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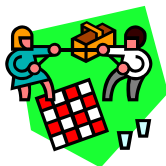
For privacy addresses, phone numbers, and many last names have been removed. Actual newsletters would have more information. If you need details contact info@ncfhe.org.

FHE PICNIC! RAIN OR SHINE!

Saturday, September 24, 10am-2pm

This event is open to all homeschoolers! The whole family is invited! Come to play, meet new friends and catch up with old ones. As in years past we'll plan to eat around noon. Please note that this WILL NOT BE a potluck/covered dish. Please bring lunch for your family, lawn chairs, volleyball, baseball equipment, and Frisbees. FHE will provide drinks, tableware, and cake for dessert.

Directions to Horizons Park: Take US 52 north to exit 114 (Germanton Rd./NC Hwy 8). Turn left (north) onto Germanton Rd. Travel north for 5.5 miles to the flashing light where Stanleyville Rd. comes in from the left, and turn right onto Memorial School Rd. Go one mile and Horizons Park will be on the right.



Mom's Night Out

Hello FHE moms! I will be coordinating this event again this year, and I'd like to welcome all the new homeschoolers and also the returning families to our group. Mom's Night Out events are held once a month, and I would like to encourage all of you to make an extra effort to come out and enjoy some fellowship. Attending a Mom's Night Out gives you the opportunity to share your experiences, information and favorite snack with other moms while getting to know each other. If you haven't been able to attend think about hosting one of your own and we'll come to you. Potential hostesses, you get to pick what month and day of the week would work best, and whether you would prefer an evening or afternoon. A brunch would also be fun. Do you have any ideas for a fun theme or presentation? Going out to a restaurant is a fun treat for us moms and everyone seems to enjoy them, and so is visiting another homeschool mom's house and getting a glimpse of how they do things. You may also co-host a MNO event with a friend. Ready to volunteer? Contact Michelle, michellebrooks@triad.rr.com.

Are you missing any favorite events? Maybe there is not a coordinator for that event this year. Maybe you could step in and coordinate that event. Or maybe there is a coordinator but we have not yet received information about it for the newsletter. Contact newsletter@ncfhe.org with information for the newsletter.

Next Board Meeting

The FHE board will be meeting **August 18, 7:00pm**. This will be an open meeting. Feel free to bring your ideas and suggestions or to pass along information to a board member.

FHE Skate Day



ENJOY an event that is fun for the whole FAMILY at Skate Haven USA in Winston Salem. Skate Day is the **2nd Tuesday** of each month, September- May, **1:30-3:30 PM**. Enjoy skating and socializing to the sounds of specially selected music that include old favorites. Skating Fee is \$4.00 per skater, which includes skate rental. It is an additional \$3.00 to rent roller blades or you can bring your own skates or roller blades. There is a Snack Bar, vending machine and an arcade that includes driving games, claw, pinball, video, and air hockey. I'll have NEW curriculums and Scholastic Book Club flyers. I'm happy to answer any questions and hope to see your family the second Tuesday of each month starting this September.

Directions: Skate Haven USA is located at 120 Hood Drive in Winston Salem across from Calvary Baptist Church in the Clubhaven Shopping Center at the crossroads of Country Club Rd. and Peace Haven Rd. It is easily accessible from 421. Use the Peacehaven Rd Exit and make a left turn at Country Club and it is on the right. Phone 765-1041

If you would like to volunteer to co-ordinate this event in the upcoming year, contact Michelle, michellebrooks@triad.rr.com. It is quite easy as all one has to do is show up! Questions?

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Tax Free Weekend!

You may make tax-free educational purchases in the first weekend in August. Clothing, footwear, and school supplies of \$100 or less per item; sports and recreation equipment of \$50 or less per item; and computers of \$3,500 or less per item will be exempt. For more information, go to http://www.dor.state.nc.us/taxes/sales/salestax_holiday.html.

FHE Membership

Membership in FHE is available to all homeschooling families in Forsyth County and surrounding areas who agree to uphold FHE's By-Laws and abide by the Standards of Conduct. For the current school year, the membership fee is \$10 for the electronic newsletter or \$20 for the newsletter by mail. Members provide support for FHE events and will receive monthly issues of *FHE Home School Journal* and the annual directory of FHE members. To request more information and a membership form send an email to info@ncfhe.org.

New Homeschool Contacts

Tracy Colvin, info@ncfhe.org
Carrie Yamashita

Our Elected Leadership Board:

President: Sharon Ward, sward@vnet.net

Vice President: Michelle Brooks

Secretary: Suzanne Patton

Treasurer: Pat Brewer

At large: David Foster, Tracy Thomas, and Heather Hampton

Submissions to the FHE Journal/Calendar

The FHE Journal welcomes suggestions, reports, articles, advertisements, and activity notices from you or your children. Items for publication may be sent to newsletter@ncfhe.org. All **submissions must be received by the 15th of the month** before publication. *FHE reserves the right to decline material or ads that do not convey the purpose of the organization.*

Electronic Newsletter recipients ... Has your email address changed? Send any email address corrections to FHENews@ncfhe.org. FHE members are reminded that we must always have your current email address in order for you to get the monthly notification email. Also, any email filters must be set to permit mail from FHENews@ncfhe.org to get through to you.

Online Community **The FHE E-Loop**

I would like to invite all homeschoolers living in the North Carolina Triad to join our Forsyth Home Educators E-Loop. We are a Yahoo group of over 200 members. If you are a homeschooler, you will find the FHE E-Loop a resource for homeschool opportunities in our local area and beyond. Members are free to contribute to the group. Sometimes, one of us needs suggestions or direction. No question is too small or insignificant. If you would like to be a part of this online community, please go to the FHE website at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fhedu>, and click to join our group. Or you can send an email to: fhedu-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. The FHE E-Loop: a great way to find useful information, helpful suggestions and sustaining support as we take this homeschooling journey together.

