

# CLCN CHRONICLES

The official newsletter of the Christian Learning Center and Network

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## Welcome Back Picnic

hosted by Christian Learning Center and Network - CLCN

**ALL Homeschoolers Welcome!**

**Thursday, September 6th**  
**starting at 5 pm**  
**Dinner at 5:30 pm**  
**at Faith Evangelical Bible Church,**  
**400 N. in Valpo.**

**Please RSVP by 09/01/07 to Dawn**

Fried chicken will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share (a large portion) and your own dinnerware, drinks and blanket or chairs to sit on. Bring outdoor games and your softball gloves and bats. We will have a family softball game after dinner. We will meet in the side yard of the church by the softball field. In case of rain we will meet in the gym.

Come and meet other homeschoolers from the area.  
Meet the teachers for our Fall Enrichment classes and get the early bird registration for membership.

## EXCITING LINE-UP FOR FALL CLASSES!

Thursdays this fall will be a great time to take advantage of some exciting classes for your children. CLCN has tripled its class offerings from previous years to include 19 selections for your children, as well as a prayer and support time and a staffed nursery for that hour. Here is the schedule for the enrichment classes that run September 20<sup>th</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup>:

- 9:00           Choir (2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up)  
                  Stained-Glass Mosaics (10 yrs. and up)
- 10:00           Ceramics (8-12 yrs. old)  
                  Cooking Essentials (4<sup>th</sup> grade and up - class will run 1 ½ hrs.)
- 11:00           \*\*Cooking Essentials (con't. for ½ hr.)  
                  Ceramics (13 yrs. and up)
- 12:00           Gym Games (4-9 yrs. old)  
                  Nursery (infant - 3 yrs. old)  
                  Mom's Prayer and Support Time
- 1:00            Beginning Drama (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
                  Volleyball (10-14 yrs. old)  
                  History of Christianity (8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 2:00            Volleyball (5-9 yrs. old)  
                  Math Games (3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade)  
                  Speech (8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade - class will run 1½ hrs.)\*\*
- 3:00            \*\*Speech (con't. for ½ hr.)  
                  Beginning Spanish (4 - 13 yrs. old)  
                  Beginning French for younger students (8-11 yrs. old)  
                  Journaling through Scrapbooking (4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
                  Advanced Drama (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade - class will run 1½ hrs.)\*\*
- 4:00            \*\*Advanced Drama (con't. for ½ hr.)  
                  Intermediate Spanish (3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade and have had Spanish before)  
                  Beginning French for older students (12 - 18 yrs. old)  
                  Mom/Daughter Bible Study (4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

## **Class Descriptions**

**(Costs written as \$00/\$00/\$00 are family discount prices for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> or more child.)**

**Choir** - (Regin) Start the day out right by warming up your vocal chords and singing to the Lord! Music selection will cater to the ages and skill levels of the participating students. Those with more experience will be challenged at a higher level. We will incorporate songs ranging from fun to formal, contemporary to traditional. Instruction on the fundamentals of breathing, pitch and dynamics will be given. The choir will rehearse toward a concert in November. Cost is \$30/\$25/\$20.

**Stained-Glass Mosaics** - (Peggy) Learn about stained-glass and mosaics while creating a mosaic trivet using materials you will be given. Ideas and examples will be on display. Required: rubber gloves and safety glasses. Cost is \$30/25/20. Materials fee is \$10. Older students will also have the opportunity to create a beveled star Christmas tree topper using stained-glass making techniques. Extra materials fee is \$20.

**Ceramics** - (Karen) Learn the basics of ceramics, as well as a dry brushing technique that is fun and easy for all ages. Projects will be fired, and then painted with acrylics. Cost is \$45/\$40/\$36 plus a \$10 per family supplies fee (up to 4 children, add \$2.50 for others.) There will be a \$5 fee for broken projects by your child.

