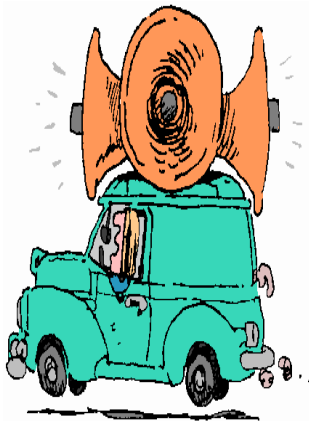


Nassau County Home Educators

A note from Dick and Debbie:

We are on FACEBOOK. Check it out! If you have question contact Linsey Davis at linseyb-davis@hotmail.com.

Thanks, Linsey



Graduation Day!
Saturday, May 16, 2009

The end of the 2008 - 2009 school year has gone by quickly, but what an incredible year we have had. Each year at this time as I look back I can't see how that year is going to be topped. However, each year is unique and continues to be better than the last. There have been many interesting and fun field trips during the year as well as great activities that have given our children educational and social opportunities. All that NCHE provides is due to the commitment and loving care of you, the parents. Without your input, involvement, and sometimes personal sacrifice for the children there would be no NCHE. It is truly a group effort to keep

this home school support group productive and growing. There is still Field Day and Graduation to look forward to this month. And then hopefully a calm and peaceful summer after the book sale. Please keep the leadership in your prayers as they continue to search for the couple to become the next co-presidents for the group. It is a challenging task, but I know that God knows exactly who is the right couple to carry out His plan for NCHE in the future. It will be a pleasure for Dick and I to co-lead with them next year in preparation for the transition in 2010 - 2011. As with many articles we have written, we close with a

challenge to you to love and enjoy your children each and everyday. We know you do love your children and put their well being first in your family or you would not be home schooling. However, life has a way of getting too busy, and laundry piles to incredible heights while you're planning and cooking dinner, bandaging boo-boos, and butting heads over school work and chores. Make sure you make time daily to laugh with your children and give them a kiss even if they wipe it off and say yuck. It has been a great pleasure to serve you this past year and we look forward to 2009 - 2010. God's blessings, Debbie and Dick

Graduation Day!

Graduation is planned for Saturday, May 16, 2009,

7:00pm @
(notice the change of time)
the
Church of

Christ,
Fernandina
Beach.

What exactly is the purpose of the HERI Library?

By Karen Harmon

I have been a part of HERI off and on for 14 years. There were years when I could not justify the expense of membership because we lived out of Duval County and would probably not participate in any activities. I had heard about the HERI Library and had even collected books for them after the Bookbuster, but I had never visited it, nor really understood its purpose until I volunteered to work in there this year.

My first day to volunteer was August 18th. I showed up 15 minutes before it opened and the parking lot was full. Michelle Thompson, the head librarian had opened the doors early and the library was abuzz with parents selecting curriculum. Did you know that one of your benefits of being a HERI member is check-out privileges? Curriculum can be checked out for the school year; readers, previous convention seminars, and teaching helps can be checked out for 3 months. Do you realize what this means? Many savvy parents do. As I moved through the library that day, there were parents choosing curriculum for multiple students and there were faithful veteran homeschoolers there to answer their questions and offer suggestions.

What an amazing opportunity the HERI library can be for its membership! There is lots of curriculum, but there is more needed. As I have volunteered for several months now, I have started looking at my own shelves a little more critically. The great writing program that I bought, that my children hated, would probably provide that needed curriculum for you. Oh, I hang on to way too much! I priced it fairly, I thought, for the Bookbuster, but it didn't sell. My thought is, "I can't afford to give it away!" So I bring it back home to sit on my shelves.

I am now thinking the better idea is to donate it to the HERI library so that another family can be blessed by it, and the homeschooling legacy can continue. I am not encouraging you to skip the BookBuster! It is the best deal this side of the Mason-Dixon Line! I am asking you to look at your shelves, at those things that did not sell, that are good, solid curriculum. Not those books you dug out of the discard pile, or got at the school board warehouse, or those cute manipulatives you made. I am looking at some of the unused curriculum on my shelves right now: Plants Grown Up, Learn to Write the Novel Way, Tapestry of Grace...., I could go on! Maybe you could use this. Maybe you have something I could use.

Joining the HERI library staff has been an eye opening experience for me. The ladies that volunteer are there to help new homeschoolers make wise curriculum choices for their families, and they are there to help you find that great historical reader that goes along with what you are studying in history. Tap into this resource. Take a really good look at your bookshelves. Give the library a call and take advantage of this great benefit of your HERI membership. The HERI Library is open Monday & Thursdays from 1-3pm (904)-783-8197 heri@brary@yahoo.com

3rd Annual Book Sale

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 deliver 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 or phone me at 491-8513.

Let's make this our best book sale ever. Thanks, Teresa



**Book Sale: Friday,
June 5th, 2009.**

Monthly Reminders 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

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.

NCHE annual Mom's Swim Party!

NCHE annual Mom's Swim Party will be held on Friday, July 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hopper's pool. Please mark

your calendars now and join us for an evening of relaxation and fun. The water will be warm and we'll have a good time visiting.

You don't have to swim if you don't want to, but time to float in a pool with no children is tempting.

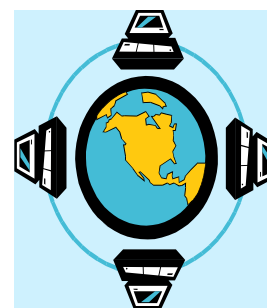
NCHE Field Trip/Activity Recognition List 2008-2009

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

**"It would be very interesting to preserve photographically not the stages, but the metamorphoses of a picture. Possibly one might then discover the path followed by the brain in materializing a dream."
-Pablo Picasso**

If any one is interested in a wonderful teaching tool to learn the states and there capitals, math, and much more, please check out Frances More Teaching Systems. at www.fingerithmetic.com

**Have a great day!
-janet**



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

Testing

Dates: May 4th and 5th

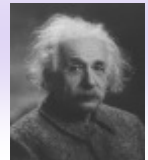
Time: 12:30 P.M.

Place: Fernandina Beach Church of Christ building at 14th and Jasmine.

Grades: Testing 4th grade through 12th.

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

We Are on the Web!
geocities.com/nassaucountyhomeeducators

May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June activities: 6-5:3rd Annual Book Sale @ 9 a.m./ July activities: 7-10: Mom's Swim Party @ 6:30 p.m./					1	2
		May Day				
3	4 Testing @ 12:30/	5 Testing @ 12:30/Tennis 9-10 a.m., 3-4 p.m. & 5-6	6	7 Park Day @ 1:30 p.m. / Tennis 3-4 p.m./	8 Field Day @ 9 a.m./	9
10 <small>Mother's Day</small>	11	12 Tennis 9-10 a.m., 3-4 p.m. & 5-6 p.m./	13	14 Park Day @ 1:30 p.m. / Tennis 3-4 p.m./	15	16 Graduation @ 6 p.m.
17	18	19 Tennis 9-10 a.m., 3-4 p.m. & 5-6 p.m./	20	21 Park Day @ 1:30 p.m. / Tennis 3-4 p.m./	22	23
24	25 <small>Memorial Day (observed)</small>	26 Tennis 9-10 a.m., 3-4 p.m. & 5-6 p.m./	27	28 Park Day @ 1:30 p.m. / Tennis 3-4 p.m./	29	30
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