

WEEKLY E-MAIL MESSAGES FROM GRHE - April 18, 2012

To submit items to our weekly email messages, send homeschool relevant messages to grhemsg@gmail.com PLEASE PUT THE NAME OF YOUR EVENT IN THE SUBJECT LINE. Only messages received from GRHE members will be considered for posting. Messages will be compiled and sent once a week, except for GRHE special announcements or special legislative matters that concern homeschoolers and need immediate attention. Thank you!

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL!!! Contact information is given in each message for your response.

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GRHE-SPONSORED EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

These events are sponsored by GRHE and meet our standards for our events. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO DECIDE IF THEY ARE SUITABLE FOR YOUR FAMILY..

1. NEW HOME EDUCATORS MEETING

We will have a new home educators meeting on Tuesday, April 24th at the Hollins Branch - Roanoke County Library from 6:30-8:30. Topics for the evening will be the VA Home Education Law, how to get started, things to consider, curriculum, and a time for questions. If you are a new home educator or you know of someone considering home education please join us for an evening of information and fellowship. Questions may be sent to Renee Campbell - grhemsg@gmail.com

2. PRAYER REQUEST:

Please pray for the families attending the New Home Educators Meeting on April 24th. Pray that they will find God's will for their families as they consider home education for their children.

3. GRHE LIBRARY NEWS

GRHE LIBRARY NOTES:

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!!

Come check out the spring flower guides, the birdcall identifier CD, and many more out and about nature books.

Also a good time to peruse curriculum with next year in mind *before* the booksales.

OPEN: Wed/Thurs. 1-3

Any questions or concerns contact:

Cindy Kemp 520-1186 ckempfamily@gmail.com

Tracy Caldwell 342-8369 tracycaldwell@cox.net

4. GRHE USED BOOK SALE- MARK THE DATE!

The GRHE Used Book Sale will be Friday, June 1st from 9-12 pm.

Mark your calendars NOW! Details of the sale and information on how you can help will be posted in March. Email grhemsg@gmail.com with any questions.

5. GRHE RENEWALS

GRHE renewals will be sent out in the mail mid-May. Be on the lookout for yours so you don't miss the July 1 renewal date!

6 PONY EXPRESS

The PONY Express needs an adult sponsor for next year. If you are interested in helping with that, please contact Valerie Benzinger at dbenzfamily@gmail.com or Priscilla Trice at omatrice@gmail.com.

7. CLASSES, TUTORS, AND CO-OP LISTINGS

Class listings for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year are being compiled. If you are interested in having a class or tutoring information or co-op listed, please send the following details to grhemsg@gmail.com by April 18th.

Name of Class

Brief Class Description

Prerequisites

Age or grade level

Teacher(s) and contact information

Dates and times of the class

Location of the class

Materials students need to provide

Costs and payment information

Please follow this format and keep information as brief as possible. GRHE reserves the right to limit the content of all class listings. Listings will be distributed to members and other area home school support groups.

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE NON-GRHE SPONSORED HOMESCHOOL EVENTS:

THESE EVENTS ARE NOT SPONSORED BY GRHE. HOWEVER, THEY ARE HOMESCHOOL EVENTS/activities directed by homeschoolers, for homeschoolers. GRHE does not endorse nor evaluate neither content nor quality of these events. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO DECIDE WHETHER THESE ACTIVITIES ARE SUITABLE FOR YOUR FAMILY.

8. MEET THE TEACHERS EVENT

There will be an opportunity for parents and students to meet teachers, co-op leaders and tutors at a Meet the Teacher Event on May 14th. Time and place: TBA.

9. US DISTRICT COURT LAW DAY PROGRAM FOR HOME EDUCATORS

*****MUST SIGN UP FOR THIS PROGRAM BY NOON, FRIDAY, APRIL 20TH*****

US District Court Law Day Program for Home Educators. The Clerk's Office and the Roanoke Chapter of the Federal Bar Association are planning to conduct a special program in the Ceremonial Courtroom of the Poff Federal Building to celebrate Law Day on Tuesday, May 1st. This year's theme is: No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom (see www.lawday.org). Tentative plans for the program include brief presentations by: a Judge, Clerk and Chief Deputy, Chief Probation Office and/or Deputy Chief, US Attorney or his designee, Federal Public Defender or Asst. FPD, US Marshal, Jury Administrator and IT specialists. The remainder of the program will consist of a short, mock trial to be performed by the court staff and FBA attorneys. Students will be engaged in the process and questions will be encouraged. After the in-court program, staff will lead the students on brief tours of the Clerk's Office, US Marshal's Office (and the holding cell, if unoccupied) and perhaps one of the Judge's chambers. This should be a wonderfully educational program about our court system and a chance for students to be exposed to multiple career opportunities that they might be interested in pursuing.

