



Charlotte Home Educator Association

The Bulletin Board

We hope you like the new format of The Bulletin Board. You may direct comments and suggestions to:
CHEAnewsletter@yahoo.com

HINTS will sponsor the annual **National Geographic Bee** for homeschoolers in Charlotte and the surrounding areas!

Any student in grades four through eight may participate in the oral test to be offered on **Saturday, January 8, 2011 promptly at 10:00 am** in Room C105 of Wilcox Building at Christ Covenant Church, 800 Fullwood Lane in Matthews, NC 28105. **Please arrive by 9:45 a.m.** We require a minimum of 6 students and a maximum of 30 students to offer this opportunity.

Please register now until Friday, December 17 by emailing Kathryn Kroboth (kathrynkrobothchief@gmail.com) with your student's name(s), age(s) on Sept. 1, 2010 and grade level(s), and your name, home phone and cell phone number, if we need to contact you on Sat. Jan. 8th. **There is no cost to participate.**

The winner of our local contest will take a written qualifying test that will determine the top 100 students in North Carolina who will go to the state contest in Raleigh, NC. One winner from each state goes to the National Bee in Washington, DC, where the first prize is a \$25,000 college scholarship.

This is a **fun** opportunity for your kids to develop in and test their knowledge of locations of current events, and of USA and world geography. The National Geographic website offers further information and new sample questions each day (<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/>). Both Laura and Kathryn have children who have won this local homeschool GeoBee and competed at the state competition in Raleigh. It was a great experience for their families.

Laura Hultquist, HINTS and WWHEAT member and GeoBee Coordinator, E-mail: dlhquist@juno.com; 704-243-0229 and Kathryn Kroboth, HINTS member and GeoBee Assistant, Email: kathrynkrobothchief@gmail.com

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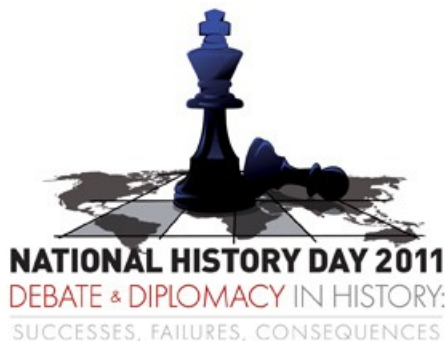
CHEA Graduation 2010

The next meeting of the CHEA 2011 Graduation will be held on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. We will be meeting at Fuddrucker's in Matthews. All seniors that belong to a CHEA homeschool group are invited to participate. One parent must attend each monthly graduation meet-ing. Seniors are encouraged to attend with their parent(s) and we also have social activities for the teens to get to know each other.

Deadline for February edition of The Bulletin Board: January 15th

National History Day in NC

Home school students and teachers are invited to participate in National History Day in North Carolina. National History Day is a program that helps students improve research, analytical, and presentation skills while they learn history. It is for students in grades 6 through 12. Students choose a topic centered around the annual theme. The theme for this year is Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, and Consequences. Students do research using primary and secondary sources. They then present their project using one of five categories: historical paper, exhibit, performance, web site, or documentary. Projects are entered into competitions where they receive feedback from historians and educators. The top projects move on to the next level of competition, culminating with the national contest in College Park, Maryland. You may visit the website at www.nchistoryday.org To request materials or to inquire about arranging a research workshop for your students, contact Jo Ann Williford at



New Member contact for HOPE in Monroe:

Tomi Phillips
tomi@datacenteritsolutions.com
 704.651.3981 (Mobile)
 704.625.7418 (Fax)

Enrichment Classes This Spring!

Enrich is now accepting course proposals for Enrichment Tuesdays. Our Tuesday Enrichment classes will be held at the Mallard Creek Rec Center beginning January 18, 2011 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

For more information on what classes will be offered about an upcoming open house, see our website at www.enrichnc.org To receive a class proposal form, please email your request to kdutton@carolina.rr.com



<http://www.deepastronomy.com/how-i-overcame-my-math-blocks.html>

Helpful website especially good for anyone using *Vocabulary from Classical Roots* textbooks or other vocab/root curriculae, but has information on many things regarding English/Language Arts.
<http://www.english-for-students.com/Etymology.html>

BLESSED Group RETURNS!

Weddington

This group, which is sponsored by the WWHEAT-CHEA group, exists to encourage and educate parents who home school children with learning challenges. Sue Martin, an experienced home educator and mother of 8 children (including several with special needs) leads the group.

The future meetings will be the last Thursday of January and of March 2011.

The meetings will be at the newly purchased New Life Church property at 1302 Cuthbertson Rd., Waxhaw, NC 28173. . . one half mile on Cuthbertson from its intersection with Newtown Road. Look for a mailbox with balloons on the right! (The building is a bungalow-style farmhouse directly across from the Champion Forest neighborhood and has a small sign reading "New Life Church".) If further directions are needed, Sue Martin's cell phone number is 704-577-2197.

2011 Regional Home Educators' Spelling Bee

Who can participate?

Home schooled students, ages 8-15 that have not passed beyond the 8th grade on or before February 1, 2011. Participants cannot be older than 15 on September 1, 2010. Students must be residents of the following counties: North Carolina: Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Richmond, Rutherford, Scotland, Stanly, Union; South Carolina: Chester, Chesterfield, Lancaster, and York.