Karen, FHE E-Loop Moderator

Visit our web site: www.ncfhe.org

Membership/ ID Cards

As stated in section H of the FHE By-Laws: Annual membership dues will be payable by September 1 (along with a completed membership form) and will provide for membership through the following August 31. The cost of dues will be determined each spring by the Board. Membership dues are non-refundable and non-pro-rated. The Board may approve hardship scholarships for membership dues.

Here are some of the benefits provided to FHE members:

- A 1-year subscription to monthly newsletter published from August through May
- ID cards
- Access to FHE's website
- Participation in general FHE activities (e.g., social events)
- Participation in FHE-sponsored student enrichment or extra-curricular activities (e.g., athletics, academic competitions, enrichment co-ops)
- Membership directory (unless choosing to be excluded from print)
- Right to nominate and vote for Board members
- Right to submit and vote on proposed amendments to the by-laws (see Article VII)

Also, please note, to be eligible to be considered as a FHE Board member you need to have your membership paid by 8/31/05. Many terrific FHE members were nominated but were not eligible to serve due to the annual membership deadline of 8/31 as stated in the FHE By-Laws.

Current membership fee is \$10.00 per year for an e-newsletter or \$20.00 for a hard copy to your mailbox via the USPS. Before selecting your format follow the directions to access a trial electronic issue available on the web site.

Send your payment to:

FHE Membership

P.O. Box 601

Pfafftown, NC 27040

Additional membership forms for friends may be printed from: <http://www.ncfhe.org/FHEMembershipPacket.pdf>.

Another benefit of membership is the ID cards you will receive for your whole family at NO additional cost. Membership/ID cards will be issued to each adult member and to each homeschooled child in the family ages 3 and up. These ID help us to be easily identified, get to know each other better, and serve as identification for discounts and admission. To create these we will need a picture of each member/student. Please submit photos by **October 15**. **Note a name for each photo.** Digital photos can be attached to an email and sent to icards@ncfhe.org. If digital photos are not available please mail photos with your membership form and check. The photos will be returned with your completed membership cards. The photos submitted last year could be re-used if you wish. Please indicate on your membership form.

You may pick up your ID cards at the upcoming FHE sponsored events, such as Skate Day, the FHE Annual Picnic, SciWorks, or Mom's Night Out.

FHE's Lending Library

The FHE has a number of purchased or donated audio and videotapes from past NCHE Homeschool Conferences. If you would like to volunteer to catalog or keep them, contact Sharon Ward at sfward@vnet.net.



SciWorks Updates

FHE Homeschool Days will continue on **third Tuesdays** of each month **September through May**. Admission for Forsyth County schools, including homeschools, is free on school days. Admission for **schools outside Forsyth County** is **\$4** per person 3 and over. Programs are offered at the cost of **\$4** per student per class. Registrations with check made to SciWorks should be sent to: Sharon Ward, PO Box 215, Tobaccoville, NC 27050. Include a phone number in case there are changes. Contact sfward@vnet.net if you have questions. Classes in the auditorium or planetarium may include several groups. Please pre-register, so we can be sure enough spaces will be saved for our group.

Allow enough time for check in!

SciWorks has offered half price membership to FHE members, \$50 per family for a year's membership rather than \$100. SciWorks membership also gives admission to many other Science Centers. Check out this great website for details: <http://www.astc.org/about/membership/passlist.htm>. The schedule of programs has not yet been set and will be included on the web page as soon as available and in the September issue.



Redemption Cards Club

The club meets on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays** of each month, from 3-5pm at the First Church of the Nazarene's Fellowship Hall on Shattalon Drive. So mark your calendars for **August 11 and 25**. "Redemption" is the number one selling Christian game in America. It is the most played; most collected Christian Card Collecting Game on the market! Redemption® is a collectible trading card game of biblical adventure. Players use Heroes to rescue Lost Souls, overcoming any Evil Characters that oppose them. Inspiration for all Redemption® cards is taken from the Bible. Scriptural references are provided on every card. Cards can be purchased at Masters Loft, Family Christian Bookstore OR on the website www.redemption.com. Questions? Please e-mail CeCe.

Our Readers Write

Sharon's Scribbles

These are exciting days for homeschooling, but they are also days when we need to be especially alert. So many options are available. Many support groups are available. In short there are too many choices to do all or even most of what is offered. We must carefully weigh our choices.

At the NCHE conference I attended a session entitled "Entangling Alliances: Understanding Alternative Education." Some of the many options offered to homeschooling families were discussed along with general approaches to education. We as homeschoolers have become a lucrative market. I personally have received offers for programs that do not comply with our homeschooling statutes in North Carolina. Some families are drawn into offers not realizing that their status as a homeschooling family may be jeopardized. For example, charter programs although often offered at home are government supported and controlled. Enrolling in such enrolls the student as a public school student. If you choose to stop homeschooling and move to another approach knowingly that is one thing, as each family must choose the most appropriate schooling for that family at that season. However some have enrolled not knowing that they no longer are truly homeschooling. Please be sure to study over the North Carolina statutes before enrolling in a program.

Some sources that are useful in this research are the DNPE (www.ncdnpe.org) and NCHE (www.nche.com) websites.

Visit <http://www.ncdnpe.org/hhh114g.htm>, the FAQ page of DNPE website, where the use of "outside the home educators" is discussed. It cautions, "A parent/guardian not meeting this home school legal definition automatically voids his/her home school's legal status which will then potentially result in compulsory attendance violation prosecution by local officials."

