



CCHE News and Events



September 2023

Please check out our supporting advertisers!

When you get to the bottom of your email page, click to see more!

[Visit Our Website](#)

Monthly Meeting

September 11

- Bless It Forward Bookshelves open
- Field Trips sign-ups
- We will listen to Dr. James Dobson interview Raymond Moore on homeschooling and watch a video by two homeschool graduates:
Five Reasons Why Homeschooling is Better Than Public Schooling, from a student's perspective
- Sign up for CCHE Membership - only \$6 per year

7:00 - 8:30 pm

The Lighthouse Church/ Little Lights Learning Center
7808 NE 94th Ave.
Vancouver, WA

CCHE Field Trips

Sign-up for field trips by contacting April Turner at halfdozmom@gmail.com .

Priority will be given to CCHE members.

Sign ups will be available at the CCHE Meeting on September 11th.

JOIN CCHE HERE:

If you would like to become a member, follow this link:

<http://www.cchomeed.org/cche-membership--only-6-per-year.html>

Fire Station and Training Center Tour

Date: Monday, September 25th

Time: 9am - 11am

Location: Portland Station #2, [4800 NE 122nd Ave, Portland](#) (122nd Ave & Sandy Blvd)

Ages: geared toward elementary school age

Maximum: 20 people (adults and children)

Deadline: September 18th

We will have a 30-40 minute fire safety discussion / demonstration and then 30-40 minute Engine and Ladder Truck show-and-tell, station tour and walk around the drill grounds. We can also watch any current training, if any is happening that morning.



Historic Farm Tours of All Sizes, for All Ages

22725 SE Eagle Creek Road, Eagle Creek, OR 97022

Date/time: Monday, October 2nd, 10am - noon

Ages: All ages

Cost: Ages 3-8th grade \$6, Adults \$5, 2 years and under, free

Pioneer Life Tour

Aimed at 4th graders, teachers of kindergarten through 8th grade students tell us their students love it, learn from it, and remember it for years! The PLT begins with an introduction to the history of the farm and the safety rules for students. After that, small groups are sent to their stations to rotate around the farm. Stations include pioneer activities like corn-grinding, crosscut saw, building a log cabin, laundry, tours of a 1860 house, 1870 barn, and the 1850 school house.



Tryon Creek State Park Field Trip

11321 S Terwilliger Blvd Portland, OR 97219

Date/Time: Thursday, October 19th, 9:30 - 11:30

Ages: K - 2nd

Cost: \$15 (if we have less than 30 students), \$10 (over 30 students), chaperones (1 adult per family) free

Friends of Tryon Creek offer guided field trips for students to immerse themselves in the forest in order to broaden their curiosity about nature and deepen their understanding of forest ecology.

Trees Are Terrific

All organisms have external parts. Different animals use their body parts in different ways to see, hear, grasp objects, protect themselves, move from place to place, and seek, find, and take in food, water, and air. Plants also have different parts (roots, stems, leaves, flowers, & fruits) that help them survive and grow.

Through classroom activities and a nature hike students will be able to identify different structures on a tree that help that organism grow and survive in their specific environment.



1726 Washington Street, Oregon City, OR 97045

End of Oregon Trail presentation & activities

Date/time: Thursday, October 12, 10am - around 2

Ages: 4 and up

Cost: \$10 per person, ages 4 and up

Max.: 25 students

Bring sack lunches

A 30 minute interactive presentation that includes volunteers and props. This overview of the reasons pioneers traveled, the dangers they faced, and chores they did will prepare your group for the rest of your visit. We will have a break between activities for lunch, and an opportunity to shop in the museum store.

Candle Dipping & Butter Making: For almost every pioneer, candles and butter were an essential part of the overland journey. Students will also listen to a short presentation about the typical diet of pioneers before they make (and taste) their own hand-churned butter. Students will also learn about how daily tasks and chores were different without electricity, and then hand-dip their own candles.

Packing the Wagon: One of the most important parts of the journey overland was packing and preparing for the trip. Students will listen to a short presentation about necessary provisions before they have the opportunity to pack the wagon themselves. Students will ensure their wagons aren't overweight for the journey by using one of our "provision mathematics" worksheets, and learn about how the different cultures of pioneers affected what they carried.



Kilnfolk Pottery Party

Date/time: Thursday, Nov., 23rd 11am

Ages: all

Cost: \$2.50 per person + cost of the item you chose to paint

Maximum: 16 painters

Our ready-made pottery pieces cost \$24 on average. We have pieces like cake toppers that are \$7 and large serving platters that are \$100, and everything in between!

Pieces will be ready in approximately 1-3 weeks. We will email you when your piece/pieces are ready for pick up.

