

CLCN CHRONICLES

The official newsletter of the Christian Learning Center and Network

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 9 Festival of Voices
14 Shedd Aquarium fieldtrip (registration has closed)
14 Holocaust speaker at VHS
18 Required teacher training for spring co-op

FIELD TRIPS

Shedd Aquarium - Chicago (This is already full)

Please enter at the Group Entrance Door and identify yourself as part of the CLCN group.

November 14 - Free general admission and the following classes:

Fish Files - 2nd - 6th grade \$5 each student, minimum of 20 students

Lakeshore Biology - 6th - 12th grade \$6 each student, minimum of 20 students

Comparative Anatomy - 8th - 12th grade \$6 each student, minimum of 20 students

Holocaust Speaker - Valparaiso High School

November 14 - Eva Mozes Kor, a Holocaust survivor, speaks annually to Porter County 8th graders. Homeschooled middle/high school students have permission to attend, but please let Donna know ahead of time. The speaker will begin at approximately 9 am. Kor is a survivor of the Josef Mengele twin studies and is a powerful speaker. No preschool or elementary children should attend, due to the subject matter.

FESTIVAL OF VOICES

The Festival of Voices will be held at Valparaiso University's Great Union Hall on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 3 pm and will last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are \$3 each. The event will include several choir/vocal performances, including a gospel choir performance by Emerson School of Art. Also performing will be the Folklorico Dancers from East Chicago. Homeschoolers Nytalia and Kristy Burciaga will be at part of this event. Tickets can be purchased from Tina.

ART, ART, ART Co-op

November 18th is the mandatory **Information and Planning Session** for all co-op members. It will start at 6:30 pm in Room 140C at Liberty Bible Church, Chesterton. No childcare will be provided.

Here is the co-op description:

ART, ART, ART

What is one of your students' favorite activities? ART . . . but who has time or enjoys the mess? Well, this is your answer. Come and join us as we study a time period/artist and learn what makes his art unique. Then we will celebrate his art and make our own in a variety of mediums. This way we can give our children the experiences they enjoy and thrive on, but we can't always make time for.

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.

Art Co-op will meet on Thursdays from January 22, 2009 - March 12, 2009; from 9:15 am - 12 noon at Liberty Bible Church in Chesterton. Registration fee of \$25 per family is due NOW.

FREE CHICAGO MUSEUM DAYS

Shedd Aquarium

Nov. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25

Museum of Science and Industry

Nov. 27

Dec. 24, 31

Field Museum

Nov.10

Dec.8

Lincoln Park Zoo

Free everyday

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.