A FAQ on page 21 of the NCHE Resource Guide is: "How does multiple family co-op teaching work for homeschoolers? Answer: Homeschool co-ops can provide a positive element to the homeschooling process. A few families meet once a week (this is the usual, but it can meet less often). They pick a common topic to study and the mothers share the responsibility of planning an activity. The mothers are all present and involved in the activities (the children are not just dropped off for another mother to teach). During the rest of the week the children work on learning about the topic in their homes. Generally as the students get older, typically high school, parents specialize in a topic and add reinforcement to the student's learning in that area."

In summary, at the present time to comply with NC law a parent; legal guardian; or, a member of the household in which the child resides should provide instruction in required core academics. Electives, enrichment and social activities can be offered through our support group. Please help our support group to be quality in the activities we offer. If you know of an activity or field trip that your family would like to do organize it or suggest it to your FHE board.

Sharon Ward (willing but often struggling servant)

Around the World Night

Around the World Night will be held in **March of 2006!** Mark your calendars and choose a few countries you may want to study, narrowing your choice down to one!! Information will follow in the next few months for all of the details!



Quote of the Month



The love of learning, the sequestered nooks,
And all the sweet serenity of books.

~ **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**,
'*Morituri Salutamus*,' 1875, US poet (1807 - 1882)

Opportunities Listings

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB - The Forsyth County Home Schoolers Middle School Science Club will be meeting again this coming school year. We met during the 2003-2004 school year at the Polo Park Recreation Center on the third Wednesday of each month from September through May. After taking a year off, we are ready for our meetings to continue for this coming school year. We will still be meeting at Polo Park Recreation Center on the **third Wednesdays**. Our time is slightly different - we will meet from 3:00-4:30pm. Regular club meeting will begin on **Wednesday, September 21**. This club is being designed specifically for those in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades (ages 11 through 13). There will be an informal informational meeting for anyone who wants to drop by on **Wednesday, August 17**, also at 3:00pm. Stop by if you'd like to chat about the programs I have planned or if you have questions about what we will be doing. Topics that we plan to cover for this year include meteorology, exotic animals, chemistry, biology, and anatomy among others. Come by on August 17 for more information!

Dean Walker, fourwalkers@alltel.net

Science Courses Many of you are familiar with the high school chemistry course for homeschooling families that we have taught for the past three years at Forsyth Country Day School. For the school year 2005-2006 we will be introducing four new courses. In addition to chemistry, we will offer physics, algebra, biology and middle school science. We are now taking registrations for these courses, which will begin in September 2005. For additional information about the individual courses or to register please follow the link:
http://www.fcds.org/faculty/KevinCurrie/home_school/home_sch_oool.asp.

If you need more information, e-mail Kevin Currie at kevincurrie@fcds.org, call him at Forsyth Country Day School at (336) 945-3151 ext. 582, or at home (336) 659-7597.

Pilot Mountain Programs

Pilot Mountain State Park has a great variety of activities for the whole family. Visit their website below for a great list of upcoming events.

<http://207.4.179.50/dprcoe/findPub.php>



Extemp Club Forming I attended Teresa Moon's seminars at the homeschool conference and became interested in forming an Extemp Club for teenagers. Extemp is an abbreviation for extemporaneous, which means students will be learning to give a speech with little preparation. I'd like the club to meet at my home in Tobaccoville beginning in September twice a month for two hours each time. Days and time to be announced based on participants' schedules. We will watch Teresa Moon's Communicators for Christ DVDs the first 30 minutes, then research current events for 30 minutes based on magazines and newspapers the students bring. The last hour will be for students to give a 7-minute speech on what information they have gathered during the research time. Since time for each person to participate is limited, I can only accept 8 students. Three of those spaces have already been filled, so five spaces remain. If you want to learn how to be a communicator for Christ, be more at ease standing in front of an audience, get experience in public speaking for college interviews, learn how to gather your thoughts together quickly for the SAT essay section, this club is for you. Call Janet Foster at 983-3387 to sign up today!

English & Math Essentials for 4th-7th Graders "How do I get my student to write?" "I think spelling is important, but I can't seem to motivate my child to want to spell better." "It takes my son forever to finish a math lesson—his times tables really slow him down!" Do these questions and comments sound like you? If so, consider enrolling your 4th-7th grader in English & Math Essentials this year.

Essentials will help home school students master the essentials of English Grammar, Writing, Spelling and Punctuation and improve speed and accuracy of Multiplication, Addition, Subtraction, and Division. Essentials meet **Friday afternoons from 1-3:00pm**. Students spend 45 minutes studying English Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation, 45 minutes on Writing, and 30 minutes on Math.

Students will learn to recognize the eight parts of speech, diagram sentences, review spelling and punctuation rules, and compete in spelling bees. Writing will be taught using the Institute for Excellence in Writing Program. Students will improve their writing abilities by learning structure and style techniques for English composition, both fiction and non-fiction, that logically build upon each other. They will become familiar and competent with a variety of writing formats and styles. This program is designed to replace your home language arts program and will include some homework. The math portion focuses on reinforcing the "essential" elements of arithmetic through challenging math games and problems. This program is designed to complement your home math program by drilling speed and accuracy with basic operations of arithmetic.

Advanced 5th graders and older students should enroll in the Track 2 program taught by Phyllis Babcock. Jennifer Barton will teach the Track 1 program, which is targeted towards 4th-5th graders. Foundations Essentials will meet at NW Baptist Church in Winston-Salem (near Mt. Tabor High School) on Fridays from 1-3:00pm beginning **September 9**. Tuition is \$330 for 24 weeks (11 weeks in the fall; 13 weeks on the spring). To register, contact Jean Seward (Jean@Llorens.com or 923-2619).

Writing Class/Workshops offered by Tammy White, 1755 Underpass Road, Advance, NC 27006, 336-998-3323. Or contact me via e-mail me at: whitet2@yadtel.net.

