



*"Impacting our world for Christ through multi-generational home education and discipleship."*

## A Letter From CHESS Leadership...

Following the INCH conference, a reporter from the Lansing State Journal and I met to discuss the transition homeschoolers face from high school to college. He was curious about this matter, having heard about INCH's Jumpstart Your Future College Fair and the more than 30 colleges who attended, hoping to attract homeschoolers to their campuses. However I wanted to share with this reporter more than the many success stories of homeschoolers who've thrived and succeeded in numerous ways after graduating from homeschool. I want to always make it a point to share with people the 'why' of homeschooling, rather than simply the results of home-schooling, as I want people to reflect on the greater purpose of our endeavor.

In discussing the 'why's' of home schooling, I listed three reasons: first, it is to teach our children a Biblical worldview and pass on our Christian faith. Since the 1960's our society has chosen to teach in our public schools that there is no God. The public schools reinforce this truth 5 days per week, 7 hours per day, 180 days per year. They teach children they are a product of random chance having evolved over millions of years. They tell them God has never recorded anything, so ignore His written record of Himself and His commands. They tell them there is no right or wrong but everyone is free to do what is right in their own eyes. They teach that God has never engaged humanity in history, and that 'science' disproves His existence. Yet Christian parents understand from God's commands in Deuteronomy 6 that we have the responsibility to teach their children about God from the moment they awake, as they move throughout their day, until we put them down to bed at night. I conclude that the most effective and efficient way to obey God's command to raise godly children is to homeschool.

Second it is to develop moral character and properly 'socialize' our children. Socialization is defined as "the lifelong process of inheriting and disseminating norms, customs and ideologies." The Wikipedia definition goes on to say, "Socialization describes a process which may lead to desirable, or 'moral', outcomes in the opinion of said society. Individual views on certain

issues are influenced by the view of the society at large and become a 'normal' and acceptable outlook or value to have within a society." In the public sector, a powerless teacher does their best to keep order in a classroom where most children don't respect them. Without moral absolutes it is hard to convince a child that they should care about anyone other than themselves. The most productive place to learn about human relationships is within the context of the family. If a child can love, honor and obey his parents and learn to get along with siblings, he will have no trouble doing the same outside the home. The home, in the presence of loving parents, is the best and easiest place for consistently teaching our children to obey God's command to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.



Third, our goal is to build deep, loving, lasting family relationships. Homeschooling allows parents the greatest opportunity to build relationship because they enjoy the presence of their children 24/7/365 and are able to

control the negative influences that could penetrate their children's lives. Influence is a direct result of relationship. This is why parents are so concerned with who their children's friends are. Parents need to ask who do they want to have the greatest influence over their children? Peers? Society? Or siblings and parents? The goal of a Christian parent's influence should be to lead their children to an eternal love affair with Jesus Christ. As Jesus walked daily with His disciples teaching and showing them the love of God, the homeschool parent likewise has the daily pleasure of walking with their children, teaching and showing them the love of God in Jesus Christ throughout their day.

If God is going to hold parents accountable for their effort toward raising godly offspring (Malachi 2.15), then it behooves Christian parents to think seriously how they will best accomplish this mandate. As for me and my house it seems homeschooling is the best means for obeying God and raising children to love Him with all their heart, soul, mind and strength.

*Mike Winter  
for the CHESS Leadership Team*

"America's future will be determined by the home and the school.

The child becomes largely what he is taught; hence we must watch what we teach, and how we live."

*-Jane Addams*

### Open House

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## CHES Open House - June 3

**Location:** South Church, 5250 Cornerstone Dr., Lansing  
**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
**Questions:** Contact Marcia Holmes at comm@lansinghomeschoolers.com.

We know how busy your schedules are, and that's why we keep CHES so flexible – but there is ONE meeting we believe important enough to ask all of you to attend: Our annual CHES Open House. Displays, Membership Renewal forms, and Sign-up sheets for the large variety of CHES activities will be available for you in South Life Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

We would REALLY like to have ALL CHES families represented there that evening, so we hope you'll make it a priority and we anticipate seeing as many as possible in attendance that night!!

The Open House is an information sharing and gathering time... an opportunity to renew your CHES membership for the 2014/2015 school year - at the **SPECIAL** Open House rate, choose the area in which you're willing to serve next year and turn in all those boxtops and labels for education you've been saving! Then find out what's happening with CHES for the summer and coming school year. Sign up for the things you'd like to participate in and the things you're willing to help with, plus enjoy the fellowship of other like-minded homeschoolers.

Here is some of what will be available at the Open House:

- ▽ Displays showcasing all that CHES offers (as long as we have volunteers.)
- ▽ Sign ups to participate in upcoming activities and offerings.
- ▽ Refreshments and fellowship.
- ▽ Membership applications for the new school year, so you can renew for the Open House rate of \$20/family or \$10/single parent family. (This offer expires that night!)
- ▽ Sign up to volunteer as a part of one of the following teams: Enrichment, Connections, Encouragement, Information, Resources, and Vision.
- ▽ Groups, outside of CHES, that offer classes and activities for homeschoolers.
- ▽ If you haven't yet attended a CHES Open House, you don't know what you've been missing!

**\*\*If you are hosting a table at the Open House or you are bringing a display for one of the ministry areas, please have it set-up by 5:45pm. We are trying to have everything ready to go by 6:00pm and we would like to allow volunteers to do a run through before the Open House begins.**

## Getting Plugged In

**Location:** South Church at 6:00pm  
 Do you have friends who are considering homeschooling? Are you somewhat new to CHES and have questions or are still wondering how to get involved? This is the time for you!! Join us Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:00pm at South Church before the Open House begins for a time of "getting to know CHES." You will check in and meet in the gym for a brief introduction to CHES.

## Pre-Open House Kickoff...

**Location:** South Church  
**Time:** 6:30pm before the actual Open House begins.  
 There will be a **BRIEF** gathering time in the Sanctuary to discuss the launch of CHES 2.0. If you attend the kickoff, you will receive a stamp which will provide you with an extra \$5 off your membership.

## CHES Year End Celebration

**Contact:** Mary Hoch, hochhouse@juno.com or 703.9127

**When:** Thursday, June 10th

**Time:** 5:30 – 8:30pm

**Where:** Hawk Island Park, 1601 Cavanaugh, Lansing

**RSVP Date:** June 7

Your whole family is invited to our potluck barbeque complete with ice cream sundaes!

This is our annual celebration to end the school year and usher in summer. The cost is only \$1 per person and a dish to pass.

Here is what to expect:

- ◆ Great grilling: CHES will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats.
- ◆ All the trimmings: condiments, drinks, ice cream, and toppings too!
- ◆ Delicious side dishes: provided by YOU the participants.
- ◆ Organized games for the whole family.
- ◆ Splash Park for the kids.

We will need lots of volunteers to do little jobs throughout the evening. Let me know if that is you!

**This year:**

We will be collecting non-perishable pre-packaged snack food item (fruit snacks, granola bars, cookies, Little Debbie snack food, candy bars, crackers, raisins, etc.) to give to those who are serving our communities: Ronald McDonald House, local fire departments, local doctors office & staff, etc. If you can help in any way, please let Mary know! Ingham County Parks charge \$3-\$5 admission.



## CHES Family Camping Weekend - July 18-20

**When:** July 18-20

**Who:** CHES Members & Homeschooling Families

**Where:** Wesleyan Woods Campground

4320 Caine Rd., Vassar, MI 48768

**What:** Camping...of course! Tents, campers, rental cabins, or just plain under the stars! A fun time for CHES families to connect with one another & make new memories: Wet zip-line, dry zip-line, rock wall, full ropes course, fishing, quad trails, hiking, river canoeing, swimming, water slide, campfires & more!

**Questions?** call Kim at 989-640-5173!

Check out Wesleyan Woods Campground:

<http://www.wesleyanwoods.org/index.html>

Call to make your reservations today! 989-823-8840

We have a group camping section reserved. Be sure to tell them you are part of the CHES Homeschool Group with Host & Hostess: Chuck & Kim Mabe.

