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This is a sample issue of the *Home School Journal* published monthly by Forsyth Home Educators. It contains excerpts from the August newsletter. Some contact information and some other details have been removed. Full details are available to members.

New Membership/ID Cards

Membership/ID cards will be issued to each adult member and to each homeschooled child in the family ages 3 and up. The board feels this will help us to be easily identified, get to know each other better, and serve as identification for discounts. To create these we will need a picture of each member/student. Digital photos can be attached to an email and sent to idcards@ncfhe.org. Please note a name for each photo. 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. Cards will be distributed at the picnic August 21, at the skate event September 7, and at Mom's Night Out September 23. If you cannot attend one of these events please contact idcards@ncfhe.org to arrange shipping or another pickup of your cards.

FHE Picnic! RAIN OR SHINE!

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.

When: **Sat., Aug 21**, from 10am-2pm
Bring: Lunch for your family, lawn chairs, volleyball, baseball equipment, and frisbees
FHE provides: Drinks, tableware, 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.

Next Board Meeting

The FHE board will be meeting early in September. If you have any issues to be discussed, pass your information to a board member by September 10.

How Can You Help?

Forsyth Home Educators is an all-volunteer effort. Although we have many offerings for members, others could be added. Thoughtfully consider where you can help. FHE will only be what we as members make it.

Mom's Night / Day Out

Hello FHE moms, I'll 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 / Day 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 me.

September Mom's Night Out

Already feeling snowed under with homeschooling? Asking yourself, "Why in the world am I doing this?!" Then how about a night of encouragement?

We'll share homeschool tips, handouts, "war" stories, and snacks (if you bring one!). Included are Honored Mom Medals, 3 Ring Circus Awards, and numerous educational door prizes. Come to relax, laugh, and be refreshed – it is my highest joy.

Our hostess has 5 children, ranging from eldest daughter who is finishing her master's degree, down to a 9 year old boy, a budding engineer. Map and directions will appear in the next issue.

FHE Men's Breakfast

Gentlemen! Start your engines! Our first meeting this school year will be **Sat., Sept. 11**, at 7:30am. Details will be in the September issue.

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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/ or \$20. Members provide support for FHE events and will receive monthly issues of *FHE Home School Journal* and the annual directory of FHE members electronically or by mail. To request more information and a membership form send an email to info@ncfhe.org.

Our Elected Leadership Board:

President: Ernie Hodges
Vice President: Sharon Ward
Secretary: CeCe Ramey
Treasurer: Donna Stamper
Member-at-large: Michelle Brooks
Member-at-large: Mark Dowty
Member-at-large: Lynne Kerr

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.*

Skate Day!

*****Skate Day** will now be the first **Tuesday** of each month, September- May, from **1:30-3:30pm*****

Our new facility for FHE-sponsored Skate Day is SkateHaven USA in Winston Salem. Check it out online at <http://www.skatehavenusa.com/SkatehavenUSA/shIndex.htm>. The skating Fee is \$4.00 per skater, which includes skate rental. It is an additional \$3.00 to rent rollerblades **or you can bring your own skates or rollerblades**. The music will still be a nice tame mix of a variety of music types that include Christian Contemporary, Oldies, Swing/ Big Band, Dance music, Disney songs, etc. The Snack Bar will be open during our time. The menu includes these favorites: nachos-\$2, grilled cheese-\$1.50, pizza-\$2.00, hotdogs-\$1.75, soda in bottles-\$1.50, soda fountain drinks- .75, \$1.00, \$1.50. There is also a Lance brand vending machine. The arcade includes driving games, claw, pinball, video, and air hockey. I'll have NEW 2004-05 homeschool vendor catalogs and Scholastic Book Club flyers.

Location / Directions: SkateHaven 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.

OUR READERS WRITE

Ernie's Epistle:

NEW LOOK FOR FHE!!!

