

Capital Area Christian Homeschoolers
P. O. Box 4538, Frankfort, KY 40602
Newsletter April, 2007



April Monthly Meeting

WHAT: Informal Q/A session with homeschool moms

WHEN: Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Capital City Christian Church youth sanctuary

WHY: To encourage, inspire and share information with newer homeschool families

If you are feeling a little overwhelmed these days, don't worry! We've all been there. This will be a night to receive encouragement from moms who have experienced the highs and lows of homeschooling. Feel free to submit questions in advance about any area concerning homeschooling: scheduling, curriculum, activities, multiple grade levels, working/homeschooling at the same time, college entrance requirements, you name it. If you just want to come and ask questions that night or just listen, that's fine, too. Questions should be sent to Carol Current at keek0958@yahoo.com. I will forward them to the panel so they may prepare in advance.

Childcare will be available, let me know if you have an older child who can help.

Please bring a snack or drink and we will have a fellowship time afterwards. Last name A-M dessert
Last name N-Z 2-liter

May – annual meeting and election of officers

YMCA

First Session

American Heritage Girls

Cub Scouts

Swimming

Gym games 10 and under – No Teacher

Gym games 10 and up – Teresa Lee

Preschool – No Teacher

Second Session

Karate

Swimming

Older kids art – No Teacher

Art 5-7 – No Teacher

Gym games 10 and under – No Teacher

Gym games 10 and up – No Teacher

Preschool time – No Teacher

Please contact Katrina Nimmo at (502)321-8355 or Cindy Kurtz
at(859)643-0029 or ckurtz@fuse.net if you can fill any of these positions.

Thank you!

Dear Capital Area Christian Homeschoolers,

What a great evening we had at the CACH History Fair! Thanks to the Adams family for doing the organizing and for everyone who participated. Do you know what kind of columns are on the Old State Capitol building? If you weren't at the history fair, you'll have to ask the Secens. You'd be amazed at the creative ways CACH families and co-op groups teach history. As always, I came away inspired! Isn't homeschooling FUN?

Homeschooling is also our way of protecting our children from undesirable influences and training them by our chosen methods to be strong in the Christian faith. It is our prayer that we'll equip the hearts and minds God has entrusted to us well, so that they can then equip the next generation. Sometimes it's difficult to see whether we're getting anywhere. But every now and then, we see a glimpse of success.

Our oldest son brought his girlfriend over for dinner the other night. She has spent a lot of time with our family and seems very comfortable with us – She's even able to handle the incessant teasing and joking from the two younger brothers. Since she grew up in a quiet family with only one sister, our family's loud and laughing ways could almost be considered culture shock. This particular night they really poured it on as they proceeded to "interview" her. One brother followed the other, firing questions. Eventually they got to the topic of children. "How many children do you want to have?" Will you continue to work after you have children? How will you educate your children? Will you consider homeschooling? You get the idea. ☺ Girlfriend was trying to eat and laugh politely but didn't really have to answer the questions because the askers started giving their own opinions. As I was clearing away dishes from the table, I heard them say things like, "I want to have a lot of kids. It would be boring to have only one or two." "I know that circumstances sometimes have to be considered, but I'll never put my kids in day care! If my wife has to work, my mom will care for my kids!" (**oh, dear!**) "If we couldn't homeschool, I would consider Christian school but never public school for my kids."

The discussion went on but I'll stop my telling there. Just between us parents, it warmed my heart to hear that my grandkids were going to be OK. And although my boys didn't say the words, "Thank you for homeschooling me. Thank you for protecting me from worldliness for as long as you could," I think I heard it.

Keep up the good work. There is no higher calling than raising the children God has trusted to our care. May God bless you in your efforts of serving Him!

~Sara Hall

For those that may not have gotten the word yet, we are expecting a new baby to arrive around Sept. 5. With this in mind, I am considering stepping down as newsletter editor. If there is anyone interested in possibly taking over this task, please contact me at wehoweky@yahoo.com or let one of the officers know. Even if you just have some questions before deciding whether you want to make the commitment or not. This is something that an older teen could do as well as a parent.

Thank you to all who participated in the Annual History Fair! We had a great turn out and it was wonderful to see all of the creative, awesome, inspiring ideas out there. Keep up the great work!!