## CHES Summer Studies - Starting in June!

While we give the kids a little break from school during these summer months, let's do our homework as parents: Become better equipped and prepared to disciple your children by joining us at a location and time of your choice for a few weeks of engaging discussion, study, and accountability!

Join us as we go through the DVD series based on the book, *Instructing a Child's Heart*, by Tedd & Margy Tripp

**TO PARTICIPATE:** Sign up for a group at the CHES Open House or contact the couple hosting...

**COST:** \$10/book

(though you can just come and watch the DVD teaching, even if you don't have the book.)

From interaction with their peers, to the instruction and correction that they receive at home, children interpret their experience from a worldview that seeks to answer their fundamental questions: Who am I? What do I exist for? Where can I find joy? We need to provide our children with a consistent, persuasive, biblical framework for understanding the world God has made and their place in it.

This book brings the Bible into parents' lives in a fresh way. It is one thing to say that parents must use the Bible for parenting. It is another thing to show how that is actually done. *Instructing a Child's Heart* provides practical, real life instruction on how to do just that. Tedd and Margy Tripp understand that the call of Deuteronomy 6 is to instruct children in the context of everyday life. Such instruction is formative by nature. This formative instruction avoids the quicksand of attempting to change behavior without addressing the heart. Simply changing behavior, without addressing heart change, leads to more behavioral problems, which in turn leads to frustration for both parents and children. *Instructing a Child's Heart* leads you out of this parenting quicksand to solid ground.

## Butterflies - Exhibit Runs Thru June 8

May 17-June 8 at the Lansing Mall

Mon-Sat 12pm-8pm, Sun. 12pm-5pm

Admission \$3.00 per person

Experience the wonder of our interactive butterfly house including an educational tour and complimentary craft activities.

Call 248-885-0447 or visit [www.adoptabutterfly.com](http://www.adoptabutterfly.com) for details.

**Butterfly House** (Admission \$3.00 per person)

Butterfly House presentations are scheduled approximately every 30 minutes. Times may vary.

-Groups of approximately 30 will be admitted for each presentation.

-Tickets are sold that day on a first come, first serve basis.

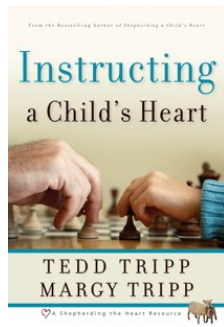
-General public presentations are scheduled as time allows based on booked groups schedule.

**Life Cycle & Craft Area** (No Charge)

-Color and create your own butterfly with flapping wings to take home.

-Learn about the parts of the butterfly.

-See displays of life cycle process.



## Where Will You Be Serving?

CHES exists both to serve you and to be served by you! The CHES Handbook states:

*"... what really makes CHES work is that so many give so willingly! Each renewing CHES family agrees to serve in at least one of over 40 opportunities. Often this means simply sharing resources, services, or responsibilities for CHES events they're already participating in.*

*First year members are encouraged to participate as our guests — observing, learning, and getting acquainted. Discovering areas where their interest, strengths and abilities can be beneficial to the CHES network of families!"*

CHES, Christian Homeschool Educators Support System, is just that, a support system for you as you homeschool your children. The definition of support is, "to help; hold up; give strength or courage to; keep from falling ...". Dad's Breakfast, Mom's Night Out, CHES Prayerline, and Manna Ministry are great examples of ways CHES supports homeschooling families. System is defined as, "a group of many parts working together to form a whole; an orderly way of getting things done ...". Continuous growth presents challenges to CHES in fulfilling this part of the definition. CHES families are very thankful for those who volunteer their time and talents willingly to make "the system" work! You are greatly appreciated!

CHES embodies over 300 families with many different needs, desires, and reasons for joining. Each family has a busy schedule: caring for household needs, homeschooling, serving in their local church and community. As a member of CHES, each family has committed to being a part of the "system" and to contribute to, as well as benefit from its "support."

The CHES website ([www.lansinghomeschoolers.com](http://www.lansinghomeschoolers.com)) list numerous opportunities for dads as well as moms (and students!) to serve within its six areas of ministry. Service opportunities vary widely in their levels of commitment, needed abilities, and time requirements. You can serve on the front lines or behind the scenes. The CHES community needs what you have to offer! For more information, please contact the CHES Ministry leadership. See newsletter back page for contact information.

*"... being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love."*

Ephesians 4:16

**--Included at the back of the newsletter are the Volunteer Descriptions which give more information.**

## Help Wanted!

We are a large homeschooling family moving to Dansville, MI looking for help with younger children (preschool, 1st, 3rd grade curriculum implementation), playing and creating activities, some household activity (help with meal prep/cleanup) as well as driving to and from activities. If this interests you or someone you know (must LOVE working with smaller children, and have own car/great driving record)-- Call Julie Perrault 517-256-6822. Position will begin in August. Hours and pay rate negotiable.

CHES Activities!

## CHESSE Friday Enrichment Day Co-ops

**WHAT are CHESSE Enrichment Day Co-ops?** Like Academic Co-ops, CHESSE Enrichment Day Co-ops are a cooperative effort on the part of CHESSE families who desire to work with other homeschoolers in the body of Christ to supplement our children's education. Unlike Academic Co-ops, our Enrichment Day Co-ops center primarily (but not always exclusively) around learning in the arts, physical education, life skills, and other electives. Usually, these classes are not designed to be the main course of study for any given subject area. As a result, most classes can be enjoyed on Fridays with little or no outside work to be accomplished at home—particularly in the elementary grades. Enrichment Day classes are determined and designed by those CHESSE families participating at our various locations. As a result, the classes offered will be different at each location.

**WHO can participate?** Again, these co-ops are intended for CHESSE members. One adult from each participating family is expected to be an active participant on one team - sharing input and ideas, planning and presenting material, and assisting however needed.

**WHEN do Enrichment Day Co-ops meet?** There are two terms of Enrichment Day Co-ops per year - ten weeks in the fall and ten weeks in the winter/spring. Each location has the flexibility to begin when desired, which for the fall term will typically be Friday in mid-September. Registration forms, will be available to download from the website after Open House in early June (fall term) and December (winter/spring term).

**HOW do I register to participate?** Re-enrollment for families participating usually begins at the end of each term once current participating families decide on classes for the next term. As classes are finalized and registration forms updated, they will be posted on the website. CHESSE families will also be able to ask questions and register at Open House in June for the fall term.

**WHY enrichment co-ops?** When CHESSE was just forming, the initial families who joined recognized the need for coming together for support and fellowship. Enrichment Days were born. Although each location now is unique, the purposes are similar. Over the years, our children have engaged in a wide variety of learning experiences and have also enjoyed making friendships. Enrichment Day is a great way to connect with fellow homeschoolers—both for beginners and veterans.

### Classes offered this Fall:

#### Eastside AM:

Questions? Contact: Carla Burke at 517-331-4115 or burkehomeschooling@comcast.net or Collette Schubert at 517-203-9490 or colletteschub@yahoo.com.

This term we will be offering Gym, Art and Destination Imagination for 1st through 4th grade. For 5th and up we will have Forensic Science, Community Service, or Sewing, and gym for all 5th and up for 50 minutes.

Class Descriptions for 1st-4th Grade:

(Students rotate through all three classes.)

1. Gym
2. Art: 3-D and 2-D projects made with all different types of materials like bottle caps, wire, canisters, jars, card board tubes, and more!!
3. Destination Imagination: children will work together in teams learning how to problem solve, developing imagination and innovation. Challenges will be given for teams to solve.

Teamwork, courage, perseverance, and problem solving are all developed in this fun class.

Course Descriptions for 5th Grade and Up:

Your student will have 50 minutes of gym and 95 minutes in their class as described below.