Classes will be offered in a series of 12 1-hour sessions each semester. They will focus on the steps to successful writing and will include homework assignments. An emphasis will be placed on each step of the writing process. Your student is asked to commit to the entire 12 session series. Students that begin during September and choose to continue in the series that starts in January will stay with their original group and will continue to progress. This will allow for optimum success. A paragraph writing assignment will be due the first day of class. I ask that this be solely the student's work, so that I will be able to use this as a starting point and an evaluative tool. Mechanics are an integral part of writing and will be addressed as a part of the writing process. Editing and review by me will be done as time allows. Each assignment may not be able to be edited and addressed to the degree available in one-on-one tutoring, but I will do all that is possible. Parent review of their student's work and progress is encouraged!

The cost is approximately \$30 a month. A \$10 registration fee will hold your spot and purchase supplies. (It will be refunded if a class does not make.) A \$5 discount will be given to parents of multiple students; I've been there! Classes will begin the week of **September 12** because many parents do not resume school until after Labor Day. It is recommended that you register for classes by the middle of August!

I have been in the field of education for over 20 years and have a Master's in Education as well as an undergraduate degree in Political Science and Psychology. During that time I have taught students from pre-school to college age. I have helped write curriculum guides and scope & sequences for schools, have been a reading consultant for SERVE (Research in education), home-schooled 2 children, and currently tutor others as well as teach reading and writing at Forsyth Tech. I look forward to working with you! Tammy White, M.Ed.

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**Home Educators Flute Choir** Open registration has begun for the 2005-2006 Home Educators Flute Choir. Chairs are available for both beginning and intermediate students. No audition is required. Students may register for an existing choir, or a group of interested students may form a new choir. Ideally, a flute choir should begin with at least three to five members. Students must have their own flutes and music stands (beginning models available on Ebay for around \$50), and be committed to practicing at home daily. The cost is \$20 per month for a one-hour session. All lesson books and performance pieces are provided. In addition to weekly sessions, there will be two evening recitals during the year: one in December and one in June. Beginning flute students are normally at least 10 years old. Some 8 or 9 year olds are ready to begin if they are big enough to reach all the keys on the flute and demonstrate a desire to begin playing an instrument.

Home Educators Flute Choir director, Meredith Stephens, home schools her four children in Thomasville. She has been playing the flute for 27 years. She is a licensed teacher and has experience teaching children in middle school beginning band camps, public school classrooms, private Christian school classrooms, church Sunday schools, AWANAS, and church children's choirs. Interested families should contact Meredith Stephens at merestephens@yahoo.com.

**The Central Carolina Children's Chorus** is currently auditioning for the 2005-2006 season that begins in late August. The group already includes some homeschoolers, but we would love to see more! We are planning a great year of "Music, Magic, and Memories" next year, including the upcoming grand tour in the summer of 2006! Past grand tours have included destinations such as London, England (2002) and Hawaii (2004). (Trips are always voluntary.)

There are 3 chorus levels: UPBEAT! is a non-auditioned group of 2nd-4th grade singers. Rehearsal time is TBA.

The intermediate chorus is the main body of the group. It comprises auditioned singers from 4th-7th grade, and first year 8th-9th grade singers with no prior choral performing experience. Rehearsals are on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30-6:15pm.

ENCORE! is the advanced group. It is for more experienced/older singers. It is made up of 8th-12th graders, and rehearses on Thursdays from 5:00-6:30pm.

CCCC is also hosting "**Summer Sing!**" from **August 8-11**, from 9:00am-noon, and **August 12** from 9:00am-2:00pm. "Summer Sing!" is a choir day camp for singers entering grades 3-7 in August. The camp fee is \$75 for the week, which includes all vocal instruction, snacks, a t-shirt, and lunch with a sharing concert on Friday afternoon. This camp also gives children an opportunity to "get their feet wet" with the CCCC. The current chorus policy is that the fee for the "Summer Sing!" day camp is waived for chorus members the summer following the chorus season. (Example: If your child auditions, and is accepted to the chorus in the summer of 2005, your camp fee for the summer of 2006 would be waived.)

For more detailed information about the CCCC, please visit our website at <http://www.centralcarolinachildrenschorus.org>.

Our auditions are very child friendly, and take place at Centenary United Methodist Church in downtown Winston-Salem. Contact the director, Anne Saxon, to schedule an audition at 922-4073 or email [Midpatch@aol.com](mailto:Midpatch@aol.com). If you come during a regularly scheduled audition time, you are welcome to come in and meet some of the current chorus members' parents.

"The auditions are very low pressure, and not frightening at all. Anne is great with the kids. I hope this will be of interest to some of you that have talented young singers. This was my daughter's first year in the chorus, and I have been impressed with the quality of the parent organization, and the bond that they endeavor to create among both parents and chorus members. We've had some great opportunities this year, and expect many more in the future!"

~Heather, FHE mom to 5 kids

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JAMESTOWN ORCHESTRA Announces auditions for the 2005-2006 Season, **September 8 and 9, 5:00-8:30pm** at Jamestown United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St. Jamestown, NC 27282. For audition requirements or more information e-mail playingforHim247@yahoo.com or call 855-3237 or 841-0630.

My name is Miana and I am homeschooled. I am the homeschool ambassador and secretary for the Jamestown Orchestra. We are having auditions for the orchestra in August and would like to have homeschoolers from Winston-Salem to come audition. Our conductor is Jesse Suggs and he is a Christian.

Spell to Read and Write Seminar

Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6

at Twin City Baptist Church on Ebert Street in Winston-Salem

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**Coming this Fall...Beginning Koine Greek** open to all students, grades 8-12. \$50/month for first child in family, and \$35/month for subsequent children. Weekly, one-hour sessions teaching the fundamentals of New Testament Greek. Help your children see the writings of Paul, Peter, John, and others, the way the early church did. Beginning with the alphabet, your children will learn to easily read the Greek New Testament, as well as understand the basic sentence structure and language components necessary for translation. Their knowledge of Greek grammar and vocabulary will also serve to strengthen their comprehension of the English language. Class size is limited, so please sign up early. To sign up, or for more information, contact Allison at [allisonsanders@triad.rr.com](mailto:allisonsanders@triad.rr.com).

