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# Nassau County Home Educators

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## NCHE Presentation Night/Kindergarten Graduation 2009

Plans are in the works for Presentation Night 2009. We have many new families in our group this year and I encourage you to join the NCHE family for this special evening. Presentation Night is the night we come together to celebrate the talents and accomplishments of our children. Your children can perform for us (piano or any musical instrument, recite a poem, read a story they have written, most anything they have a talent for and would like to do) or they can display a project they have worked on this year (science or history project, art work, lego projects, etc.). We have had many wonderful moments listening to our children play piano, drums, tuba, and flute, recite poems, perform karate demonstrations, dancing, entertaining us with stand up comedy routines, or reading stories they have written. We

have seen lego projects that have boggled our minds, beautiful art work, and science and history projects that they have worked on through out the year, even baby chicks and hamsters. It is an evening for NCHE families to come together and to put the spot light on our children. If your child is not comfortable performing, the display area may be what you want to consider. And even if you don't have a display, come and support the home school community. Each child in attendance will receive a certificate and a group picture will be taken that will be in the News Leader. This year we have three graduating seniors to recognize. They are Marisa Crump, Heather Van Wagner, and Courtney Wilson. Kindergarten graduates are also recognized with their own

graduation ceremony. We have Kindergarten graduation gowns that you may borrow, and caps that you may purchase for \$3.00. After the presentations and displays, we enjoy a meal together. **Please bring two finger food items.** Dessert and drinks will be provided. **Date:** Thursday, April 23, 2009 **Time:** 7:00 p.m.. Please arrive early (starting at 6:15pm) to set your display if you have one. I will be setting up from 9am-10am at the church, if your child wants to come set up their display or practice on the keyboard. **Place:** Springhill Baptist Church **Contact person:** Debbie Hopper @ 225-9160. Please RSVP as soon as possible. I start making the certificates as soon as you reply.

## Senior Formal & Graduation.

The senior formal is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18, 2009** from 6:30pm until 11:00pm @ the Fernandina Beach Golf Club. This year's theme is **"Masquerade- The Grande Illusion"**. Again this is for students completing grades 8 -12 and their parents. The students may bring a guest. Ticket price is \$30.00. So start planning. There will be prizes given for the best "Masquerade Mask." As in the past two years a photographer will be available and we will provide more information on the cost of packages closer to the event. This year we will enjoy hors'douerves & a dessert

buffet, soft drinks, coffee, tea and punch. A professional DJ will provide music and entertainment. **Graduation is planned for Saturday, May 16, 2009,** 6:00pm @ the Church of Christ, Fernandina Beach. **Please make checks payable to: NCHE** Please mail to: **Natalie Van Wagner** 94250 Summer Breeze Drive Fernandina Beach, FL 32034



**Graduation Day!**  
Saturday, May 16, 2009



**Senior Formal!**  
Saturday, April 18, 2009



# Monthly Reminders



"Dining is and always was a great artistic opportunity."

Frank Lloyd Wright

## NCHE Tennis

### New days and times:

Tuesdays: 9-10 a.m. & 3--4 p.m.

Thursday: 3--4 p.m.

### High School:

Tues. & Thurs. 4-5 p.m.

\$5 per lesson

Tennis Courts at the Yulee Sports Complex

Call Becky La Mere to sign up or

for more information call

225-8361 or e-mail me @

[LaMere6@bellsouth.net](mailto:LaMere6@bellsouth.net)



Join us April 2, @ 7 p.m. at our home for good conversation and good company. -Jan Wilson

## Mom's Night Out!

Couple's Night, bring a husband if you can but still join us if you can't! 4/9/09, Thurs 7 p.m. at Applebee's, FB. If you need any more information, please call Michele Reuter at 904-225-0707 or email me at [itsabeautifullawn@comcast.net](mailto:itsabeautifullawn@comcast.net).

Speech/drama class contact Piper John at [pej2007@aol.com](mailto:pej2007@aol.com) or 548-0572.