1. Forensic Science: Using the amazing world of science students will break down a crime scene and the evidence left. (\$5 Class Fee)
2. Community Service: Students will go around the community to different businesses and/or organizations showing the love of God by serving and helping with different needs.
3. Sewing: Students will learn the basics of sewing, different stitches and techniques. They will learn how to read a pattern and put together a basic sewing project. (\$5 Class Fee) **THIS CLASS IS FULL**

Eastside classes will meet Friday mornings, 9:30 am-12 noon, beginning September 19, 2014, at South Lansing Christian Church.

Cost: \$70 per family for 10 week session.

#### Westside:

Questions? Contact: Stephanie Williams at swilliams0992@gmail.com or call 517-282-5391.

Course Descriptions for K - 5th grade:

(Children will rotate through all 3 classes)

Enrichment Day Rotating class offerings:

1. Art/Geography: We will create art related to North and South America and Europe through weekly hands-on projects from "Geography Through Art" by Sharon Jeffus & Jamie Aramini. (\$5 art fee)
2. Gym: Focus will be on learning games or activities from the different continents being covered. The kids will also run for at least 5 mins each week and learn ways to lead a healthy life.
3. World Culture: Learn all about the geographic location, music, food, language, dances, stories and more from all over the world! We will be studying the countries of North and South America and Europe.

Course Description for 6th grade and Up:

All students will attend the Fitness class and then split off into the class of their choice for the second half of the morning.

**Fitness Infusion:** We will explore an eclectic assortment of delightful and diverse techniques and types of fitness and fun. Students will be required to bring a bag of the following items each week: set of 3-5# weights, jump rope, yoga mat, resistant band(s), water bottle and optional pilates ball.

Choices for the second half of the morning:

- a. Lego Robotics: Learn to build/program customizable robots. First term will focus on learning the "how-to" of programming, utilizing what is learned in smaller projects. Second term will focus on building a customized robot as a team that can accomplish various challenges, possibly even competition! Must take 1st term to participate in 2nd term. Possible \$5-10 class fee.
- b. Speech/Drama: Have a flair for the dramatic? Get butterflies in your stomach whenever you have to speak in front of a group? Like to argue? This year long class will combine elements of debate, drama and speech and give students the opportunity to express themselves with poise.

Westside classes will meet Friday mornings, 9:30 am-12:15pm, beginning September 19, 2014, at South Lansing

Christian Church.

Cost: \$35 per family for 10 week session.

#### **Northside:**

Questions? Contact: Susan Garlick at

susanmgarlick@gmail.com or call 517-626-6580.

This term we will be offering Gym, Music, and Drama for Kindergarten through 5th Grade. We will offer Creative Computing plus a PE class for our 6th Grade and up students. Class Descriptions for K-5th Grade:

(Students rotate through all three classes.)

1. Gym: We will focus on organized games and activities for exercise and discuss the importance of living a healthy life-style.

2. Music: Our little maestros will learn the basics of rhythm, melody, and composition through songs and activities with instruments.

3. Drama: Students will gain confidence in performing in front of others as they partake in drama exercises and acting out children's stories. Students will not only gain knowledge about how to convey a story to an audience, but about how to collaborate and work with others.

Class Descriptions for 6th Grade and Up:

(Must have at least 5 students.)

1. PE: We will provide basic instruction in athletics and enable participation in a variety of recreational activities & games.

2. Creative Computing: A design-based introduction to computational thinking. Explore the arts, storytelling, and video games by creating projects using the Scratch programming language. Students will learn how to communicate through code as well as how to understand and solve problems. Northside classes will meet Friday mornings, 9:30 am-12 noon, beginning September 12, 2014, at Grove Bible Church in St. Johns.

Cost: \$35 per family for 10 week session.

### **CHES Back-to-School Picnic - September**

Come and fraternize with friends, family, and fellow homeschoolers at CHES's annual back-to-school picnic! There will be food (hot dogs & burgers), fun games for the kids and plenty of time to mingle and reconnect with friends.

### **CHES Special Needs/Special Blessings**

Our group provides support for home educating parents who are nurturing a family member with special needs or a medical condition requiring major life changes. Our Christian faith and the Bible are our basis for fellowship and parenting. We desire to implement these ideas with our life experiences and strive to encourage one another during our meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact either Rebecca Zuzula ztribe@tds.net 517.282.0513 or Cindy DeMass demassfamily@gmail.com 517.339.9504 The SNSB group will hold it's first meeting for the 2014-2015 school year on September 23, 2014. We will be meeting at the Noodles & co. located in Okemos, MI...corner of Grand River and Marsh Roads. We meet at 6:30pm...but, have a come when you can; leave when you must policy. :)

### **Creation Camp**

Cost: \$85

Contact: Patty Fish at 517-243-5673 or patty-fish0610@yahoo.com

Creation Camp Plus at Tamarack Valley in Hickory Corners by Gull Lake is offering a homeschool session once again this year!

WHEN: September 24-26, 2014

WHO: 15 Boys, 15 Girls, up to 6 parent chaperones

HOW MUCH: \$85 (\$35 deposit)

CONTACT: Patty Fish by email pattyfish0610@yahoo.com or text/call 517-243-5673

TVCC Purpose:

Tamarack Valley Christian Center is a non-profit, educational organization supported by private donations and gifts from interested individuals. The purpose of the organization is to develop and promote a greater appreciation for the omnipotence and splendor of God through Creation. Visit the camp website at [www.tamarackvalley.org](http://www.tamarackvalley.org) for more information.

Science Camp:

A 10 - 12 year old camp experience is offered. Packed into three days and two nights is a fun-filled experience in the outdoor classroom. Hands-on interaction in environmental science makes this program unique and meaningful as students learn the wonders of creation. Subjects of study are approached from a Biblical view of creation and God's place for man. The camp does not address church doctrine.

Enrollment:

Thirty spots are available for students. This can be a combination of students and parents. A \$35 deposit will reserve a spot and is due by July 31st. The remaining balance of \$50 is due by August 30th.

Most students who attend this camp can't wait to go again!! Parent chaperones attend camp at a reduced rate, and any parent is welcome to attend at full price, as long as the space is available. Please feel free to contact Patty Fish with any questions or for more information.

### **Wharton Center Tickets!**

Wharton Center presents Arts in Education!! This year includes dancing, children story programs, and much more. Please visit our table at the Open House for a schedule of shows and an order form. We will be collecting the order forms later on this summer. All details will be available at our table. Hope to see you there!!

### **CHES Ladies Time Apart Retreat**

To all Homeschool moms: Do you need to slow down, savor a warm beverage while chatting with friends, and enjoy time with God? Join us for a Time Apart! It's a retreat where you'll experience meaningful Bible study & Worship, connect with new and old friends, and have time for quiet reflection and plenty of laughter! Save now. This weekend retreat usually costs about \$100 and makes for a wonderful Christmas gift from those that love you! The cost includes meals, fun & refreshing activities, and 2 nights of comfortable lodging. Be watching for more information! This retreat takes place in the winter (February or March). Please contact Valorie LeFevre: [lefevrev@comcast.net](mailto:lefevrev@comcast.net) if you have any questions or would like to help organize this event.

Enrichment Day!