If your little one can keep the paint out of their mouth, they can paint pottery! In our experience, any younger than 2 years old gets tricky. Our studio is family-friendly, including a kids' room with toys and TV, a rocking chair, a high chair, and changing table, which are all available for those who need them!



(Examples of items to paint)

Don't settle for just another sport - this is life changing!





wholearmor.net

REMEMBER TO FILE

File your Declaration of Intent for children between age 8-18

Where: Superintendent's Office of the local school district where you reside

Due : September 15

The only information about your child that is required is their name and age.

If it asks for Date of Birth, draw a line through it and write AGE.

Keep a copy for yourself as proof of filing. It can also be used to get teacher discounts and a teacher's library card.

HOME-BASED EDUCATION IS BEST

by Carrie Patterson

Many parents today think they need to enroll their children in preschool or a co-op when they are three or four, and public schools start formal education at age five with kindergarten, when Washington state's laws allow for children to begin schooling at age eight. The development of early schooling programs like Head Start convinced parents that they need to rush their children out of the home and into institutional programs. However, research has shown that the parent spending time with their children at home is more effective than placing them in a structured preschool program. Dr. Benjamin Bloom*, an educational psychologist whose work led to the creation of Head Start, came to the conclusion that a child's early learning experiences within the home are the most significant in providing a good foundation for learning. Parents are a child's best teachers and home the best setting for early education. Here are some suggestions for additional activities you can do with your children at home.

Make your home a place of learning. As a parent, you set the stage for your child's learning experiences. When you are preparing a meal, think of small ways you can involve your child, whether it is setting out plates to eat on, cutting up mushrooms, or washing the top of a can you will soon open, allow them the pleasure of being a helper. It is our job to eventually work ourselves out of a job by allowing independence to take root, and this is where it starts.

Exhibit joy when they learn a new skill. Children are like sponges that absorb everything in their path. As you show them how to do something, they will marvel at the activity and get excited that they can do it, too! Acknowledge their newly-learned ability and allow them to repeat it as often as possible to reinforce their understanding. What child doesn't love to help clean the mirrors in the bathroom with a spray bottle of water? With a little direction, they can also wipe the water off the mirror with just as much glee! They can also clean windows at their height with the same amount of skill or wipe down dirty walls.

Talk with your children. From an early age, babies mimic the sounds they hear when you talk to them. As they get older, they learn language from those around them. They go through a stage where they rhyme the sounds. Play along with them. As they grow, they also vicariously learn the past tense of verbs, but they might say “runned” instead of “ran”. Assist them in understanding by gently giving them the correct verb. You are teaching them English. You are their first teacher, and they aren’t even eight years old yet!

Play with your children. Young children learn through play. Exploring the world around them through various indoor and outdoor activities will not only strengthen their muscles, but also stimulate their brain. Build towers out of blocks and see how tall it gets and still balances. Teach them what sinks and what floats when they are in the bathtub or fill the sink with water, make predictions, and test various objects. As they get older, put together jigsaw puzzles, and play table games like UNO, Bingo, Scrabble, and Boggle. They are learning problem solving as well as math and language skills.

Go exploring. Take a walk in the fall and collect different leaves. Observe the trees they came from and look at the bark, the branches, and how their seeds are formed and spread. When you get home, press the leaves between paper towels and place them under a heavy book. In the spring, collect flowers and do the same. You can make a nature notebook or use card stock and make them into note cards. To preserve them, cover with clear contact paper.

Read together often. Children need to hear the sounds of the words and learn the vocabulary that they will one day be reading. They also learn that reading is a left to right and top to bottom process. They may enjoy a specific book and ask you to read it over and over and over again. They will memorize the story and eventually “read” it from memory. These are all pre-reading processes that are important in their development before learning to read. Visit the local library and help your children choose books that you can read at home. Books that have been award winners, like Newberry, Caldecott, Parents’ Choice, or Children’s Choice medal winners are the best in children’s literature.

Be a role model. Your children will want to follow in your footsteps. Have you heard them ask you to show them how to do something? Not only will you be teaching them, but you are building the foundation of an important relationship that will serve you well in the days and years to come. As a parent, it may be difficult to find time to read, but if your children see you reading, it will be something they will want to learn to do.

Don’t rush things! A child will grow and develop at their own unique pace. By spending time with your child, you will know when they are ready for the next challenge and when they are at a plateau and need to deepen their skills before moving on. As parents, we sometimes have trouble waiting. We are eager to move them to the next step. Don’t worry if your child’s not reading Shakespeare at seven or doing multiplication at eight. And it’s OK whether they start reading at three or four years old or are not ready until ten or eleven or twelve. They will get there on their own schedule, when they are ready. Observe them and be willing to watch and wait. Be available and ready when they show interest in moving forward. You will have a more content, confident child who feels accepted, supported, and loved for who they are.