* Please note: All students must meet the Scripps eligibility rules (please review at www.spellingbee.com). All students must be registered directly with Scripps (see below) as a home school family or be the designated representative(s) from a 2010-11 home school association bee that has registered with Scripps in order to participate in the Regional Home Educators' Bee. The winner of the Regional Home Educators' Bee will represent home schools at the Charlotte Observer Regional Bee on February 7, 2011.

Why?

Spelling bees are beneficial to students in many ways. Preparation for the spelling bee teaches students how to establish and achieve the goals of increasing vocabulary through memorization and word usage, and demonstrate this knowledge in a public setting. Other benefits include building confidence through public speaking experience, developing good sportsmanship in a competitive environment, and demonstrating the academic excellence of home school education. Home school students should be encouraged to seek out a challenging opportunity like a spelling bee as part of their education.

We Need You!

Please email cxdavis@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping with the 2011 Regional Home Educators' Spelling Bee.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please contact Carolyn Davis, Regional Home Educator Bee Coordinator at cxdavis@hotmail.com or Jammie Lambiotte, Charlotte Observer Scripps Spelling Bee Coordinator at JLambiotte@charlotteobserver.com.



CHEA 1st Level Bee

Save the date!

The 1st Level Spelling Bee hosted by WWHEAT which is open to all CHEA members will be held the morning of January 8th.

Location to be announced.
Contact email for more info:
ewinchester@goulston.com

From a local homeschool mom:

Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools can provide transportation during the traditional school year for public/private/home-based school groups *only* for a small fee (generally \$13.50/hr per driver plus 70 cents per mile). Elementary school buses hold 66 students; high school buses hold 40 students. Groups may reserve more than one bus. 30 day reservation is needed. Payment is due at time service is rendered. For reservations, call Kim Kely at 980-343-6671 or email to: kim.kelty@cms.k12.nc.us.

I assume this is for events within Charlotte and with everyone meeting at a central point. BUT... think of the possibilities if a large group wanted to tour nearby cities, say museums in Raleigh for a day trip. Surely all NC public schools offer a similar deal with their public school buses. I found this info while researching city connections for my kids visiting college campuses by train – which is also the deal of the century(Charlotte to Greensboro as low as \$16 one way!).

HOME SCHOOL SKIING & SNOWBOARDING <http://skifrench-swiss.com/specials.htm>

Snow skiing and snowboarding are fun, lifetime activities which students are very excited about learning. The French-Swiss Ski College at Appalachian Ski Mtn. in Blowing Rock NC is offering students the opportunity to participate in a winter sport that will motivate them physically, socially and psychologically.

Activities are designed for students ages 5 years or older, and for family members who wish to participate. The following dates are available for this special program:

- December: 12/6, 12/15
- January: 1/5, 1/19, 1/26
- February: 2/9, 2/14, 2/23
- March: 3/2, 3/7, 3/9, 3/14, 3/23

Two Day Programs are also available (see below). Pick one day or participate several times; 3 is the magic number for beginners. Skiing is available from 9am - 5pm.

If you are interested in complete information about this program, [email us](#).



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PROGRAM INFORMATION: Activities are designed for students ages 5 years or older and for all family members who wish to participate.

- January:** Tuesday 25, Wednesday 26
- February:** Monday 14, Tuesday 15
- March:** Monday 7, Tuesday 8

Hours: **Day One:** 12 noon – 8 pm **Lesson Time:** 1:30 pm – All Levels
Day Two: 9 am – 5 pm **Lesson Time:** 10:35 am – All Levels

Plan on one-hour preparation time for equipment issue & grouping of classes. Add additional time if clothing rental is needed.

COST:

SKIING: \$42.00

Includes: 2 Slope Tickets \$16.00, 2 One Hour Lessons (required) \$14.00, Equipment Rental \$12.00

SNOWBOARDING: \$52.00

Includes: 2 Slope Tickets \$16.00, 2 One Hour Lessons (required) \$14.00, Equipment Rental \$22.00

HOW TO REGISTER:

Call the French-Swiss office at (828) 295-9311 or email skifrenchswiss@bellsouth.net at least three days in advance to make a reservation. We will need to know the day you are coming and if you are skiing or snowboarding. If your plans change just call or email to inform us.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES: Allow one hour preparation time.

Upon arrival at Appalachian Ski Mountain go downstairs to the French-Swiss Ski College Circular Desk on the lower level of the lodge to sign in, pay your fees, and receive your tickets. Fill out your equipment forms, get your equipment and proceed to the grouping area to the right of the Lodge (at the "Ski School Meets Here" sign) 10 minutes before lesson times.

NEED LODGING: Special Rates for these Home School dates.

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|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| - Super 8 | Boone | 828 264-4133 | Rate: \$42.00 + tax/night |
| - Sleep Inn | Boone | 828 262-0020 | Rate: \$46.00 + tax/night |
| - Best Western | Boone | 828 266-1100 | Rate: \$49.00 + tax/night |
| - Country Inn Suites | Boone | 828 264-4100 | Rate: \$52.00 + tax/night |
| - La Quinta Inn | Boone | 828 262-1234 | Rate: \$56.00 + tax/night |
| - Hampton Inn | Boone | 828 264-0077 | Rate: \$59.00 + tax/night |
| - Meadowbrook Inn | Blowing Rock | 828 295-4300 | Rate: \$56.00 + tax/night |
| - Holiday Inn Express | Blowing Rock | 828 295-4422 | Rate: \$59.00 + tax/night |

If you know of other home school families who would benefit from this program, please share this information. Thank you.