## CHESSThursday Academic Co-ops

### If You Are Considering Participation in Thursday Academic Co-ops...PLEASE READ!

We would like to invite all CHESST members to consider participation in Thursday Academic Co-ops, but before you sign-up, we want to make certain we have communicated some important information about academic co-ops. As you begin to make plans for next year, think about whether or not Thursday Academic Co-ops will help you accomplish the goals you have for your family. Consider the following:

- ▽ Co-ops will be coordinated, supervised and led by CHESST homeschool parents. One adult from each participating family is expected to be an active participant on one team for each period in which the family participates. Co-op team members will share input & ideas, plan, prepare, and present material, communicate with parents of the students in the class, and assist however needed. Whenever families will be absent, they are expected to contact their class coordinators as far in advance as possible to make arrangements to cover their responsibilities. Whenever children are present, a parent from that family must also be present in the building [unless on rare occasions and prior arrangements have been made.] Every parent is expected to be in touch with her team over the summer to assist with planning and attend the parent informational meeting on August 21.
- ▽ Co-op class coordinators are needed to lead each team. This individual takes the initiative to contact team members and begin planning with the team over the summer. Coordinators are not expected to accomplish all of the planning alone—just to take charge and coordinate the team's efforts. Families of coordinators will be given priority for enrollment in classes and will be allowed to register for co-op classes the week prior to open registration. Enrollment for all others, both past and incoming participating families, will be prioritized according to the order in which registration is received. Payment reserves your spot.
- ▽ Academic Co-ops, particularly history and science co-ops, provide the main course of study in those subject areas for the year. (Writing Co-op focuses on the writing portion of language arts, but you will most likely want to pursue grammar studies and reading/literature at home in addition.) **Because co-op classes meet only once each week, expect children in classes designed for 3rd grade and up to have assignments throughout the week, which help prepare each student for labs, discussions, projects, presentations, and other activities designed to enhance the learning done at home.**
- ▽ The curriculum we choose to use for co-ops provides the structure for our classes. Certain parts of the curriculum will be designated to be completed at home; other parts will be accomplished during the co-op meeting. Some of the home assignments are optional; others are essential to prepare for a successful, meaningful co-op time. Teaching teams determine these as they plan for co-ops and should communicate this to participating families. Usually, testing, grading, and record keeping is done at home by the parent. Occasionally, teaching teams have designed short quizzes to help hold students accountable to preparing for class during the week; it would be the parent's decision whether or not to incorporate these quizzes into grades.

- ▽ Our teaching teams have witnessed that those students who come to class having completed assignments during the week (reading, answering questions, completing a project or report, preparing for an experiment or activity, etc.) are not only learning more, but they are contributing to a positive learning environment on co-op meeting day. **Please be certain, particularly for our older students, that your child will commit to making the effort to complete assignments during the week and come to co-op class ready to be an active, contributing participant.** (Note: We understand that family circumstances may at times interfere with a student's ability to complete work in a given week. We recognize the need to also be flexible, but in such cases we encourage parents and children to communicate with teaching teams so that the incomplete work is not interpreted as a lack of care or effort.)

We look forward to enhancing our children's education through our cooperative efforts!

### WHAT are CHESST Academic Co-ops?

**The deadline for Thursday Academic Co-op Registration is July 3 or when classes are full.**

CHESST Academic Co-ops are a cooperative effort on the part of CHESST families who desire to work with other homeschoolers in the body of Christ to supplement our children's education in the academic subjects. This year, we plan to cooperatively offer Writing Co-ops, Science Co-ops, and History Co-ops.

**WHO can participate?** These co-ops are intended for homeschooling families who have membership with CHESST. The final registration deadline will be July 3rd. Co-op classes are planned, coordinated, supervised, and led by teams of CHESST homeschool parents. One adult from each participating family is expected to be an active participant on one team for each period in which the family participates. Co-op periods are designed so that every child—from nursery through high school—has a class to attend.

**WHEN do Academic Co-ops meet?** Academic Co-ops meet on Thursdays of each week. Writing Co-op meets every other week from 11:00am-12:30pm for a total of 16 weeks. Science Co-ops and History Co-ops meet weekly for 30 weeks beginning September 4 and ending April 30 with a few breaks in between for holidays. Science Co-ops will meet during 2<sup>nd</sup> period after lunch from 1:00-2:15pm. History Co-ops will follow during 3<sup>rd</sup> period from 2:30-3:45pm.

**WHERE do Academic Co-ops meet?** South Church, which is located at: 5250 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, MI 48917.

**HOW do I register to participate?** CHESST families will be able to register for the 2014-2015 Academic Co-ops beginning at Open House at South Church **on June 3 until July 3** or when classes are full. Registration for each period is done separately so that families can participate in as few or as many co-ops as desired. If you are unable to attend the Open House due to a scheduling conflict, registration forms will be available to download from the CHESST website after June 3. Please try to register early this year; we will be placing parents on teaching teams at the close of registration so that there is more time for teams to plan over the summer. If you register late, you will be asked to serve wherever the need it is (and it may not be where you prefer to serve!).

**WHY academic co-ops?** Homeschooling families have joined efforts to learn together at times for a number of years and a variety of reasons. CHESST Academic Co-op Day came

about as a result of several small group co-ops coming together in one place on one day both for convenience and a desire to more effectively meet the needs of the growing number of families homeschooling through high school.

We desire the focus of our academic co-op meetings to be on those things we can best accomplish when we are together:

- ▽ When we pool our God-given gifts and abilities, we can bless one another by sharing our talents and expertise. One parent may be great at caring for little ones, another may have the energy and creativity for working with primary-aged children, another may be a gifted organizer and the perfect choice for gathering supplies and preparing for experiments, and yet another may be able to help explain those challenging chemistry concepts. Coming together allows for some opportunities that may be more effective when done as a group: conducting experiments and discussing results, presenting projects and oral reports, sharing writing which is meaningful when an audience can respond and give feedback, engaging in special activities that may have been eliminated at home, and playing fun review games to help cement concepts and study for tests.
- ▽ Interaction with other adults and children allows great opportunities for character development. We want our teaching teams to promote respect for others, encouragement, kindness, thoughtfulness, and learning to put others first. It is our desire that our children develop diligence as they work hard to come prepared for the activities of the next co-op class, encourage excellence as they see one another put forth their best efforts in writing, projects, reports, labs, and other activities, and promote perseverance as they spur one another on to grow in character and wisdom. As parents working together, we can also support, encourage, and mentor one another as we take this journey of disciplining our children. In an informal way, we learn from one another working side by side.

The following co-op classes have been chosen for 2014-2015 based on feedback given by this year's Academic Coop participants. These are the co-op classes we feel can be offered as a result of the combined efforts of teaching teams. If you have any questions about CHES co-ops, contact Debbie Cooper, Academic Enrichment Coordinator for CHES, [debence@hotmail.com](mailto:debence@hotmail.com).

## CHES Academic Co-op Listing 2014-2015

*Tentative Listing - The deadline for Thursday Academic Co-op Registration is July 3 or when classes are full.*

### 1st Period Writing Co-op

**11:00am – 12:30pm every other week (unless otherwise indicated)**

**Cost: (Per family based on number of children registered)** \$25 (1-2 children); \$30 (3-4 children); \$35 (5+ children)

**Questions?** Contact Debbie Cooper at [debence@hotmail.com](mailto:debence@hotmail.com) or call 517-627-7598.

#### **Classes Offered:**

**Nursery-PreK:** Loving care for infants through preschoolers.

**PreK-1st Writing Readiness:** Children will engage in age-appropriate writing and/or literature study and activities.

Decisions about specific curriculum will be made over the summer. **Coordinator Needed!**

**1st-4th Creating Books:** Using *Creating Books with Children* by Valerie Bendt, children will work toward authoring and illustrating their own book! Children will first learn about authors and illustrators along with different types of books and illustrations. This will lead to writing their very own simple text, drawing illustrations, and assembling the components for a finished book. \$10 materials fee per child.

**6th – 8th Language and Literature:** (*This class will meet every week during first period.*) This literature-based writing course will emphasize learning to write across disciplines and genres with heavy emphasis on reading a variety of literature. Genres of literature studied will include: short stories, poetry, novellas, and drama. There will be small weekly writing assignments as well as four larger assignments/papers due on a quarterly basis.

**Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW):** Students will learn the structure and style of excellent writing. Using an incremental approach, this program teaches not just what to write, but how to write by providing the student with practical writing tools, which can be used for constructing a variety of written works. Between co-op meetings, students will have writing assignments to complete at home. Parents who are not familiar with the IEW program will need to watch the IEW training DVD's over the summer. New families to writing co-op will be contacted about this after the registration deadline.

**Materials:** Each student participating in IEW classes will need to have his own Student Writing Intensive Notebook and Packet for the appropriate level (A, B, or C). Students new to IEW can purchase these notebooks through Institute for Excellence in Writing for \$19.00. Visit [www.excellenceinwriting.com](http://www.excellenceinwriting.com) for more information.