**Cooking Essentials** - (Donna) Learn and/or review basic cooking skills and techniques while preparing some delicious made-from-scratch dishes! On the tentative menu is French bread, butter horn rolls, blueberry muffins, apple pie, healthy breaded chicken strips, homemade macaroni and cheese, and rolled sugar cookies. Students will bring home their creations each week. Students will need to bring some basic cooking utensils from home each week. A list for each class will be available at registration. Cost is \$40/\$35/\$30. Materials (groceries) fee is \$10.

**Nursery** - Infants through 3 year-olds will be well-taken care of during the Mom's Prayer and Support Time. Cost is \$1 per child per day.

**Gym Games** - (Rachel) Organized game time for children 4 to 9 years old. We will have a lot of fun running off energy with some old favorites and some games that may be new to you. We will need a minimum of 5 children. There will be no class on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Cost is: \$20/\$15

**Mom's Prayer and Support Time** - (Donna) A short devotional on homeschooling will be given, then moms can share prayer requests and pray together for their children and their home schools. There is no cost for this session.

**Beginning Drama** - (Donna) Children will be introduced to the art of drama through learning about the theatre, stage, costumes and make-up, playing drama games, and performing short, memorized poems or monologues for the final production, which will be held the last week of class. Cost is \$30/\$25/\$20.

**Volleyball** - (Rachel) Students will learn skills in passing, bumping and serving. These skills will be practiced in fun games not a competitive atmosphere. There will be strength training to improve students overall ability. A minimum of 4 students in class are needed. There will not be class on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$25/20.

**Journaling through Scrapbooking** - (Dawn) Have a reluctant writer or just need a good reason to write? Well, here is an answer. We will take a different topic every week or so and journal about it. We'll choose topics that are interesting to kids - favorite activities, loved animals, a special holiday, etc. We will brainstorm for ideas, write a first draft, revise and then write or print a final draft. The emphasis will be on creativity, clarity, and descriptive writing. A goal of this class is to encourage students to enjoy writing. Grammar and spelling will only be addressed in the revision. The final draft we'll add to our scrapbook. Students can add a photo, picture or drawing to their writing. We will discuss some basic principles of scrapbook design. This class is geared toward 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Paper will be provided. Please bring a glue stick or double sided tape, White glue does not work well. Bring an album with page protectors, not the magnetic kind but the ones the pages slip into. You will get a week by week schedule after registration. There will be no class on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$25/\$20.

**Math Games** - (Dawn) This will be a fun way for students to review math facts including addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, decimals, and fractions. It will all be a fun, game atmosphere - not a stressful spelling bee type of games. We need at least 4 students. There will be no class on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Cost: \$25/\$15.

**Speech** - (Kristyn) Students will focus on public speaking by learning about choosing a topic, organizing speech information, listening skills, impromptu speaking, dealing with speech anxiety, analyzing persuasive claims, and working with visual aids. Students will present 3 or 4 prepared speeches to the class. Class limit is 10 students. Cost is \$50/\$25.

**Beginning/Intermediate Spanish** - (Jeannie) Children will learn commonly used phrases, foods, family members, colors, body parts, numbers, rooms in the home, clothing, and animals. They will also sing Spanish songs; play games, meet Raul, the Spanish-speaking puppet; and study Central American culture. Jeannie will use the text Elementary Spanish by Rose Thomas, McGraw-Hill Children's Publishing, at an additional cost of \$4.00 per student. (Jeannie has this available for your convenience.) Cost is \$45.00. (If money is a factor, please call Jeannie at 548-3445.) Minimum number of students is 8; Maximum number is 15 for the younger class and 25 for the older class.

**Beginning French** - (Ellen) Learn the basics of French vocabulary, conversations, and grammar. Just bring a notebook and pencil. We will play games, do skits, listen to French tapes, etc. Cost is \$36. Ellen will work with anyone on pricing for the French class for individuals and families, if they cannot afford the \$36.