This program will take place on May 1st from 8:30am until approximately 11:30am. The program is for middle or high schoolers only (approximately 11 years and older). Program is limited to the first 30 students who register. To register, please contact Amy Collins

at earthenvessel@ledbylove.org or 992-5497 or 540-520-4951. (Please no younger children. Perhaps parents can trade childcare if older children are interested in attending program.)

10. 2012 HEAV VIRGINIA HOMESCHOOL CONVENTION -

June 7-9, 2012 - Home Education: Touching the Heart. Inspiration. Information. Bargains. HUGE Exhibit Hall, money-saving Used Curriculum Sale (60,000+ items last year), more than 120 information-packed workshops, graduation, FREE how-to-begin sessions, and MUCH MORE. Practical, hands-on, and encouraging!

Learn more and register at www.heav.org/convention or call 804-278-9200

11. SINGING SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT

Please come to our concert on Thursday, April 26, at 7:30 pm at the Bonsack Baptist Church. Admission is free; no childcare will be provided; both Junior Singing School and Senior Singing School will perform. The music will be both encouraging and edifying!

12. LYNCHBURG MUSEUM HOMESCHOOL DAY - LYNCHBURG - MAY 22

Lynchburg Museum
901 Court Street
Lynchburg, VA

Point of Honor
112 Cabell Street
Lynchburg, VA

Tuesday, May 22, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free! Please contact Rachel Deddens at Rachel.Deddens@lynchburgva.gov or 434-455-6226 if you plan to attend; also contact her with any questions. Homeschoolers from across Virginia are invited to tour the Museum and Point of Honor as educational resources for families. Bring the family and a picnic and enjoy a day full of hands-on activities. For more information, please see the following websites: www.lynchburgmuseum.org www.pointofhonor.org

13. SUMMER INTERNSHIP AT VIRGINIA TECH

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM, EMAIL GRHEMSG@GMAIL.COM AND I WILL EMAIL YOU THE INFORMATION TO APPLY.

My name is Kristopher Monger and I work in the Education & Outreach group at the Virginia Bioinformatics Institute (VBI) at Virginia Tech. I am emailing contacts that I found listed under "Southwest Virginia" on the Virginia Homeschool network website (<http://www.vahomeschoolers.org/support/#SouthwestVa>) with information about the 2012 VBI High School Summer Internship. Below you will find more information about the program, including links to the program website and a downloadable copy of the 2012 promotional flyer (PDF). Please feel free to make this information available to any students that may be eligible for participation. Please also feel free to email me with any further questions that you may have. Thank you very much 2012 VBI High School Summer Internship | "Our Green Future"

Virginia Bioinformatics Institute (VBI) is offering a high school summer internship to expose students to the exciting fields of research in biology, plant pathology, the environment, climate and bioinformatics. This week-long program consists of several research activity labs, research-related tours, and a discussion/lecture series.

High school students interested in math and science, and are able to provide their own, reliable transportation to VBI each morning, are eligible for participation in the program. The main objective of this high school internship is to show students the fun and excitement of scientific research. Students will have the opportunity to explore the world of genomics and the environment with world-renowned research scientists in professional labs.

Dedicated work is key for success in any career, especially one in bioinformatics research. The internship experience will strengthen the principle of dedicated work through intensive laboratory research and journal keeping exercises given throughout the week. A highly motivated attitude is encouraged throughout the program!

2012 Application Deadline: May 4, 2012

2012 Program Dates July 9 - July 13

Program website: <http://highschool.vbi.vt.edu/>

2012 promotional flyer: <http://highschool.vbi.vt.edu/PDFs/2012-hs-flier-web.pdf>

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14 LEWIS GALE SUMMER HEALTHCARE CAMP FOR RISING EIGHT GRADERS

Lewis Gale Summer Healthcare Camp for rising eighth graders is a free camp for students to explore careers in the medical field. This is a one week day camp from July 30-August 3rd . I have more information, application and referral information if you are interested. Deadline for the application is May 4th and an one page essay is required. This would be a great opportunity for students considering health education. Email me at grhemsg@gmail.com if you want me to send you the forms necessary for this program. Please do not hit reply to this email, but send a separate email.
Thanks, renee

15. ENGINEERING SUMMER CAMP AT VIRGINIA TECH: JULY 16-20 AND JULY 23-27, 2012

Students are eligible if they are rising 7th or 8th graders. Information and applications can be found at <http://www.eng.ve.edu/imagination> or by calling 540-231-0434.