**IEW Co-op Class Descriptions:** There is an intentional overlap of grade levels to allow for the natural variance among children in writing readiness. Please place your child in a level best suited for him and one that will promote success in writing. All students new to IEW materials must enroll in an introductory course (not a continuation course). If your child has taken an IEW introductory course, he may not need to repeat another introductory course at a higher level; you may choose to register your child for the continuation courses instead. On the other hand, if your child needs more time practicing the basics of the program, consider enrolling him in a second introductory course.

**3rd – 5th Level A Introduction:** Introduces the basics of the IEW writing program; children should be reading and composing sentences independently to be ready to write at this level. **Coordinator Needed!**

**4th – 5th Level A Continuation Course Year 1:** For the student who has completed Level A Introduction or knows the basics of the IEW program, this course picks up where Level A Intro leaves off and advances writing strength.

**5th – 6th Level A Continuation Course Year 2:** For the student who has previously completed Level A Continuation Course Year 1.

**8th-10th Level C Introduction:** More challenging, and at a faster pace, Level C reviews the essential elements of structure and style, provides additional practice at an advanced

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level, and adds new tools for enhancing writing. For the high school student, this course can fulfill the writing portion of an English 1 credit.

#### **OTHER HIGH SCHOOL COURSES:**

**9th – 12th One Year Adventure Novel:** (*This class will meet every week during first period.*) The One Year Adventure Novel curriculum guides students through the process of writing a structured, compelling adventure novel over the course of one school year. 78 lessons guide beginning authors step-by-step through a process that ends with the creation of an original, fully structured adventure novel. Each family participating in this class will need to purchase the One Year Adventure Novel curriculum from [www.oneyearnovel.com](http://www.oneyearnovel.com). Please note that the required text for this class is the \$239 complete package, not the \$70 school/co-op package. Additional workbooks can be purchased for \$30 each for families with more than one student taking this class.

**10th – 12th Speech:** (*This class will meet on the weeks opposite the regular writing schedule.*) "SPEECH CLASS!!! That's not for me." If your kids are saying this, they need this class! We use speech every day of our lives and it's not just standing up in front of a crowd. The ability to communicate our thoughts is not only necessary, it's Biblical. Jesus taught in parables or stories and our world was changed. We will shift the paradigm of speech to the value of being ready to give an answer for what we believe. We will learn the basics of crafting our thoughts through different written and oratory techniques. We will practice these techniques in 4 different story telling presentations. Several books are being used by the instructor but the student should plan on purchasing *The Art of Story Telling* by John Walsh copyright 2014 (\$10.95) and *Barron's Painless Speaking* 2nd edition by Mary Elizabeth (\$8.25). Course syllabus will be emailed to students/parents prior to starting co ops.

**9th-12th Literature:** This class will afford students an opportunity to explore and critique select novels, short stories, plays, and poetry. Students will be required to complete the reading, homework questions, in-class discussion, and several papers, including MLA formatted book report, critique analysis, and comparative essay. Students and parents will also be given lists of other suggested works, papers, and exercises for more in-depth study at home, if so desired. We are also looking to offer optional monthly movie viewings that tie into our current theme outside class time.

#### **Period 2 Science Co-op**

**1:00 - 2:15pm every week**

**Cost:** (Per family based on number of children registered) \$40 (1-2 children); \$50 (3-4 children); \$60 (5+ children)

**Questions?** Contact Aubrey Malcolm at [malcolmsnmission@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmsnmission@gmail.com) or call 517-894-4005.

#### **Classes Offered:**

**Nursery-PreK:** Loving care for infants through preschool.

**PreK-1st Science:** (No outside reading required.) Decisions about specific curriculum will be made over the summer by the teaching team.

**1st-4th Science Foundations:** (No outside reading required.) The purpose of this course is to expose 1st to 4th graders to the Scientific Process and the branches of natural science; namely: Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Earth Sciences. The proposal is to cycle this course over 4 years. Year One will cover: the 5 senses and scientific method, daily and seasonal changes, energy in our lives, materials, objects and eve-

ryday structures, and the needs and characteristics of living things.

**3rd-6th Apologia Zoology 1 - Flying Creatures of the 5th Day:** (*Apologia text required.*) If it flies, it is explored in this book—an exciting introduction to zoology. Students are first introduced to the dynamics of flight and animal classification then they move on to an in-depth study of birds, bats, and the insect world.

**4th-7th Apologia Exploring Creation with Human Anatomy & Physiology:** (*Apologia text required.*) This study of anatomy and physiology showcases the intricacy and design of the human body, from DNA and cell creation to the skeletal, muscular, digestive, respiratory, cardiovascular, nervous/ endocrine, immune and integumentary systems. This guide to the human body integrates health and nutrition as well as scripture and biblical application.

**6th-8th Apologia Exploring Creation with Chemistry & Physics:** (*Apologia text required.*) This course will introduce students to the fascinating world of chemistry and physics. Students will begin by exploring the basic building blocks of creation, atoms and molecules, and then journey through simple chemicals, the laws of motion, and energy in its many forms, before discovering concepts of electricity and magnetism. Along the way, your students will make their own bouncy ball, formulate a smoke bomb, build a solar oven, construct a working periscope, fashion a miniature motor, and create a lava lamp! All the while, God will be glorified as the Master Designer of all that they're discovering about the world and how it works. Note: A science fair project will be required.

**Note about Apologia's Young Explorers Series (three classes above):** Although the texts are designed to be adapted for use with primary children, the reading level and in-class activities are best suited for older elementary children when used in a co-op setting. The grade levels we have assigned these courses are based on interest level and difficulty of concepts/ vocabulary. 7th and 8th graders are invited to participate in any of these courses if they are not ready for an upper level science course

**7th & Up Apologia General Science:** (*Apologia text required.*) A first systematic introduction to the sciences, this course covers topics such as the scientific method, designing experiments, simple machines, archaeology, geology, paleontology, biology, and human anatomy. Students participating in this class should be ready to handle a more demanding schedule of assigned readings, questions, lab preparation, and tests.

#### **High School Science Classes:**

**8th & Up Apologia Physical Science:** (*Apologia text required.*) This course discusses the atmosphere, hydrosphere, weather, structure of the earth, environmentalism, motion, Newton's Laws, gravity, astrophysics, and myths of the environmentalist movement. Note: Students should be taking pre-algebra concurrently.

**9th & Up Apologia Biology:** (*Apologia text required.*) Heavily emphasizing the vocabulary of biology, this course is a complete high school biology course with lab, giving a firm foundation for college. There are no prerequisites for this course, but the student should be prepared to learn extensive vocabulary lists. Sketches, written observations, and summaries are an integral part of labs.

**10th & Up Apologia Chemistry:** (*Apologia text required.*) This course offers a rigorous foundation in high-school/college-



prep chemistry This class also offers a FREE optional (strongly encouraged) drop-in tutorial session every Tuesday from 12pm-2pm. This tutorial will meet at the Lansing Fire Station at 1435 E. Miller Rd. in South Lansing. Additional instruction, help for problem areas, and hands on labs, will be given. Prerequisite: Algebra 1.

### **11th & Up Apologia Advanced Biology/Anatomy:**

**(Apologia 1st Edition text required.)** This is an advanced biology course, which covers both the anatomy and the physiology of the human body's 11 organ systems in detail. Combined with Exploring Creation with Biology, it gives the student the equivalent of a university biology course. Prerequisites: Biology, Chemistry.

**9th-12th Electricity/Electronics: (Make: Electronics text by Charles Platt required.)** You use electricity and electronics every day, but have you ever wondered why or how they work? In Electricity/Electronics students will gain that understanding through a process of discovery by doing experiments first, followed by an explanation of the science behind what just happened. Some of the concepts taught will be voltage, current (amps), charges, circuits, relays, capacitors, integrated logic chips. Students will also learn how to use valuable tools such as a multimeter and soldering iron, as well as reading schematics and data sheets. Tests, quizzes, and projects will be given to verify that students understand the material presented. (Note: This class will have a \$100/student lab fee to cover costs of electronic supplies. Maximum class size of 10 students.)

