



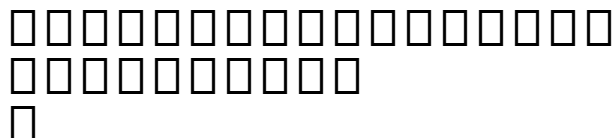
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Coordinators Notes

MONTHLY MEETINGS

September 23, 2003

It is the beginning of a new school year and we have had a great start. Already our group has 44 families who have joined, with 18 being new families. The back to school fair brought out many of the new families. What an encouragement to see families with preschool and Kindergarten aged children who have decided to home school and are looking for support and information.

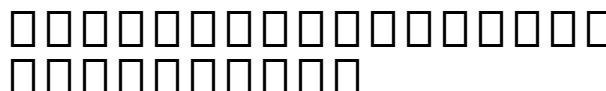
Our next meeting will be September 23, 7pm at the Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech Seminar Center. We anticipate many of the new members to be at the meeting, so all of you veterans try to make it out Tuesday evening so you can meet the new members and help with questions and encouragement. We do not have a baby-sitter this year (anyone want to volunteer?) but children are always welcome. We plan to have the Handbook and Directory completed by this meeting and will give them out to the members present. If you are unable to be at the meeting, the Handbook and Directory will be mailed to you around the 1st of October.

A huge thank to Jyl Griffin for the recent Lowe's field trip. There were about 35 children who participated and Lowe's seemed a little overwhelmed at such a large group! Most of the families were new and we had a little time to visit, but communication was limited with 35 hammers going! Jyl has spent a lot of time and energy this past summer planning our field trips for the year and she has a really good variety of things planned. Check out the list and see if you might be interested.

Remember the Teen Night this month will be this Saturday, the 20th at the Holmes home. Susan has been planning the teen night for the last several months and the kids have a great time. If you are new members with teenagers, this is a great time for your children to meet the others in the group. Susan and the FOSHE teens do a fine job of making sure everyone feels a part of the group.

We hope your school year has had a good start. Each year seems to bring new challenges, frustrations, and victories. Home schooling certainly isn't dull! Remember the group is a SUPPORT group. Our individual philosophies will differ, but our desire to do the best for our children is a common factor among us. Let's help each other this year to have a great year for each family.

Kelly and Karen



FOSHE Business

Things to Come

Events and Field Trips

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

I'm sure you have been too busy enjoying the summer to let us know you would like to help with the Thanksgiving program. (Do you feel guilty yet?) Seriously, this program is one all the children have enjoyed in the past and offers an opportunity for our children to 'perform'. If several parents would volunteer this would not be such a daunting task. Please, seriously think about helping with this and let either Kelly or Karen know you would like to help.

TEEN GAME NIGHT

To: All FOSHE Teens & Home school Graduates (Ages 13 and up only please)

The next teen event will be Saturday, September 20th, 3:00-9:00 P.M. at the Holmes house. (Directions Below). We'll be roasting hot dogs and playing various outdoor games, weather permitting.

Each person is asked to bring his or her favorite franks, sausages, or wieners.

The Holmes family will provide chili and condiments.

We need 4 volunteers to bring 3 packages of buns each. (Those providing buns are exempt from providing the items below.)

Guys are asked to bring a two-liter beverage and a package of chips.

Girls are asked to bring a dessert.

We need volunteers for plates, ice, and utensils. If you can provide one of these items, please let me know ASAP. It would also be a good idea to bring a lawn chair if possible.

Also, feel free to bring guests (as long as they are or were home schooled, and at least 13 years old). If you bring a guest, please bring a little extra food to accommodate them as well.

We have a few new teens in FOSHE who are planning on attending. So we hope all you regulars will come and make them feel welcome.

Susan Holmes
Teen Activities Coordinator
918-866-2256

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Directions to the Holmes's:

From I-35 and Harrison (Hwy 18) in Shawnee, go north to Meeker to the four-way stop sign.

Continue north for exactly 5 miles. (Be sure to watch your mile counter.

It's really easy to whiz right by the turn. Also, when you pass the Lincoln County Raceway, you'll go down a hill and climb back up. Our road is at the top of that hill.)

The road sign will be on your right and says E. 99th Rd. You'll turn east (right). After you cross a rickety wooden bridge, you'll climb back up a hill and our house sits at the top of the hill to your right. Our driveway entrance is exactly 1 mile east of Hwy 18.

#### **FIELD TRIP**

F.Y.I. Please note the changes in the school year field trips. The dates have been changed to meet either Thursday, or Friday this school year.

Sprouts and Trial blazers:

Friday Oct. 31, at 9 a.m. will be our next field trip. We will be going to Jeri Akins home for goat and cow milking. She will provide opportunities for us to milk and will give a short dairy lesson and making butter. If you would like to meet and carpool over, please call Jyl Griffin. 878-8856. There is no RSVP necessary, only if you want to car pool over, then you will need to call me.

Directions from Seminole area: on 102 go to four way stop (locals know it as wild cat corner), go left or east on Hardesty, four miles. Right before the 4 mile marker there is a mobile home park, then take a right at 4 mile marker. Look for New Hope Baptist Church sign, it will point south, turn south there and go almost 2 miles. On left is a house- Big white 2 story farm house. 19901 Coke Road. That's their home.  
From Shawnee: Starting from the corner of Hardesty and Highway 177, go west on Hardesty and go about 2 ½ miles. Look for New Hope Baptist Church sign, go left, go 2 miles. House is a big white 2 story farm house, 19901 Coker Road.

You can call Jeri if you need assistance in directions:598-6307

Possible Family Field Trip: Every year Oklahoma Baptist University has an "M&M's" concert at Raley Chapel. Their symphonic band and then jazz band plays many pieces. Their DJ is Dr. Brown, who is retiring this year. There will be one performance night, Friday, Oct. 24., in the evening. It's a big deal on Bison Hill, great music, lots of fun & laughs, and with the admission you get a box of M&M's. If you are interested in going, Dr. Hansford, the band director, will give a group school discount for students and adults. Let me know by Oct. 9th if you are interested.

Park days: In Oct. and November we will be meeting at Kids Space the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.(Oct.2, 16, Nov. 6, 20) Meet time: 12:30-2:00. If the weather is rainy, we will meet at the Shawnee Library to quietly visit and play in their kid area. Call Jyl Griffin for any questions 878-8856.

#### **4-H**

The 4-H club meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at the Bethel Community Center at 3:00 p.m. If you would like more information about 4-H call Mary Roberts at 598-6093

### **FYI**

#### **P.E. CLASSES**

Our home school P.E. class is at the Boys and Girls club (Salvation Army) at 200 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Shawnee. The fee is \$30.00 from September to December for more information call Jason @ 273-1470

#### **ART CLASSES**

My fall homeschool art classes will begin September 9. The classes will again be on Tuesday with the same schedule.

Art II - 11:00 - 12:20

Art I - 12:30 - 1:20

Art III - 1:30 - 2:50

Last year there were students interested in art that could not come on Tuesday. This year I will be able to offer extra classes on Monday if there is enough interest to create a class. I also offer private lessons.

For more information contact Elizabeth Johnson at 273-2527.

#### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

If you would like to put something in the newsletter concerning home schooling please e-mail it to me by the end of the day on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thanks, Vicki Mason✍