

Rocks and Minerals Tour, IEW Virtual Retreat, Parenting Myths,
Christmas at the Fort, "Journey to Bethlehem," FVRL Holiday Events



December, 2017 News & Events

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Visit our Website

Free Salmon Science Saturday Dec. 2

Learn about the lifecycle of a salmon, study their anatomy and unique God given characteristics through a dissection, and complete a fish friendly art project. This event is Dec. 2 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the new Firmly Planted Resource Center. [Click here](#) for details and to register. Space is limited. Note: To register, you will need to set up an account on the Firmly Planted Homeschool Portal.

Institute for Excellence in Writing's Free Virtual Winter Retreat Dec. 9

[IEW's Winter Retreat](#) is free and provides a refreshing day of inspiration and encouragement from the comfort of your own home! Speakers include Andrew Pudewa, Sarah Mackenzie, Linda Mikottis, Robert Bortins, and Adam Andrews. Workshops include:

- Struggling Learners/Special Education: Strategies for Teachers and Parents
- Four Deadly Errors of Teaching Writing
- Classical Education: Then and Now
- What's All the Fuss About Reading Aloud? A Round Table Discussion
- However Imperfectly: Lessons Learned from Three Decades of Teaching

"Five Parenting Myths I Used to Believe" (Special Encouragement for Fathers and Mothers Too)

Scott Slayton

Excerpt: "Raising children frequently brings me face to face with my own ignorance, foolishness, and

inadequacies. My children presented me with problems I never anticipated, disobey in ways I never imagined, and bless me in ways I only dared to dream." [Click here](#) to read on...



Christmas at Fort Vancouver Dec. 9

Experience the sights and sounds of the 1840s holiday season at Fort Vancouver. Visitors will be able to view and participate in activities undertaken by residents at the fort during the holiday season. Enjoy wreath making, holiday beverages, caroling, and more Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. [Click here](#) for details.

"Journey to Bethlehem" Dec. 8 & 9

Free Christmas Program and Live Nativity at Lake Bible Church in Lake Oswego. [Click here](#) for details.



Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals Tour Dec. 7

A world-class collection showcasing not only fine rocks and minerals, but also fossils, meteorites, lapidary art, and gemstones from both the Pacific Northwest and all around the world. [Click here](#) to sign up for the field trip with School at Home Adventures.

FVRL Holiday Events

Holiday Open House Dec. 2 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. with refreshments, crafts, and entertainment in Battle Ground.

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop Dec. 6 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the La Center Community Center. Build a beautiful centerpiece. Bring your own container if you desire. Also bring hand-held clippers or scissors.

Winter Holiday Fun Dec. 11 or 13 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Battle Ground. Build an edible winter scene-

scape, including your own igloo. Suitable for ages 5-18. Registration for this event is required. For more information search the [Events](#) on the FVRL website.

Winter Theater Class Registrations Open

[Christian Youth Theater Vancouver](#) Classes
[Journey Theater](#) Classes

Upcoming Theater Performances

[Christian Youth Theater](#) Presents "Scrooge: The Musical" Nov. 29-Dec. 3
[Journey Theater](#) Presents "Elf: The Musical Jr." Dec. 1-10
[Magenta Theater](#) - Presents "It's a Wonderful Life" Dec. 1-16
Northwest Children's Theater - "Cinderella" (a Gershwin-inspired tap musical) Dec. 7-13. Get in on group tickets with [School at Home Adventures](#)
[Oregon Symphony](#) "Young People's Concert" Feb. 1 - Tickets are going fast!
[Sellwood Players](#) - "Scrooge: The Musical" - Runs through Dec. 10. A fantastic family comedy *with a Christian flavor*.

"The Nutcracker" Performances

[Columbia Dance](#) Dec. 14-18
[Oregon Ballet Theatre](#) Dec. 9-24. [Click here](#) to sign up with a homeschool group.
[Vancouver Dance Theatre](#) Dec. 1-3

Cool Links

Educational & Other

[My Simpleshow](#) - Create explanatory videos online.
[The Tech Edvocates](#) - List of 116 Best Teaching and Learning Apps
[The Kid Should See This](#) - Smart videos for curious minds

Theater

[Christian Youth Theater](#) - Portland/Vancouver
[Journey Theater](#)
[Magenta Theater](#)

Stuff to Do

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[Fort Vancouver Regional Library](#)
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