Press release about a novel from a homeschooler:

Hello, North Carolina homeschoolers! I am writing to you on behalf of Presswork Publications of Toccoa, GA, about our exciting new book release, *Alexandra: A Williams Family Journal*! We believe it would be a great fit on some of your members' bookshelves, both young adult and adult alike! Stephanie Ayers' novel is the tender story of two Mennonite teenagers, sixteen-year-old Alexandra and her seventeen-year-old brother James, who are in 1889 suddenly left alone after their parents die. They must learn to make ends meet on the family farm, face the perils of weather and wild, and provide physical and spiritual sustenance for their two younger siblings.

Ayers, herself once a Mennonite, offers the reader a very personal peek into the private lifestyle and customs of the historic Mennonite family. It's a journey filled with heartache, joy and gentle romance as the Williams siblings learn to draw upon God for their strength. One reviewer described the story as "*Little House on the Prairie meets Wuthering Heights*."

Accompanying the novel, Presswork is pleased to offer a free Bible study and group discussion guide available online at www.pressworkpublications.com. These resources create the perfect environment for the reader to apply the spiritual truths learned by the characters in *Alexandra*, and to facilitate discussion in a group setting.

Originally from North Carolina, Ayers lives in Toccoa, Georgia, with her husband and family. The heart of Stephanie and her husband for children is apparent in the fact that they have homeschooled their 10 children, as well as having nurtured more than 60 children in the foster system. The connection of the importance of family and adoption is shared by Christian music artist Meredith Andrews, whose tune "You're Not Alone" has become the official theme song of the novel.

If you'd like to host Stephanie for a book signing or reading, contact Jessica Handwork at 706-886-2665 or publicity@pressworkpublications.com. Please feel free to forward this letter to your homeschool group members. Thanks so much!

Bowling with Enrich

Enrich would like to invite everyone to join us for bowling on Nov. 8 at 2pm at Northcross Lanes in Huntersville. The cost is \$8 for non-members and must be paid in advance through our website at http://www.enrichnc.org/uc_special_events before November 5th. This includes 2 games of bowling and shoe rental. Many of the children also enjoy the arcade and/or laser tag after their games are finished as well. Members of Enrich must remember to log in to get the member discount on this event. Feel free to email me if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

Thank you,
~Brandee Callahan



Scottish Country Dancing in Charlotte

Meeting: Every Tuesday 7.00pm at Selwyn Av. Presbyterian Church Adults and children welcome.

For more information:

Contact Jack Pressley at jpres79334@aol.com or 704-841-9647

PLEASE INCLUDE "CSCDS" in the subject line.

Charlotte Scottish Country Dance Society (CSCDS)

CSCDS was formed almost 40 years ago and the group is affiliated to the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS). The group is taught in accordance with the worldwide standardization as laid down by the RSCDS and does a number of performances throughout the year.

The teaching of Scottish Country Dancing allows children to develop a sense of rhythm and co-ordination together with the recognition of simple patterns and sequences. Working as a team, and being supportive of others as they progress, the dancing enhances their personal, social and emotional skills.

The high level of physical activity involved in Scottish Country Dancing promotes a healthy lifestyle for all children and it is a fun way to encourage children to exercise. The dancing will allow the children to learn patience, etiquette, consideration and appreciation of the needs and skills of other children.

There is a graded dance program for children.

For further info check out

www.RSCDS.org, and the article "Strathclyde University Press Release" at the web site that speaks of the health benefits of Scottish Country Dancing.

Too Much Candy in the House?!!

<http://mothering.com/parenting/candy-experiments>



The Homeschool Room ~ Educational Consignment Store

- What *do* they have? -How *does* consignment work?
- What about upcoming classes?

Glad you asked! These questions and many more are answered on our updated website www.thehomeschoolroom.net. Check out photo albums to see our welcoming store and get an idea just how many educational items we have for you! Read a detailed description of the kinds of goodies we get everyday; quickly access store directions. The left sidebar details store hours, contact info, how to get class info, and consignment policy.

Have a look -- and tell your friends!

Don't forget--we are now open on Mondays!! Monday-Saturday 10-5.

The Homeschool Room
 2920 Old Monroe Road, Suite B
 Matthews, NC 28104
 704-821-2662

Starting November, Growing Scholars's will go to winter hours.

We will be closed on Mondays!
 Open Tuesday - Friday 12:00 - 5:00
 Open Saturday 11:00 - 3:00

Growing Scholars, two locations:

8906 Belhaven Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28214
 704-394-9441
 2709 Old Monroe Rd., Stallings, NC 28104
 704-821-5575
www.growingscholars.com

Growing Scholars

**Celebrate Candlelight Christmas Evenings at Biltmore
 November 12, 2010-January 1, 2011**

Travel back to the 19th century as America's Largest Home welcomes you to the enchantment of Candlelight Christmas Evenings. Room after room of spectacular decorations, live entertainment, and holiday traditions transport you to the grandeur and romance of our evening celebration.

