

And all of thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children Isaiah 54:13

Illinois Train Museum by Jeff Haag

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The Illinois Train museum is a non-profit organization. It has over 100 refurbished and not yet refurbished trains and coaches.

There you will find barns filled with old time engines, coaches and a caboose. You will find some more modern trains and coaches that are used today, too.

Also on our trip we got to ride an electric car. We had a motorman and a conductor with us. The first thing we did was go around the grounds. Then we headed out in the country. When we ran out of rail we came to a stop and were able to see how the conductor used the equipment. The conductor made sure that the cable was put at the other end of the coach. With this type of train you moved the cable to the end in which direction you wanted to go. It was easier to switch it from front to back and back to front for the conductor steering the train. We learned that this train only had 12 speeds. The 12th speed was about 40 miles per hour. The whole train ride was about 12 miles.

It was pretty fun and I wouldn't mind going there again.

By Jeff Haag

Our first Mom's night out was very successful. Several mom's met at the home of Laura and Tim Carlson and had a fantastic Mexican Fiesta! Thanks to Laura for teaching us how to make some great games! The next Mom's night out is scheduled for No-



Children from several TCHE families enjoyed the trains



ember 14th, to be hosted by Sharlavan Robinson. On October 27th the Robinson's will host a Couples Night Out at their home. Watch your email for more information.

Mom's Night Out

Scouting Opportunity for Homeschoolers

I am Shawn Viland, Pack Committee Chairman for Pack 321 in Aurora, chartered by Aurora Christian School. Our Charter Representative at ACS, Mr. Etchison, welcomes us to recruit boys from other Christian schools as well as home-schoolers. My own children go to St. Paul's Lutheran, but when we joined Pack 321 we were still home-schooling and were part of Kane County Christian Homeschoolers.

church. We even met with him at our church, but there was not enough interest in our church. In fact, we had only about 10 boys between first and fifth grades. We persisted and were directed to Pack 321, and found that there were two or three other home-schooling families in the pack, although we had enrolled our kids in Covenant Christian School because my wife had started working to make up for loss of income.



I have a burden to try and make the Scouting opportunity available to home-schoolers. It took some effort to find a Scouting unit several years ago when my son was old enough to join Scouting. The problem is that Scout units are chartered through various organizations like churches and schools, and the recruiting is primarily done through those organizations. When we contacted the local council, the District Executive tried to get me to start a unit in my

Since that time I have thought often of how difficult it was for us to find a Cub Scout Pack, and also how ideal Scouting is for Christian home-school families. We had an excellent response last year from home-schoolers, and about one-third of our pack are or have been home-schooled. One parent in my third-grade den uses BSA materials to supplement her curriculum.

For more information, please contact:

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Upcoming Conference

Everyone is invited to Morningstar Community Church for "Encouragement for the Homeschool Family Conference" with Steve and Teri Maxwell and family. October 20th - 21st. Pre-registration is appreciated. No Charge (love offering) Questions, Call Gail Merry 630-879-8668 or Paula Moss 630-859-0966. Looks like a nice couple days for new and old homeschoolers.

Field Trip Alert

What: Prairie Pioneers at the Joliet Area Historical Museum, 204 N. Ottawa St., Joliet, IL

When: November 3, 2006, 10 AM to 12 noon

Ages: 1st—5th grade, limit 30

Price: \$4.00 per person

What, no X Box? No cars? No grocery stores? This program gives a glimpse at life on the prairie in 1832, the year Charles Reed built his cabin on the land that would become Joliet. Students learn about housing, transportation, clothing, chores and games of yesteryear through hands on activities and games. Students will make and taste homemade butter — a favorite of students and teachers alike!

How: You must RSVP to pennyepfizenmaier@prodigy.net or

(630)553-2769 before the October 27th deadline.

Next meeting is on Oct. 5th. 7:00 at Parkview Christian Academy.

More Field Trip Notes

The October field trip to Kuiper Farm is on October 18 (Wed.) at 2pm. The cost is \$6 per person with children 2 and under free. If you are planning on coming, please either send me a check or bring it to the co-op on Monday. The deadline for payment for this trip is Oct. 2.



Tanzi Melton is planning a trip to the Midwest Museum of Natural History sometime in October. Check out their web site at www.mmnh.org and watch your email for updates.