### **Period 3 History Co-op**

**2:30 - 3:45pm every week**

**Cost: (Per family based on number of children registered)**

\$40 (1-2 children); \$50 (3-4 children); \$60 (5+ children)

**Questions?** Contact Missie Potter at missie.potter@gmail.com or call 517-393-6069.

#### **Classes Offered:**

**Nursery-PreK:** Loving care for infants through preschoolers.

**K-3rd History/Geography:** Curriculum varies from year to year. The teaching team will make decisions about curriculum over the summer.

**1st-4th & 5th-8th Mystery of History 1:** Created as a guide through the annals of time, The Mystery of History will lead all ages clearly through the labyrinth that many find this subject to be. Author, Linda Hobar, integrates world history and Bible to tell the whole story from creation to the resurrection. Families will need to purchase the textbook.

www.brightideaspress.com

**Notes about MOH history classes:** Weekly readings and study are completed at home prior to co-op meetings. History co-op classes focus on engaging students in the supplemental activities as well as opportunities to present reports in class. Depending on the number of families participating and ages of the children, the above 1st-8th groups for elementary history will likely be divided. If you plan to serve on one of the teaching teams for either group, check below the age level you prefer (primary or upper elementary).

**4th-8th America the Beautiful, Civil War - Present:** Written by Charlene Notgrass, this course covers American history, geography, and literature. It combines the flexibility and richness of a unit study with the simplicity of a textbook-based approach to history. Daily lessons guide your child chronologically through American history, highlighting key events, people, and places. For more information about the

curriculum and literature packages, visit <http://www.notgrass.com/notgrass/America-the-Beautiful-Resources/>. Participants will want to purchase the curriculum package.

**7th-9th Lightbearers Worldview:** From Summit Ministries, Lightbearers is a video-based curriculum designed to help students clearly understand the tenets of the Christian worldview and how they compare to the tenets of the leading humanistic worldviews of our day. Students will learn how to apply their Christian faith to every area of life: theology, philosophy, ethics, biology, sociology, psychology, law, politics, economics, and history. For more information about this course visit: <http://www.summit.org/curriculum/middle-school/home-school/>. CHES will place a group order for student workbooks and texts over the summer; participants will be able to purchase these items from CHES.

**7th & Up World Geography:** Systematically moving around the world by continent, Trail Guide to World Geography will cover the globe. Assignments include answering questions that will improve the student's ability to use maps, to locate countries, capitals, bodies of water, and landforms, teach them valuable geography terms and learn many geography facts. Activities to choose from include mapping, researching, suggestions for art projects, and other weekly projects. The teaching team will determine and communicate which activities will be done by the students at home and which will be accomplished during co-op sessions. Students may need additional materials including an atlas: exact books to purchase will be communicated later.

**9th & up Exploring America, History & Bible, Civil War - Present:** Exploring America by Ray Notgrass is an American history high school curriculum combining American history, American literature, and Bible. It will give your high school student a rich understanding of our nation's past as he reads the history narrative, completes writing assignments, and studies what the Bible says about issues and ideas in American history. This period will only include the history and Bible portion of the curriculum. The text for this course will need to be purchased. Visit [www.notgrass.com](http://www.notgrass.com) for more information.

**9th & up Exploring World History, History & Bible:** Exploring World History by Ray Notgrass will help high school students gain a fuller understanding of the past as they read the history narrative, read classic literature, complete writing assignments, and study what the Bible says about issues and ideas in world history. The texts provide historical overview lessons along with focused lessons on key events, concepts, and people. It also includes surveys of daily life and culture. The Bible study lessons allow students to concentrate one day a week on the spiritual implications of what they have been studying. This period will only include the history & Bible portions of the curriculum. The texts for this course will need to be purchased. See [www.notgrass.com](http://www.notgrass.com) for more information.

**10th & up Government (1st semester):** A one semester course for a half-year credit, students will study of the Constitution, the government it established, and the rights and privileges it guarantees the American people. We will also discuss political labels and their meanings. Students will use Exploring Government from [www.notgrass.com](http://www.notgrass.com) and the Uncle Eric book Are You Liberal? Conservative? Or Confused? Students will be encouraged to watch the online courses Constitution 101/201 from Hillsdale College.

**9th & up Foundations in Personal Finance (2nd semester):** We will be using Dave Ramsey's DVD series as the basis for

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this course. Ramsey walks students through the steps to financial peace, helping them prepare for the ups and downs of money before they enter adulthood. An additional \$10 per student fee will be collected in the fall to help cover the cost of the class license. (Participating families will not need to purchase materials on their own. We will place a group order for the workbooks later in the summer.

**9th-12th Cultural Geography:** In Cultural Geography, students will "travel" from continent to continent around the world studying the geography, cultures, land forms, climates, resources, economy, religions, and government of each country. This "virtual world tour" is sure to be an exciting and stimulating exploration of world geography and culture. Each student will need to purchase the Cultural Geography Student Textbook, Student Activities Manual and Test packet. Be sure you are purchasing the 3RD EDITION; previous editions will not correspond with the materials and layout of the current book. <https://www.bjupress.com/product/231514>

## Send Payments to CHESS using PayPal

Using PayPal, you can send funds through e-mail, and it's safe! CHESS can receive payments electronically (from your checking account) for any CHESS related fees - like Enrichment Day, Event Fees and Registration, and Membership fees. We want to make it easy for you to make payments to CHESS OR receive reimbursements from CHESS! **However, please NOTE: CHESS can NOT accept credit card payments.** We'd have to pay a monthly fee to PayPal in order to receive credit card payment and we have decided NOT to do that at this time. So payments need to be transfers from a bank account - which is just like writing a check to CHESS. How to send CHESS a payment:

- ▽ \* Go to [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com)
- ▽ Sign up for a new FREE paypal account or log in to your existing paypal account.
- ▽ Click on "Send Money"
- ▽ Where it asks for "Recipient's Email", type: [resource@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:resource@lansinghomeschoolers.com)
- ▽ Where it asks "What are you sending money for?" Choose "I'm sending money to family or friends" (this avoids a fee being charged to CHESS)
- ▽ Where it asks for "Amount", type in amount of payment.
- ▽ Click "Continue"
- ▽ Review your payment: make sure there is NO fee
- ▽ Subject: Indicate what the money is for, i.e. membership.
- ▽ Click "Send Money"

If you have any questions, contact Miriam Woods, [resource@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:resource@lansinghomeschoolers.com).

## Boxtops & Labels for Education

Boxtops and Campbell soup labels are collected from CHESS members and sent in by Stacy Buher. Proceeds from the Boxtop program funds our "CHESS Scholarship Fund" for families who need a little assistance to pay for membership dues, Enrichment Day, etc. Send Boxtops and Campbell soup labels to Stacy Buher, 156 S. Michigan Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827  
Phone: 517.663.4197  
Email: [jsbuherplus4@comcast.net](mailto:jsbuherplus4@comcast.net)



## CHESS Lending Library

CHESS Library has been moved to Capitol City Baptist, 5100 Willoughby Rd., Holt, MI. We have lots of books available to homeschoolers. We are in need of volunteers to sort and categorize the books as they are currently in boxes. If you would be willing to help, please contact Miriam Woods, [resource@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:resource@lansinghomeschoolers.com).

## CAP (Curriculum Assistance Program)

Receive rebates back just for shopping at the retailers you normally would shop at, such as, Meijer, Shell, Speedway, Target, Red Robin, Lowe's, Amazon, and many more. There are over 600 retailers. CAP - also known as ShopWithScrip is for everyone! Families have received back \$200-\$700 back at the end of the school year, just by using the ShopWithScrip program. Many ways to save thru e-cards, reloadable cards, and receiving physical cards each week. MyScripWallet has also just been added to make shopping with Scrip even easier. Now you can use the program on the go including on vacation. To get started, sign up at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) enter 23A17AE64828 to affiliate yourself with CHESS. Contact Kathleen Chandler, 517-927-7844 or email [jibbsy@comcast.net](mailto:jibbsy@comcast.net) for more information on how you can start earning money back for your family. Stop by the CAP table at the CHESS Open House.

