

# CLCN CHRONICLES

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR (SEE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION)

June 13 Deadline to enroll for Book-It

### GRADUATION HIGHLIGHTS

More than 200 people attended the second annual CLCN Homeschool Commencement ceremony, Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Bible Church. Receiving diplomas from their parents were Julie, Nicole, Elizabeth, Andy, Eric, and Ellen. Featured speaker was Dr. Jay Wile of Apologia Ministries who encouraged the graduates to become the "Drops that Sparkle" in our world. A light reception was held immediately following, with food donated by many area homeschoolers.



Dr. Jay Wile speaks to the seniors



Eric and dad, Carl



Listening to Dr. Wile

Thank you to all who helped make the ceremony such a success. Many comments were heard afterwards regarding the significance of the ceremony and how it honored Christ. A DVD of both ceremonies will soon be available at the CLCN Lending Library, located in the Liberty Bible Church library.

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> and continue for 9 weeks.

## INTERESTED IN STARTING POINTS?

Are you thinking about using *Starting Points* worldview curriculum from Cornerstone Curriculum? We used it with our two older children and we ALL learned a lot. We are looking for another family or two who are planning to use Starting Points next fall and would like to have the kids meet once a week to discuss the weekly assignments. When we did Starting Points before we found that discussion between the kids really enhanced the curriculum and kept us all on target. We would like to meet on Wednesday mornings. If you think this would be good for your family and would like to talk about it, please email or call Dawn.

## OPPORTUNITIES

**Horse Riding Lessons** - Offered by a 19-year old college student (equestrian studies major) on a 9-year old Paint mare and a 22-year old Arabian mare. Both horses are gentle and great with kids. \$15 for a one-hour lesson. Monday and Friday slots are available. Ages 5 and up, no previous experience required. For more information, call Hannah. Located in south Valpo.

**Piano Lessons** - with Rachel in her home on the east side of Valpo. Rachel has been taking and playing the piano for many years and has recently been working with her teacher to be prepared to offer quality piano lessons to your children. Lessons are for new students or students with some experience. Lessons would be \$8 for 30 minutes once a week. If you have multiple children, arrangements could be made to have lessons in your home.

## 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.

## 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 runs Oct. 1, 2008 thru March 31, 2009.

## FREE FIELDTRIP IDEAS . . .

Chicago History Museum **Free on Mondays**

Chicago Field Museum **Target Free Mondays are June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum **Free on 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:iahe@inhomeeducators.org) or write IAHE at 8106 Madison Ave, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227.

Some other helpful websites include: [www.ifhsonline.org](http://www.ifhsonline.org) Indiana Foundation for Home Schooling, and [www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org) Home School Legal Defense Association.