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Lu Ann Coats offers art class, Monday or Tuesday, every other week during the school year starting **September 12**. I have taught in Christian Schools for 22 yrs. I mostly taught 2nd and 3rd grade and then I changed to Art and taught it for 8 yrs. I have been teaching out of my home on Dell Lane in Winston-Salem for 5 yrs. I can have up to 8 students per class at \$10 per student. For additional students in the same family, the cost is reduced. You'll need to bring some of your own basic supplies. For more info email artgram@att.net.

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**Tutoring Available:** Enthusiastic and experienced homeschool tutor (college graduate) offering personal assistance in any basic subject for any age. Please contact Connie Chandler to set up sessions for one hour a week. Also offering special creative writing classes for the fall 2005 semester. Day and time to be decided, according to parent/student availability and interest, so contact ASAP regarding interest. \$10 per student. E-mail: [clchandi@uncg.edu](mailto:clchandi@uncg.edu).

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Why Martial Arts? Home school classes for beginners starts **August 23 at 1:00pm** at the Karate International Clemmons dojo. We accept new students year round. I often hear the question, Why Martial Arts instead of some other sport? I suppose as a Master Instructor in the martial arts I might be considered a little biased, but I believe that training in my art provides an opportunity to develop life skills and the mental discipline to help students to succeed and thrive in Life. Respect, and the value of hard work are an integral part of martial training, but I believe that the most important lesson for a student to acquire is perseverance, the ability to choose worthy goals and then never give up, never quit. We teach self-defense, but who are the opponents we all will face in life with certainty? The adversities of life: financial hardship, health problems, personal disappointments that will come our way are an inevitable part of life. Developing the mental discipline to fight adversity and never give in to fear or hopelessness is a character trait beyond measurable value.

~Keith Turpin, 6th Degree
Black Belt, Master Instructor, KI Clemmons



HOMESCHOOL SPORTS

Boys' Soccer

Soccer is upon us. Practice will begin on **August 8**. We will have an organization meeting AFTER practice on Monday the 8th. Cost for the season is \$80. That money is due on August 8th. Checks should be made out to FHE Sports. Please feel free to invite others that might be interested. The more the merrier. I'm hoping that we can help each other with car-pooling, etc. This is a big commitment on the part of all our families. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this August. If you have questions, contact Jean at jmoser459@triad.rr.com.

Homeschool Football League

HFL is a football program built on Christian values and devoted exclusively to homeschool families. For boys ages 6 to 18, the league offers flag football in the spring and fall, football camps in the summer, and contact football in the fall. With the help of local homeschool support groups, leaders, and numerous families, the Homeschool Football League is working to add expansion teams in the Winston-Salem area. To register or for more detailed information about the league, please feel free to contact Earl, earl@homeschoolfootballleague.com. Please visit our website at www.homeschoolfootballleague.com.

Community Events

Bethabara Concert Band and Family Evening, Thursday August 11, 6:00-8:00pm - Relax in the shade with your family picnic, wagon rides, children's colonial games, Dino's juicy hot dogs and drinks, and a fun-filled band concert at 7pm. Come meet McGruff the Crime Dog. Rain or shine. Charge for food; event free of charge. Historic Bethabara Park is located at 2147 Bethabara Road in Winston Salem. Guided tour of historic 1788 Gemeinhaus. Grounds, gardens and walking trails open free of charge every day, year-round. For more info on upcoming events: 336-924-8191 www.bethabarapark.org.

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**Home Educator's Day at Emerald Pointe Friday August 26, 10:00am-7:00pm** (some rides may operate on a rotating basis until 4). Admission is \$17 (savings of \$9.99) and under 48 " tall is \$12.50 (savings of \$7.49), 2 and under are free. You can make a reservation and if you pay before August 19, they will mail your tickets, after that date, they will hold your tickets at the guest relation's window. Free parking with pre-purchased tickets. Bring your NCHE card, or DNPE card in case verification is necessary. Call Emerald Pointe at 336-852-9721 ext 172 or visit [www.emeraldpointe.com](http://www.emeraldpointe.com). Wet and Wild Emerald Pointe Water Park is located just south of Greensboro, NC off Business 85 at Holden Road - Exit 34.

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A perfect summer day
is when the sun is shining,
the breeze is blowing,
the birds are singing,
and the lawnmower is broken.
~James Dent





Sky Watching

The famous PERSEID Meteor Storm comes every year, beginning in late July and stretching into August. Sky watchers outdoors at the right time can see colorful fireballs, occasional outbursts and, almost always, long hours of gracefully streaking meteors. Among the many nights of the shower, there is always one night that is best. This year it's **August 12**.

The moon will be first quarter the evening of August 12 and will interfere with sighting of fainter members of this shower, which should begin to streak across our skies about 10pm. This is a long duration shower, with many (as many as two dozen per hour) being seen from August 9-20; during the PEAK, expect to see at least 60 or more (perhaps double that number!) around 2 am, streaming from the constellation of Perseus, high in the northeastern sky. Best views are afforded by positioning your feet to the EAST and facing directly overhead.

In the constellation Aries, right beside Perseus, Mars is shining like a bright red star. Step outside before sunrise, look east, and you'll find you have a hard time taking your eyes off Mars. There's something fantastic about it, maybe the red color or perhaps the fact that it doesn't twinkle like a true star. It's steady. You stare at Mars and it stares right back. Earth and Mars are converging for a close encounter on October 30. Consider August 12 a preview. Mars already outshines every star in the night sky, and it's getting brighter every night. If you like August, you'll love October. For more details or a map visit http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2005/22jul_perseids2005.htm?list146456.



