

CLCN CHRONICLES

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Rollerskating - Join us for Rollerskating the third Friday of each month. The next day is April 18th from 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm at Faith Evangelical Bible Church, just off of Hwy. 49. Feel free to invite friends. Your donation of \$1 per skater is appreciated.

Teen Book Club - Does your young adult enjoy good books or would you like to foster a love of good books? Come join other kids 12 and up the 3rd Monday of each month to discuss the book of the month. This book club is being hosted by the Valparaiso library but it is being started by homeschoolers with homeschoolers in mind. This book club is open to all students in the community. The club will meet in the Youth Services Meeting Room, upstairs in the library. There are plenty of copies of each book at the library. The first book is a fun read and students are sure to enjoy. Here is the book schedule: April 21 at 4pm : Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth by James Cross Giblin
May 19 at 4pm : Shackleton's Stowaway by Victoria McKernan

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOMESCHOOL GRADUATION

Only one month remains before our 2nd annual homeschool graduation. If you were thinking of being a part of it, NOW is the time to communicate that! Here is the information for this important event:

"**A Significant Life**" is the theme chosen for the 2008 CLCN Homeschool Graduation, and nine area seniors will be receiving their diplomas during the ceremony. Dr. Jay Wile, Apologia Ministries founder and author of the popular Apologia science textbooks, will present the commencement address during the ceremony on Saturday, May 10th, at 2 pm, at Liberty Bible Church in Chesterton. Mark your calendars!

A great opportunity exists for your family to support this year's homeschool graduates participating in the 2008 CLCN Graduation. **Volunteers are now needed in several areas:**

- **Advanced string students** are needed for the string orchestra. Please send name, instrument played, and level of ability (number of years playing, etc.)
- **Ushers** are needed to distribute programs before the ceremony and guide people to the reception following. (Would prefer homeschool students.)
- A **Hostess** is needed to coordinate the kitchen area (set up the food table, keep it stocked and provide kitchen clean-up following the reception.)
- **Kitchen Workers** to assist the Hostess
- **Food donations** in the following areas - cheese cubes, fresh fruit pieces, assorted cookies, small water bottles
- **Decorating Assistants** to help the Decorating Committee on the reception tables.

Please contact Donna with your name and which area you would like to help. You won't want to miss this memorable and encouraging event . . . one that will spur you on in your homeschool adventure!

STANDARDIZED TESTING

(June 2, 3, 4 from 9am - 12 noon at Faith Evangelical Bible Church on 400 N in Valpo.)

Once again this year we have scheduled standardized testing for your homeschool students. You may have any age student tested with either Iowa or Stanford. Testing will move at your child's pace so if he finishes early he may leave or not return the last day. This year there is a flat fee of \$20 per child that includes return postage. Tests may be ordered directly from www.bjupress.com . Then send your \$20 fee with your child's name and grade he is testing at to Nan. It is recommended that you order by the middle of April. It is possible to order later and have the tests arrive in time, but it is a little riskier. If you have questions about which test would more suited to your student, you may call the testing service 1.864.242.5100 ext. 3300.

SPRING CO-OP IS SUCCESS!

CLCN ended its annual spring co-op on a high note with a high-spirited and fun-filled live-animal show called "Silly Safari." Everyone enjoyed the silliness while learning many interesting facts about the creatures that accompanied the performer. Following the gym awards and displays of art from each student, the teens distributed the newspaper they worked so hard on. Extra copies of the newspaper are still available at \$.80 each. Please e-mail Donna if you would like to

order some. Many thanks to the moms who helped make co-op a success, and especially to Mia who coordinated the effort.

BAKE-OFF COORDINATOR WANTED

CLCN is still in need of someone to coordinate its annual Bake-Off, preferably during a Fun Friday afternoon. Prizes for the winners will be gathered by someone else. This is simply someone to plan the event and direct it that day. For more information, please contact Amy Berube (e-mail address is at end of newsletter.)

ENROLL FOR BOOK-IT NOW!

You can call 1-800-426-6548 or <http://www.bookitprogram.com> to enroll online for the 2008-09 Pizza Hut Book it! reading program. For Grades K-6. Deadline is June 13, 2008. Program starts Oct. 1, 2008 thru March 31, 2009.

READ YOUR WAY TO THE WATERPARK!