This year will be different for FHE. For the first time, we are going to offer our newsletter in an online format. Due to rising costs for printing, postage, and preparation, we were looking at needing to increase dues to \$20 per family. Instead, with going to an e-newsletter, we will be lowering our membership fee to \$10 per family! For those who still prefer to receive the "snail mail" version, the membership fee will be \$20.

Other advantages to this change will be that we will no longer need to limit the size of the newsletter and we may, in the future, be able to push back the newsletter submission date.

We will also be able to add graphics and photos in attached files, as well. The newsletter will be password protected on the website where you will be able to download it. Remember, protection of the monthly password will be dependent on your responsibility and integrity.

Our second major change will be the addition of individual student and member picture I.D. cards. The advantage to these will include, but not be limited to:

- It can be used as a travel I.D. where a picture I.D. is required.
- It can be worn to FHE events so that you will not have to make name badges
- It will identify your students for student discounts
- It will identify you as an educator for those educator sales at stores

We will need everyone to send in an individual picture and, if you do so before the picnic on August 21st, you will be able to pick up your name badge at that time. Remember, we are going to encourage everyone to start wearing these to FHE sponsored events such as skating, field trips, mothers night out, etc.

Our third change will be that our monthly skating activity will be changed from the first Tuesday night to the first Tuesday afternoon. See page 2.

Ernie

OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE

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 **\$3.50** per person 3 and over. Programs are offered at the cost of **\$3.50** per student per class. Registrations with check made to SciWorks should be sent to: Sharon Ward, PO Box 215, Tobacoville, NC 27050. Include a phone number in case there are changes. Call **983-0879** if you have questions. PLEASE call before 9am the day of class if you need to cancel to free up a space for others. **Allow enough time for check in!** As I like to attend the planetarium with my daughter I must leave the registration table on time.

SciWorks has offered half price membership to FHE members, \$35 per family for a year's membership rather than \$70. SciWorks membership also gives admission to many other Science Centers. (For a list, see <http://www.astc.org/about/membership/passlist.htm>.)

SciWorks has again been offering **Family Fridays** with admission of **\$1** per person 3-adult. The next is **August 13** from **4-8pm**. This is a good opportunity to see the "What the Pros Know: Science and Sports Exhibit" as it will be ending September 11.

On **Tues., Sept. 21** the class offerings are:
"Magnificent Magnets" 10:30am for grades K – 2 and
"Saturn: Lord of the Rings" *NEW!* 11:30am
(Planetarium) for grades 5-9+ with an optional laser demo - additional \$1 per student.

On **Tues., Oct. 19** the class offerings are:
"Construction Zone" *NEW!* 10:30am for grades PreK – 2,
"Man and Machine" *NEW!* 11:30am for grades 3 – 6, and
"Island in the Sea of Night" at 12:30pm for **grades 9+**.
(NOTE - This Planetarium program focusing on an exploration of deep space objects is normally presented to local colleges. It is offered for high school students or those with a serious interest in astronomy.)

Spanish Class

Spanish Class: Spanish I class will be offered this year at a convenient Kernersville location on Monday or Tuesday afternoons. We have a highly qualified instructor who has been teaching Spanish for businesses in the area and local high school students. The ages are limited to 12 years and older. A one year commitment is required. We will begin the middle of August and will be meeting one day a week for two hour sessions. We are only accepting 8 students and have 2 more openings. The cost will be \$50 per month. If you are interested, please call.

Nature Hike Group

The nature hike group will kick off again starting in September. We'll be hiking at Tanglewood for our first hike.

Chess Club

There will be a Homeschool Chess Club this year, open to all homeschoolers, that will meet twice a month on Thursday evenings. The club will be open to all homeschooling families, for all ages and skill levels. More information will come in the next issue of the FHE Journal.

Math Olympiad Winners

Several homeschoolers earned honors in this year's Math Olympiad Competition, sponsored in part by Classical Conversations. Coaches taught the students to solve unusual and difficult math problems and to think creatively. Approximately 135,000 students worldwide participate in the Math Olympiad program. It consists of a series of five monthly contests, from November to March. Since 1979, Math Olympiad has provided challenging, thought-provoking problems that stretch the abilities of students in grades 4 to 8 and has required them to know their mathematics well. Math Olympiad will be offered in Kernersville next year on Thursday afternoons.