WORD – HOARD

demotic: \dih-MAH-tik\ *adjective*

- 1: of, relating to, or written in a simplified form of the ancient Egyptian hieratic writing
- 2: popular, common
- 3: of or relating to the form of Modern Greek that is based on everyday speech

Example sentence: The style of her artwork is intentionally demotic, aimed at ordinary people rather than the elite of the art world.

Did you know? You may recognize the root of "demotic" from words like "democracy" and "demography." The source of these words is the Greek word "dēmos," meaning "people." "Demotic" is often used of everyday forms of language (as opposed to literary or highbrow versions). It entered English in the early 1800s and originally designated a form of ancient Egyptian cursive script, which by the 5th century BC had come into use everywhere in Egypt for business and literary purposes (in contrast to the more complex, hieratic script retained by the clergy). "Demotic" has a newer specialized sense as well, referring to a form of Modern Greek that is based on everyday speech and that since 1976 has been the official language of Greece.

For more fun and interesting words go to www.merriam-webster.com/.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Newborns in Need, Inc. (NIN) is a 501 (c) 3 charity organized to take care of sick and needy babies and their families; and in cases of crisis, to help where help is needed. Newborns in Need, Inc. is founded upon Christian principles and provides essential items without charge to those in need. We have been serving God's tiniest children since 1992. This group collects any items that can be used by newborns and preemies, like diapers, blankets, diaper bags, baby wipes, second-hand clothes, etc. They also donate children's clothes to the Wee Care Shop in Winston-Salem, at 621 West 2nd St. between Broad St. and Marshall St.. The shop is in the back of a house at this address, and there is a sign in the front yard that says Catholic Social Services and Hand to Hand. The shop is open on Thursday from 10:30am-1pm and Tuesday from 1:30-4pm. The local chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month at the first church on the right after you turn off of Yadkinville Rd. onto Transou Rd. If you would like to become involved, contact Pat White through her email at p.white@earthlink.net. More information can be found on their website at www.newbornsinneed.org/.

SWAP AND SHOP

Oma's Packhouse For Homemade goat's milk and other soaps, Farm Fresh Brown Eggs. Call Cathy A. Veenema (336) 593-8158.

Honest and Reasonable Mechanic, Used Cars, We do our own financing. Come visit us at 3715 Reynolda Road, **Village Auto Mart, 924-8995**
Owned and Managed by Homeschoolers

Art Lessons by Jane Goodman Smith – now offering Mom's Morning Out lessons, also accepting students age 10+. Study with an experienced courtroom and graphic artist with background in fine arts. Contact Jane at 766-5286.



FHE HOME SCHOOL JOURNAL

Forsyth Home Educators
P.O. Box 601
Pfafftown, NC 27040-0601

FIRST CLASS -- Dated Material -- Please Expedite

August/September CALENDAR

Saturday	August 6 & 7	Tax Free Weekend! See page 2.
Thursday	August 11 & 25	Redemption Cards Club – 3:00pm-5:00pm. See page 4.
Wed.	August 17	Middle School Science Club Informational Meeting – 3:00pm. See page 4.
Thursday	August 18	FHE Board Meeting – 7:00pm. See page 1.
Friday	August 26	Home Educators Day Emerald Pointe. See page 6.
	August 31	FHE Membership Enrollment Deadline to Qualify for the Board
Tuesday	September 13	Skate Day – 1:30-3:30pm. See page 1.
Thursday	September 8 & 22	Redemption Cards Club – 3:00pm-5:00pm. See page 4.
	September TBA	Mom’s Night Out – 7:00pm. See page 1.
Saturday	September 17	Men’s Prayer Breakfast – 7:30am at the Falardeau home.
Tuesday	September 20	SciWorks Homeschool Day. See page 3.
Saturday	September 24	Homeschool Picnic – 10:00-2:00pm. See page 1.

The information provided below will be published in the FHE Directory, except for information you have specified on the other page of this form.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (Last, First): _____

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SCHOOL NAME: _____

SCHOOL/HOME PHONE: (_____) _____

SCHOOL/HOME E-MAIL: _____

SCHOOL/HOME MAILING ADDRESS: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP+4: _____

COUNTY: _____

CURRENT CURRICULUM: _____

FORMER CURRICULUM: _____

Please list all children who are living in this household or who have graduated (oldest to youngest) and designate current status. Continue on additional sheet if needed.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	STATUS CODE*
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(If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet.)

- *Status Codes:
1. Homeschooling (birth through high school graduation)
 2. Public/private daycare or school (through grade 12)
 3. Homeschool graduate
 4. Public/private school graduate

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY		
F / A	\$ _____	PM _____

Levels of Membership—Please “X” one option only:

_____ Applying for Full Membership

To qualify for Full Membership, applicants must:

- I. live in Forsyth County or any bordering county (i.e., Davidson, Davie, Guilford, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, or Yadkin) AND
- II. have a child(ren) who is(are):
 - A. pre-compulsory school age OR
 - B. currently enrolled in a homeschool that is registered with DNPE and/or in full compliance with North Carolina homeschooling law OR
 - C. graduated from homeschooling.

_____ Applying for Associate Membership

Associate Membership is available to those who do not qualify for Full Membership.