Thank you!!
Barbara Adams

Home Education Sale in Lexington

Buy or sell used curriculum at the annual community home education sale on June 5th. The sale is huge and all who attend usually find some bargains. It will be held at First Assembly of God on Clays Mill Road from 2-5 p.m. Detailed information for sellers will be forthcoming. If you are interested in working at the sale, which gives you a headstart on the shopping, please volunteer by emailing jtfields@windstream.net.

Home School Family Days at Kentucky Kingdom

Join fellow homeschoolers for a day of fun at Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom on June 6th and 13th, 2008. Admission is only \$16.99 per person, a savings of \$23.00 each! Visit sixflags.org for more info.

Book-It Program Changes

Many of you are familiar with the Book-It reading incentive program sponsored by Pizza Hut. Kids in grades K-6 earn personal pan pizzas by meeting reading goals. A CACH volunteer has always coordinated this program for us in the past; however, for the 2008-2009 school year, enrollment in the program will be accepted on an individual family basis only. Families may enroll or get more info by going to www.bookitprogram.com or by calling 800-426-6548.

Community-wide Homeschooling Informational Meeting A Success!

On March 6, anyone interested in learning about homeschooling was invited to the Paul Sawyer Public Library for an informational meeting. Thirteen families attended and seemed quite interested in what we do! Several experienced CACH moms answered questions and pointed folks to where they could get further help. Please pray that these families will make whatever decision is best for their children. And if any do decide to homeschool, be ready to help them along!

The D'Arcy Family On the Mission Field

Former CACH family Jim and Carol D'Arcy and their five daughters are serving as missionaries in Papua New Guinea. They are part of a church planting team, currently running a dorm for students whose parents are working directly with unreached tribes. If you'd like to see a bit of what the D'Arcys life is like in PNG, Sara Hall would love to loan you their DVD. Remember to pray often for this special family.

CACH Students Join in Sports at Christian Academy of Lawrenceburg

The boys high school basketball season has just ended at Christian Academy of Lawrenceburg, and what a season it was! Nathan Pitzer, Jordan Hall, and Josiah and Josh Karsner were on the Rams team that got second place by a hair in the national tournament for Christian schools. Cheerleading for the Rams this year were CACH students Hannah Howard, Destiny Penn, Catherine and Olivia Hines, and Susan Hall. Congrats to all on a great season!

Christian Academy of Lawrenceburg offers a variety of sports throughout the school year, and homeschoolers are invited to join in. We are very thankful to CAL for providing this opportunity for us. Softball for girls in grades 5-12 and baseball for boys in grades 6-12 are both getting started right now. Maybe even tennis and golf. If you'd like more information, contact CACH mom Destiny Karsner.

CACH Logo Contest

Contest Rules

Theme: CACH is looking for a new logo that will be suitable for many formats, including apparel, printed material, buttons, and websites. The logo should reflect the purpose and beliefs of CACH.

Eligibility: All members of CACH, children and adults, are eligible to participate. Entrants should submit a hard copy of their logo, and the completed entry and permission forms to:

Tina M. Lewis
240 Lewis Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601

I will also accept submissions on Tuesday's at CEP. I will have a box available.

Questions? [Email-rvltld@ peoplepc. com](mailto:Email-rvltld@peoplepc.com) or Phone: 352-6673 or 320-2938 Acceptable Size: Logo designs should be placed on white paper that is no larger than 8 ½" by 11.

General Info: The logo should be suitable for many formats, including apparel, printed material, buttons, and websites, etc.; therefore, entrants are encouraged to keep their logos simple in design. Complex designs are difficult to read when on a small scale. It needs to have defined lines and contain "CACH". The logo should reproduce clearly in black and white and in color and it may not include any personal information. It should be legible at large and small sizes. It should look good against light and dark backgrounds. All submissions must be the entrant's original artwork. No copies or tracings are permitted. Copyrighted characters, images or clip art are not permitted. Wood, metal, glass, glitter or breakable materials are not allowed.

Number of Submissions: Entrants may submit no more than three logos for consideration. Names should be omitted from artwork for judging purposes only. All entries, once submitted, become the property of CACH and may be reproduced and will not be returned.

Entry Form: Each entry must include the Entry Form and permission with the required signature of the parent/guardian, confirming that the logo is original, and granting permission to the entry. Shipping/Mailing an

Deadline: Entries must be able to withstand mailing/shipping either flat or in a tube without being damaged. Submissions must be postmarked or turned in by April 18, 2008.

