

The Acorn

Christian Family Home Educators is a Christian, nondenominational, non-profit homeschooling group dedicated to helping parents educate their children at home.



"So they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified." Isaiah 61:3

JANUARY 2013

Moms' Night Out by Jenny Hurd

Come and join us for a fun and encouraging evening of fellowship just for moms on **Thursday, January 17th**, at **7:00 pm** at Liferoads Church, located at 4209 East Pacific Ave. This month we are going to talk about how we can beat the winter blues. This will be a great evening to relax with friends and be encouraged on your homeschooling journey. Please call or e-mail **Jenny** with questions, **868-6781** or jenny@cfhe.net.

Chess Club 2013 by Jeanine Ockey-Webb

Come play chess and enjoy some fun fellowship! All experience levels and ages welcome. Our next chess club meeting is **Wednesday, January 9th**, **2:00 pm** at the Ockey-Webb home, 3222 S Glenn Ct. Spokane Valley (32nd and University). Call **Jeanine** if you need directions, **891-2254**. Hope to see you there!

Tea Party Time by Marchauna Rodgers

Young ladies between 13 and 18 are invited to a tea party at the Rodgers' house on **January 18th**, **1:30 pm**. The theme is "Winter Wonderland". We will be making a winter themed craft.

We need an **RSVP** by Wednesday, January 16th. Questions or to RSVP **979-2806** or c.mrogers@comcast.net.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Have You Heard of TeenPact Leadership Schools? by Chris Rodgers

TeenPact's mission is to train youth to understand the political process, value their liberty, defend the Christian faith, and engage in the culture at a time in their lives when, typically, they do not care about such things.

TeenPact is a comprehensive leadership experience that brings young people closer to Jesus Christ, makes them better leaders, and positions them to impact the world around them. Students leave TeenPact events inspired to be leaders and challenged to change America for Christ.

The Washington class is scheduled for April 8 – 12. Registration is open now. For more information or to register, please visit www.teenpact.com or contact Chris Rodgers at 979-2804.

Homeschool Day at the Capitol

Event Date: February 27, 2013

Washington State Capitol — Olympia, WA; Hosted by Christian Homeschool Network & Christian Heritage Home Educators of WA

The Home Educators' Day at the Capitol is a great educational experience for the entire family! We offer special presentations with legislative updates, tips on meeting with your legislators, civic workshops (youth to adult), a message of encouragement for home educators, tours of the capitol, and time to meet with your legislators.

Details and event registration information coming soon!

Violin Lessons

Nancy Paulson, a 30-year violin teacher and a former homeschool mom, is offering private lessons in her home in the Greenacres area. Flat monthly fee \$50.00. Beginner and intermediate students.

Phone **927-9815** or e-mail rpnrcef@gmail.com.



Acorn Submissions Information

Submission deadline is the 20th of each month for articles. Send to newsletter@cfhe.net.

CFHE reserves the right to edit submissions for the Acorn.

New Member Information

If people inquire about CFHE and would like to join or receive more information, please give them our website address, www.cfhe.net.

Membership forms can be filled out and paid right online. Questions submitted at the website also.

If you need to talk to a board member, e-mail info@cfhe.net.

Internet

Visit our website at www.cfhe.net. You may e-mail CFHE by using our general e-mail address at info@cfhe.net. Please be sure to use the subject line to expedite your request or comments (e.g. *Webmaster, Newsletter Submission, Acorn Question*, etc.). Forwarded e-mails or e-mails with a blank subject line will be deleted or a reply will be delayed. Please do not use this e-mail address as part of a forwarded list or for non-CFHE business.

Past issues of The Acorn are available online at www.cfhe.net.

SKI OPPORTUNITIES

Dear Skiers,

We have the website set up with signup sheets to get us started this season.

Please put this e-mail in a file folder or archive it for future reference. For these first days the links at the bottom will get you directly to the sign up page, but you can access ANY day of the programs through the general website which is loaded with information. If you are new to the program please read about what is expected of you and where we meet and when.