Candlelight Christmas Evenings Admission Prices

| | Adults | Youth (ages 10-16) | Child (age 9 & under) |
|--|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Nov 12-Dec 23 Sunday - Thursday | \$47.00 | \$23.50 | Free |
| Fridays - Saturdays Before Thanksgiving | \$60.00 | \$30.00 | Free |
| Fridays - Saturdays After Thanksgiving | \$64.00 | \$32.00 | Free |
| December 26 - January 1 | \$69.00 | \$34.50 | Free |

Candlelight admission includes self-guided evening visit to Biltmore House and daytime visit to the Gardens, Antler Hill Village and Winery. Special pricing applies to new business only and must use promo code.

Gate pricing: \$64.00-\$69.00
 Reservations: Call toll free 866-851-4661
 And reference PROMO CODE: 500

*Kathleen Bartlett, Sales Manager-Education
 Biltmore Estate' 1 Approach Road
 Asheville, NC 28803
 828-777-9341 Cell phone, www.biltmore.com*

Testing offered at Central Academy of Lake Park
 Stanford Achievement Test and
 Otis-Lennon Test of School Abilities (for Elementary & Middle Only)
 March 21 - March 25, 2010 (elementary students; a.m. times vary)
 March 21 - March 24, 2010 (middle school students; 8:30-12:15)
 Registration Deadline - December 17, 2010 \$45.00

Stanford Achievement Test (for high school students; 8:30-11:30/12:00)
 March 21 - March 23, 2010
 Registration Deadline - December 17, 2010

STANFORD
 If cancelled at least 24 hours in advance, the registration fee, less a \$5 administrative fee, will be refunded to the parent. Testing may not be re-scheduled.

Please contact Dr. Mildred Similton at 704-882-6267 or msimilton@centralacademyatlakepark.org, if you have questions.

Registration form available at:
http://xa.yimg.com/kq/groups/13103810/1939804261/name/Homeschool%20Testing%20Registration_10-11.pdf

Warriors and Warbirds Air Show

Just don't read history ... experience it!
November 6 & 7

Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport

Gates open at 9 a.m.

\$10 for adults

\$5 for veterans

\$5 for age 12 - 18

Under 12 are free

<http://www.warriorsandwarbirds.com/>

<http://www.minthillhistory.com/>

War Between The States - For Home School Students

November 5, 2010 | 2p-5p
 Step back in history at the Carl J. McEwen Historic Village. Demonstrators and re-enactors representing the Civil War will be in the village to offer students a hands on experience in history.

Lee and Jackson.....the last meeting.

November 5, 2010 | 7:00p
 The Generals meet at the campfire to make strategic plans for their attack on the Northern line. It would be Lee's greatest victory and Jackson's final battle.
 For information call 704-573-0726
 this sort I've seen in a while.---Karen)

Salute To Veterans

November 6, 2010 | 9a-3p
 Exhibits of military memorabilia will be on display, along with demonstrators and re-enactors representing the Civil War era. Flag retirements by Boy Scout Troop 144.
 For more information call 704-573-0726
 (Note: We have gone to this for several years and thoroughly enjoyed it. If you go, be sure to find one of the re-enactors, Deacon Jones, and hear him tell the true story of a free black man from our area who served in the Confederacy. It's a part of the story that I had not heard before and fascinating. He's also one of the best storytellers of this sort I've seen in a while.---Karen Dutton, Enrich)

Christmas Teas

December 8 & 9 at 1pm and 4pm / December 10 & 11 at 1pm and 4pm and 7pm
 Celebrate the season with tea, at the Ashcraft Schoolhouse in the Carl J. McEwen Historic Village. The 100 year old schoolhouse makes a warm and cozy setting for hot wassail, plum pudding and other delicious treats.
 \$20 per person For reservations call 704-573-0726

**Are you seeking a rewarding volunteer experience?
 If so, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library could really use your help.**



The Library needs committed volunteers at the **Mint Hill** and **North County** (Huntersville) branches to help sort and shelve books (we call it a "Circulation Helper"). You'll gain new skills and recognized work experience while helping us serve the community.

Volunteers should be able to consistently donate two or more hours a week for a 6 month commitment. If you are 14 and older, can sort and shelve materials and believe libraries are important to communities, we would like you to join our team!

Other volunteer opportunities are available.
Check out the full volunteer opportunity description and complete a volunteer application today.
http://www.plcmc.org/about_us/get_involved/volunteer.asp

Come and join us for the first ever Bounce U Family Fun Night!

Enrich has reserved the entire Bounce U facility for this event. For years, we've heard the feedback that families would like to be able to meet other families at evening or weekend activities so that the working spouse can attend. Here is your chance. Come, bounce, meet others, and have a great time!

Bounce U, Charlotte is an awesome, two room bouncing facility that accommodates ALL ages from toddler to adult. Yes, even adults can bounce on their very large, durable equipment. There will be teens there too. Bounce U is located in the University City area just off of Statesville Road.

When: Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, 7-9 p.m.

Where: Bounce U, Charlotte

10624 Metromont Pkwy. #300
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269
Phone: (704) 921-8771
charlotte.nc@bounceu.com

North Charlotte

Cost is \$6 per bouncer, pay at the door.

