

CLCN CHRONICLES

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Welcome Back Picnic

Faith Evangelical Bible Church, 400 North in Valparaiso

Tuesday, August 26th

4:00 pm - games

5:30 pm - dinner

Registration Deadline 8/19/08

All area homeschoolers are invited to gather for some fun and fellowship. CLCN will provide fried chicken - families are asked to bring a side dish and dessert to share. Each family should bring their own drinks, table service and lawn chairs. Come at 4 pm for some fun games and play on the moon bounce, then at 5pm we will have a Tae Kwon Do demonstration; dinner will begin at 5:30 pm. Information will be available about CLCN membership, Enrichment Classes, field trips, learning co-op and Science/Fine Arts Fair. Please RSVP to Amy by August 19th so we can place our food order. Please bring any outdoor games you may have to share in our game time.

CLCN Enrichment Classes

Thursdays, September 18th - November 6th from 8:30 pm - 1:00 pm at Faith Evangelical Bible Church. Registration Deadline is September 11th. More information will be available soon.

FALL CLASS TEACHERS NEEDED

Do you have a passion or talent that you could share with other homeschoolers? Consider teaching it in the Fall Enrichment Classes, starting in September. CLCN is putting together the fall line-up of classes and needs to know as soon as possible who would like to offer a class. Please contact Suzanne with the information. Please include the class name and description, age and class size limitations, and cost. All kinds of classes will be considered. Fall classes will begin Thursday, September 18th and continue for 9 weeks.

ART, ART, ART!

Learning Co-op Thursdays from January 22, 2009 - March 12, 2009. Co-op will run from 9:15 am - 12 noon at Liberty Bible Church in Chesterton. Registration Deadline is October 9th. Required Teacher Training Workshop on Thursday, October 16th.

What is every child's favorite part of co-op? Art and gym - so that is what we are dedicating this co-op to. This year the students will be able to experience art mediums that perhaps are too expensive or too messy to have at home. We will also be getting a little art history in our explanation of the art technique we will be experimenting with each week. Come and enjoy a lot of learning and fun and bring your art smock. Junior high and senior high students will also be looking at the worldview of famous artist and how we can understand their art by understanding their worldview. These students will also have hands - on - learning of world cultures. Classes are available for nursery ages through 12th grade. The cost is \$25 per family.

HIGH SCHOOL LITERATURE CLASS

Have you ever felt confused when reading literature, not able to gain the deep meaning that you expected? Are you unsure of all the literary terms you hear tossed around? This High School Literature Class will help you to understand the classics better and will enable you to know the meaning of the literary terms and recognize and use them in your reading. We will learn the terms in the context of the various literary genres, such as: short story, drama, non-fiction, poetry, mythology, and novel. From this experience, you will gain a greater understanding of and appreciation for fine literature.

A retired teacher and school principal is teaching this class at Faith Evangelical Bible Church in Valparaiso. Information will be conveyed in an organized, easy to follow manner that will help students to take good notes. She has successfully taught several classes to homeschool students. Classes will be held on Wednesday mornings, but a specific time has not been set. Classes will begin mid-September and finish in May. This will be a full year class with a fee of \$200. The class will include small writing assignments, quizzes and tests.

HOMESCHOOL ICE SKATING

From Midwest Training and Ice Center, Dyer, IN:

This special, daytime ice skating class is designed to enhance the curriculum of homeschoolers ages 6+. Classes take place during our mid-day public skate and include a 45 minute lesson and 45 minutes of practice time. Lessons will be grouped by age/skill level and will focus on fundamentals of learning how to ice skate (physical fitness) supplemented with learning that extends outside the traditional classroom (basic laws of physics, movement, rhythm, and music). This exploration of learning uses the human body as the subject and ice as the medium.

I would be willing to work with your group on the day and possibly the time that would work best for the students. I know it was a very beneficial program for some of the homeschool students I taught before.

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).

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!

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.hsllda.org Home School Legal Defense Association.