To get to the website for information from now on and throughout the season...

<https://sites.google.com/site/silverhomeschoolski/home>

Remember the deadlines will sneak up on you. Fill out the forms early, then put the days on your calendar and we will see you very soon!

Blessings, Janelle and Ryan Starr

Grade 5 Ski Free Passport Program

This program allows students in grade 5 to go skiing or snowboarding three times at each ski area in Idaho and Eastern Washington for FREE! This is over 40 days of ski or snowboarding FREE! You must register your student to use this program. You can register online at <https://5thgradeskipassport.com/>.

FUNDRAISING FOR CFHE

BoxTops for Education

Keep saving those BoxTops! Thank you.

Amazon

You can help build the CFHE Resource Library by using the Amazon link on the CFHE website, www.cfhe.net before making a purchase at Amazon.com. A portion of your order total is donated to CFHE.

STAY INFORMED!

Washington Legislative information that may affect homeschoolers is available on the Christian Homeschool Network www.chnow.org. It is vital to pay attention to public policy, especially regarding home educating our children. Our rights depend on it!

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Project Based Science Learning at Home by Will Boyd

www.homeschoolscienceinstitute.org; www.facebook.com/HisInc

Science Online

Edible/Inedible Experiments www.madsci.org/experiments/

The Science Explorer www.exploratorium.edu/science_explorer/

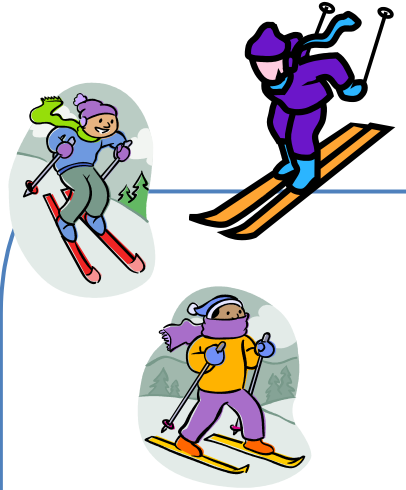
Science Experiments at Home

<http://members.ozemail.com.au/~macinnis/scifun/miniexp.htm>

Websites Games www.sheppardsoftware.com/

Writing Ideas www.bravewriter.com/blog2/; www.bravewriter.com

Acorn Newsletter Readers – I would like to know if people are reading the newsletter. If you do, could you please respond to the e-mail with a Hi!



Contacting CFHE

When trying to contact CFHE or any of its leaders, please keep in mind that e-mail does have its flaws. Inexplicably, some e-mails never reach the intended party. If, after 72 hours, you have not received a response, please resend your e-mail or call the person you are trying to contact.

Weekly Updates

Most weeks by Wednesday mornings you should find a Weekly Update from CFHE in your inbox. This is an important e-mail that is short (most of the time) and only takes a couple minutes to read. It will contain reminders of any events that are occurring in the coming week and it also will include any "late-breaking" news that can't wait for the next issue of the Acorn.



CHRISTIAN FAMILY HOME EDUCATORS INFORMATION

CFHE Website www.cfhe.net

Check out the new website!! If you have a great family picture or a picture of your children doing some special activity in their education at home, please send it to us. This is to be shared on the website. If you haven't checked it out, please do so soon. There is a blog too, so you can put your comments there. When you visit and you are asked for a password, please send an e-mail to info@cfhe.net and we will send it to you quickly.

CFHE Newsletter News

The CFHE Acorn newsletter needs your help! We need willing people to help keep this going! If you want to write articles, proofread, help with putting it together, or doing it on your own, please talk to me, **Brenda Hogan**, brenda@cfhe.net.

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Change of Address Information

Please send notice of address changes and phone corrections to **Brenda Hogan** by e-mail brenda@cfhe.net or call **286-3329**.

CFHE Prayer Team by Marchauna Rodgers

In a culture increasingly hostile towards traditional values, biblical principles, and the God who established them, those who stand for the family are under intense attack. The board members for CFHE are no exception. They need our help, like Aaron holding Moses' arms up during battle. Our board members need us to come alongside and pray for them on a regular basis.