Sandwich Opera House

Please note that seats are available for most of the shows being offered at the Sandwich Opera House. You may download the schedule off our web site. Ruth Mattson will no longer be taking reservations. If you wish to at-

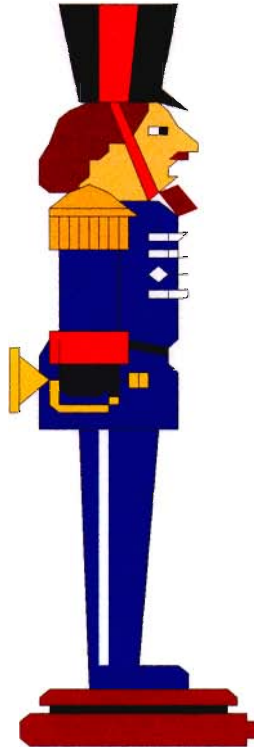
tend, you may contact the Opera House directly. Seats are usually available even on the show date. You may phone them to confirm this and pay at the door. For those of you who have submitted your reservations to

Ruth, all your shows are confirmed unless she has contacted you directly.

Nutcracker

Our December field trip will be a performance of the Nutcracker Suite, on Wednesday, December 13 @ 10am. The cost is \$7.00 per person. It will be held at North Central College (Pfeifer Building). The deadline to sign up for tickets is October 23!!!!

If you plan on attending please make arrangements with Teresa Borter your payment to her (or bring it on any Monday at co-op) by October 23!! SHE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT CHECKS AFTER



Ballet

THE 23rd OF OCTOBER!!!! All checks need to be made out to Teresa Borter. So please be thinking in the next few weeks if you would like to attend. A few guidelines to follow are:

1) Please NO children under 5.

2) Please also limit this field trip to immediate family as there is limited sitting. (Please do not invite grandparents, aunts, friends, kids friends, etc.).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Teresa by email - dtborter@comcast.net or by phone (630) 479-0942.

Hope to see you there!! :))

Homeschool Sessions at Aurora Skate Center

The Fall Homeschool Skating Sessions at Aurora Skate Center will begin on Thursday, October 5. Every Thursday, from 10AM to 2PM, come join homeschool families from 12 different support groups around the area and get in on the fun! Admission will remain \$4 per child (including rental skates), parents skate free. No registration is

necessary... just show up. The "Activities Calendar" on our website

(www.SkateAurora.com) is the best place to see the schedule and to check

when there are slight adjustments in the times due to school holiday matinees.

As always, parents skate free, when accompanied by a child!

A note from the Editor ...



Editor Patti Hermes with Ryan, Jordan and Kevin

Whew! First newsletter done, many more to go. Well, you may have noticed that there have been a few changes. Some by choice, others by necessity. I'm using different software, for one. But hopefully, the spirit of the newsletter remains the same for you: keeping all TCHE families informed and connected. If

you have anything to share, by all means please do so. This is YOUR newsletter.

Important Reminder: the Deadline for the November issue will be October 22nd. Please send submissions, including photos to me at momsworling01@yahoo.com.

TCHE News

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TCHE News

News for the Tri-County Christian Home Educators

From the Chair ...

Hello, and a hardy welcome to a brand new year of school. Isn't it great when "Fall Happens." Everything seems fresh and new. Do you feel that way today? Maybe you do, maybe you don't. Which ever - there is good news. God is here. Everyday, and in Every-way. Sometimes, days of homeschooling go so fast, that I have no idea where the day went. Other days are so slow that it all seems old, and tiring. Each of those days, God is there. What is the difference? Perhaps my perspective. Perhaps I forgot to look at

the day as being fresh and new. Perhaps I forgot to wake up and ask God for his blessing for that day.



Look outside, It is Fall. Fresh and new. Enjoy it, and Enjoy your chil-

dren.

Speaking of Fresh and New-TCHE would like to welcome all our new families into our fold. TCHE has some of the most terrific families in the area. Find some new friends, and enjoy the fresh new year. For all you oldies - Welcome back. Breath some fresh air and continue on the path HE leads.

I ask the Father in his great glory to give you the power to be strong inwardly through his Spirit.
Ephesians 3:16

Blessings,

Sheri