Keepers of the Home

Lori will be offering a Keepers of the Home Course this fall, starting in the beginning of September at her home. This course will cover Food Preparation and Sewing.

She will offer a Middle School Class (grades 6-8) and a High School Class (grades 9-12). The High School class will earn an elective credit.

The Food Preparation Course will cover kitchen safety, basic techniques, nutrition, table setting, meal management, table etiquette, preparing casseroles and main dishes, pies and more! Included in this course will be budgeting, how to shop wisely, using a checkbook, understanding food pricing in the grocery store, etc. We will use A Beka's Food Preparation curriculum and many other resources. Each child will need to have a Food Preparation Lab Book and a few other supplies.

The Sewing Course will cover consumer education, clothing care, learning the sewing machine, choosing fabric, fabric terms, sewing terms, reading a pattern, seams, some of the projects will be : a pocketbook, a quilt and quilted pillow, a skirt, and more!

We will meet every other week for 2 hours, we will alternate courses every other time we meet so that it will remain interesting. This course will run from September until May, with a fall break in October, spring break in March or April and ending the 3rd week in May. Class size will be limited. If you are interested and want more information, please call Lori.

Adult Sewing Classes This Fall Also!

We will learn all about the sewing machine, how to use, how to troubleshoot when problems arise, and of course, how to sew: how to read a pattern, sewing terms, etc. We will complete projects such as oven mitts, curtains, pillows, and clothing. We will meet for 2 hours in the evening every other week at our home. If you are interested and would like more information, please call Lori.

Shakespeare Plays – School Fest Shows

The NC Shakespeare Festival in High Point will present SchoolFest performances as listed below. Shows are at 10am and are \$10 per ticket. This is open to homeschool families and groups. There is no minimum number required to participate in SchoolFest. If you do a group, one free chaperone ticket is given for every 15 tickets purchased. Call Casey Schmidt at 336-841-2273, ext 226 or email groupsales@ncshakes.org

Twelfth Night: Sept. 15, 23, 24, 28, and Oct. 1

Othello: Sept. 16, 17, 22, 29, and 30

A Christmas Carol: Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, & 15

HOMESCHOOL SPORTS

FHE Fall and Winter Sports

FHE fall sports programs will be underway very soon! If you are interested in participating, please contact the coaches:

Cross Country
Varsity Boys Soccer
Varsity Girls Volleyball

Winter sports programs will be beginning in October. If you are interested in participating, please contact the coaches:

Middle School Girls Basketball
Middle School Boys Basketball
Varsity Girls Basketball
Varsity Boys Basketball

It's Coming! Boy's Varsity Soccer

Boy's varsity soccer will be starting this month. We will begin with team camp **Aug. 9-12**. Practices will be Monday-Thursday beginning Aug. 16. We will play in both a pre-season and post-season tournament. There are usually 12 games which are played both locally and away.

Boys between the ages of 12 and 18 are welcome. The cost for camp is \$120/player, an approx \$80 fee to the FHE sports organization to cover referees, fields and tournaments, and a \$40 fee to pay for skills coaching during the season.

Cross Country Team

The FHE Cross Country team will be having its first practice at Old Town Park on Shattalon Dr. on **Mon., Aug. 2**, at 6pm. There will be a parents meeting during the first 10-15 minutes. If you cannot make the meeting or first practice you can still participate. The distance for cross-country is 3.1 miles. You do not have to be able to run that far, but you should be able to run at least 1 mile before coming out for the team. The team is open to boys and girls. The team is primarily for high schoolers, but middle schoolers who can run the distance will be accepted as well.