Selection Process: Members of CACH will be judging the entrees of this contest. The dates and locations for judging will be arranged and announced after the deadline for entrees has passed.

Entrees will be judged on the basis of:

- 1) Artistic merit
- 2) Creativity
- 3) Theme and communication
- 4) Appropriateness
- 5) Adhering to the rules

CACH reserves the right to reject any and all entries that have inappropriate content. CACH also reserves the right to choose two or more entries and ask the artists to combine key features of each logo.

The winning artwork will be used in some facet by CACH including apparel, printed material, buttons, and website. If multiple entries are chosen, all artists will be accorded the above, with the understanding that key features of each logo will be combined to create one logo. The logo content must meet all criteria to be considered in judging. If CACH deems it necessary, the creator(s) of the winning entry agrees to make any requested design changes. The creator(s) of the winning entry agrees to donate their work. In turn, the logo(s) becomes the sole property of CACH and CACH has the right to publish the logo(s) in any format. Winning entrant(s) must agree to have their name released.

CACH Logo Design Contest Entry Form

Artist's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name if child: _____

Artist's Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____ Home Telephone #: _____

Name of Homeschool: _____

Permission

My child has my permission to enter this logo in the above stated name. I hereby certify that this logo was created entirely by the individual indicated above and is that individual's original artwork. I understand that all decisions made by the judging panel are final. I understand that this logo becomes the property of CACH and may be reproduced and will not be returned.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

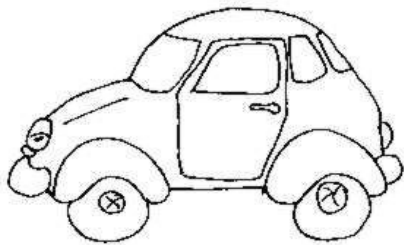
Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Revel & Tina Lewis

"But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us." Romans 9:37

Upcoming Homeschool Conventions
Indiana Home Educator's Convention - April 18-19 inhomeeducators.org
Other conventions coming soon in Columbus, Ohio, Nashville, Tennessee, and Louisville, Kentucky. More info to follow.



There is a field trip scheduled for May 2nd to the Toyota Manufacturing Plant in Georgetown. A 12:00 tour time has been reserved for our group. As of now, all of the 64 seats for the noon tour have been spoken for. However to accommodate all interested families and keep our group together, we have reserved additional seats for the 2:00 tour on the same day. There are still seats available for this time if anyone is still interested. Please e-mail Sheila Moore at smoore99@aol.com with names of those attending and ages of the children. (Please note: Per the Toyota Plant, children must be in 1st grade or higher to participate and those in 1-3 grade must have 1 adult per child).

Just a reminder that Literary Journal submissions are due by
Mar 28 to
CACHjournal@gmail.com



CACH Enrichment Program for Next Year

CACH's academic enrichment program is preparing to register for its 5th year. Families currently enrolled in CEP may register beginning April 15 and everyone else beginning May 1st. The schedule is coming together well and will be finalized soon. Drama, Art, Spanish, Home Economics and Sign Language are just a few of the possibilities, as well as some great science classes where we offer lots of hands-on experiments and activities! Watch for detailed information.

For those who may not know, our academic enrichment program offers classes on Tuesday afternoons for students of all ages. We meet for 32 weeks, from the end of August thru mid-May, taking several weeks off at Christmas. We try to offer classes that are better taught in groups or those that moms have trouble doing at home. The cost is very reasonable but it is necessary to commit for the entire school year. For age 4 thru grade 6, students must enroll in the full program. For grades 7 thru 12, students may take only the class(es) they're interested in.

If you're interested in just checking the program out, feel free to drop in some Tuesday between 12:15 and 2:45. We meet at Capital City Christian Church. Jill Feck will be happy to answer any questions for you.

An Opportunity to Preview A Beka Curriculum Right in Frankfort

A representative from A Beka will be at Best Western (Chenault Drive) from 11-3 on May 14. Come to look, place an order, or just learn more about A Beka curriculum.

CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN

Bluegrass United, a group of homeschooled high school students in Lexington will be performing CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN on April 10 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at First Assembly of God on Clays Mill Road. Admission is free! ☺ If you'd like to go to the afternoon performance, meet at Capital City Christian Church at 11:45. We can carpool or caravan.

