monday, September 14th 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Tautphaus Park Shelter East of Tennis Courts

Bring a dish to share and your entire family! We'll have a volleyball net, there's a playground right there, and it will be a great opportunity to meet everyone. We will also have a lot of information available about what's going on this year. IT WOULD BE GREAT IF EVERYONE COULD MAKE IT! If you have any questions – call Kristine @ 680-4963.

Volunteer Opportunities – Please start thinking about what you'd like to help out with next year to make our group a continued success. Is there a field trip you could arrange? A project idea you'd like to start? Please let Kristine know so we can get ready for the back-to-school meeting.

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 Scripps Spelling Bee

Special Even Coordinator

Coordinator for Child-care @ monthly meetings

Monthly Meeting planner

Someone to purchase prizes etc. for various activities (funds will be provided)

And more..... ☺

Membership Information

We request that each family fill out a new registration form which will be available at our September meeting, or if you are unable to make the meeting, you may email Kristine and she will send you one. 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.

Tweens: grades 4 – 6 (ages 9 – 12)

September 24th – Roller Skating! @ Twilight 4 – 5:30pm. *Please RSVP to Kristine AND to be put on the TWEEN email list for updates.*

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

September 16th – Ultimate Frisbee @ Community Park, 4 – 5:30pm.
Please RSVP to Maurie (ree_haas@yahoo.com) AND to be put on the YOUTH email list for updates.

Park Time – Tuesdays @ 2:30 – 4pm @ Tautphaus Park

Gym Time - We'll be starting the Elite Gym open play this Tuesday, September 1st from 12:30 - 2:30. 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 know, and the cost will be provided.

FUN!

Riot Zone Corn Maize

Friday, September 11th @ 4pm

0-3yrs FREE

4-8yrs \$3

9-up \$4

RSVP to Melissa fieldtrips@homelight.org by September 9th.

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 fieldtrips@homelight.org by October 7th

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

Truth Project - The Truth Project is a 13 week video/Bible study...life changing!

Chalmers and Kristine did it a year ago, and it still impacts their lives. They are offering this to our home-school group only - a way to get to know people with-in the group and grow together as we study Truth. It will be Sundays from 6 - 8pm at our home. It's designed for adults, but if there are any teenagers who would like to come with their parents, that would be great.

Childcare will be available at the for those who need it during the study. YOUTH BABYSITTERS NEEDED (there will be payment 😊)

For more information on the Truth Project, go to www.thetruthproject.org. There's a short and long video clip and lots of other information. We will start Sunday, September 13th and end December 13th.

Please let us Krisine or Chalmers know who is interested by September 6th. Please call or email with any questions! Also - if you know of any other homeschoolers that are not on our mailing list, and would like to come, please invite them.



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: ERCHA is signing up for the Scripps National Spelling Bee. That means our spelling bees will allow our students to qualify for regional and national competitions. The cost will be \$10 per family for the year. That will provide the study-lists and rules etc. The Scripps Spelling Bee only runs through 8th grade. At our local ERCHA spelling bees, we will also allow high-schoolers to participate with different lists for the fun and challenge. If you are interested in taking part of this awesome challenge, let Kristine know.



Ballroom Dancing - Extreme Ballroom is offering a home schoolers technique class that would be held during the day. If anyone is interested in learning the many styles of ballroom dancing, this would be a great opportunity to get some exercise and learn a few steps. Please contact Brenette for more info.

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 - Time to enroll in Maja Ledgerwood's online writing courses beginning on September 8, 2009.

This year Maja is offering the following courses:

- Creative Writing Sessions 1-8 (5 weeks each)
- Research Paper Development and Writing (10 week course)
- Novel: A Comprehensive Reading and Writing Course (8 week course)
- Short Story (8 week course)
- Individual assignment critiquing to assist those homeschoolers and educators that would like to have someone else read and critique their student's writing.
- Workshops will also be available for those homeschoolers in the northwestern state.

Dates, details and costs of the courses should be available with the online enrollment forms on Monday, August 24 on my website <http://www.majaledgerwood.com>

Reference letters and my writing resume are available upon request. Please feel free to contact me at thecreativewritingcloset@gmail.com or 208-573-5595. If you would like to receive my regular newsletters with updates and free writing prompts please let me know and I would be glad to send them out to you.

Blessings,

Maja Ledgerwood

<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.