**History of Christianity - (Dawn)** From the persecution of the early church to the tumultuous days of the Reformation to the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, historian Timothy George provides fascinating glimpses of the events and people responsible for the spread of Christianity. This is a superb introduction to church history for students. Each class will include a video, discussion and review of student work. Each week students will be given a person or event from history to research and write a paragraph about. I need a mom to cover the class on October 25<sup>th</sup> for a reduced fee for her student, otherwise, there will be no class on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$40/\$35

**Advanced Drama - (Donna)** Enjoy some fun drama games to loosen up, learn about the theatre and the stage, then practice each day for a final dramatic performance for your families. Each student will audition for a part and/or work backstage with props, make-up, costumes or assistant directing. Cost is \$40/\$35/\$30.

**Mother/Daughter Bible Study - (Dawn/Rachel)** This is an opportunity for moms and daughters to take a little time out of the hectic homeschool schedule to strengthen their special bond and grow in their walks with the Lord. The grades listed are only suggestions - older or younger girls are welcome. Rachel had the opportunity to visit India last year and the fees from this class will go toward sending Rachel back to India (for a mission trip). We will not have class on October 25<sup>th</sup>, unless a mother would like to host the class. Cost: \$30 a family.

**Registration is Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, (during Welcome Back Picnic,) beginning at 5 pm at Faith Evangelical Bible Church, 400 North in Valparaiso.**

If you are unable to attend the registration session, you must pre-register and pay by September 6<sup>th</sup> through Suzanne. Families must be members of CLCN in order to participate in the classes. There is a minimal charge for membership.

An additional \$10 per family registration fee will be charged as a gift to the church for using the facility.

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

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| September | 6  | Kick-off Picnic/Registration for Fall Classes |
|           | 15 | The Teen Rebellion Conference in Greenwood    |
|           | 20 | Fall Classes Begin                            |
|           |    | Deadline for Michigan City Zoo trip           |
|           | 25 | Prayer requests/Info. due for Oct. newsletter |
|           | 28 | Michigan City Zoo fieldtrip                   |
| October   | 6  | Home Depot Make-N-Take                        |
|           | 12 | College Fair at Portage Christian             |
|           | 25 | Prayer requests/Info. Due for Nov. newsletter |

## PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

We are introducing a new column this year that will list prayer needs of our fellow homeschooling families. Requests might include a job loss or search, travels or visits, health concerns or expected treatments, children leaving home for short-or long-term stays, anticipated births or adoptions, or any number of concerns. Sharing our prayer needs is a way of drawing closer to each other and provides a wonderful opportunity for us to support our fellow homeschoolers.

--Dear Jesus - I thank you for little Lauren and know that you have made her fearfully and wonderfully in your image. Thank you for having mercy on her and releasing your undying love and Holy Spirit on her body and soul to keep her safe. Make her to grow in all ways in your image. Keep her safe from the enemy of her soul and protect her with your power and ministering spirits. I ask that you would give Jim and Kim continued help out of your resurrection power to triumph, to overcome all obstacles, to trust in you minute by minute, when suffering and doubts come to suffer well, and to tell others of your mercy and everlasting love, and to live each day for you. I ask that you would give this life changing faith to Lauren and the boys all of their days and they would reach the broken, wounded people of this world to look to Jesus and trust in Jesus for everything and to look forward to the life hereafter. Mike

-- Please pray for my friend, Tina, who was on the list last month, and who was just sent home from the hospital with hospice. Pray for her family as well: her husband Jim, and two boys, Nick and Ben. She is a very strong believer, and touches everyone she meets. She's had many opportunities to share the gospel recently. --Thanks, Melany

--Pray for our firends and children in the orphanage we have in Haiti. They are hungry and in trouble every day. Thank you! Mike

--Keep our college students in your prayers as they experience independent living and the opportunity to make many choices each day. Pray that they will make wise choices and resist the many temptations that surround them; for wisdom in eating right, sleeping well and balancing their many commitments on campus; as well as looking for opportunities to reach out.