-- by Ernie, Cross Country Coach

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Winston-Salem Children's Chorus

The Winston-Salem Children's Chorus invites children across our community to become accomplished musicians while learning and having fun in a safe, disciplined environment. Within the chorus (nine members of which are homeschooled), there are four choral ensembles in which your child might participate. The new Training Chorus rehearses twice weekly; the Young Women's Ensemble (for girls in grades 9-12) and the Young Men's Ensemble (for boys with changed voices) rehearse once weekly. Your child is invited to audition for one of them!

The Chorus, in its 10th year under the direction of Barbara C. Beattie, opens both the world of music and the world at large to children ages 8-18. Singers receive training in reading music, theory, vocal production and choral style while exploring music from other traditions and cultures in the original language, from English to Hebrew to Russian! The Chorus brings together children from every background to learn teamwork and tolerance while building lasting friendships based on the universal language of music.

Auditions are currently being held for the 2004-2005 season. The fee for the year ranges from \$250-300. Scholarship aid is available. For more information or to schedule an audition, please call the Chorus office at 703-0001 or visit our Web site at www.wschildrenschorus.org.

Band Instruction by Kevin Bowen

I have been asked to take over the band at Salem Baptist Christian School, where my 2 oldest children have gone to school for the last 3 years. Since that is my 3rd job (!), I really cannot work the homeschool band into my schedule. However, Salem is now offering some elective courses and Advanced Placement high school-level courses to homeschoolers, and this includes all levels of band instruction.

High school band (9-12) will be held every other day (M/W/F one week, then T/T the next week) from 1:30-3pm at Salem Baptist Christian School, beginning Mon., Aug. 23.

Intermediate band (6-8 with at least one year of experience) and beginning band (5-6) will also meet every other day (T/T the first week, then M/W/F the next week), beginning Tues., Aug. 24. Both intermediate and beginning Bands will be 45 minute sessions... I'm not sure which will be first yet. The time block is 1:30-3pm.

Cost for any of these classes is \$500 for the year, which includes a \$50 registration fee and \$450 for a year of instruction (SBCS set the fees, not me). The fee can be paid in monthly installments or all at once at the beginning.

To register, or for more information, please call Salem Baptist Christian School at 336-725-6113. For any specific questions about the class please e-mail me at bowenck@wfu.edu or banddoctorckb@earthlink.net.

For parents of beginners, we will have a "show and tell" session with an instrument demonstration at Salem Baptist Christian School on Mon. evening, Aug. 23, from 7-8:30pm.

Winston-Salem Youth Orchestras announce auditions for the 2004-2005 Season

Fri., Aug. 20, Sat., Aug. 21, and Sun., Aug. 22
Scales Fine Arts Center, Wake Forest University Campus
Call Bev Naiditch, 725-1035 x211 to schedule your audition

The audition fee \$20 per family. The WSYOs are open to all musicians in the 4th-12th grades who play orchestral instruments. Members audition for acceptance each year and are placed in one of two orchestras based on what is best for each of the orchestras. Tuition is the primary source of income for the WSYO; it covers most of the WSYO's costs. Those accepted into the WSYO are sent a tuition invoice for \$200 per season. Parents with more than one child participating will be billed \$200 first child, \$150 second and \$100 third. Students attending NCSA will pay half tuition (\$100) due to the school's support of the organization. Visit our website www.wssymphony.org/wsyo for more information. Scholarships are available.

CO-OP OPPORTUNITIES

High School Co-op Classes

Offered by Classical Dei Gratia In Mt. Airy, NC

This is a great opportunity for your high school students! We've been blessed with very qualified teachers who are willing to share their time and talents. Cost: \$50 per semester per class (or possible Co-op responsibilities with membership.) We will meet on Mondays for 30 weeks, Aug. 9-Nov. 22, and Jan. 10-Apr. 25. Classes to be offered include ABeka Biology w/lab, Ancient Literature/History, Intro/Intermediate Logic, Saxon Algebra 2, Saxon Algebra 1, and New Testament Greek.

