

ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

www.homelight.org

November 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

Chick Clique Bible Study: Every Monday 4-5:30pm

November 2nd – Keepers at Home - 6-7:30pm @ Calvary Chapel

November 6 & 7 – Calvary Chapel Rexburg Women's Conference

November 9th - ERCHA monthly meeting at Calvary Chapel– Schooling with the Internet

November 13th – Preschool playtime at Blastoff 2 – 4pm

November 13th - Youth Movie Night 7-9pm

November 14th – ERCHA Prayer 10 – 11am

November 14th – Berean Baptist Women's Retreat

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

November 20th - Chick Clique Game Night 7-9:30pm

December 2009 - Olde Fashioned Christmas & Winter Festival at Museum of Idaho – Free

December 4th, - Calvary Chapel Idaho Falls Women's Christmas Concert

December 4 & 5 – Nutcracker at Colonial Theater

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

December 12th – Ladies Cookie/Gift Exchange @ 1:30pm

January 15th – O! Theater at Colonial Theater

March 23rd – Cirque Mechanics Birdhouse Factory at Civic Auditorium

May – date TBA – Science Fair

NOVEMBER MEETING

November 9th - 6:30 –8:00pm – Calvary Chapel Idaho Falls in the Fellowship Hall

“Home schooling with the Internet”

We'll be sharing different links and websites that help us in our home schooling adventure. Come and bring some of your own links to share.

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

New to ERCHA

Prayer: Need more prayer for homeschool families and issues? Join us the second Saturday of November and December for a time of group prayer specifically for the families in our group @ the Haas home. 10 – 11am. Call for directions 680-4963. If you cannot make it, but would like to submit a prayer request, please email to Kristine by the Friday before: kristinehaas@gmail.com

Pre-school Playtime

Please join us if you have children preschool through 3rd grade for a chance to play at Blastoff! (Kids don't have to fall into that exact category, they can be a little younger or a little older) We will be meeting at Blastoff on November 13th from 2-4pm. The November 27th playtime will be cancelled due to Thanksgiving. The cost is \$3.50 for the

Galactic Galaxy and the Land of Make-Believe. Parents can just drop off their children if they'd like. If they want further information, they can call Michele.

Ladies Christmas Cookie/Gift Exchange

Melissa is hosting a ladies Christmas cookie/gift exchange at her house on December 12 at 1:30 in the afternoon. Each lady is invited to bring 4/5 dozen cookies to share and a \$10 gift for another lady. Making cookies is not necessary, she'd rather they come than skip if that's a worry. AND this year there will be a fallback house if her house is snowed in again! So don't worry about being stuck with dozens of cookies. Please to RSVP to Melissa at keepers@homelight.org.

Homelight Newspaper!

We are enlarging our newsletter into a newspaper. There will be articles on a variety of topics, contests, games, and stories, including a student spotlight. We are in need of students who want to write, edit, and/or interview for the newspaper. This is a great opportunity for your students to grow in their writing ability, get constructive criticism for their work, and gain experience in writing and working as a team. For more information and to apply, contact Maurie Haas. Email: ree_haas@yahoo.com or Call: 208-351-0433

Women's Retreat's/Concerts

Calvary Chapel Rexburg: Surviving the "Holi-daze"
Practical and spiritual preparation for Christmas. November 6 & 7.

Berean Baptist: November 14th; A study on the book of Amos. No registration fee.

Calvary Chapel Idaho Falls: "Gift of Glory" Women's Christmas Concert December 4th. Contact 524-4747 for more information

Featured Website

www.ChristianCollegesNow.com

This is a new website focused on providing Christian college resources and tools.

www.ChristianCollegesNow.com is a hub for researching online and on-campus Christian colleges, seminaries,

and military friendly schools. You can request free information and apply online to as many schools as you desire. The site also features tips and advice for financial planning, choosing a major, etc.



We all shop for groceries, sometimes two or three times a week — or more. Now turn those shopping trips into easy cash for your school, and encourage friends to do the same! Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios[®],

Hamburger Helper[®] and Kleenex[®], in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and send them to your school's Box Tops coordinator — each one is worth 10¢ for your school. We will save our money to buy equipment for ERCHA members to use (microscope, laminator...). You may turn them in at any meeting.

On-Going ERCHA Programs

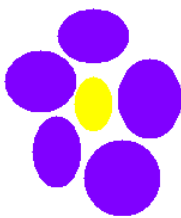


Youth!

Fun activities for homeschoolers 13 YEARS

AND UP

- *Friday, November 13 – 7 – 9pm* **Movie Night:** *Amazing Grace*
- *Wednesday, November 18 – 2:30-4:00pm* **VOTE!!** *Rock Climbing or Ice Skating*
Email your choice to Maurie at ree_haas@yahoo.com by November 12
- *Friday, December 11 – 6:30-9:00pm* **Christmas Party**
Bring \$2 for pizza and soda & a gift under \$10 for a gift exchange



The Chick Clique

A group for homeschooling girls 7th-9th grade!

- ~ Bible Study “A Young Woman After God’s Own Heart” meets every Monday 4-5:30.
- ~ Game Night! November 20th 7-9:30.

E-mail or call Maurie for more information

ree_haas@yahoo.com

208-351-0433

Tweens: grades 3 – 6 (ages 8 – 12)

Friday, November 20th – Game night @ the Haas house. 6:30 – 8:30. RSVP please: 680.4963 or email kristinehaas@gmail.com

Scholastic Books

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

@ Tautphaus Park
(Weather Permitting – we usually meet if it's above 50 degrees and not raining☺)



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 know, and the cost will be provided.

Park Time -

Tuesdays @ 2:30 – 4pm

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

Spelling Bee: 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:

A new 6-week session begins Monday November 2, 1:30-2:30pm. Ages 5 to 17. \$30 per child for the session. We meet at Eagle Rock Dance Academy, 451 River Parkway. See www.thistleandghillies.org for more info.

Science Fair – For the end of our 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. Please email Rachel with any questions at

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: 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. Photos should include field trips, vacations, school time, projects, Family time and outings, Pets, Church functions, and 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

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

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