## 3rd Annual Book Sale

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."*

Dr. Seuss



It's official, we have a date. This year our book sale will be one day only, Friday, June 5th, 2009 from 9a.m. to 4 p.m. The Fernandina Beach Church of Christ is graciously allowing us to use their facility again this year. We are very grateful for their hospitality. Each year we get better and better sales results. I need volunteers to help setup and take down the tables,

write tickets, take money, help delivery books to cars and whatever else...

The book sale has typically been for our group first and the public second. Since we are only doing one day this year, the newspaper should say 11am to 4 pm so the group can shop early. Items sold typically include all curriculum, manipulatives, music, movies,

games, parental helps.

If you have questions or want to help, please either email me:

[markandteresataylor@comcast.net](mailto:markandteresataylor@comcast.net) or phone me at 491-8513.

Let's make this our best book sale ever.

Thanks, Teresa



# Recycle!



## Household Hazardous Waste Day, April 25

Attached for distribution to your networks, both electronic and via paper where appropriate (such as posting at work and on community bulletin boards) is our flyer for this year's, our second annual, hazardous waste and electronics recycling day. It will be held once again in the Home Depot parking lot, AIA & Chester Road in Yulee, on Saturday, April 25, from 9 to 2 p.m. The hazardous waste part was a tremendous success last year, surprising both us and the state DEP experts with our citizen response. The City of Fernandina

Beach will also be holding a Spring Greening Recycling Event the same day at their 8th and Lime St. lot on the island that will also accept electronics, as well as other recyclables, such tires for city residents, plastic and aluminum, car batteries, and waste oil. Their flyer, attached, refers to our event. The distribution of this flyer through our networks is a key part of how we inform citizens of this great opportunity to increase the amount of what we recycle, and avoid putting hazardous materials into the landfill

that have the potential to contaminate our groundwater. So thanks for your help in getting the word out through your networks. Because we are so close to recycling, we forget how important it is: Recycling 1 glass jar saves enough electricity to light a conventional 60W bulb for 4 hours or an 11W Energy Star bulb for 20 hours. Recycling a stack of newspapers just 3 feet high saves 1 tree. And this is the "safe" stuff's impact on the environment, with no mercury, lead or other toxins in them, relatively speaking.