Clemmons Foundations Program Plus Essentials

The Clemmons Foundations program invites you to join us for the 2004-05 school year. We are a Christian, classical education program for students age 4 through 6th grade and their parents. We meet on Friday mornings, from 9:15am - 12noon, Sept. 3- Nov. 19 and Jan. 7 - Mar. 25.

Each week, in small classes, we study the foundational principles of history, science, geography, Latin, English grammar, mathematics, and historical timeline. Students also take part in art and music projects, science experiments, and oral presentations. While educating our children to the best of our abilities is foremost in our minds, we are also deeply focused on fellowship and the building of community. We seek to support and care for one another, to share information and ideas, and give our children the opportunity to form deep and lasting friendships.

We will also be offering the Essentials program for students in grades 4-6. Students will meet from 1-3pm for work on grammar, sentence diagramming, spelling, writing skills, and math accuracy. Students who are not enrolled in Foundations may attend Essentials as space is available.

For further information or to register, please contact the director or visit www.classicalconversations.com

North Winston-Salem Foundations Program Plus Essentials

For children ages 4-11, this program is similar to the Clemmons program. We are a group of families that meet on Thursdays for 25 weeks from September to early April (not December). We have a Study Hall for older siblings and play areas for the younger ones. Classes include Middle Ages/Renaissance History and history timeline, art, classical composers, Latin, science (including astronomy, ecology, and physics), in-class presentations, field trips, scripture memory, and more.

Foundations Essentials will also be offered at this location for 4th-6th graders. Our class meets Thursday afternoons from 1-3:00pm in Winston-Salem. Students spend 45 minutes studying English grammar and spelling, 45 minutes on a writing assignment from the Institute for Excellence in Writing, and 30 minutes in a Math Slam competition. A home school mother of 7 outstanding kids, teaches this class. Space may be available for students not enrolled in the Foundations program. Foundations Essentials will meet at NW Baptist Church in Winston-Salem beginning Sept. 9. Tuition is \$12/class. Accelerated 3rd graders may also enroll.

For further information or to register, please contact the director or visit www.classicalconversations.com

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

! Reynolda Manor Book Sale !

Three Prices Only! 50 Cents, 1 and 2 dollars!

Reynolda Manor Library off Reynolda Rd. will host its Autumn Book Sale Fri., Oct. 1 and Sat., Oct. 2. No Admission Charged. There will be a Friends of the Library sneak preview on Thurs., Sept. 30, from 5-6pm. This is well worth the Friends Membership of \$10 or \$15.

The Morales Family will be coordinating this sale, and books will be grouped into sensible and organized categories, for easy access. We have discovered a treasure-trove of wonderful books at Reynolda, and highly recommend this sale for home schooling families.

Cub Scouts

Families looking for a great social, educational and personal growth opportunity for their boys 1st-5th grade should consider Cub Scouting. Pack 926, which meets at Maple Springs United Methodist Church (the Pumpkin Church) on Reynolda Road, welcomes new scouts or scouts transferring from any area. We have enjoyed many fun activities this school year, including lock-ins, camping at Raven Knob, popcorn sales, and a trip to the USS Yorktown.

We encourage and expect parents to participate with their scouts. Register now to join in on summer events like Twilight Camp and Resident Camp. Please contact Melinda Fyfe, Cubmaster, at 922-3736 for further information.

Wednesday Afternoon Ceramic Class

This ceramic class meets at the Georgia Taylor Recreation Center at 1471 W. Clemmonsville Road, located west of Peter's Creek Parkway in Winston-Salem. The classes, which meet from 12:30-2:30 every week, cost \$1 for adults and \$.50 for children. The center has a kiln for firing your pieces, included in the class fee. Elaine Applebe is the instructor. We have a lot of glazes and supplies, but you would need to buy your greenware to get started. Greenware can be purchased at J & W Ceramics (788-9509), located about 8 minutes from the rec. center.

Community Events for Homeschoolers

You can find more information about these upcoming events at the Homeschool Alliance Website: <http://www.ha-nc.org/events.html>.