Classes begin September 1 and continue through December 10 (except the week of Thanksgiving). Classes are open to the age children indicated and adults:

Art Expression:* *This class encourages self-expression. We will be experimenting with a wide range of media, while learning about famous artists and the principles and elements of art. A \$20 supply fee applies to this class.*

Tuesday 10:30-11:30 AM (age 7+) - (5 & 6 accepted with parent participation)

Beginning Drawing: *Drawing is the basis of all art, and anyone can learn it. This class teaches you those skills. You will need to purchase your own supplies.*

Thursday 9-10 AM (age 12+)

Open Studio: *This is when experienced students get to learn whatever they want, advanced drawing, painting, and pastels. You will be responsible for your own supplies.*

Thursday 10-11:30 (ages 12+)

Head Drawing: *We will study how to draw the human head. We will learn the chiaroscuro method. Previous drawing experience is helpful. There will be a required text, "The Artist's Complete Guide to drawing the Head" by William L. Maughan. Additional supplies will be needed.*

Tuesday 9-10:30 AM (ages 16+)

Portrait Painting: *Learn to paint portraits. Previous experience is helpful. Additional supplies will be needed.*

Wednesday 7-8:30 PM (ages 16+)

Rebecca West is a local professional artist that decided to start teaching about 7 years ago, when she couldn't find a teacher for her son. Being a professional artist, she knew what skills she wanted her son to learn. So, she organized a class for her son and invited the neighbor kids to join them. She soon found she loved teaching. She has often heard "I have always wanted to draw, but I can't even draw a stick figure" or something like it. But she absolutely believes that if you want to draw you can.

Experience has proven her right. Over and over in the past 7 years of her teaching career, she has seen it happen. Her favorite thing is seeing the glow in her student's eyes as they realize they have drawn or painted something beautiful, and that it looks like what it was meant to. Rebecca has always loved art, and sold her first painting in 1992. She is happily married and has 6 children. She divides her time between being a mother, painting and teaching.

Classes will be held at The Jefferson Montessori School - 3866 E Menan-Lorenzo Hwy US 20

To Sign up for classes, call, e-mail, or enrollment forms are available at the Rigby Library.

Tuition:

- A 10% discount will be given for all classes paid in full when student begins classes.
- One hour classes: \$80 for the Semester. *Art Expression has a supply fee of \$20

Options:

4 equal payments: \$20 or 3 equal payments: \$26.50 in Sept., Oct., and Nov. (giving you Dec. without a payment). Idea: \$30 for Art Expression (includes supplies). \$25 for Beginning Drawing. 2+ enrolled per household: \$75 (the prepaid discount will still apply), or payments may be made. Hour and a half classes: \$120 for the Semester. 4 equal payments: \$30, 3 payments of \$40 Sept., Oct., and Nov. (giving you Dec. without a payment) Idea: \$35 2+ enrolled per household: \$108 (the prepaid discount will still apply), or Payments may be made.



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 at shakespeare@homelight.org . We'd love to have you join us!

Shakespeare: Offered by Rachel Kepner - My name is Rachel Kepner, 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.

Next Thursday evening, at 7:00pm, we will be hosting an Information Meeting for parents and prospective Y.E.S. students in Ammon at 2005 Midway Avenue. Please RSVP for the meeting by calling 754-9916 or e-mailing libermama@..., so that we can be sure to have enough seating and refreshments. For more information on the meeting and the Y.E.S. class, keep reading below:

What is "Youth Experiencing Shakespeare" (Y.E.S.)?

Y.E.S. is a weekly class for Scholar-Age (12 and older) homeschool youth where we study Shakespeare's works and perform one of his plays. We have a lot of fun together getting to know and love "The Bard!" To see more of what we've done in the past, (including pictures!) check out the blog at: <http://yeshakespeare.blogspot.com/>

Here's a brief overview of the Y.E.S. class:

For the first semester, we will meet for two hours every Wednesday from 12:30pm to 2:30pm, other than Thanksgiving week.

The Fall Semester will begin Wednesday, September 9th and end Wednesday, December 9th.

The cost per student is \$50 per student, per semester and includes a student binder and Shakespeare Conquest mentor packet for each student. Students must be age *12 or older by the first day of class. There is a maximum enrollment of 15 students per semester. Enrollment in the first semester of Shakespeare is required to participate in the second semester class and play production unless special arrangements are made with me, the mentor. I will consider each student on a case-by-case basis. Parents are asked to volunteer their time and efforts to making our class and Spring Production a success. (More details about volunteering will be presented at the Parent Meeting.)

What will happen at the Information Meeting?