CIRCLE ONE \$10.00 for electronic newsletter delivery OR \$20.00 for printed/US Mail

I/we certify that I/we:

1. meet the qualifications for the membership option selected above;
2. have read and agree to the By-Laws of FHE;
3. have read and agree to abide by the Standards of Conduct;
4. will not divulge passwords to electronic documents to anyone; AND
5. give permission for this information to be published in the FHE Directory EXCEPT for:

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian
(required if joint membership)

Printed Name

Printed Name

I/we am/are interested in serving FHE by helping in the following capacity(ies):

NAME	ACTIVITY/EVENT
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please mail this completed form, along with a check payable to FORSYTH HOME EDUCATORS, to:

ATTN: 2004/05 Membership
 Forsyth Home Educators
 PO Box 601 Pfafftown, NC 27040-0601

THIS FORM MUST BE POSTMARKED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2005, FOR FULL-YEAR MEMBERSHIP.

Special Notes

Membership in FHE is available to all homeschooling families in Forsyth County and surrounding areas who agree to uphold FHE's Statement of Purpose and comply with the North Carolina homeschool law. Membership dues are \$10.00 for electronic newsletter pickup or \$20.00 for paper/US Mail newsletter delivery. All members will receive ten monthly issues (August through May) of the *FHE Home School Journal*.

To help you make the decision as to selecting the electronic or the paper method of receiving the newsletter, we have created a sample newsletter document on the website for you to access. If you are able to read that document, you should have no problem in accessing future issues of the FHE Home School Journal. The document is located at www.ncfhe.org/TestEncryptedNewsletter.pdf . The passcode that you must supply to open the document is TestCode . You must enter the passcode exactly as you see it in the previous sentence, as the case of the letters is important. You must have at least version 5.1 of the Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer.

If you cannot open it through your web browser, you may have to right click on the newsletter URL, then select "Save As" or "Save Target As" from the options window. This will save the file to your hard drive. You must then start your Adobe Acrobat Reader software and open the newsletter PDF file from within the application.

Limited assistance is available by sending an email to fhenews@ncfhe.org. Please describe what you have tried and what you have seen appear on the screen.

Membership Cards

Membership/ID cards will be issued to each parent listed on the membership as well as to each homeschooled child in the family age 3 and up. The identification card is expected to be worn at FHE sanctioned events (i.e., skate activities, SciWorks days, field trips, etc.). The card is intended to be a photo ID card much like those issued in public and private school systems. This photo ID card may also be useful for student discounts in fares in some public transportation systems across the country, discounts for student versions of computer software, and in places requiring photo identification (such as when boarding an airplane).

Digital photos for the identification card can be attached to an email to idcards@ncfhe.org. Please include the name and address of the person or people shown in the photos so that they can be matched up to this membership form. If no digital photograph is available, please include a photo of each person with your membership. The photo(s) will be scanned for inclusion on the card and returned to you with your completed membership card(s).

Thank you for your cooperation and for your support of Forsyth Home Educators.

FORSYTH HOME EDUCATORS, INC. BY-LAWS

Forsyth Home Educators, Inc. (FHE) is a Christian homeschool support group serving Forsyth County, North Carolina, and surrounding areas. For purposes of this document, “homeschool” is defined as “a non-public school in which one or more children of not more than two families or households receive academic instruction from parents or legal guardians, or a member of either household.” (North Carolina General Statutes §115C-563)

FHE is a diverse and inclusive group, and welcomes members regardless of ethnicity, faith, or marital status who agree to respect the Christian principles in the Statement of Faith (see Article VI) and abide by the Standards of Conduct as approved by the Board.

In the event that FHE dissolves, all assets shall be distributed to a charitable or religious corporation that is exempt under Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3) or any successor section.

Article I: Name

The name of this organization is Forsyth Home Educators, Inc. (FHE).

Article II: Purpose

FHE purposes to help new and continuing home educators by:

- A. helping and encouraging parents to fulfill their God-given rights and responsibilities to educate their own children;
- B. providing direction to information on the legal aspects of home education (e.g., contact information for the North Carolina General Statutes, North Carolina Division of Non-Public Education, North Carolinians for Home Education, Home School Legal Defense Association);
- C. providing information on curricula and other resource materials;
- D. providing timely information about FHE events;
- E. offering peer support, encouragement, and networking opportunities to families choosing home education for their children;
- F. promoting growth and education for the whole person—mind, body, and spirit; and
- G. promoting home education as an excellent educational alternative.

Article III: Ideals of Home Education

FHE holds that the ideals of home education are:

- A. the parents’ God-given authority over their children and responsibility for their education and discipline;
- B. educational excellence;
- C. protection and promotion of the family;
- D. diligence in moral and ethical instruction;
- E. responsible citizenship; and
- F. freedom of choice among educational alternatives.

Article IV: Membership

- A. All those wishing to become members of FHE must agree (by signing the annual membership form) to:
 - 1. respect Christian principles AND
 - 2. honor the ideals of home education AND
 - 3. abide by the Standards of Conduct as established by the Board.
- B. Membership is offered on a household basis.
- C. Membership is available on two levels—Full and Associate.
- D. To qualify for Full Membership, applicants must:
 - 1. live in Forsyth County or any bordering county (i.e., Davidson, Davie, Guilford, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, or Yadkin) AND
 - 2. have child(ren) who is/are:
 - a. all pre-compulsory school age OR
 - b. currently enrolled in a homeschool that is registered with DNPE and/or in full compliance with North Carolina homeschooling law OR
 - c. graduated from homeschooling.
- E. Associate Membership is available to those who do not qualify for Full Membership.
- F. The following benefits are provided to all members:
 - 1. a monthly newsletter published from August through May
 - 2. access to FHE’s website
 - 3. participation in general FHE activities (e.g., social events)
- G. The following benefits are provided to Full Members only:
 - 1. participation in FHE-sponsored student enrichment or extra-curricular activities (e.g., athletics, academic competitions, enrichment co-ops)

FORSYTH HOME EDUCATORS, INC. BY-LAWS

2. membership directory (unless choosing to be excluded from print)
 3. right to nominate and vote for Board members
 4. right to submit and vote on proposed amendments to the by-laws (see Article VII)
- H. Annual membership dues will be payable by September 1 (along with a completed membership form) and will provide for membership through the following August 31. The cost of dues will be determined each spring by the Board. Membership dues are non-refundable and non-pro-rated. Hardship scholarships for membership dues may be approved by the Board.
- I. Membership may be revoked by a two-thirds () vote of the Board upon violation by the member of the Standards of Conduct or any other written provision approved by the Board.