Wet 'n Wild Emerald Pointe's Home Educators Day, Fri., Aug. 13, 2004. We are offering a special rate to Home Educators. The regular admission is \$16.00 each (a savings of \$9.99 off of our general admission rate of \$25.99). The under 48" admission is \$11.50 each (a savings of \$7.49 off of our general admission rate of \$18.99). In order to receive this special rate, individuals must return the reservation form from the flyer to Wet 'n Wild Emerald Pointe or make a phone reservation prior to Aug. 13. They may also bring the reservation form with them August 13. Without the form, they will not receive the rate. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Conway at 800-555-5900 or 336-852-9721, extension 172

Dollywood Annual Homeschool Day, Fri., Aug. 27, 2004 Join homeschool families for a special day of fun and education! 2004 admission prices: Students \$19.50+tax = \$21.75, Adults \$30.00+ tax = \$33.45 (age 3 and under Free) Prices valid this homeschool day only.

Biltmore Estate hosts its annual Homeschool Festival in the fall. The day includes special educational activities specially created for homeschool students with interactive sessions led by estate staff. Past event topics have included North Carolina history, natural sciences, agriculture, and careers, and covered how these topics relate to the estate. Future topics include architecture, archaeology, travel, and art. Participants receive reduced-price estate admission and learning materials that complement estate activities.

Historic Latta Plantation Homeschool Day, Charlotte, Sept. 14, 2004. This is a special day set aside for homeschoolers to go through our educational tours. Students will see the Latta home, the farm animals, and other outbuildings, and may participate in hands-on activities. Reservations are required.

National History Day in North Carolina

National History Day in North Carolina is a year-long curriculum to improve the teaching and learning of history. It provides students with an outlet to display their work while helping them develop life skills such as research, writing, analysis, and presentation.

To participate, students choose a topic related to the annual theme. This theme for the 2004-05 school year is Communication in History: the Key to Understanding. Using both primary and secondary sources, students thoroughly research their subject and develop a presentation. They choose one of four methods to present their project: a traditional historical paper, an exhibit, an original performance, or a documentary. Each project must have an annotated bibliography divided into primary and secondary sources. Projects are entered into competitions, usually starting at the district level. At each level, historians, educators, and others in related fields review the work, question the students, and provide comments and suggestions for improvements for each entry. These judges also choose the top projects in each category to move to the next level of competition culminating with the national meeting in College Park, Maryland in June. Teachers receive curriculum materials to help students develop their topics.

National History Day in North Carolina is open to public, private, and homeschool students in grades 6 through 12. History Day is well suited for homeschoolers who often have more flexibility to make use of research institutions and develop projects. Two North Carolina homeschool students were among those who represented the state at the national competition in June. For more information contact the state coordinator, Jo Ann Williford, 4610 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4610; joann.williford@ncmail.net; (919) 807-7284 or get more information at the web site here: <http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/edu-utrch/historyday/main.html> The state coordinator is also available to travel to your area to meet with teachers and/or students to discuss the program.

Homeschool High School Chemistry Class At Forsyth Country Day School

The teacher for this course, Kevin Currie, has over twenty years of chemistry teaching experience - fifteen years at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics and is a current member of the Forsyth Country Day School faculty.

Distance Learning Chemistry is usually taken in the 10th or 11th grade. Algebra I is a prerequisite. Fall semester will run from September through January and Spring semester will run from January through May. The 2-hour weekly meeting at Forsyth Country Day School will be held late Thursday afternoons. The fee for this course will be \$200 student per semester. This fee includes charges for Web Assign and all lab expenses except safety glasses and a book fee.

For more information, visit the website at <http://www.fcds.org/faculty/KevinCurrie/web/Chemistry/Index.htm>, email Kevin Currie at kevincurrie@fcds.org, or call him at Forsyth Country Day School at 945-3151 ext. 582, or at home 659-7597. We will hold enrollment to approximately 15 students, so please call early.

***Hope you've enjoyed these samples
and will join us this year.***

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

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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, 2004, 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*.

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)

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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.

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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.