

CLCN CHRONICLES

The official newsletter of the Christian Learning Center and Network

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2008

MARK YOUR CALENDAR (SEE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION)

March

- 1 Home Depot Make-n-Take
- 1-2 Maple Sugar Time at Chellberg Farms
- 4 James and the Giant Peach performance
- 8-9 Maple Sugar Time at Chellberg Farms
- 14 Fun Friday/Spanish Club business meeting
- 15 Boiler Vet Camp applications due
- 17 Teen Book Club meets
- 21 Roller Skating at FEBC
- 28 Fun Friday

April

- 5 Home Depot Make-n-Take
- 11 Fun Friday/Spanish Club business meeting
- 25 Fun Friday

Coming Events May 10 - 2008 CLCN Homeschool Graduation

FIELD TRIPS/SOCIAL EVENTS

Rollerskating - Join us for Rollerskating the third Friday of each month. Coming days are March 21st and 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.

March 17 at 4pm : Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts by Richard Peck

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

Youth Activity Klub (YAK) - is a statewide social only club for Christian homeschooled teens 13-18 years of age. Teen must be in at least the 7th grade. YAK is beginning its 11th year of existence. There is not a membership fee. You will only pay for those activities you chose to participate. YAK has one activity per month including the Prom, a New Year's Bowling Blast, laser tag, cookouts, game nights and road rallies, etc. Some events are for 9th-12th graders only (like the Prom). For more information, e-mail: GowithYAK@aol.com

IT'S MAPLE SUGAR TIME AGAIN!

Celebrate the beginning of spring during the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore`s 30th Annual Maple Sugar Time Festival. From 10:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m., March 1 & 2 and 8 & 9, the Chellberg Farm will be bustling with the activities of maple sugaring. With the last of the freezing nights and the beginning of sap flow, maple trees are tapped for their sweet sap which is boiled into delicious maple syrup. Maple Sugar Time is one of the most popular seasons at the national lakeshore's' historic Chellberg Farm. Come and experience the sights, sounds, and smells of the sugarbush in spring. The festival features the evolution of "maple sugaring" in Northwest Indiana from an early American Indian method, to the pioneer method of boiling sap in open iron kettles, to the relatively modern and commercial method of producing syrup much the way the Chellberg Family did. They can stand in the warm steam of the sugar shack where sap is being boiled into syrup, or try their hand at drilling a maple tree. The Chellberg Farm and Bailly Homestead are located on Mineral Springs Road between highways U.S. 20 and U.S. 12. For more information on this or other programs at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, call (219) 926-7561, extension 225.

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!

BOILER VET CAMP ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Applications are being accepted for Boiler Vet Camp, a new event targeted toward students entering the 8th grade. Slated for June 18-20, the camp is designed for aspiring veterinarians who want an opportunity to experience first-hand the fascinating world of veterinary medicine. The only camp of its kind in Indiana, Boiler Vet Camp immerses students in a true college experience through presentations, demonstrations, laboratories, visits and in-depth and hands-on activities. In addition to attending special classes at the veterinary school, students will stay in campus dorms and eat at residence hall cafeterias. The total cost is \$500 and includes room, food, t-shirt, disposable camera, journal and other items. Application information and further details are available at <http://www.vet.purdue.edu/boilervetcamp/>. The application deadline is March 15.

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).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOMESCHOOL GRADUATION

"**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 these nine fellow homeschooling families as they celebrate their accomplishments. To help contact Donna. **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.

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.