

CLCN CHRONICLES

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☺ Summer Approaches! ☺

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May	4	VU Observatory open
	7	RSVP for Buckley Homestead fieldtrip
	9	Buckley Homestead fieldtrip
	10	PNC Open House
	11	Fun Friday/Spanish Club Business Meeting Presidential Physical Fitness begins
	15	Mad Science at Indiana Beach Contact Suzanne Hancock about teaching fall classes
	17	Bees, chickens and swans fieldtrip at Moretons
	18	Presidential Physical Fitnesspractice
	18/19	District Youth Festival at Trinity University
	25	Fun Friday Presidential Physical Fitness practice
June	1	Presidential Physical Fitness practice
	2	CLCN Homeschool Graduation
	4,5,6	Standardized Testing
	7	Deadline to register for Used Book Sale
	8	Used Book Sale Presidential Physical Fitness testing
	15	Presidential Physical Fitness testing

FIELD TRIPS/SOCIAL EVENTS

The **Envirooroom in Merrillville** has programs for homeschoolers on the first Thursday of the month, until May. Each program runs from 10:30 until noon. Sign-up is not necessary. For more information go to <http://www.lcswmd.com/envirooroom.htm>.

Visit the **Buckley Homestead** on Wednesday, May 9th from 12:00 pm-2:00 pm. On a nearly one-mile gravel and bark chip path we'll be visiting three historic sites...The 1910 farm, complete with the expected barn critters, the 1900 one-room schoolhouse, and the 1850 log cabin. This interpreter-lead tour is about two hours long. Cost is only \$1.00 per person, collected upon arrival. The address is 2606 Belshaw Road Lowell. To view a map of the site, visit <http://www.lakecountyparks.com/maps.htm> and click on the Buckley Homestead Trail Map link. The tour is intended for K through Adult and can be tiring for the younger ones so plan as needed. A stroller or wagon may be hard to push/pull on the rough terrain. Please R.S.V.P. Kim by Monday, May 7th. Please put Buckley in the subject line.

Learn about **bees, chickens and swans** during a fieldtrip to the Dean and Laura farm, Thursday, May 17th, at 10 am. Students will listen to a bee presentation, roll beeswax candles, find out about raising chickens, and tour the chicken coop; then visit a pond where swans live. Those bringing a sack lunch will be able to picnic beside the pond and test their kayaking skills after lunch, if desired. Two kayaks are available, as well as several life preservers. This fieldtrip is weather permitting. Please RSVP to Laura by May 11th. There is no age limit for the fieldtrip and a limit of 55.

YOU ARE INVITED!

CLCN invites your family to attend its first-ever Homeschool Graduation Ceremony, Saturday, June 2nd, at 2 pm at Liberty Bible Church in Chesterton. In addition to the traditional commencement activities, a homeschool choir and orchestra will perform, each graduate will be highlighted in a short video segment, and Liberty's Senior High Youth Pastor will address the seniors. A special time of prayer for the graduates will also be held. A light reception will conclude the event.

TEACHERS WANTED FOR FALL CLASSES

Would you or someone you know like to teach one of the Fall CLCN Classes this year? The board is currently looking for class suggestions and teachers for the 9-week session that will run from September 6th through November 1st. Teachers set their own fees, can request either morning or afternoon classes and may limit the class size and/or age limit.

This year we would like to offer a wider and more varied selection of classes, including elementary age classes. Also, it has been suggested to offer a Mom's Prayer and Support Hour during one of the morning elementary classes that could be led by an older mom or be simply a time to share struggles and pray for each other. A staffed nursery would also be necessary for that hour and could be either a paid position or mom-swapping. Suggestions are requested for what would suit the majority of moms with young children.

Please e-mail Suzanne by May 15th if you or someone you know would like to teach a class.

BOXTOPS 4 EDUCATION

CLCN just received a check for \$37 from the Boxtops4education program. The money received will go towards the purchase of a microscope for our lending library. Thank you for taking the time to cut out these coupons and for getting them to Tricia. Please remember to tell your friends and relatives that they can save these coupons to help out CLCN and its members. Since starting participation in this program CLCN has earned a total of \$113. Keep up the good work!

PRESIDENTIAL PHYSICAL FITNESS

Who: Students ages 6-18 (younger siblings are welcome and included, cannot receive official presidential awards).

What: Practice and testing for the presidential fitness challenge which includes a shuttle run, an endurance run, sit-ups, push-ups, and the sit and reach.

When: Practices: 4 p.m. on Fridays (5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/1) Testing on events: 4 p.m. on Fridays (6/8, 6/15)

Where: Track behind Liberty Intermediate and Elementary Schools at 50 W 900 North, Chesterton, IN

How much: \$2.00 for certificate and patch with option to purchase t-shirts, if desired.

How do I sign up: email or call Becky with the names, ages, and gender of your children so I can have information ready for you.

Why?: Get some exercise, some fresh air, and encourage fitness and friendships with other home schoolers. Everyone will receive one of three awards (participant, national, or presidential) at a party at the end.