* Dr. Benjamin Bloom, *All Our Children Learning*, McGraw Hill, New York, 1980.

Suggested Further Reading:

Books by Dr. Raymond and Dorothy Moore: Home Grown Kids, Home Style Teaching, Home Spun Schools, and Better Late Than Early. These may be available from the public library and Pareto be checked out from the CCHE library.

Homegrown Readers by Jan Pierce, Homegrown Publications, 2015.



HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

MORE INFO ONLINE!

ROYALRIDGES.ORG





GIDDYUP PROGRAM

HORSEMANSHIP LESSONS

MOM & DAUGHTER DAY

SATURDAY HORSE CAMPS

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

DISCOVER ~ CONNECT ~ GROW



Save the Dates

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. They are open to the public. You can join other homeschoolers for learning and fellowship at The Lighthouse Church, 7808 NE 94th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98662

September 11 - Monthly Meeting

- Bless It Forward Bookshelves open
- Field Trips sign-ups
- Effective Homeschooling - When is the best time to start and what to do
- *Five Reasons Why Homeschooling is Better Than Public Schooling*, from a student's perspective

October 16 - Monthly Meeting

November 13 - Monthly Meeting

December 11 - Monthly Meeting

January 8 - Monthly Meeting

February 12 - Monthly Meeting

March 11 - Monthly Meeting

April 15 - Monthly Meeting

May 13 - Monthly Meeting

June TBA- Used Curriculum Sale

Oregon Science Festival

a week-long celebration of science September 11-17

Five days of workshops, tours, and lectures in the Portland Metro Area and beyond, culminating with a weekend Science Extravaganza September 16-17 at OMSI. The Oregon Science Festival celebrates science, engineering, technology, art, and math as central elements of our region and engages partners to expand science education outside a museum setting. Get your tickets to meet and learn from a vast array of scientists, engineers, and innovators inspiring future generations!

Admission: \$18 for age 18-64, \$13 for youth age 3-13, however *OMSI members attend the Oregon Science Festival for free!*

OMSI MEMBERSHIP SALE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17

[Become a member for 15% off](#), now through September 17, 2023.

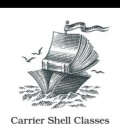

SCIENCE AT HOME WEBSITE

OMSi has a special website for doing science at-home activities. It includes videos on a variety of topics. <https://omsi.edu/science-at-home/>

(advertisement)

Carrier Shell Curriculum and Classes

Are you looking for history, writing, or science online classes for your 4th to 8th grade student? Check out our program! We offer engaging classes for parents who'd like some help in individual subjects.

 Carrier Shell Classes	<small>CARRIER SHELL CURRICULUM AND CLASSES</small> Live Online Homeschool Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grades 4-8• History, writing, science, and art classes• Literature approach• Engaging instructors• Hands-on learning
	
Visit us at carriershell.com	

Lesson Planning - Step Three

You have your first month / term planned. What is next?

You teach your student(s) for your month / term. Take notes about what is working and what isn't working well. Also note things that come up to delay your lesson schedule and things you thought would slow you down that didn't.

At the end of this term, before you plan your next one, take some time to note where you are in each subject. Take this information along with your other notes and make some decisions before you plan the next sessions.

Do you need to go slower, faster, or keep at your pace?

Is your curriculum working well or do you need to use something else? Do you need to change completely or just bring in some supplemental material? Can you use what is available free from the library or do you need to purchase something else?

Now, you can check your calendar, your rough plan, and your notes to help you plan your next month / term.

Taking a few days between each month / term to think, pray, and plan can help you be a better teacher and your child(ren) to do better in their education and life.

Out and About Our Local Area

[Experience Passes](#)

Experience Passes let you access attractions in our area using just your library card. For some it is one person per pass, others it is one family per pass. You will need to check the details. Each attraction can be accessed once per calendar year. (If you do one between now and December 31st, you can do it again as early as January 1st of next year.) At the time of this writing, the attractions you can get a pass for include:

- Alder Creek Pioneer Association Bickleton Carousel Museum
- Cascade Locks Historical Museum
- Clark County Historical Museum
- Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum
- Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center
- Genealogical Forum of Oregon

- Lan Su Chinese Garden
- Maryhill Museum of Art
- Pittock Mansion
- Presby Museum and Klickitat County Historical Society
- Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals
- Wonderworks Children's Museum

Please note: Some dates are blocked off for various reasons. Plan your visit(s) and reserve your pass for the date(s) that you can actually go. Once printed, the pass cannot be requested again until the next year.

[Check Out Washington Pass](#)

This pass provides free admission to State Parks and other areas requiring a Discover Pass.

