

# ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

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## *February 2009*

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- February 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Keeper's at Home @ 6pm
- February 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Elite Gymnastics for Open Gym – 12:30 – 2:30pm
- February 4<sup>th</sup>** – Legislative Day
- February 6<sup>th</sup>** – Shakespeare @ Haas Home
- February 9<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly Meeting @ 6:30pm @ Calvary
- February 10<sup>th</sup>** – Rec. Center for Open Gym – 2:30pm – 4pm
- February 13<sup>th</sup>** – Valentine Skate Party @ 11am
- February 13<sup>th</sup>** – Shakespeare @ Haas Home 4 – 5:30 p.m
- February 13<sup>th</sup>** – TEEN Movie night 6:30 – 9:00 pm
- February 14<sup>th</sup>** – Happy Valentine's Day!
- February 16<sup>th</sup>** – The Ant and the Elephant – Student Matinee @ 12pm @ Colonial
- February 16<sup>th</sup>** – Keeper's at Home @ 6pm
- February 17<sup>th</sup>** – Elite Gymnastics for Open Gym – 12:30 – 2:30pm
- February 19<sup>th</sup>** – Usborne Book Sale/fundraiser – 6:30 p.m
- February 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>** - Mother/daughter sleep-over
- February 23<sup>rd</sup>** - TEEN activity 4:00 – 5:30 pm
- February 24<sup>th</sup>** – Rec. Center for Open Gym – 2:30pm – 4pm
- February 26<sup>th</sup>** – Mom's Night Out!
- February 27<sup>th</sup>** – TWEEN bowling – 1:30 – 3:00pm

### Looking Ahead:



- March 3 – 5<sup>th</sup>** – ICHE Testing
- March 5<sup>th</sup>** – The Intergalactic Nemesis – Student Matinee @ 10:30am @ Colonial
- March – 9<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly Meeting @ 6:30pm @ Calvary
- March 27<sup>th</sup>** – Spelling Bee
- April 30<sup>th</sup>** – Christ in the Arts
- May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Science Fair or Bio Fair
- June 7<sup>th</sup>** – Graduation
- June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>** – CHIOS Homeschool Convention @ College of Nazarene, Nampa Idaho

## **February Meeting – February 9<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 – 8:00p.m. @ Calvary Chapel of Idaho Falls, Fireside Room

\*\*\*\*\*Special Evening\*\*\*\*\*

Guest Speakers: Assistant Pastor Gordon Boyle and his wife Roxanne Boyle will be sharing with us their gems of wisdom on marriages and their experience of homeschooling.

We will also be “celebrating” the evening with free drinks from the coffee shop, chocolate fountain treats.

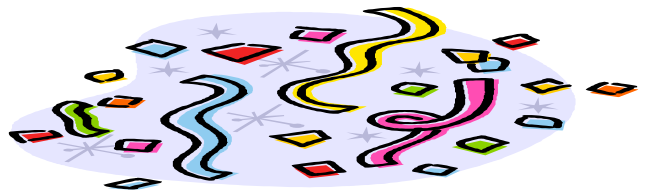
If you cannot find child-care – please let Kristine know and we can help arrange something for you.

We’d love it if both spouses are able to be there...but come anyway even if you’re spouse-less for the evening:)

Please RSVP by February 6<sup>th</sup> to Kristine for this meeting (we want to make sure we have enough prizes!!)

### **New Member Welcome!**

to Amy and Thomas, and their 3<sup>rd</sup> grade son, Wyatt. They just moved here all the way from Maine! We’re glad you’re here:)



### **Open Gym**

Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> @ Elite Gymnastics from 12:30 – 2:30. Cost is \$2.50. If you have any questions, call Michele. Also, Todd is offering a 30 minute instructional session for free for any who would like to participate. Todd and his wife Leslie, are homeschool parents, and used to teach gymnastics. It’s a great opportunity!

### **Rec. Center**

We will be going to the Rec. Center again for open gym starting Tuesday, February 10th from 2:30-4pm. We will be going every other week. (opposite the gymnastics) through April. February dates are the 10th and the 24<sup>th</sup>! It’s \$1 per child.



## **VALENTINE'S SKATE PARTY**

- WHO:** EVERYONE IS INVITED  
**WHEN:** Feb. 13th  
**WHERE:** Tautphaus Park Indoor Ice/Hockey rink (across from the zoo)  
**TIME:** 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.  
**COST:** \$2.50 per person – skates and admission

What to bring: Valentine's to share, a decorated box or bucket for each of your child(ren) to put valentines into, AND as this is at lunchtime bring some healthy snacks for the kids to munch on. Drinks, plates and plastic ware provided. (a few cookies and sweets are OK too:)

*PLEASE – RSVP* TO ALEXIS at [activities@homelight.org](mailto:activities@homelight.org) so that I can get a head count and a list out of kids names that will be there.

### **Mom's Night Out**

Need some Christain fellowship with other homeschool mom's? Join us on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Details will be announced at February's meeting. If anyone has any suggestions, please email Alexis at [activities@homelight.org](mailto:activities@homelight.org)

### **Tweens: grades 4 – 6 (ages 9 – 12)**

**It's bowling time again!!:) Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 – 3:00 at Bowlero. RSVP to Kristine. Thanks!!**

### **Science Fair or Biography Fair?**

Rachel has offered to oversee either a science fair or a biography fair, but would like for YOU to choose which one. Because of her schedule we have moved the original date back to May 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to participate, we would love it if you would contact Rachel and let her know which "fair" you would prefer!:) Please vote ASAP so we can get things rolling!:) Thanks!!

