HEAR'S NEWS

...“Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work. Neh 2:18

Geography Fair

This is one of our biggest events. Students prepare an exhibit on a location of their (or your) choice. All those attending the fair can travel the world in one evening! The Fair is Feb. 25th. Please register by Feb. 17th to participate Look at our FAQ sheet for more information and to see past projects.

Field Day 2014

Our field day event will be Friday, April 11, 2014 at Mayo Lake. Lynn Painter has offered to coordinate the event. Please let her know if you are willing to help with our “old school” field day event. We'll be hopping in sacks and all the fun things kids (and adults) enjoy! Bring a picnic lunch and HEAR will provide the ice cream.

Demonstration Night & Expo

Please join us at Warren's Grove on April 29th to “show off”. Children can present or enter a project in the expo.

Details are on our site!

Seth & Luke Hayward at the HEAR Pumpkin Patch field trip.

Testing!

Many families are starting to think about ordering their annual assessment test to fulfill the NC state requirements. NC requires all homeschool students to be assessed once a year and *recommend* we do so in the spring.

Our website has a list of FAQs and other information you may find helpful. Those who are new to testing, please don't stress over this requirement. The test is for your benefit. You can choose the test, when to administer the test and even how heavily you want to “value” the test.

The Roxboro Play Group on a field trip to learn about gems. You can find more info on this group on its facebook page or by contacting Amy Bradsher.

Upcoming HEAR Events

Some events require registration. and may have deadlines. You can find more information on the members page of our website.

- Courthouse & Jail Tour - March 26th
- Easter Seder - April 17th
- Internet Safety Seminar - May 5th
- Asheboro Zoo - May 8th
- Graduation Ceremony - June 7th

Other Events

- Person County Library Homeschooler Program - Feb 6th, April 10th
- Reptile Days at Museum of Natural Science - March 15th

The HEAR website has a page titled "Featured Events" that provides details & links to events in our area.

Details are on our site!

There are a myriad of tests to choose from. You can visit websites such as Seaton Testing Services or Triangle Education Assessment to see the difference in the tests accepted by the state. It seems many families who test in their home prefer the TerraNova as it allows parents to administer the test and does not require training or a degree to do so.

Triangle Education Assessment (TEA) is a business located in Apex, NC that provides services to the homeschool community. You can have your student(s) annual test administered in their office or schedule TEA to administer a test to a group. They also offer CLEP testing which allows home school students to test for college credit.

Roxboro Christian Academy (RCA) has allowed home school students in the area to test with their students in the past for a small fee. RCA tests in the spring (usually March) and will need to know if your student(s) will be testing with them so they will order enough tests. Students grades 3rd through 12th are eligible. RCA has administered the SAT 10 in the past (not the the SAT used for college admissions). Contact RCA at 336-599-0208 to register your student.

You, the parent/guardian, oversee your student's education and therefore determine the grade/level, type and weight of the test. Testing should not overwhelm you or your student. Please feel free to post any questions or concerns about testing on our Facebook page. There are many homeschool veterans who can give you words of advice and encouragement.

Gift giving at Cambridge Hills!

NCHE Conference Parents of Preschoolers Scholarship

Parents who meet the following criteria are invited to the 2014 Homeschool Conference & Book Fair free of charge as part of their "Parents of Preschoolers" scholarship.

- Your oldest child cannot be older than 4 years of age (5th birthday must be after Sept. 1, 2014).
- You or your spouse must never have attended the NCHE Conference.

You must complete an application to testify that you meet the above criteria. Deadline for registration is April 23, 2014.

NCHE Recordings

You can purchase conference recordings including workshops online after the conference. This is a great option for those who are unable to attend or attend the conference but have a difficult time choosing between two conferences offered at the same time.

Click here to see a list of recordings currently available from last year's conference.

NORTH CAROLINIANS FOR HOME EDUCATION (NCHE)
Annual Conference & Book Fair
May 22 -24, 2014
Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem

The NCHE provides home educators in our state support and encouragement and also work to protect our right to homeschool our children. It was formed by home educators in 1984. That is before home education was legal in the state of North Carolina. Homeschooling did not become legal until 1985.

Their Annual Conference & Book Fair is one of NCHE's programs that promote excellence in the homeschool community. It is a multi-day (Thursday - Saturday) event that offers educators a variety of activities including:

Workshops	Book Fair
Speakers	Entertainment
Graduation	Talent Showcase
Children's Conference	Teen & Alumni Events
College & Camp Fair	Sports & Chess Tournament

Many of our HEAR members find both the workshops and vendor hall (book fair) to be very informative. Vendors are available to discuss their curriculum with you. You are able to look through the curriculum and compare curricula which is beneficial if you are trying to decide between different curriculum.

You do not have to be a NCHE member to attend this event. Another helpful tip is that you have the option of purchasing tickets for the Book Fair only.

Click here for more information or to register