

Science Fair!

These two words can cause joy or strike terror in your heart. I hope you will choose the joy and join us for our first (but hopefully not last) science fair. It will be held at Springhill Baptist Church on Friday, March 6, at 7pm. The church will be open at 6:30pm for set-up. Your science project can be anything that you have worked on this school year. If you haven't done a lot of science this year you have time to work on something by March 6. It can be a simple collection of something you have studied or something more elaborate. All projects will be accepted and appreciated. The main purpose of the event is to honor our children's efforts and celebrate the wonder of their learning experiences. There will be no judging of the projects. Please bring a snack to share, we will provide the drink and paper goods. Contact Patty Keith at 879-9568 or keithfamily5@windstream.net

Welcome New Members
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- Ronnie & Jill Hines
- Todd & Ginny Rogers
- Randy & Stefanie Dierking



Wednesday, February 4, 2009

11:30-12:30

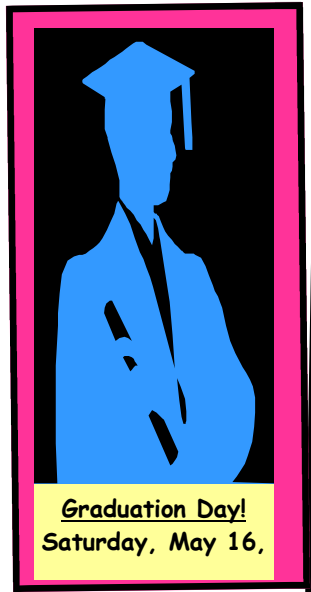
Ages 6 and up

The first half hour is a tour of the jobs in the station, then from 12:00-12:30 we will be in the studio for a live broadcast.

The studio is off of San Marco to Prudential near the Duval County School Board Building. Directions are on the website at News4Jax.com - under scene on 4, tab inside wjxt, to directions. Park in the front lot.

To respond please contact Michal Tusso at 879-0141 or 557-4758 or email at CAKALOOPIE@aol.com

Thanks, Michal



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.



Senior Formal!

Saturday,

April 18, 2009

Graduation is planned for **Saturday, May 16, 2009,**

4:00pm @ 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

Congratulations!

Congratulations to three of our NCHE students for their placement in the **National Geographic Geography Bee**, sponsored by the Jacksonville Classical Conversations Community:

Silas Mosco was the **1st place winner**, and will proceed to take a written test to qualify for the Regional Geo Bee.

Carter Mosco and **Jade Beasley** tied for 2nd place. Other Nassau participants were **Corinne, Emma & Camp Priest**.

Good Job!!
Thanks for representing our community well!!

In another bee.
Jade Beasley was the **winner** of the **Jacksonville Classical Conversations Spelling Bee**, and advanced on to participate in the written Duval County Spelling Bee qualifier. There were over 135 students representing Duval public & private schools, and Jade was the only homeschooler.
Congratulations Jade!!

Summer Reading Boost!

"Is difficulty in reading keeping your child from doing his best?"

Need a summer break? Let us give your child a summer reading boost.

One-on-one instruction; qualified, patient teachers; child's self-confidence soars; pay as you go.

Free reading evaluation with no obligation.

Academic Associates Learning Center

- former home school parents
- Chad and Lynette Brosius.

Call 277-0911 for further information.

AUDITION!

Audition for the play Hairum Scairum, a play about an ordinary hair salon with a not so ordinary customers. there are two parts left, for girls about 7-14. If you can read and memorize lines, as well as act them out, contact me at (904) 491-8513 or email me at

oh2@comcast.net

Olivia T.

If your kids are interested in a speech/drama class for the spring, please contact Piper John at pej2007@aol.com or 548.0572.

Monthly Reminders.

NCHE Tennis

Mondays 3 - 4PM and 4 - 5PM

Tuesdays 9 - 10AM

Tues. and Thurs. from 5-6 PM

\$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



Join us February 26, @ 7 p.m. at our home for good conversation and good company.

- Jan Wilson

Mom's Night Out!

Takin' a break for lunch! 2/7/09, Sat. 1p.m. @Chili's, Yulee. If you need any more information, please call Michele Reuter at 904-225-0707 or email me at itsabeautifullawn@comcast.net.

NCHE Field Trip/Activity Recognition List 2008-2009

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

The Kennedy Space Center

The Kennedy Space Center is having a Salute to Home school Day on March 7, 2009. You will need to fill out a

registration form and the cost is \$31.50 plus tax per person. Please call me with questions.

Meridith Burkhart
491-3431 or call Space Center's number is 321-449-4400. It's at the FL location.

Needed: Pro-Tem Co-Presidents for

The NCHE Leadership Team has decided to add the temporary position of Pro-Tem Co-Presidents for the year 2009-2010 Leadership Team. The Pro-Tem Co-Presidents will work closely with the present Co-Presidents, Dick and Debbie Hopper, until the Hopper's retire at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. This position is extremely important since the intent is for the Pro-Tem Co-Presidents to become the Co-Presidents for the 2010-2011 school year unless there are extenuating circumstances.