Come and meet others, bounce (or just have your kids bounce) and have a really great time! Invite friends and have even more fun.

Stallings—Keepers of the Home

There are 3 families so far to start a Keepers group. We will be meeting at the Stallings Park across from Stalling Town Hall at 1:30 on Thursday Nov. 4th.

Please e-mail me if you would like to join us so we can look for you! All ages welcome.

us_plus_3girls@yahoo.com

New Chess Club! S. Charlotte

The club will be held on Tuesdays from 11:00 - 1:00 at the 521 Rec Center. It's located at 11401 Ardrey Kell Road in South Charlotte. The cost will be \$5.00 per child for the first half (chess playing only) and \$10.00 per child for the second half (chess instruction). There will be a discount of \$2.50 for each additional sibling (for the chess instruction).

If you have any questions, please just email or call me at:
704-902-3665

Thanks!
-Matt Noble
mnnoble65@msn.com

Matt has good recommendations from homeschoolers who know him. This is open to all ages.

Union West

123 Unionville-Indian Trail Road
Indian Trail, NC 28079
(704) 821-7475

CHILDREN

Nifty Thrifty Math Crafts

The activities you will do combine math and art. Come create a symmetrical butterfly and an equilateral triangle picture frame.

11/15 at 4 PM

Cartooning Club

If you like superheroes, cartoons, comic books, Disney art, drawing, writing, or creating people and places then the Cartooning Club is for you! Create work you can display and meet special guest artists. For ages 8 and up.

11/18 at 5:30 PM

Cookies with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Come meet Santa, share your wishes, enjoy activities and snacks. Parents, don't forget your camera! Sponsored by the Union West Rotary Club.

12/4 at 12 PM

TEENS (for ages 13-18)

Union West It's Game Time!

Stop by the library for fun board games and a video game featuring some karaoke. Pizza will also be provided. Call 704-821-7475 for more information.

11/30 from 4:30-6:30 PM

Field Trip Opportunity Uptown

My name is Lynn Caldwell, and I manage the Atherton Market at Atherton Mill. We are a producer-only local food farmers market located in historic South End near uptown Charlotte. Open year-round, we host farmers, growers, and prepared food vendors who showcase what is fresh and seasonal in our area.

We offer a great "field trip" destination for your families, particularly for kids in the Kindergarten through 4th grade age range. We would offer your families the opportunity to talk with a variety of vendors, including produce farmers, meat farmers, bee keepers, and more. We see a good many home schooling families on a regular basis, and their kids love to come to the market.

During your stay, I am available to talk with you kids about the nutrition value of locally grown food, as well as other reasons that it is important to know where your food comes from and who grows it.

Our hours are Saturdays 9-2, Tuesdays 3-7, and Wednesdays 9-1. We can work with you to plan your ideal visit, and have suggestions to prepare your kids before they come. We are located 1 block south of the East/West light rail stop, and have abundant parking. We also have a great space indoors or outdoors for picnics and/or snack time.

Many of our vendors offer samples, and are great with kids. Please consider this unique, valuable, and free opportunity to discover a great place in the community!

You can contact me by phone or email to discuss the options. I can be reached at 704-335-0777 or

athertonmarket@gmail.com.

Thanks for your consideration!

Lynn S. Caldwell
Atherton Market Manager

<http://www.facebook.com/athertonmillandmarket>

Potential resource for astronomy:
www.HomeSchoolAstronomy.com

I'd glad to act as a free resource for your homeschool parents in regard to Astronomy and Education. I have a master's degree in education and a passion for sharing Astronomy with students and parents alike.

Your Home School Astronomy Friend,
Tony Ceraso

Does your child or family volunteer? Community Service, International Humanitarian Aid, Faith-Based Initiatives? Take a moment to read this opportunity for recognition of hours served. I will be verifying service through two groups - CCHNet and CCHNet-Teen - all are welcome to join.

I have recently applied for and was accepted to certify volunteer hours through the **Presidential Service Award Program**. Parents may enter students' volunteer hours online in many different humanitarian aid, community service, and faith-based initiative categories to achieve the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Presidential Service Awards. Yes! This is perfect for home educators to actually get official awards for all of those volunteer hours making it the perfect line item for your transcript or college apps in the "Awards" category. This is a great opportunity!

Go to <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov> and create an account. Then use my code for the person/agency/organization for certification: ZFG-45608.

This will put you in my queue for approval, and on a list for further information about how to order your awards when achieved.

The Presidential Service Award is a way to get started at an early age! This award is for ages 5 - Adult so get busy organizing your service hours record.

Let's celebrate the heritage of volunteerism in home education!

For additional info contact:

Valorie Pope
val@planetpope.com



The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation (the Council) was established in 2003 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve. The Council created the President's Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

Any individual, family, or group can receive Presidential recognition for volunteer hours earned over a 12-month period or over the course of a lifetime at home or abroad.