If you are willing to stand in the gap for those who are standing up for you, by praying for specific needs for members of the CFHE board, as well as occasional general homeschooling requests, please send your e-mail address to mrodgers@ipriority.com. Thank you.

Support for Home Educators can be found on the CFHE website, www.cfhe.net.

Write for the Acorn

CFHE is a support group and one way we can support one another is by sharing our stories. The Acorn is your newsletter and the perfect place for you to share your passion, or a certain something at which you are gifted. Some of us may have walked through a difficult journey and learned valuable lessons through it. Perhaps a unique family situation, a crazy work schedule, or having children with special needs has provided you with growth opportunities. Our stories can be a real encouragement to other families. Submit your story to newsletter@cfhe.net.

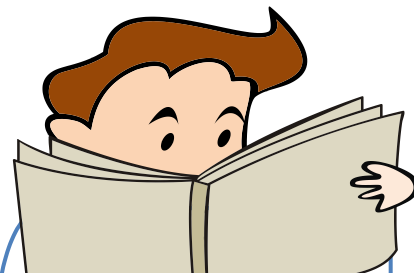
(Note: Stories might not always run in the month you send them as article placement is based on available space.) Your story just might be exactly what someone needs to read.

CFHE Family Pic

If you want to share a picture of your family, send it to newsletter@cfhe.net.

Do you know this family?

It is the Chris and Marchauna Rodgers family.



Christian Family Home Educators

Mission Statement

We encourage and support parents who home school in Spokane Valley and surrounding areas by coordinating and facilitating academic, informational, or social activities that are beneficial to home schooling families. CFHE does not presume to know the best method for home schooling. We will not promote one curriculum over another, nor will we evaluate or promote one program over another.

Although there are a myriad of different education options available, the information we provide will be limited to home schooling options not provided by public or private school systems. Additionally, because volunteer hours in CFHE are at a premium, those hours will be dedicated to helping those who educate at home independently and do not have other means of support.



CFHE FAMILY BUSINESSES

Evans Family

Hands-On Learning

Unit studies, creative writing, organization, and early childhood products for homeschoolers.

www.SusanEvans.org

Hartmann Family

We have merged our book company and our web design company into one company, and our new company is called *Dream Crafturs*. So here is the new info for our company:

Info: People have dreams: dreams of publishing a book, launching a website, or starting their own business. Dream Crafturs exists to help others craft their dreams. Your Dream is our Craft!

Email: mydream@dreamcrafturs.com

Site: www.dreamcrafturs.com

Purpose: Dream Crafturs exists solely for the purpose of bringing glory to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in all that we say and do. We hope to do this by helping others publish books, launch websites, or start their own business. And we hope to do so in a manner that is honest and fair in all our dealings.

Hogan Family

Hirschel Heritage Farm

www.goodcarrots.com

286-3329

Stephens Family

Latah Creek Hatchery

Chicks, fertile eggs and custom hatching, specializing in Black Copper Marans
Skye Stephens (owner)

russellsskye@gmail.com

509-251-5519

Lilies Diapers

Cloth Diapers and Accessories

Lily Stephens (owner)

www.liliesdiapers.com

liliesdiapers@gmail.com

Latah Electric

Russell Stephens (Master Electrician)

latah.lectric@gmail.com

509-435-5990

We would love to list your family business in the newsletter and on our website. Please send the name of your business, a description of it and the website to newsletter@cfhe.net.



Start the New Year with
Prayer

Instead of making a New Year's resolution
Consider committing to a biblical solution
Your promises are easily broken
Empty words, though earnestly spoken
But God's Word transforms the soul
By His Holy Spirit making you whole
As you spend time alone with Him
He will change you from within

-- Mary Fairchild



Coupon code for CFHE Members to save
on cloth diapers at liliesdiapers!

20% off entire order by using this
coupon code at checkout: CFHEMEMBER