You will learn all about what the Shakespeare Conquest class entails; what we do, which play we'll study, and what the assignments and readings will be. We'll hear the opinions of former Shakespeare students, and find out why they think that Y.E.S. classes are so great. (Bring your prospective students, if possible, so they can decide for themselves if they want to join the Y.E.S. class!)

We will outline our field trip schedule for the first semester. Parents will be able to sign up as volunteers to help make our class and spring production the successes they will be. Students will be able to register that night, and as space for this class will be very limited, those parents who register and pay at the meeting will secure their child's place in the class. Light refreshments will be served!

*Please Note: If you have a child who would like to join us, but won't be 12 at the first day of class, please speak with me privately, and we will talk about getting them involved in the second semester starting in January. I am also looking for a potential location for class, as my home is in the Grant area, and I'm trying to make it convenient for all the parents involved. If you know of a very inexpensive or free place that we could meet weekly, please let me know! Also, if you know of anyone else who might be interested in the Shakespeare

class, please pass this message along. For answers to other questions, please contact the Y.E.S. Mentor, Rachel Keppner, at 754-9916
<http://yeshakespeare.blogspot.com/>

Idaho Falls Arts Council Student Matinees

Email 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

The Jungle Book is based on the 1894 classic children's novel by Rudyard Kipling, which tells the tale of Mowgli, a human child adopted and raised by wolves in an Indian jungle. In this new musical by David Morgan and Jaime Ramirez, Kipling's tale is brought vividly to life. Children will be amazed as the theater is transformed into an exotic jungle, ripe with mystery, drama, action and surprises!

NUTCRACKER

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

Traditional story of the Nutcracker performed by the Idaho Ballet Theater with special guest dancers from the Utah Regional Ballet Company.

O! THEATER

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

Watch in utter amazement as the gifted cast of improvisers creates a two-act play using the style, language and themes of the Immortal Bard, William Shakespeare. Based on one audience suggestion (a title for a play that has yet to be written) the Improvised Shakespeare Co. creates a fully improvised play in Elizabethan style. Each of the players has brushed up on his "thee's" and "thous's" to bring you a performance of off-the-cuff comedy. Any show could be filled with power struggles, star-crossed lovers, sprites, kings, queens princesses, sword-play, rhyming couplets, asides, insults, persons in disguise, and all that we've come to expect from the pen of the Great Bard. The night could reveal a tragedy, comedy, or history. Nothing is planned-out.

CIRQUE MECHANICS BIRDHOUSE FACTORY

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

Extraordinary, evocative, and entertaining. Cirque Mechanics Birdhouse Factory is a refreshing reinterpretation of traditional circus. Its highly skilled clowning, mime, acrobatics and contortion draw on the sociology of the factory workplace and the visual history created by Charlie Chaplin in "Modern Times," the contraptions of Rube Goldberg and the industry mural of Diego Rivera.

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.

ERCHA ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Chalmers & Kristine Haas – kristinehaas@cableone.net

Eric & Julie

Scott & Melissa

James & Misty

Paul & JoAnn

Alexis

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. Here are some of the latest additions:

- Bob Jones Reading level 3 (A & B); Second Edition : Teacher's Edition; Teacher's Worktext Edition; Student Reading Books; Teaching Flip Chart
- A Beka: 6th Grade; New World History & Geography: Student Book, answer Key to Text Questions, Map Studies and Reviews Key; Quiz Key; Test key
- A Beka: 6th Grade: God's Gift of Language: Writing & Grammar work - text teacher edition; Test key

- A Beka: 6th Grade: Arithmetic: Teacher Edition Work-text; Teacher key to tests and speed drills
- A Beka: 6th Grade: Choosing Good Health; Student book; Test, Quiz, and Worksheet key; Answer key to text questions
- Horizons: 4th Grade: Teacher's Guide
- Bob Jones 7th Grade: Life Science: Student book, Teacher's Book: tests and test answer key; Student Activities Teachers' Edition
- Bob Jones 7th Grade: Exploration in Literature: Student Book
- Bob Jones 7th Grade: Writing and Grammar third edition; Teacher's Edition; CD-rom included
- Bob Jones 7th Grade: World Studies second edition; Student Book; Student Activities Teacher's edition; Teacher's edition book 2

YearBook: The 2008-2009 Year book will be passed out at the Back to School Picnic! Lots of hard work went into our first year! Thanks to Alexis and Maurie for putting it together, and for all of you who have submitted pictures.

2009-2010 yearbook will begin immediately. As soon as you take pictures..send them on to Alexis and they can update so the year-book will be able to be finished sooner. If anyone would like to help with this year's year book – call Alexis! ☺

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!