First in Flight Gymnastics **Gaston**

Ages: 6 and up

Cost: \$40 per month for 1 class a week, our regular rate is \$60 but we have reduced the price for all homeschoolers :)
 Additional siblings: \$10 off per additional child

Additional discounts: If 5 or more children from the same homeschool group sign up, a %10 discount will be applied to the tuition every month

Class times: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-2:00pm

Class description: The class will consist of ten minutes of warm up games and then followed by stretching. Afterwards the instructor will pick two gymnastics events (Bars, Vault, Balance Beam, or Floor Exercise) for the children to go to. Often times the coach will take them to tumble track (a long trampoline) and teach basic jumps, turns etc. They will have structured time on each event for around twenty minutes per event, teaching balance, flexibility, coordination, strength, and most importantly self confidence. Usually at the end of class for five minutes, the instructor will allow the children to play in our in-ground foam pit. Gymnastics is unlike any sport, it teaches children about body awareness along with respect and self discipline, all in a fun environment. If any of the parents have younger siblings we offer a class before the allotted time for homeschool instruction. On Tuesday we offer a class for 3 to 5 year olds and of Thursday we offer a hands on Mom and Tot class that is for 2-3 year olds.

Brittany Dickinson
 First in Flight Gymnastics
 704-866-0040

Steele Creek

Carolina Dance Academy is now offering a Homeschool Tumbling Class!
Try for FREE Nov. 4 & 11!!

Homeschool Acrobatics – Thursdays

Ages 5 – 8 attend 12:30 – 1:15pm
 Ages 9 – 12 attend 1:15 – 2pm

Minimum number of students = 3
 Maximum number of students = 9

Parents must stay during class time

Try for FREE November 4 and 11

Enroll Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 9 and 16 for \$35

January 2011 – April 2011 monthly tuition is \$35

www.carolinadanceacademy.com
 704-583-1354

Huntersville!

Our Fall classes are coming to an end, and with the art class starting tonight, that only leaves us with one class left to register for. Below is the information for Home School Circus Skills. There are currently only 4 registered and the minimum for the class is 12. Please, if you are interested in this class then get your information in quickly that way we don't have to cancel the class. The registration deadline is **Monday, November 22nd**.

Circus Skills

Come join the Fettucini Brothers and learn exciting circus skills such as juggling, plate spinning, rope spinning, balancing skills, stilt walking and the Diabalo!!! No previous experience necessary, just come enjoy the fun!

Instructor: Steven Langley
Class Day: Monday
Class Dates: Session II: November 29, December 6th and 13th
Times: 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Location: Waymer Center Gym
Class Fee: \$25.00/ resident
 \$27.50/ non-resident

Class Length: 3 classes
Registration: at Huntersville Parks and Recreation,
 704-766-2220
 Minimum 12/Maximum 30

Sierra Davenport
Recreation Coordinator
Town of Huntersville
sdavenport@huntersville.org
Mobile: 704-400-4506
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Woodside Learning Center

Online and Face-to-Face Enrichment Classes

Grades 4-12

Every student approaches education with different strengths and experiences. As a result, learning is an individual challenge for each of us. Our goal is to help students harness their strengths, push beyond their weaknesses, and learn that challenge is not a bad thing. Most of all, we want them to remember that learning can be fun!

Woodside Learning Center 2010/2011 Course Schedule

NOTE: There are still openings available in all classes

Themes in American History (Online)

Semester II: January 6-May 5, 2011

Grades 10-12

Study Skills (Online)

This course is offered several times throughout the year

October 28-December 23, 2010

January 6-March 3, 2011

March 17-May 12, 2011

Grades 7-12

Magazine Creation: Fiction & Non-Fiction Writing (Online or Face to Face)

January 6-March 3, 2011

Grades 4-10

All About Me: Fiction & Non-Fiction Writing (Online or Face to Face)

March 17-May 12, 2011

Grades 4-10

Creative Writing: Fables, Fairytales, Fantasy, & Fiction (Online or Face to Face)

October 28-December 23, 2010

Grades 4-10

For more information or a registration form please visit our website or contact Cyndy McKinley:

Website: www.woodsidelc.com

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Children's Art Classes (for ages 5-18)

Classes offered: drama, drawing, painting, pottery, and more. For class schedules go to www.minthillarts.org or visit Mint Hill Arts Fine Arts Center and Gallery at 7714 Matthews-Mint Hill Road in downtown Mint Hill, NC 28227.

980-226-5532

CrossFit Charlotte, a strength and conditioning program, now offers **CrossFit Kids**. CrossFit Kids is not merely a scaled down version of CrossFit it is entirely and absolutely CrossFit, geared and designed for a specific population and needs of that population. CrossFit Kids is divided into three age groups; pre-school (3-5), kids (6-12) and teens (13-18). We will offer free introductory classes on Saturdays starting on the 13th for the month of November at 11am. If you are interested please contact Andy Hendel at CrossFit Charlotte, coacha@crossfitcharlotte.com or call 704.519.6693. CrossFit Charlotte is located at 3595 Monroe Rd. Suite 100. Next to Inner peaks.

South Charlotte

Studio Class: Basic Pottery Mooresville

Facilitator's Name: Eddie Odom

Detailed description of lab: Each student will have the opportunity to create 3 pottery projects using clay. They will start with the pinch pot, move to a coil project and end with a slab piece. Once the student is able to complete the basic hand building projects, they will be able to build anything out of clay using hand building tools and clay pieces. Two of the pieces will be glazed and fired. One piece will be completed in acrylic paint. All of the clay, glazes and acrylic paint are safe and environmentally friendly to use.