CLASS ON HONEYBEES

Attention families studying Flying Creatures this year – and all others as well! Let's meet at the Salato Center for a 1 hour class called The Flight of the Honeybee on Wednesday, May 14 from noon – 1:00 p.m. Bring your lunch if you like. You can eat during the class, or if the weather is nice, we could picnic outside afterwards.

Officer and Overseer Nominations are DUE

If you want to nominate someone for the position of officer or overseer for CACH, the nominations are due by MAR 31. Give the nomination to an officer in person or via email. The officers are elected for one term. The overseers serve 3 years, with 2 replaced each year.

Frankfort

Apr 2, KHS Brown Bag History: "Frankfort Cemetery: The Westminster Abbey of Kentucky" Join Russ Hatter and Nicky Hughes from the Capital City Museum as they discuss the Frankfort Cemetery as a final resting place for many state and local citizens and dignitaries, and discover a unique view of history from this memorial on top of the bluff overlooking Frankfort. Free.

For more information contact Annette Parde at ext. 4461 or email annette.parde@ky.gov.

Apr 5, 12, 19, 26, KHS History Zone: "Tree-mendous Kentucky!" Create and decorate a wooden toy from Kentucky's past, plant a tree seed, and learn about the importance of trees as you celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day. For children ages 5 to 10 and their families. Free. For more information contact Annette Parde at ext. 4461 or email annette.parde@ky.gov.

Apr 8, - Apr 11, Come to KHS for a special week of activities for all those on spring break! On Tuesday, celebrate a belated Arbor Day (April 4) with "Tree-mendous Kentucky!" On Wednesday, get a little corny for "Corntucky," as you discover the uses of corn and make cornhusk dolls. On Thursday, learn about the Tuskegee Airmen, and create your own model and paper airplanes. On Friday, play historic indoor and outdoor (if weather permits) games. For children ages 5 to 10 and their families. For more information contact Annette Parde at ext. 4461 or email annette.parde@ky.gov.

Apr 9, Salato Wildlife Center Brown Bag Lunch – Rain Gardens, 12-1pm, Do you want to grow a beautiful garden, conserve water and prevent storm water pollution at the same time? NO Registration FREE, 564-7863

Apr 12, Family-History Workshop: "Genealogy Basics" Presenter Sandi Gorin will teach beginners how to start the process of researching and documenting family history. Participants will learn proper techniques for basic research. The afternoon program will build upon the lessons from Part I, and will present information on resources, repositories, and helpful tips. A light lunch is available at a cost of \$6, payable at the door. Registration by noon on Friday, April 11, is required to reserve lunch. For more information contact Library Reference Desk at ext. 4460 or email Refdesk@ky.gov.

Lexington

4/6/08, UK Art Museum, Journey to India Family Day, You're invited to travel to India for the day. Sample art and craft, learn to dance, enjoy a children's fashion parade, tour our exhibition and try your hand at making Diwali lights. Events are planned for visitors of all ages. Free. 1-5 p.m. UK Art Museum. <www.uky.edu/ArtMuseum>. 859-257-5716

4/12/08, Jacobson Park, Kite Fest, Celebrate National Kite Month and Jacobson Parks first major outdoor event of the season. Free activities include face painting, kite making, giant bubbles and special entertainment. Food and beverages will be available throughout the day and families may pack a lunch and picnic in the park. 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. 859-288-2927

Georgetown

April 17, [Georgetown College Chorale Spring Concert](#) John L. Hill Chapel. 8 p.m. FREE

April 19-20, [Georgetown International Kite and Culture Festival](#) Growing in popularity, the festival attracted over 8,000 in 2006. Highlights of the event include: new this year The Marionette Puppet Show, featuring "Jazzy Strings" and "Aunt Nellie"; two stages of entertainment, the International Food Court, children's crafts, storytelling, FREE kite-making, exhibits, a Hot Air Balloon, Saturday only, Sponsored by Steve Woodrum State Farm Insurance; kite flying, and Lexington Children's Theater performance, Saturday only. Admission is FREE! \$3.00 per car. For more information, visit www.kitefest.com or call 502-863-1575.

April 24, [Tiger Symphonic Band](#) Annual Spring Concert featuring student soloist Gavin Sewell; World-Premiere~David Holsinger Commissioned Work. John L. Hill Chapel. 8 pm FREE. Info. 502-863-8112