Article V: Board

- A. The Board is the primary governing body of FHE.
- B. The Board will consist of seven Full members—four by title (President, Administrative Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) and three at-large.
- C. Full members seeking election to the Board must meet the following additional criteria:
 1. FHE Full member in good standing for most recent full school year (i.e., September 1 through August 31) AND
 2. have homeschooled during two most recent full school years OR graduated homeschoolers AND
 3. sign FHE's Statement of Faith (see Article VI) prior to name being placed on the ballot
- D. Mail-in balloting for Board positions shall be conducted each May. Votes will be tallied by two Full members who are not running for Board positions. Board members will be approved by a simple majority of returned ballots.
- E. Board members will serve for one full school year. There will be no term limits. Mid-term vacancies will be filled by Board appointment.
- F. A Board member must resign if s/he no longer meets the qualifications of Full Membership (see Article IV, Sections A and D) or Board membership (see Section C above).
- G. The Board may remove a Board member by two-thirds () vote.
- H. The Board shall appoint committees as necessary for the operation of FHE. All committees must be re-approved each year.

Article VI: Statement of Faith

- A. We believe the Bible is the inspired word of God and is inerrant and infallible in the original writings. (*II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21*)
- B. We believe in the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (*Genesis 1:1–2; John 1:1, 10:30, 37–38*)
- C. We believe that the Father created the heavens and the earth and everything in them. (*Genesis 1:1–31*)
- D. We believe by the miracle of the virgin birth that the Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, in order to reveal God and to redeem man, that He died for our sins and rose bodily from the dead for our justification. We believe He now is exalted at the right hand of God, that He is the Head of the Church, the Lord of the individual believer, that He is ministering as our Great High Priest and Advocate. We are awaiting His bodily return. (*Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18–23; Luke 1:35; John 1:14, 18; Hebrews 4:14–15, 7:25–27; Romans 4:25; Acts 1:11; Ephesians 1:20–23*)
- E. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and that He reproves the world of sin, regenerates the believing sinner, and baptizes him into the Body of Christ. (*John 16:7–8, 13–15; Titus 3:5–6; I Corinthians 12:12–13*)
- F. We believe that man was created in the image of God, but that he sinned, incurring not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. (*Genesis 1:27, 2:16–17; Romans 5:12–14*)
- G. We believe that salvation is the free gift of God to be received only by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and by which we are restored to eternal life. (*John 3:16, 5:24, 11:25; Romans 5:15–21; Ephesians 2:8–10*)
- H. We believe that the true Church is composed of all who have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and thereby constitutes a spiritual unity of believers, the Body of Christ. (*Romans 8:9–11; I Corinthians 12:12–13; Galatians 3:26–28*)
- I. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, and in the final judgment. (*John 5:28–29*)

Article VII: Amending By-Laws

- A. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Board.
- B. Proposed amendments must be published in the newsletter for two consecutive issues (within one school year) prior to a mail-in ballot for approval or rejection.
- C. Proposed amendments will be accepted upon the approval of two-thirds () of the returned ballots.

FORSYTH HOME EDUCATORS

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

All members of Forsyth Home Educators (FHE), and their students and guests, shall abide by the following standards of behavior:

- Membership in FHE is required in order to participate in any FHE-sponsored activities, with exceptions (such as by personal or open invitation as a guest) as prescribed by the guidelines for specific activities.
- Members may not use the FHE Directory for commercial solicitation purposes. They may not distribute the directory in any form to anyone else for any reason.
- Only the Board and those designated by the Board should speak officially for FHE.
- Parents/homeschool officials are responsible for the behavior of their students and guests. If the parents are unable to attend an event or must leave during an event, they must notify another parent of their whereabouts and provide contact information. However, they are still directly responsible for the behavior of their students.
- Proper respect will be displayed at all times for: (1) all posted and otherwise disclosed rules of premises, (2) personal property, and (3) those in authority, including other parents.
- Members should refrain from attending any activity when there is illness in the family such as fever in the last 24 hours or a known or suspected communicable disease.
- No profanity, coarse jesting, or other hurtful language will be tolerated. Members are to refrain from harassing behavior towards other members and event attendees, including (but not limited to) matters of religion, academics, or politics. These and other topics may be discussed in a mutually civil manner.
- Modest and appropriate attire will be worn at all times.
- Inappropriate displays of affection are not acceptable.
- When a reservation is required, such reservation must be made by the deadline and any associated fees will be non-refundable, except at the sole discretion of the activity leadership.
- Punctuality is expected for all timed events, including field trips, theatre performances, and scheduled classes. It is possible that you may not be admitted after the stated time.
- Clean-up after FHE activities is the responsibility of the activity leadership, with assistance from all attendees.

RESPONSE TO BREACH OF STANDARDS

- If personal harm is involved, the leadership of that activity should be notified immediately.
- Any FHE member who observes conduct that is not consistent with these standards is requested to remind the offender (and/or parents, in the case of minors) of these standards.
- If such conduct persists, please advise the leadership of the activity, who may request that the offending individual leave.
- The leadership of an activity may request that the Board take action regarding repeat offenders.
- The Board, at a regularly scheduled or special meeting, will determine the course of action, which may include (but is not limited to) verbal or written warning, temporary barring from activities, or cancellation of FHE membership.
- If disciplinary action is taken by the Board, no refund or reduction of FHE membership dues or activities fees will be granted.