Duration of lab: 10 wks

Cost of lab for each student: \$55.00

Materials to be used: notebook, apron/cover shirt, towel. A small bucket to hold tools, Students under the age of 12 need one plastic knife and plastic spoon. Other items will be available in class. 12 yr. and older students need the "8 Piece Pottery Tool Set" by Art Mines. (Micheal's has the best price using the 40% off coupon).

Prerequisites for the lab: none

Lab is for grades: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th.

Homework amount: none

Is there a maximum number of participants?: 4

Studio Class: Pottery II

Facilitator's Name: Eddie Odom

Detailed description of lab: In this class the student will apply all of their skills from basic pottery. They will learn how to make a vase, tea pot, mug, etc. All of the clay and glazes are safe for the kids and the environment. All projects will be fired in a kiln. The student will work on his or her project at their own pace.

Duration of lab: 10wks

Cost of lab for each student: \$65.00

Materials to be used: Clay, glazes pottery tool set, apron, towel, small bucket, notebook, cardboard, and newspaper.

Prerequisites for the lab: Yes, basic pottery.

Homework amount: less than one hour.

Is there a maximum number of participants?: 4

Studio Class: Throwing Pottery using the Wheel

Facilitator's Name: Eddie Odom

Detailed description of class: Classes will be offered at in home studio only and cover basic use of the pottery wheel and throwing techniques. Bio available at EddieOdomPottery.com 704-990-8923/704 953 5912

Duration of Class: 2 hrs. x 5wks thurs & fridays

Cost of Class: \$20.00 per class.

Materials to be used: Apron, towel and notebook.

Prerequisites for class: none

Homework amount: none

Is there a maximum number of participants?: 2

Bio available at EddieOdomPottery.com 704-990-8923/704 593 5912

Exciting News from The Charlotte Stampede!

In addition to our JV and Varsity teams, the Charlotte Stampede will be fielding a homeschool middle school team for the Spring 2011 school season.

The Charlotte Stampede will be holding a special **2-day Fundamental Skills Camp** just for our Middle School players at Core Athletics (www.mycoreathletics.com).

Saturday November 6th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**Sunday November 7th 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Varsity Head Coach **David Darwin** of Core Athletics and Middle School Head Coach **Walt Bundy** will be leading the camp with assistance from Stampede Varsity players.

This camp will be focused on fundamental skills development. It will be a great opportunity for Middle School players to spend time with our Coaches and Varsity players and to learn more about the fundamental skills needed to play the game well. The camp will also give families and players a great introduction to the Stampede organization and coaches.

Cost for the two day camp is \$40.00 which includes a t-shirt. Please register by Wednesday Nov 3 at charlottestampede@yahoo.com

The Charlotte Stampede is still recruiting home educated baseball players for the JV and Varsity teams. Charlotte Stampede baseball offers competitive school ball in a Christian environment for home schooled athletes. We pull players from all over the Charlotte metro area. In the 2010 season we had players from Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Union, Iredell, Gaston Counties and South Carolina. We play public, private and home school teams from around the area. **For more information about Charlotte Stampede baseball check out our website www.charlottestampede.org or contact charlottestampede@yahoo.com**

Check out the new look of WWHEAT's website!

<http://www.wwheat.org/>

Small hands big art provides art enrichment classes, camps and parties for children & young adults, with classes running in six week sessions (children can join at any time during the session, space permitting). Children are exposed to a wide variety of artistic mediums, including painting, drawing, clay, collage, printmaking and construction. A low teacher/student ratio is maintained, with classes typically averaging between eight to twelve kids, with two adults at all times.

Conveniently located at the Fountains Shopping Center at the corner of **Ardrey Kell & Tom Short Roads**, their sunny studio provides a lively space that is safe, engaging, organized and welcoming. Children feel free and uninhibited to explore their creativity without worrying about making a mess – and moms don't have to scrub markers off the walls or paint out of the carpet!

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For More information

contact Art at :

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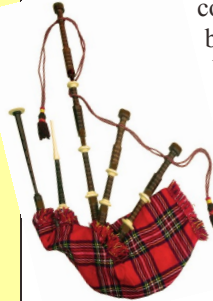
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Hello, my name is Krysta and my husband, Eric Albert, is offering **Highland Bagpipe lessons** for the greater Charlotte area homeschoolers. We have recently moved here from upstate New York with our 14 year old. Eric has given lessons to Rochester's homeschoolers for the past 3 years and has been a top-level, award winning bagpiper for the last 24 years. Eric specializes in the ancient musical piping and competitive form of Pìobaireachd but teaches traditional bag piping such as jigs, reels and so on.



Here is a link to this website:

<http://www.piperspage.com>.

It's a thorough website with the history of bagpipes, lots of photos and information about Eric.

Lessons are generally in our home in Moss Creek, **Concord** in the school room area upstairs. We do lessons in our home for a few reasons- first it gives the children an opportunity to get out of their home and socialize with others and primarily because lessons are best done when in an environment free of any distractions such as parents, siblings, pets, phones, TV, etc. Lessons are given in musical form, reading pipe music as well as the history of bagpipes.