(A home school family took their sons to this camp last year and wanted to pass on the information to other home schooling families.)

16 CIVIL WAR COOKBOOK OPPORTUNITY

Would you and your family enjoy exploring foods of the mid-19th century while volunteering to help out the Virginia Museum of the Civil War?

From 1814 to 1942 the Bushong family farmed the land now known as the New Market Battlefield. The Virginia Museum of the Civil War operates on this site and is dedicated to interpreting both the military and social history of the Shenandoah Valley, focusing on the years from 1858 to 1868. As part of my role as Supervisor of Interpretation, I am currently authoring a cookbook focusing on recipes from the life and times of the Bushong family and their fellow Shenandoah Valley residents. I could really use your help. You and your family could help bring this project to completion by becoming recipe testers.

Here's how it will work. If you are interested in helping out, please respond to this email and include the following information:

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Email:

Cooking ability: Novice Beginner Competent Proficient Expert

After receiving your information, I will send you a recipe from the cookbook, historical background for the recipe and a form to record your feedback on, all via email. You would be asked to make the recipe, take a digital picture of the finished dish, and fill out the feedback form. Then, within 14 days, send back the completed form and your picture, via email. You can also let me know whether you'd like another recipe or not.

Your family will enjoy the opportunity to learn more about the foods of mid-19th century Virginia and the cookbook gets one, giant step closer to completion. I do need to add that it would be with the most heartfelt thanks and appreciation from the Virginia Museum of the Civil War and this author in particular.

I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Sincerely and with a grateful heart,

Stacey R. Nadeau

Supervisor of Historical Interpretation

Virginia Museum of the Civil War

New Market Battlefield * Historic Bushong Farm * Shenandoah Valley Tourist Information Center

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New Market, VA 22844

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www.vmi.edu/newmarket

An accredited museum administered by the Virginia Military Institute.

17 ROANOKE COLLEGE CHILDREN'S CHOIR AUDITIONS

As a member of the Roanoke College Children's Choir, you'll find the confidence that you can be a part of something amazing. You'll find a great new group of friends. You'll find an appreciation for music you may have never heard before. Auditions are open for boys and girls ages 7-17 and will be held May 8 and May 10, 2012 from 3:30-8:30 in the Recital Hall at Roanoke College. To schedule an audition please call the choir office at 375-2222. Singers should come prepared to sing the first verse of, "My Country Tis of Thee" and a short song of your choice. Find out more at: www.childrenschoir.com Submitted by GRHE Member Tracy Caldwell.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS Needed

1. NEEDED

Does anyone have the Powerglide Spanish course to borrow or for me to buy? Thank you. Bonita 992-6135

2.NEEDED

I am looking for Abeka's 6th grade math answer key as well as the Teacher's

book. Please contact me if you have these items for sale. Kristy Smith: kjrsmith@tds.net

3. NEEDED I am looking for a home school family in Cave spring area, which has first graders learning English reading and interested about learning Spanish. [540-989-8931](tel:540-989-8931) ,lucy_tamez1977@yahoo.com

4. NEEDED Wanted for the next school year: BJU Grade 6 Math, Teacher and Student worktext. Prefer Third Edition but will take Second Edition. Mystery of History, Volume 2, from Bright Ideas Press. Heather Farmer 977-4038 or

thehappyhippo2012@gmail.com.

GREAT STORY... PERHAPS YOU HAVE A CALVIN?

Calvin in Motion

By Michelle A. Rhee, founder and chief executive, Students First

When I was teaching second grade in Baltimore, there was an adorable but disruptive boy in my class named Calvin. He talked over me, talked over his friends and couldn't participate in an appropriate way. I was constantly urging him to sit still and be quiet, and I even held one of those awfully serious what-do-we-do meetings with his father. Nothing worked. Until the day I put a dustpan in Calvin's hand. It all started when he threw a pile of pencil-sharpener shavings all over the room during story time. I gave Calvin the dustpan and a brush and told him to clean up the mess. Then, I proceeded with the story. As I read, I heard Calvin mumbling while he twirled around with that dustpan. After a few minutes, to my astonishment, I realized Calvin was answering my questions about the story. He sounded like a model student. Never before had I imagined that I would get Calvin on task by telling him to do an activity that was entirely unrelated to my lesson. Because Calvin was a kinesthetic kid, or a physical learner, he could only focus on school if he was up and moving. From that day on, Calvin would play with manipulative toys and sometimes even take a lap around the classroom while I was instructing. He taught me that all kids learn in wildly different ways and that all children are reachable and teachable.