

ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

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September 2008



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- September 8th - ERCHA meeting with Maja Ledgerwood @ 6:30pm @ Calvary
- September 12th – YOUTH game/movie night 7pm
- September 19th – FAMILY Fall Fun Day 3 pm
- September 26th – TWEEN rollerskating @ 4pm
- September 29th – YOUTH bowling 2- 4 pm
- October 10th – FAMILY Corn Maize @ Riot Zone 4pm
- October 13th - ERCHA monthly meeting of 2008-2009 @ 6:30pm @ Calvary
- October 23rd – Spelling Bee
- 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

September Meeting

Monday, September 8th

6:30pm – 8:00pm.

**Calvary Chapel of Idaho Falls in the Fireside Room
(the north end of the building).**

***Children are invited this month to see and meet author
Maja Ledgerwood!***

Maja Ledgerwood, author of the book **Pocahontas: Princess of Faith and Courage** is our guest speaker. She will be reading her book to the children, autographing any books you have pre-bought and she will then lead the children in some crafts from the era of Pocahontas. Because of the nature of the crafts, it is helpful to know how many children will be there and their ages, so she can plan accordingly. Please let Kristine know by September 3rd (if you can) how many will be coming from your family. Here's some more info – but you can also check out her website at

www.majaledgerwood.com

Ordering Books: I have preordered 17 books for those who had requested them. I did order a few extra in case others would like to purchase them that evening, or ahead of time. Please let Kristine know.

Tweens: grades 4 – 6 (ages 9 – 12)

Rollerskating at Starlite Skating: (2150 N Woodruff Ave)

September 26th, 4 – 5:30pm (the rink is open until 6:30 if anyone wants to stay longer, but there will not be a chaperone there past 5:30). Cost is \$4.50 for regular skates, \$6.00 for rollerblades. RSVP to Kristine Haas @ kristinehaas@cableone.net

If anyone would like to chaperone, or help chaperone, let Kristine know.

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

For the youth activities this year, we are going to try to have a movie/game night every second Friday of the month and a separate activity sometime in the month.

This month we're having a **game night on Friday the 12th from 7-9pm** at the Haas' home (call for directions). We're also going bowling on **Monday the 29th at Bowl-ero from 2-4pm. Cost is \$6 per person** (not including any food or drink). If you want to go, please RSVP by Friday the 26th to Maurie 542-2738.

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

Spelling B:

We're having our first ERCHA spelling B on October 23rd at Calvary Chapel, 6:30 p.m. Spelling lists will be available at the September meeting. If you are not able to make the meeting and want to participate, let Kristine know. It will be for all grades. If anyone is able to help Kristine facilitate, it would be greatly appreciated!!!

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 its older than both. It's easy, fun, and a good workout. Dean & Kathy Byers 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 call the Byers at 745-1821.

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

Shakespeare: Dean and Kathy 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 Dean or Kathy at shakespeare@homelight.org. We're not thespians, but we have a lot of fun.

Fall Fun Day- September 19th -3pm. We'll do a craft, apple prints, contests, etc. Each family needs to bring either an apple dessert of some kind or a bag of candy. Sign ups will be at the September 8th meeting.

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. Directions will be in the October newsletter.

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. The first "welcome" meeting is September 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Chapel. Mom's get to help if they can. There will be more information at the meeting. For questions, or to sign-up keepers@homelight.org.

Idaho Falls Arts Council Student Matinees

Email theater@homelight.org 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

Cirque Le Masque features an amazing display of theatrical artistry and comic audience interaction, creating the perfect blend of lighthearted entertainment and cutting edge special effects that is pleasing and exciting to audiences of all ages. You've heard of Cirque Du Soleil's shows in Las Vegas now it's our chance for a unique Cirque experience in Idaho Falls. Students will learn about the unique global celebration, Carnivale, focusing on an aspiring performer in Brazil. **25 tickets available, first come first save – email.**

THE ANT AND THE ELEPHANT

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

A new musical based on the beloved children's classic by Bill Peet, tells the story of how one good deed inspired a most unusual friendship. A tiny ant finds himself in trouble – stranded in the middle of a river clinging precariously to a blade of grass. A turtle wanders by, and although he could easily rescue the poor ant, he declines to help. The turtle soon falls into troubles of his own and just as he refused to help the ant; the turtle's pleas for help are also ignored. And so begins a cycle of misfortune until the most unlikely of heroes proves that one good turn definitely deserves another. **26 tickets available, first come first save – email.**

THE INTERGALACTIC NEMESIS (Don't forget that this is during Iowa Standardized Testing for those who are participating in that)

Student Matinee – Thursday, March 5, 10:30am at the Colonial Theatre

Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls, earthlings and aliens, witness an amazing event as Salvage Vanguard Theatre from Austin Texas brings a blast from the past with The Intergalactic Nemesis. This staged radio show is sure to please students of all ages as their imaginations are captured by the marvelous live sound effects created by props such as a bucket of mud to a kazoo to a vacuum cleaner. *25 tickets available, first come first serve – email.*

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.

Park Play Time

For the month of September, we'll be meeting at Community Park on Tuesdays at 2:30p.m.

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 leaders 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 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.

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