"The Check Out Washington Pass may be used for motor vehicle access to lands managed by: Washington State Parks, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife." This pass provides free admission to State Parks and other areas requiring a Discover Pass.

Each pack includes a pack, a Discover Pass, Binoculars, Washington State Parks Map, and Fold Out Nature Guides

Nature Guides and Travel Guides

The library also has many nature guides and travel / hiking guides for areas near us. To find the nature guides it is best to search for your subject. (Plants of the Northwest, birds of Washington, bugs of oregon, amphibians, flowers, trees, shrubs....) The travel and hiking guides are a bit easier to find. You would put in the search hiking, travel, biking (with children, kids) and the place (Oregon, Washington, Columbia Gorge, Mount Hood...)

Once you have the call number for one book, go to that section and look around for others that might interest you or your children.

Open Auditions

Main Stage Theatre is having auditions for *The Absolutely True Story of King Arthur* on September 7 from 1-4pm at Ridgefield Church of the Nazarene, 747 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield.

Rehearsals will be on Fridays from 12:00 - 4:00 from September 15 - October 27. Get those one minute monologues ready! For more information, check their facebook page or instagram @mainstagetroupe

Which States Joined in

September?

The states (their #) and the date they joined the Union.

California (#31) September 9, 1850

An interesting fact about California:

- California is the only state that was formed from the Mexican Cession without first becoming a territory.

The states (their #) and the date they joined the Union.

California (#31) September 9, 1850

An interesting fact about California:

- California is the only state that was formed from the Mexican Cession without first becoming a territory.

19th Century Farm Life



Want to reduce Christmas stress? Spread the work over the whole year. Sign up for our newsletter. That is our focus for 2024.

Lyn's Book Basket

Champoeg State Park,

September 16, 11:30-2:30

Experience life on an 1860's Oregon farm AND at the home of early Oregon statesman, Robert Newell. Next door neighbors, Newell Pioneer Village and Champoeg State Heritage Area are teaming up! Activities include: apple bobbing, candle dipping, wool spinning, blacksmith, tinsmith, tea smith, quilting, live music, barn dance, children's games, tours of a heritage garden, wheat threshing barn and educational exhibits. The event is free with a \$5 parking permit, camping permit, or annual pass.

Northwest Weavers Guild Spinning Demonstrations

The Northwest Weavers Guild will be at the Discovery Center every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm demonstrating traditional weaving and spinning. The Northwest Regional Spinners Association will also be here every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm demonstrating the art of hand spinning fibers into thread.

Old Apple Tree Festival

October 1: 11 a.m. – 3p.m.

11 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver

Food, music, activities and more. Learn about fruit tree pruning, bring your apples for pressing, and let the kids join in the fun activities. Apple cuttings from the Old Apple Tree will be handed out on a limited, first come, first serve basis until gone.

OREGON RAIL HERITAGE CENTER

Visit the museum machine shop and see the historic locomotives. Admission and parking are free.

They also offer train rides (not free).

OPEN AIR TRAIN RIDES

Experience the magic of weekly train rides at the Oregon Rail Heritage Center every Saturday from August 12 to October 14. Rides are available at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, and 4pm. (45 minute ride) Enjoy the open-air ride and scenic views of Oregon's beauty. Fun for all ages - don't miss this unforgettable journey through time!

2250 SE Water Ave. Portland OR 97214 (Near OMSI)

Thursday - Sunday, 1:00 - 5:00pm

Adults (13+) \$14, Children \$10

Free Parking

<https://orhf.org/steam-train-rides/>

Calendar of CCHE Activities

September

11 -Monthly Meeting

- Let's Get Started!

- Bring your ideas to share about special activities to start the year
- Bless It Forward Bookshelves open
- Field Trips sign-ups

October

16 - Monthly Meeting

Field Trips TBD

November

13 - Monthly Meeting

Field Trips TBD

December

11 - Monthly Meeting

Field Trips TBD

2024

January

8 - Monthly Meeting

Field Trips TBD

February

12 - Monthly Meeting

Field Trips TBD

March

11 - Monthly Meeting

Field Trips TBD

April

15 - Monthly Meeting

Field Trips TBD

May

13 - Monthly Meeting

Field Trips TBD

June

TBA - Used Curriculum Sale

Cool Links

Planning Notes on the [CCHE Website](#).

OMSI [Science at Home](#) activities page.

[Oregon Rail Rides](#)

[Discover Washington Parks](#)

[Experience Passes](#)

Copyright © 2018 - 2023 Clark County Home Educators, All rights reserved.

Clark County Home Educators

P.O. Box 476
Brush Prairie, WA
98606 United States

(360) 836-4854
cche@cchomeed.org



You received this email because you signed up on our website or in person at a homeschool event.

[Unsubscribe](#)

