

CLCN CHRONICLES

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JOIN THE CLCN YAHOO GROUP

We would like to invite all homeschoolers in NW Indiana to join the CLCN Yahoo Group. All CLCN co-op, field trip, and class information will be sent out this way. Members can post emails, too. There is a database with a directory (you must put in your own information), a list of curriculum for sale, and a list of services to offer. There are also links to HSLDA, IAHE, and the CLCN web page.

To join go to <http://groups.yahoo.com> and search for CLCN and click on CLCN and "join this group". Contact Amy with questions or if you would like an email invitation to join the CLCN Yahoo Group.

General Rules for the CLCN Yahoo Group:

Please post only things related to homeschooling.

Please don't reply to the emails unless you want the reply to go to everyone.

INDIANA BEACH

Monday, June 1st; 1 am - 6pm EST

Wrist band is \$10 for 48" or taller and \$8 for under 48"

Free admission if you're not riding rides

You can ride the Shaffer Queen river boat for \$7.50 for a 75 minute ride (half price with wrist band) and \$5 for a 30 minute ride (included with wrist band). RSVP by April 24 with SASE to Sharon.

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 Cieply cieplys@verizon.net).

Donations for the lending library are now being accepted. If you have some homeschool books that you do not need any more, consider donating them to the library.

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!

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.