We accept cash, credit cards and checks drawn from local banks. Tuition is \$60 a month for the first child and \$40 for additional children. If we can get together a group lesson of 3 or more students in a class, the fee is just \$40 a month (\$10 lesson!). Lesson fees are accepted the beginning of each months first lesson. There is no refund or credit for missed classes, I'm sorry.

Children may be in groups of the following ages:

7-10, 11-14, 15-18

We have plenty of references upon request. We are in the process of updating his website for the Charlotte area as well as online-scheduling and online virtual lessons.

Lessons for adults are available as well. Eric has been teaching adults for many years.

If you have any additional questions about lessons or Eric, please don't hesitate to give us a call! My cell is (585) 489-1505 and his is (585) 281-1945



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If your student is in grades 3-12, we invite you to join us in the most fun science competition around!

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For more information, please email joyous-song@carolina.rr.com or call 704-454-5780

Other Science Olympiad Teams:

Science Hounds and Science Hunters S. Charlotte

Amy Taylor-Brill TaylorBrill@mac.com

Joanie Baeuerle imbaeurle@yahoo.com

Quest Cornelius

Amy Nemeth mscoach@questforscience.org

STORM University/Huntersville

Wendy Goodwin 10nisgirl@gmail.com

Engineering and Lego League Help

First Lego League - Charlotte Latin Engineering/Robotics teacher, Tom Dubick, is offering to help FLL teams on a limited basis. Interested? Contact Tom Dubick at tdubick@charlottelatin.org (704.846.7275 or 704.609.3773).

Fly To Learn Program - local grant money is available to fund this program. Students design, build and fly virtual airplanes. Created by teaching professionals and the engineers at X-Plane to foster student interest in science, technology, engineering, and math through exciting aviation-based lessons. www.flytolearn.com Contact Tom Dubick at 704.846.7275 or 704.609.3773.

Charlotte Latin is excited to offer students of middle school age the opportunity to take engineering classes on weeknights. This is a hands-on, minds-on class that teaches applied math and science concepts using the engineering process. Contact Tom Dubick at tdubick@charlottelatin.org (704.846.7275 or 704.609.3773).

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Boy Scout Troop 94

Boy Scout Troop 94 invites all homeschooled boys ages 11-17 to join us for outdoor adventure! We are a Christ-centered homeschool troop. Our mission statement, *Equipping young men to be godly leaders in family,*

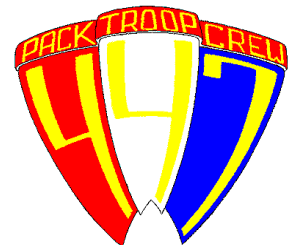
church, and society, is carried out with an exciting outdoor Scouting program which includes: canoeing, backpacking, rifle shooting, wilderness survival, and more. Not only do the boys learn first aid, fire safety and how to tie knots, but they learn how to lead others in an environment where **character counts.**

Our Troop meets throughout the year at University Hills Baptist Church (across from UNCC) on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights of each month from 7 pm - 8:30 pm. For more information, please contact Greg Mason, Scoutmaster (sgmason@duke-energy.com, 704-661-4464) or Steve Nosko, Troop Committee Chair (snosko@bellsouth.net, 704-531-1889).



Scouting Unit 447 is for home schoolers and their families. And not just your sons! We believe scouting is a family affair! Check out our Sisters of Scouts Program and Co-Ed Venturing Unit. We meet at St. Michaels Anglican Church, 2211 Margaret Wallace Road. (Near the corner of Independence Blvd and Margaret Wallace Road.) See list below for meeting times. The unit number comes from Philippians 4:4-7, which is the Mission Statement: *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* See our website

<http://unit447.org/>



Boy Scouting is a great organization that teaches important leadership skills to not only boys but older girls as well through their Venturing program. It does this starting with fun activities like the Pinewood Derby when they are in the Pack and progressing to challenging activities like camping, hiking, backpacking, canoeing and survival skills as the move into the Troop and Crew. The term "Unit" encompasses a group that can include a Pack, Troop and Crew. Scouting develops character. Sports only expose it.

We have lots of family- friendly events planned like a trip to bike ride on the Virginia Creeper Trail – 18 miles, all down hill! They drive you to the top! And of course there is the usual Father/Son Camping, Blue & Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby, Hiking, Back Packing and all around FUN!!

Cub Scout Pack 447 - Boys ages 6 to 10 (1st-5th grade): Meets the 1st and 3rd Mon each month from 7-8:30 p.m. Committee Chair: *Marie Beavers*, MDichoso@aol.com, 704-246-3828.

Boy Scout Troop 447 - Boys ages 10 to 17: Meets the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Mon each month from 7-9 p.m. Scoutmaster: *Van Swepston*, swepston@juno.com, 704-366-4061.

Crew 447 - Co-ed program for young adults ages 14-20 seeking High Adventure: Meets the 2nd & 4th Tues of each month from 7-9 p.m. Venturing Advisor: *Debbie Bateman*, ajbdjb447@msn.com, 704-531-0861.

Sisters of Scouts - School-age girls: Unit 447 truly believes that Scouting is a family activity and offers a program so that your daughters can participate as well through Bible study and crafts. Meets the 1st and 3rd Monday each month from 7-8:30 p.m. Leader: *Debbie Bateman*, ajbdjb447@msn.com, 704-531-0861.

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