

**St. Clair County Christian Home
Educators Newsletter
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February SCCCHE Meeting

February Meeting - Kirk Smith from ICHE

Thursday, February 9th at 7:00pm guest speaker Kirk Smith, from Illinois Christian Home Educators (ICHE), will share some thoughts on marriage.

Also, the Teen Pact crew, lead by Christie Black, will host a Valentine's Party for kids ages 5-12. Sign up by email: christieblack@charter.net. Please include parent's name, child's name and age, email address, and any important information such as allergies. Please bring a labeled "mailbox" and 25 Valentines to exchange with friends. Donations will help send TeenPact students to Springfield in March 2017.

Immediately prior to the meeting, Kelly Kohring will be holding a New Homeschooler Meeting at 6:00pm.

"Looking Forward"

March Meeting - Project/Game Night

March 9 will be a Project/Game night. Bring your crafts, photo albums, sewing or other projects, or even your favorite games and we'll work and play together.

April - No meeting.

May Meeting - Curriculum Sale

We would like to open this to a larger audience than in the past. If you know of other organizations that would be interested, please let leadership know.

June Meeting - Carnival

SCCCHE Sponsored Field Trips

Hidden Valley Ski

TUES FEB 14
9:45- AFTERNOON

\$17 PER SKIER

DUE FEB 7 (payment AND release form)

- Sign up by emailing Wanda Collazo at: wjcollazo0225@gmail.com
- 17409 Hidden Valley Drive, Wildwood, MO 63025
- grades 5-12
- includes:ski equipment, beginner lesson, practice slopes, lunch
- upgrades to more challenging slopes available after lessons for \$10
- we need 1 paying chaperone per 10 skiing students
- trip min 25 max 52
- lunch at 1:00 (incl for skiing students and paying chaperones only)
- wear layers
- sign release form-see attachment below

we MUST ALL be there at 9:30. After that, they will not accept our group.

email me for release form. Use your best judgement as parent when signing your child up. Ask: can my child handle this event? We use grade bracket as a guideline

Please see SCCCHE website for future field trips: http://www.scccche.org/scccche/article/field_trips/

Additional Activities

Mother Daughter Tea

A Mother Daughter Tea will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the Fairview Heights Church of Christ located at 9955 Bunkum Road, FVH. The cost is \$5 per person. Beginning time is 10 am, and a brunch will be served. Speakers will include veteran homeschool mom, Debra Giles, and also veteran homeschool mom, Susan Procko. They will speaking on "The Power of Words Can Change Lives" This is a non-denominational event and open to ladies of all ages.

Feel free to contact Deb Giles at 618-334-1352 or at debsmomheart@gmail.com with questions.

Their website is in the process of being updated but you can read a little about them at www.amomsheartinil.com or they are on FB @amomsheartinil and also on twitter at @amomsheartinil

How to Teach Inductive Bible Study to Kids

Do you want your children to know God's Word for themselves? Join author of "Discover 4 Yourself Inductive Bible Studies for Kids", Janna Arndt from Precept Ministries, for an enlightening workshop designed to prepare parents or children's ministry leaders to teach 8 to 12 year old kids the basic skills of inductive Bible study. There is nothing more important than bringing your child to God through the understanding of His Word. This is critical. You don't want to miss this training and the resources available to help our children delight in the law of the Lord!

Contact :

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"I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight." (Psalm 119:174 NASB)

Greater St. Louis Area Home Educators Expo - IT's ON!!

It's still happening! The St. Louis Homeschool Expo was previously cancelled, but they were able to get another event through GHC - Great Homeschool Conventions.

Date: July 13-15
Locale: First E Free Church
1375 Carman Road
Ballwin, MO 63921

Price: Individual, shopping only - \$15
Individual, full convention - \$45
Family, shopping only - \$25
Family, full convention - \$60

Additional special events available

For more info and registration, go to www.greathomeschoolconventions.com/locations/missouri/

From the Coordinators

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I find nothing so inspiring as a testimony of God's power in others, so here is a wonderful testimony of one of our own families. Lina Poindexter is attending a private Christian college, but unfortunately like many so-called Christian schools, it seems they don't adhere as closely to the Word as we would like to see.

During her first 2 years at college, Lina was surprised by all the 'scholarly' speakers who would sow seeds of doubt in the minds of the students about the Word, Creation and Genesis. She challenged her professors that the views presented were not balanced. As a result she was given the platform twice to defend Genesis and Creation. She was faithful and God blessed her efforts. However for this semester, she wanted to bring an expert in the field to speak to the topic and deal on a one-on-one basis with the 'scholars,' so she arranged to have Mr. Thomas from the Institute in Creation Research give a talk.

Considering the amount of opposition Lina encountered, around 700 people attended the event. One particular science professor encouraged his students to attend and find loop holes in the lecture.

The presentation generated a positive buzz on campus and on discussion boards. The antagonistic science professor was pummeled the next day with questions by students that left him speechless. At the end of the day, Lina introduced him to Mr. Thomas where he confessed his confusion after hearing the evidence presented the night before. After a lengthy discussion, the professor offered Mr. Thomas a job at the university! Mr. Thomas is reaching out to this professor with resources to encourage him to do his own research and examine the evidence for himself just as he had to do.

Below is an excerpt from one of the professors who attended:

I had always separated what I had learned in school from the creation story I had learned in church. I did not really care how old or young the earth was but I believed the truth of God's

creation. It was only during college that I even consciously thought about the discrepancies. It was as a result of this class and Lina's and Mr. Thomas's diligence, dedication, and sincerity that this lecture happened. I am glad that it can open our eyes so that we will not just take all things on face value but to investigate into the sources of our knowledge and bring to light various points of perspective in our conversations both in academic settings and in the world at large. Ann Ortiz

The presentation can still be viewed if you missed it. Here is the link:

<https://livestream.com/accounts/3736866/events/6930804>

Such is the testimony of a faithful follower of Christ. One light in the darkness can brighten a great area, and here we have one student brightening the whole campus. I hope this encourages us all to focus on the most important aspect of our kids' education – training them to be a disciple of Christ.

God Bless,
Josh Peterson

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