### **Jr. High girls and their moms!!!!**

We're having a mom-daughter sleep-over for Jr. Highers and their moms! February 20-21 at the Haas' home there will be games, movies, and good quality time for moms and daughters! Please RSVP to Kristine, 208.542.2738, [kristinehaas@gmail.com](mailto:kristinehaas@gmail.com) by the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> to receive an invitation that says what to bring, what time, etc. Hope to see you there!!!!

## Jr. High Lagoon trip!!!

We're having a Jr. High Lagoon trip, probably around June or July. Lagoon is an amusement and water park in Utah around Salt Lake City. Now, Lagoon tickets aren't cheap, so there will be a series of fundraisers to help cover the costs. If you would like to participate, e-mail Kristine at [kristinehaas@gmail.com](mailto:kristinehaas@gmail.com)

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

Movie night Feb. 13 from 6:30-9:00pm, either Prince Caspian or Secondhand Lions, will be voted on through email and decided Feb. 7th.

Activity Feb. 23 4:00-5:30 either laser tag or bowling. Will be voted on through email and decided Feb. 7th. Bring \$8 for activity and fav snack for movie night.

That's all!

*Delight yourself in the LORD  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

Psalm 37:4

If you haven't signed up for teen e-mails and would like to, please e-mail:  
[youth@homelight.org](mailto:youth@homelight.org)

## Spelling Bee

**We will be hosting another spelling bee on March 27<sup>th</sup>, ages K - 12.**

**Your lists may be found on-line.**

**[www.dayspringhomeeducators.com/spelling\\_lists.htm](http://www.dayspringhomeeducators.com/spelling_lists.htm) for grades 1 – 8,  
[www.Lighthousebaptist.com/lhef/activities/spellbee.htm](http://www.Lighthousebaptist.com/lhef/activities/spellbee.htm) for high school.**

**For more info contact: kristine haas**

Register to participate by March 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Rollerskating in Pocatello

Roller Skating in Pocatello - The rink in Pocatello has a homeschool skate day every 3rd Thursday of the school year from 10-noon. Cost is \$3 per child, parents skate FREE. Megan drives down most months and have 2-3 empty spaces in their car if any teens want to catch a ride.

## Shakespeare:

February 6th & 13th @ Haas Home – 4pm – 5:30; We're reading Henry V; Age 12 and up are welcome.) Email Kathy, [shakespeare@homelight.org](mailto:shakespeare@homelight.org)

## **Scottish Country Dance**

Come chase away those winter blues and get some exercise at the same time. Anyone can do it! Cost is \$3 per person, per class. There is a \$15 family maximum. All ages are welcome. Email Kathy @ [shakespeare@homelight.org](mailto:shakespeare@homelight.org)

## **Student Newspaper**

Hey! A couple Junior Highers are starting a Jr. High newspaper for ERCHA! They are looking for JH kids who would like to apply to be on staff! They need photographers, journalists, column writers, and more! So, don't hesitate, and contact Abi  
E-mail: [drama\\_queen4963@yahoo.com](mailto:drama_queen4963@yahoo.com)

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Calvary Chapel. For questions, or to sign-up email [keepers@homelight.org](mailto:keepers@homelight.org) February dates are the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **Usborne Books/Fundraising Opportunity**

Brenda is hostessing an Usborne Book Sale at her home on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. It's an awesome time to get started on next year's books, while helping the group. Peggy (another homeschool mom) is donating all of the proceeds back to ERCHA. If you have any questions, need directions, or would like to RSVP, give Brenda a call!

## **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](mailto:theater@homelight.org)

## **Idaho Falls Arts Council Student Matinees:**

### **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*

## **Tennis Anyone?:**

We are starting tennis lessons this month with Heath Hartman, a local tennis pro, Saturday mornings @ 10:30. If you are interested in joining, call Kristine!

## **2008/2009 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 [activities@homelight.org](mailto:activities@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!

## **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.**

## **On-going Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Youth Group (adult chaperones needed)**
- Tween Group (adult chaperones needed)**

Let Kristine know if you can help out! [kristinehaas@cableone.net](mailto: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](http://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.

## **ERCHA ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Chalmers & Kristine Haas – [kristinehaas@cableone.net](mailto:kristinehaas@cableone.net)

Eric & Julie

Scott & Melissa

James & Misty

Paul & JoAnn

Alexis

# Great Websites

[www.homelight.org](http://www.homelight.org) – Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association

[www.chois.org](http://www.chois.org) – Christian Home Schoolers of Idaho State

[www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org) – Home School Legal Defense Association

[www.iche-idaho.org](http://www.iche-idaho.org) - Idaho Coalition of Home Educators

[www.homeschoolbuyersco-op.org/homeschool/](http://www.homeschoolbuyersco-op.org/homeschool/)

[www.parentalrights.org](http://www.parentalrights.org)

[www.dayspringhomeeducators.com/spelling\\_lists.htm](http://www.dayspringhomeeducators.com/spelling_lists.htm)

[www.freetypinggame.net](http://www.freetypinggame.net) – helps kids learn to type through using games!