## NCHE Field Trip/Activity Recognition List 2008-2009

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| 1. Abshier:  | 22. Fouse:   | 43. Lee: <i>Petco</i>  |
| 2. Adams:  | 23. Gilby:   | 44. Leinbach:  |
| 3. Ardizzoni:  | 24. Gossett: <i>Children's Hands on Museum</i>   | 45. Lindsey:   |
| 4. Bartchlett: <i>NCHE Family Cookout/ Ximenwz-Fatio House Museum, Christmas Party</i> | 25. Graham: <i>Christmas Party</i>   | 46. McDonald:  |
| 5. Beale:  | 26. Guest:   | 47. Metz:  |
| 6. Beasley:  | 27. Harmon: <i>Christmas Party</i>   | 48. Miller:  |
| 7. Beavers: <i>NCHE Family Cookout</i>   | 28. Harwood: <i>Alligator Farm</i>   | 49. Mosco: <i>Guitar Lessons, Christmas Party</i>                                    |
| 8. Birch:  | 29. Hebert: <i>The Rainbow Fish, Bowling</i>   | 50. Newberry:  |
| 9. Brauda: <i>Christmas Parade</i>   | 30. Henderson: <i>Teen Cookie Exchange</i>   | 51. Pittman L.: <i>Nutcracker</i>  |
| 10. Broussard:   | 31. Hines:   | 52. Reuter: <i>Mom's Night Out</i>   |
| 11. Burkhart: <i>Chocolate Soup</i>  | 32. Hodges: <i>Valentine's at Quality Health</i>   | 53. Rogers:  |
| 12. Carey:   | 33. Holt:  | 54. Ross:  |
| 13. Cobb: <i>Wolfson Children's Hospital Tour</i>                                      | 34. Hopper: <i>Orientation Day, Beach Day, NCHE Family Cookout, Walk for Senator Wise, Game Day I, Christmas Party, Game Day 2, Safe Start</i> | 55. Rushton: <i>NCHE Website</i>   |
| 14. Conrad:  | 35. Howington: <i>Christmas Parade, Comtempory Museum of Art</i>   | 56. Shough: <i>Christmas Party</i>   |
| 15. Crump:   | 36. John: <i>Okefenokee Adventures, Christmas Parade, Speech &amp; Drama Class</i>   | 57. Taylor: <i>Beadlemania, Christmas Party</i>                                      |
| 16. Curtright: <i>Christmas Parade, Gingerbread Houses</i>                             | 37. Jubin: <i>Sacred Harp</i>  | 58. Thornton:  |
| 17. Davis: <i>Conner's Corn Maze, Facebook Page</i>                                    | 38. Kaczmarczyk: <i>Creative Crafts</i>  | 59. Trujillo:  |
| 18. Dee: <i>Amelia Island Museum of History</i>  | 39. Kearnes:   | 60. Tuso: <i>Channel 4 News Tour</i>   |
| 19. Di Donato: <i>Newsletter</i>   | 40. Keith: <i>Science Fair</i>   | 61. Van Wager: <i>NCHE Family Cookout</i>  |
| 20. Dierking:  | 41. Knapp:   | 62. Watson:  |
| 21. Erickson:  | 42. LaMere: <i>Tennis, Christmas Party</i>   | 63. Wellington: <i>Youth Volunteer events: Sr. Citizens dinner, Holiday Packages</i> |
|  |  | 64. Whitaker: <i>Live Nativity</i>   |
|  |  | 65. Wilson: <i>Iron Sharpens Iron</i>  |

# Tour of JaxPort Blount Island Port Terminal

**Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am – noon**

This promises to be a great trip, hosted by Director of Marine Operations...Fernandina's own Victoria Robas. It will be a great inspiration for the girls to see such a feminine woman in a traditionally male dominated field! Victoria has coordinated a bus tour of the port facilities (which includes shipping, rail & trucking) plus a presentation of the port operations in their office. I have asked if we could also tour the new Japanese port expansion. We chose a Friday for the trip, as this is a busy day at the port, and hopefully we'll get to see a lot of action!!

We will meet in the **Security Building Parking Lot** and then divide into 2 pre-assigned groups.

The tour is limited to 46 people maximum – as there are only 23 seats on their tour bus.

Half our group will begin with the bus tour, while the other half will begin with the presentation in the office. The two groups will switch after approx. 45 minute session.

## **Who:**

This tour is limited to 4<sup>th</sup> grade & up...mainly because of the length of the bus tour...too long and 'boring' for little guys that may make it difficult to hear the narration.

The 46 person head count includes adults as well as kids...so plan carefully who would get the most out of the trip! JaxPort needs the names of each member attending, plus ages for the kids. **Bring a photo ID.**

*(If you take any medications with radiation, or will have had a radiation stress test just before the tour, you will be unable to attend, as the radiation will set off monitors at the port which will delay the tour bus.)* Contact me with any questions regarding participation.

## **Getting There:**

Coming from Amelia Island, the best way is to take Hecksher Drive. You will enter Blount Island from Hecksher onto *Blount Island Blvd*. There are intermittent bridge closures for construction at the Sisters Creek Bridge between at 9:30am & 1:30pm. These are scheduled to be complete by April, but plan to be over the bridge by 9:30 when the first closure is scheduled.

Coming from off the island, you may want to drive US17 or 95 to 9A then exit onto Hecksher Drive and go East. (There is construction at the 9A-Hecksher exit, so beware!) You will enter Blount Island from *Dave Rawls Blvd*.

Either way, there will be a bit of construction to deal with, so plan accordingly.