## FIELD TRIPS/SOCIAL EVENTS

**Mom's Night Out - Looking for someone to plan this monthly get-together! This could be a meal out, an activity or movie, or simply meeting in someone's home, whatever you choose! If you would like to organize this each month, please contact one of the board members.**

**Visit the Zoo -** A field trip has been planned for Washington park zoo in Michigan City (115 Lakeshore Drive) for Friday, September 28, at 10:30 am. Adults are \$3, Children 3-11 years of age are \$1.75 and Children 2 and under are free. Please mail to Denise the number of adults and children attending, as well as the money for admissions by **Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please bring a sack lunch; picnic tables will be available. Parking is free; however, you need to tell the

attendant you are with the Homeschool Group. This will be a guided tour. Total time including lunch & play will be approximately 2 hours. To contact the zoo, the phone number is (219) 873-1590.

## JOIN THE REBULUTION!

Teens and their parents are invited to join Alex and Brett Harris (twin brothers of *I Kissed Dating Goodbye* author Josh Harris,) and their father, Greg, **September 15th** at **Community Church of Greenwood, IN**, to learn how they can rebel against low expectations and begin using the teen years to do hard things for the glory of God. This is the second year for the conference and it's making news across the county. Prices are low, and families-in-need scholarships, carpooling, and free housing options are available. Check out their website at **therebelution.com** for more information on this exciting conference.

## NATIONAL HOMESCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY

A local Northwest Indiana chapter of Eta Sigma Alpha, the National Home School Honor Society is starting up, and they need at least 5 members for a charter. Here is a link to their website where they explain the membership requirements:

<http://www.iag-online.org/groups/nwihonorsociety/>. And here is a link to the national organization: <http://esa.homeeducationpartnership.com/>.

## TENNIS ANYONE?

Laura has contacted *The Courts* about group tennis lessons for homeschoolers. They are offering one-hour lessons that go for 8 to 10 weeks. They need 3 to 6 people for group lessons. The regular price is \$14 per person per class, but they will discount that by a couple dollars for us, and if you are a member, it would only be \$11. Please contact Laura if you are interested, so we can get our groups organized. You may choose the time--they're very flexible. If you desire private lessons, they are \$27.50 for a half hour. For more information about *The Courts* call 465-1111.

## FREE FIELDTRIP IDEAS . . .

**Brookfield Zoo** Free general admission is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays in January, February, October, November, and December. Additionally, Saturdays and Sundays are free in January and February.

**Adler Planetarium** Museum admission is free on the following days in 2007: Sept. 10, 17 & 24; Oct 8-12; every Mon & Tues in Oct. - Oct. 1, 2, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 20; every Mon & Tues in Nov - Nov. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27

**Field Museum** Discount Week - Oct 8-12; every Mon & Tues in Oct (same as above); every Mon & Tues in Nov (same as above)

**Chicago History Museum** Free on Mondays

**Shedd Aquarium** September - last three Mondays (Sept. 10, 17, 24); October discount week (Oct. 8-12) October - Mondays and Tuesdays (Oct. 1, 2, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30); November - Mondays and Tuesdays (Nov. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27)

**Museum of Science & Industry** September 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25 October 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30 November 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 and 22 December 24

**Hellenic Museum & Cultural Center** No free days; Admission \$3/person

**Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum** Free days are Thursdays; suggested donation of \$7/adult

**Jane Addams Hull House Museum** Free every day

**Art Institute of Chicago** Thurs. and Fri. evenings are free from 5pm-9pm until August 31.

**Chicago Cultural Center** Free every day

## **PORTAGE CHRISTIAN TO HOST COLLEGE FAIR**

A Christian College fair will be held on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at Portage Christian School. The event will be during the day and would be perfect for homeschooling parents and students to attend. Several solid Christian Colleges and Universities will be at the event, as well as an admissions/financial aid workshop.

## **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!

## **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](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.