A nominating committee composed of the present leadership Vice President [Bret Whitaker], Secretary [Michele Reuter], Treasurer [Teresa Taylor], and two ad hoc members [Jerri Henderson and Janey McDonald] will be accepting nominations immediately. If you are interested in this position or would like to recommend someone for the position, please contact one of the nominating committee members before February 15, 2009. The position description for the Co-President position is provided below. Anyone interested in attending the nominating committee meetings, may do so by contacting Bret Whitaker for date, time and location. All Leadership Team members must sign an Officer Faith Affirmation Form . A copy of the form can be provided by the nominating committee.

Co-Presidents [Husband & Wife]

A. Direct and preside over the Group Leadership and regular support group

meetings.

B. Organize and preside over planning meetings.

1. Set the time and place and prepare the agenda.
2. Have needed input from all chairmen prepared & available.
3. With the Treasurer, prepare a draft budget.
4. Notify the membership of the meeting, budget and agenda in the preceding Newsletter.

C. Prepare agendas for Group Leadership and regular meetings.

1. For regularly scheduled Group Leadership meeting an agenda will be published in the preceding month's Newsletter. For special Group Leadership meetings or other meetings, agenda will be provided at the meeting.
2. Everyone involved should receive a typed copy the day of the meeting, including any guest speakers, with time estimates to keep the meeting on schedule.
3. Agendas should be dated

and provided to the secretary for filing.

D. Maintain communications with support group committees. Coordinate between committees. Assist committees in getting the resources needed to be successful.

1. Try to stay abreast of the support group committees' plans and activities.
2. If necessary, request regular progress reports on critical assignments.

3. Try to help everyone to do the job they volunteered to do. Some people may have emergencies, some may experience burnout, some may forget. A short telephone call may make a big difference!

E. Act as the contact person for new home schooling families and direct them to resources needed for their success and membership.

the year 2009-2010 Leadership Team.

1. Try to welcome new people individually after meetings or events.

2. Consider implementing a "buddy system" and provide it to new members.

3. As requested, refer new members to specific books, or other resources that may help them.

4. **Provide your phone** number to the local public school district and to home school organizations [i.e. HERI, FPEA, HEF, etc.], so those considering home schooling or home schoolers moving to the area have a contact number.

5. Provide applications to those interested in becoming a member.

F. Act as the group contact person with other home education organizations, especially the Home Education Resources & Information [HERI] FORUM, the Florida Parent Educators Association [FPEA] and the Home Education Foundation [HEF].

1. List your name and the information number with these organizations.

G. Be familiar with Florida home school laws and be able to explain them.

1. Attend the Florida state FPEA convention whenever possible.

2. Consider being a member of the Home School Legal Defense Assn.

3. Attend the NE Florida HERI convention whenever possible.

4. Maintain at least annual contact with HEF to be abreast of legislative activity.

H. Make recommendations to the Group Leadership as to the committee chairmanships required and distribute any required tasks, which will not be handled by a committee chairman among the Group Leadership or other committee chairmen. [For example, the Information Packet Chairman duties could be assigned as part of the President's responsibilities as the support groups contact person, or the Newsletter Editor could handle the timing coordination function of the Field Trip Coordinator since all support group field trips and activities must be published in the Newsletter.]

"What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

- Jane Goodall

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Game Day 2!

Game Day 2 will be held on Friday, February 27 from 2 - 4pm at the Hopper's Home. We will have all the outside activities **except** swimming in the pool (sorry, too cold). If the weather is to cold to be outside or it's raining we will play board games inside. We have a fairly large selection of games, but if you have a favorite, bring it along. Please bring a snack to share and we'll furnish the hot chocolate. I will be taking individual pictures for the year book during Game Day. We look forward to seeing you on Friday, February 27th.

Dick and Debbie



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



February 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 March Activities: 3-6: NCHE Science Fair/ 3-7: Kennedy Space Center/	2 Tennis 3-4 p.m. & 4-5 p.m./	3 Tennis 9-10 a.m. & 5-6 p.m./	News 4 Jax.com THE LOCAL STATION @ 11:30	5 Park Day @ 1:30 p.m. / Tennis 5-6 p.m./	6	7 Mom's Lunch Out at Chili's @ 1 p.m.
8	9 Tennis 3-4 p.m. & 4-5 p.m./	10 Tennis 9-10 a.m. & 5-6 p.m./	11	12 Park Day @ 1:30 p.m. / Tennis 5-6 p.m./	13	14
15	16 Tennis 3-4 p.m. & 4-5 p.m./	17 Tennis 9-10 a.m. & 5-6 p.m./	18	19 Park Day @ 1:30 p.m. / Tennis 5-6 p.m./	20	21
22	23 Tennis 3-4 p.m. & 4-5 p.m./	24 Tennis 9-10 a.m. & 5-6 p.m./	25	26 Park Day @ 1:30/ Tennis 5-6 p.m./ Iron Sharpens Iron @ 7 p.m./	27 Game Day 2! 2-4 p.m./	28