## Meijer Community Rewards Program

The Meijer Community Reward program is a great way to earn money for your homeschool and all you have to do is "swipe" your card when you purchase items at Meijer. The reward you earn is based on the amount you spend at Meijer each month.

To sign up to participate in the Meijer Community Reward program, you can go to [www.meijer.com/rewards](http://www.meijer.com/rewards).

- Click on "sign up on line" (under Meijer Guests)
- Click on "sign up for Meijer Guest card"
- Fill in the requested information (CHESS group number is 785483)
- In a couple of weeks you will receive your Meijer guest card in the mail. Use it every time you shop and begin earning rewards.
- Meijer sends CHESS an earnings report every month. CHESS mails out reward checks in May To earn even greater rewards, you can also sign up friends and family members under your account by giving them your "Meijer guest card number" They fill that number in when they sign up for their card. They can use a form (available at Meijer or from Miriam) or sign up on-line. Their earnings will be credited to your account.

If you have any questions about your earnings or the program, contact Miriam Woods at 517-543-5629 or [resource@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:resource@lansinghomeschoolers.com).

## Lansing Symphony Orchestra - June 4

**When:** Wednesday, June 4

**Time:** 7:00pm at Riverfront Park, Lansing

Join us at Riverfront Park in Lansing next Wednesday evening for some wonderful 60's tunes performed by the Lansing Symphony Orchestra and singers, Derrick Baskin, Ron Bohmer & Andrew Samonsky. **It is free!** Bring your chairs.

## God's World News

Add a dash of real life to make learning more fun and faith more relevant!

God's World News helps kids to grow in their faith and their understanding of the world around them. Age-level magazines provide engaging ways for kids to explore world events, discoveries, people and places, all in a safe Christian context.

Using today's real-life events breathes life and relevance into subjects such as science, social studies, geography, religion, and more. God's World News is like a dynamic supplement to your curriculum, combining the latest new information with a thoughtful biblical perspective, engaging enrichment exercises, and an entertaining world tour.

This year, God's World News is restructuring their magazines into three age appropriate levels:

- ▽ God's Big World—for PreK-Kindergarten. Go to: [wng.org/godsbigworld](http://wng.org/godsbigworld) for more information.
- ▽ World Kids—for students in grades 1 through 6. Go to: [wng.org/worldkids](http://wng.org/worldkids) for more information.
- ▽ World Teen—for students in grades 7 through 12. Go to: [wng.org/worldteen](http://wng.org/worldteen) for more information.

Magazines are delivered on a bi-monthly basis from September through June.

Should I sign up to receive God's World News as part of a group order through CHES?

- ▽ Your magazines will not be sent directly to your home address. All subscriptions in a group order are sent to ONE address—that of the GWN coordinator for CHES.
- ▽ Subscriptions will be delivered for you to pick up at the Thursday Academic Co-ops or Friday Enrichment Days. To receive your subscriptions, you will need to either participate in one of these large group co-ops, or connect with someone who does and is willing to pick up your magazines for you.
- ▽ Teacher's Helper resources including quizzes for each issue are available online to all subscribers at [www.gwnews.com](http://www.gwnews.com)
- ▽ The savings is significant! With an order of 11 or more subscriptions at each level, we pay only \$11 per subscription per year!
- ▽ Contact Karen Andrews at [andrewsfamily9@gmail.com](mailto:andrewsfamily9@gmail.com) by July 25th to subscribe!



## CHES Prayer Ministry

**Coordinator: Brenda Mailand, 517.749.3994 or email [bdmailand1@aol.com](mailto:bdmailand1@aol.com)**

The CHES prayer ministry is here to support you through prayer and encouragement. It is the way we stay bound together as a group, praying for each other's needs. Please submit your prayer request to Brenda Mailand (see info above) and she will send it out through email to the CHES families for prayer. Your request can be kept anonymous if you wish. No prayer request is too big or too small! If your email changes, please notify Kelly right away, so you will continue to receive the prayer requests. This ministry is only effective, when we have faithful people who pray for each request.

## CHES Manna Ministry

**Contact: Michelle Jansma, 517-726-0627 or [jansmamom@gmail.com](mailto:jansmamom@gmail.com)**  
We are a ministry that serves CHES families in need ...after pregnancy, during an illness, financial strain, or anything else that comes up. Our goal is to make life a little easier for you during your difficult time.

### How can my children and I serve?

Manna Ministry is in need of a list of volunteers to be contacted when people, (usually living in your general vicinity), are in need of meals. Manna ministry needs to know who is willing to prepare meals and also who is in need of meals!

### Where do we sign up?

Contact Michelle Jansma, 517.726.0627 or email at [jansmamom@gmail.com](mailto:jansmamom@gmail.com).

She is looking for preparers and those in need.

New baby? Surgery? Illness in the family? Would having meals brought to your home be a blessing? CHES Manna ministry would be honored to serve!

Please consider becoming a part of this opportunity to help and be a blessing to those in need.

## CHES Playtime in the Park Dates Summer 2014

Join us at the park every Wednesday beginning June 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 until noon. It's a great time to chat while the kids play with friends old and new. Pack a picnic lunch if you wish. Pick up a complete schedule at the open house.



- \* June 18 Francis Park, Lansing  
Host: Lisa Taylor, [Taylor\\_Lansing@Hotmail.com](mailto:Taylor_Lansing@Hotmail.com)
- \* June 25 Sharp Park, Lansing  
Host: Linda Westbrook, [lalund111@live.com](mailto:lalund111@live.com)
- \* July 2, Special Day Trip to Lake Michigan  
We will meet at 11:00 a.m. and stay all afternoon.  
PJ Hoffmaster State Park, Muskegon 49441  
Host: Lori Squillace, [LoriJSq@Gmail.com](mailto:LoriJSq@Gmail.com)
- \* July 9 V. Jack Wiswasser Memorial Park, Bath  
Host: Megan Hammes, [DownToEarth\\_Hammes@ATT.net](mailto:DownToEarth_Hammes@ATT.net)
- \* July 16 Lake Lansing Park South, Haslett  
Host: Michelle McWethy, [drMcWethy@comcast.net](mailto:drMcWethy@comcast.net)
- \* July 23 Raynor Park, Mason,  
Host: Tina Cleland, [TCleland10@Gmail.com](mailto:TCleland10@Gmail.com)
- \* July 30 Hawk Island County Park, Lansing  
Host: Shameka Drake, [ShamekaDrake@att.net](mailto:ShamekaDrake@att.net)
- \* August 6 Hartrick Park, Okemos  
Host: Wendy Mangopoulos, [Mangopoulos8@Gmail.com](mailto:Mangopoulos8@Gmail.com)
- \* August 13 Delta Mills, Lansing  
Host: Debbie Cooper, [Debence@Hotmail.com](mailto:Debence@Hotmail.com)
- \* August 20 Patriarche Park, East Lansing  
Host: Janelle Compton, [Compton.Janelle@Gmail.com](mailto:Compton.Janelle@Gmail.com)

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# Class of 2014!

## The Class of 2014

We congratulate some of the many teens who graduated from their homeschool this year! We pray that God will bless and protect you as you continue on in the next phase of your lives.

### Jonathan Alvaro

I was born on May 20th, 1996 in King George the 5th Memorial Hospital in Sydney, Australia. In 1999 my parents moved our family to the United States. Since then I have always been homeschooled-and have loved it. When I was young I accepted Christ into my life and continue to look to him as the provider and perfecter of my faith. Music has always been a passion of mine. When I was five years old I began to play the piano. From then until now I have continued my musical education and been blessed with wonderful teachers and many opportunities to perform and even compete. I enjoy playing all sports but particularly enjoy just running for the fun of it. I know, it sounds crazy to most people! With the beginning of the CHAP cross country team three years ago, I have been blessed to be a part of it each year and be a team captain for these last two years.