The 2008 Deep River Reading Program is now underway! Basically, your students (12 and younger) read for 4 hours and they will receive a free waterpark admission ticket (valid for one use between 5/24/08 and 6/22/08)...a \$16.95 value! Additionally, as a Thank You for your work associated with this program and the work you do with students everyday, you will also receive a free admission ticket. Interested? Please download more information by clicking [here](#)...or call 219-947-7850 ext. 604. For general information on our facility...click [here](#).

Deep River Waterpark is located just 4 1/2 miles east off I-65 on US Hwy 30 and has earned the reputation as Indiana's Premiere Waterpark!

FOR SALE

1998 Starcraft Spacemaster Classic Pop-up Camper with a "bump out" dinette. It is in excellent condition and sleeps 7-8. There is a fridge, furnace, gas stovetop, and 2 freestanding dinette tables. The stovetop can be moved to the exterior of the camper & I use the extra table for food prep and clean-up outdoors. The resale value is \$2400. If interested, please call Teresa.

LENDING LIBRARY

CLCN has partnered with Liberty Bible Church for the Homeschool Lending Library. So go to the Liberty Bible Church Library and "check it out". Books in the homeschool section (as well as all the other books) are available to borrow for two weeks at a time. You just need to give them your name, address, and phone number for their records. For more information or if you have

any books you would like to donate, please contact Amy. CLCN also lends out a Geo Safari (kept with the co-op materials at Liberty Bible Church) and a microscope (kept by Dawn).

FREE FIELDTRIP IDEAS . . .

Chicago History Museum Free on Mondays

Chicago Field Museum Target Free Mondays are April 14th, May 12th, June 9th

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum Free days are Thursdays; suggested donation of \$7/adult

Jane Addams Hull House Museum Free every day

Chicago Cultural Center Free every day

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

--Home Depot hosts a FREE kid's workshop the first Saturday of every month where kids can make (or take home to make) a fun wooden kit? Kits have included a race car, butterfly house, plastic bag storage box, and a roller coaster car. Each month is a different kit. A work area is set up in the back of the store where kids and their parents can complete their project. Each child receives a Home Depot work apron the first time and can use it to keep the pins they will receive after completing each new project. The workshop runs from 9 to noon on the first Saturday of each month.

--Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative has a free lending library with materials for math, science, history, etc. in a searchable database? You can order and check out ten items for 30 days. They even mail the items to you for free and send a prepaid envelope with your order to return it all! They send the order within a day or two, so it generally gets to you the same week you order. To take part in the Freshwater Fred Lending Library, visit www.hepn.com/library/content/splash.asp.

--You can find/give away free items through the Freecycle network? This web-based group is located by zip code all around the country and provides a place to recycle items and ask for something you need. A free Yahoo account is necessary to join, but is simple and quick to set up. Go to freecycle.org for more information. This is a great way to share God's blessings in our lives!

YAHOOGROUPS.COM

To get in on our e-mail loop, go to www.yahogroups.com and search for CLCN and join. This is an easy way to get information to and from homeschoolers in NW Indiana.

HOMESCHOOLING RESOURCES

The Indiana Association of Home Educators (IAHE) sends out the *Informer*, a bimonthly magazine to provide information, inspiration, and support to homeschooling families. It is free upon request (317-859-1202 or iahe@inhomeeducators.org or write IAHE at 8106 Madison Ave, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227.

Some other helpful websites include: www.ifhsonline.org Indiana Foundation for Home Schooling, and www.hslda.org Home School Legal Defense Association.

WE ARE THE HOMESCHOOL KIDS WHO CAN'T DO ANYTHING!

- sung to the tune of the Veggie Tales "Pirates" song.

Chorus

We are the homeschool kids who can't do anything
We just stay at home and do our work
And if you ask us to do anything
We'll just tell you we can't do anything!

Well we can't pass notes in math class
and we've never bought a school lunch
and we've never had our homework eaten by the family dog
and we've never had a hall pass
and we've never owned a locker
and we've never had detention after school

Chorus

Well we've never been suspended
and we've never missed the school bus
and we've never got a fat lip from the bully down the hall
and we've never seen the school nurse
and we've never slapped erasers
and we've never had detention after school

Chorus

Well we've never changed for P.E.
and we've never had a swirlie
and we've never had a teacher that we didn't like at all
and we've never had supply lists

and we've never answered roll call
and we've never had detention after school

Chorus

But we've often taken field trips
and we go to school in pj's
and we often do our work while sitting on our favorite couch
and we finish school by lunchtime
and we find our books on ebay
and we don't have any homework after school

Chorus