USED BOOK SALE

Friday, June 8, 2007, 10am-1pm at Inland Manor Baptist Church, 630 N. County Line Road in Portage (¼ mile South of US Hwy 6)

Open to all Buyers and Sellers! CLCN is opening its book sale to any home schooler that would like to participate, both buying and selling. If you are not a member of CLCN, there will be a \$5 fee to participate in SELLING. You can sell as few or as many books as you'd like. You do not have to stay for the sale. Please see seller and buyer guidelines listed below.

Guidelines for Seller:

- Please confirm with our contact person, Priscilla by Thursday, June 7th if you plan to sell, and/or if you have any questions.
- Bring all sale items to the church on either Thursday night, June 7, from 6:30-7:30pm or Friday morning, June 8th, from 8:30-9:30am.
- Each sale item needs to have an envelope attached with tape inside the front cover with the following information on it:
Title -- Your name -- Your phone number -- Asking price -- Category (explained below) -- Grade level
- Mark all items in whole dollar amounts only. If you do not think your book is worth a dollar, then combine items to increase the worth.
- If you are willing to accept checks, it must be indicated on the envelope. (Check accepted)
- Items in a set should be held together using rubber bands or large, clear plastic bags. It is a good idea to list the number of items in the set on your envelope.
- Pick up any unsold items at 1 pm on Friday. To help in accounting for books at the end of the sale it is recommended that you make a list ahead of time of all the books you bring. Any unclaimed books will be disposed of in the most convenient way for the committee. At this time you can also pick up your money.

CATEGORIES: Include one of the following categories on the envelope of each item. PLEASE MARK YOUR ITEMS CLEARLY to make sorting easier. This will make selling more effective for you, too!

Adult Resources/Reference	Art
Bible/Character Study	Complete Curriculum Sets
Computer Study	Fiction
Foreign/Sign Language	Handwriting
History/Geography	Language Arts
Learning Resources (Games, CD's, etc.)	
Life Skills	Math
Music	Preschool
Readers	Science

Guidelines for Buyer:

- Sale will begin at 10am.
- Please do not carry around books you are not sure you wish to buy.
- CASH will be the main method of payment. Bring lots of ones and fives. Some sellers may accept checks – if so it will be indicated on the envelope.
- Insert appropriate amount of cash into the envelope and replace it inside the book *before* proceeding to the cashier's table.
- The sale will end promptly at 1pm.

OPEN HOUSE AT PURDUE NORTH CENTRAL - PORTER COUNTY

This is truly an open house where students and families may peruse the tables and buildings. Admissions representatives will be onsite, the director of dual credit will be on site and information regarding our Discover Career Counseling Program will also be available--this is the assessment for students who are undecided about a career choice. A financial aid presentation will be given around 6 pm.

Open House Thursday, May 10, 5:00-7:00 pm, 600 Vale Park Road, Valparaiso

- Discover PNC's academic programs
- Meet with an Admissions Representative
- Attend a financial aid seminar, beginning at 6 pm
- Learn about the Discover Career Counseling Program
- Experience our new Porter County facility

For additional information contact Keri Marrs de Barron at kmarrs@pnc.edu. Preregistration encouraged by May 8. www.pnc.edu/portercounty

FREE PERSONAL INVENTORY EVALUATION AVAILABLE!

Purdue North Central (PNC) has a career counseling program. This is free and available to high schoolers. They have a career assessment test called DISCOVER that is a personal inventory evaluation. It gives detailed explanations of occupations and insight into majors and colleges. For more information contact Alana Burke at 462-4197 ext. 5284, 1-800-872-1231 ext 5284 or aburke@pnc.edu. She has an office in Westville as well Valparaiso.

VU OBSERVATORY SCHEDULE

Come and enjoy views of the moon, planets, star clusters and galaxies through Valparaiso University's computer-controlled telescope. Descriptions will be given of the objects being observed. It is free, and all are welcome. Fridays from 8:30-9:30 pm on April 13, 27, and May 4. Check out www.physics.valpo.edu for schedule and maps. This schedule is weather permitting. Call after 5 pm on these dates to confirm if the weather is clear enough for the Observatory to open. 464-5202.

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

Did you know that 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.

FUN FRIDAYS

Fun Fridays, hosted by Liberty Bible Church, will be on **May 11 and 25** from 2 to 4 pm. There will be activities in the gyms and the Liberty Zone. There will be a sign up sheet for the moms. Please use Entrance A. No child may be dropped off unless the parent has asked another parent to be responsible for him. If there is no adult supervisor in a room, that room will be closed and the children will be taken to another room that has adults. Please respect the church property and its rule for adult supervision at all times (insisted upon by the insurance company). For more information call Laurie. Liberty Bible Church is located at 824 N. Calumet Avenue in Chesterton. It is on the west side of N Calumet (Old Highway 49) just north of the intersection of Route 6 and N Calumet Avenue (just east of the intersection of Highway 49 and Route 6).

LENDING LIBRARY

CLCN offers a Lending Library to its members and is most often available during Fun Fridays at Liberty Bible Church. There are books available that appeal to parents and kids. We also have a Geo Safari available. All items are available to check for a 2-week period. Please contact Dawn for specific instructions.

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.