I have attached a map of the entrances to Blount Island, showing the Security Bldg meeting spot

## **Be prepared:**

It would be great to do a transportation study prior to the trip...you can find out some things about the port at [www.jaxport.com](http://www.jaxport.com) ...have those questions ready!!

## **Plan a Picnic:**

After the tour, bring your lunch to the Zoo's Picnic Area...just about 5 minutes down the road...for those adventurous, you can add a zoo afternoon to your day!! There is a Wendy's on the way to the zoo for those who aren't early morning packers!

**Arrive at the port at 9:45**, as we will begin PROMPTLY at 10am. If you're not there you'll miss out!

**(Bring your map & your ID)**

## **Questions and Registrations:**

Laura Beasley 261-9979 3busybees@bellsouth.net

# NCHE Field Day

Dust off those running shoes and join us for the annual NCHE Field Day to be held at Central Park on May 8, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please be prompt. Field Day is for all students 4K thru 12th grade. Please RSVP to Bobbie Birch, 261-2533/415-0365 with the name(s) of your child(ren) and their age.

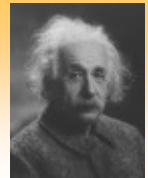
## Testing

It's time to think about testing. Mark your calendars for **May 4 and 5** at 12:30 P.M. at the Fernandina Beach Church of Christ building at 14th and Jasmine. Testing 4th grade through 12th. Cost is **\$50.00 per student**. Mail your payment along with your children's full names, grade levels, and birthdays to **Jan Wilson, 97087 Chimney Ridge Court, Yulee, FL 32097**. Make checks payable to **NCHE**. **Deadline** for signing up for testing is **March 20, 2009**. You won't be considered signed up until I receive your check and information.

Thanks so much! Jan Wilson

"Never regard study as a duty, but as the enviable opportunity to learn to know the liberating influence of beauty in the realm of the spirit for your own personal joy and to the profit of the community to which your later work belongs."

- Albert Einstein



# Thank you!

Dear Home School Educators, Thank you so much for the food, drinks, desserts and paper goods you provided for us after Judy's passing. The abundance was overwhelming and all deliciously prepared for us while we were at the visitation. This was a wonderful help to our family and we are truly blessed to have such loving, caring friends. Thank you for remembering Judy and us, and please continue to keep our family in your prayers. Buster Beaton and the boys (Chip, Matthew, and Jonathan)

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Park Day every Thursday at  
 Center Park @ 1:30 p.m.

We Are on the Web!

[geocities.com/nassaucountyhomeeducators](http://geocities.com/nassaucountyhomeeducators)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Park Day @ 1:30 p.m. / Tennis 3-4 p.m./ Iron Sharpeners @ 7 p.m.	3 JaxPort @ 10 a.m./	4
5	6 Tennis 9-10 a.m., 3-4 p.m. & 5-6 p.m./	7	8 Park Day @ 1:30 p.m. / Tennis 3-4 p.m./ Mom's Night Out @ 7 p.m./	9	10	11
12	13 Tennis 9-10 a.m., 3-4 p.m. & 5-6 p.m./	14	15 Park Day @ 1:30 p.m. / Tennis 3-4 p.m./	16	17	18 Senior Formal @ 6:30 p.m. 
19	20 Tennis 9-10 a.m., 3-4 p.m. & 5-6 p.m./	21 	22 Park Day @ 1:30 p.m. / Tennis 3-4 p.m./ Presentation Night @ 7p.m.	23  Plant trees.	24 Hazardous waste day!	25
26	27 Tennis 9-10 a.m., 3-4 p.m. & 5-6 p.m./	28	29 Park Day @ 1:30 p.m. / Tennis 3-4 p.m./	30	May Activities: 5-4 & 5-5: Testing/ 5-8 Field Day/ 5-16: Graduation @ 6 p.m./	

**April Holidays**  
 April Fool's Day - 1  
 Easter - 12  
 Earth Day - 22  
 Arbor Day - 24

