

CLCN CHRONICLES

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THE CLCN BAKE OFF

Thursday, March 12th at Liberty Bible Church

Please have your baked good to the church by noon.

This year we are adding our Bake Off to the last day of art co-op. At 11:15 am our co-op kids will host a Fine Art Festival, which you are welcome to join. Then at noon we will have lunch together - please bring a sack lunch for your family. We will award prizes for best in category at 12:30 pm. Categories include no-bake, cake decorating, breads, and general dessert.

HOME SCHOOL CONVENTION NEWS

CLCN will pay 50% of the early registration fee for three CLCN members who attend their first home school convention in 2009. Email for more details. Register by March 20 at

<http://www.inhomeeducators.org/events/conference/registration.cfm>

TOP 100 WEBSITES FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

Homeschool.com has compiled a list of the top 100 educational websites of 2009 for homeschoolers. <http://www.homeschool.com/articles/top100-2009/default.asp>

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.hslda.org Home School Legal Defense Association.