From a young age I have always been fascinated with Lego and building things. I particularly enjoyed partially demolishing structures and being able to fix them. This, paired with a fascination of the human body, has given me an interest in the field of Physical Therapy. I feel that pursuing this field is God's plan for me. In the fall I will be attending Hope College, as the first step in my pursuit of becoming a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

I am so very thankful to my parents and their decision to homeschool me and to raise me in the way I should go. I am so grateful for the opportunities that they have provided for me in travel, sports, and music. They have invested so much time and energy, made so many sacrifices to help me succeed, and have been incredibly supportive in all my efforts. Above all they instilled and nurtured a love for, and fear of, God in me. Because of them, I have given my life over to serving Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, and I look forward to seeing where God will lead me on my life's journey.



### Emily Anderson

I was born August 23, 1996 into a loving family. Life with 3 sisters hasn't always been easy, but somehow we survived and made it work. I was blessed to be homeschooled all the way through school. Sports became an important part of my life starting at a young age. Being on a court or field is one of my favorite things to do in life. Besides sports I enjoy babysitting, volunteering at my church, and hanging with friends. My

church is one of my favorite places to be. At a young age I became a Christian. I have followed the Lord all my life and look forward to the plans He has for me. I was blessed with parents who encourage me each and every day to grow closer in my walk with the Lord and I am thankful for that. In the fall I plan to attend Lansing Community College majoring in nursing.

### Lisa Andrews

As the daughter of Ken and Karen Andrews, the fifth born of seven children, I have two brothers and four sisters. Growing up with my family in the country near DeWitt, while being homeschooled for 13 years, has been an adventure. I have enjoyed playing on organized soccer and volleyball teams, and also performing with Homeschool Performing Arts. For 12 years I quizzed with the Assemblies of God Bible Quiz program, earning several awards. After several years of swim lessons, I began working as a swim teacher assistant. For many years I have worked for our neighbor, caring for their son; more recently getting him ready for school every morning. My hobbies include bicycling, running, playing piano, hiking and camping with my family. Following high school, I plan to work, possibly in Colorado as a part-time caregiver for my nephew Jordan, while taking Interior Decorating classes.



### Moriah Bender

The story of my life begins on Friday December 22, 1995. I am the third out of six crazy, beautiful, amazing children that God has blessed James and Sherry Bender with. I have been homeschooled since the beginning and during those years have participated in both co-ops and Teenworks, and more recently have been taking classes at Lansing Community College. Ever since I can remember, I

have always loved music and anything that is of the arts. I have been involved in various musicals with both my church and Lansing's Homeschool Performing Arts, but my main passion is music ministry. I taught myself how to play both guitar and piano and have been leading worship at my church since my freshman year of High School. I could never imagine my life without music and intend to always be involved in music ministry one way or another.

After I graduate, I plan on attending Lansing Community College and later transferring to Liberty University for a master's in music therapy. I am excited to be closing this chapter of my life and cannot wait to see all the adventure that this new chapter holds.

### Monica Bond

I am the youngest in the family with 3 older sisters. I have been interested in volleyball, basketball, and acrobatic dance. I am extremely social and very outgoing. I love my God, my family, and my friends very much. I have a talent for listening and come up with wise ideas for resolving problems. I know many scriptures from memory, thanks to church camp at Rock Lake and AWANA. I have been working at Wendy's for a year and a half now but hope to not be working there for the rest of my life:P. I enjoy singing and can play the piano, but prefer sports over music. The volleyball team for CHAP that I was the setter for,



was second place in the state tournament this year. Then the CHAP basketball team I started on had only 3 losses the whole year and took 1st in the state tournament this year as well as last year. I am currently pursuing a Histotech certificate at Lansing Community College. This is a person who prepares slides of tissue for a pathologist to look at under a microscope. I would eventually like to become a Physician's Assistant.

### Andrea Chester

I was born on March 4th, 1996 into a wonderful family. I am the second oldest of five kids and I can easily say that my siblings are my best friends. I was saved when I was four years old, and baptized when I was twelve, but I don't think I truly laid down everything I am for Christ and picked up my cross until I was about fifteen. I didn't realize up until that point what it meant to surrender your life to Jesus. I didn't know the difference between knowing who He was, and knowing Him. Having an intimate relationship with my creator is the most wonderful thing in the world, and a choice I would never go back and change. Me without Jesus is an ugly picture, and I'm so thankful to my parents for guiding me in my walk with Him. Sports have always been really important to me. I have played basketball and done gymnastics, but soccer has always been my passion. I've played soccer since I was five years old. For ten years I played for Haslett, but I also played for CCHA and CHAP for a few years. My dad started coaching me when I was little, and continued to do so for many years. I'm so grateful for his encouragement in that and his help to make me a better player. My other passion is singing. I love to sing. I've been in choirs and performances ever since I can remember. I performed in HPA's shows as a jitterbug, puppy and tree in The Wizard of Oz, as Mabel in the Pirates of Penzance, and as Kate McGowan in Titanic. I hope to continue to find opportunities to sing. I am planning on studying business and photography in the fall.



### Elizabeth Dean

My journey started on June 6th, 1996. I was the little princess of the family, 7 1/2 years later we were blessed with my little brother DJ. Our family was now complete. I was homeschooled most of my life, the one year I wasn't it definitely became clear that I belonged at home. I participated in many different groups; such as Christian Caring Parents, Science Olympiad, and a variety of co-ops. I was like every other little

girl that wanted to dance and cheer. Always playing with mommy's make up and dressing up. Then turning around and playing in the mud being covered head to toe, with all my cousins.

A huge impact happened in my life when I started going to Trinity United Methodist in 7th grade. I was able to experience going on mission trips and small groups. Once I started High School I became a student leader. Mentoring has al-

lowed me to interact and encourage the students to serve and deepen their relationship with God.

I have changed what I wanted to do for a career about a million times! I plan on attending LCC in the fall, for what, well your guess is as good as mine. The one thing I know for sure is that I'm going to live this life to the fullest every second that God has blessed me with.

### Allison Dimick

I am 18 years old and was born in Lansing, MI. As a child, I completed the AWANA program, won awards in Bible Quizzing, and played soccer. For as long as I can remember I have loved the performing arts. It began at age 3 with my impromptu "performance" of "If You're Happy and You Know It" - motions and all - to a group of customers in line at a store. I sang in the children's choir at church, the MSU Children's Choir, HSMA Chancel Choir and the ensemble Choir. I also performed in four Homeschool Performing Arts musicals and hope to continue to be involved in musical theatre. I was part of National Homeschool Honor Society for 3 years (Sr. yr. President and Jr. year Secretary), Centershot Archery Instructor, MSVMA Solo & Ensemble (earning Superior ratings), and HSMA Honors Recital. I also enjoy Bible study, writing, sketching, crafting, working with children, listening to showtunes, and reading classic literature. I hope to complete some sort of medical degree and some theatre education; I hope to use these skills on the mission field someday. Mom and Dad, thank you for always having my back and for helping me become the woman I am today. The life lessons you've instilled in me are invaluable. I love you!!



### Victoria Dys

Hey, everyone! My name is Tori Dys, and to be honest it's still a little surreal to me that I'm graduating! I'm 18 years old, and I'm happy to say that I've had the privileged of being home schooled by my parents, Tom and Kim, my entire life. I'm the third child in a family of five girls and 2 boys. Growing up in a large family has been interesting, but at the same time one huge growing experience and one huge blessing. It taught me patience, grace and love, more than anything else ever could have. I've lived in the country my entire life, and with that, came animals. One in particular stands out, though. Horses. I've loved horses my entire life and have had the huge blessing and pleasure of always having them around. My mom got me interested in horses when I was very little, I've competed in horse shows since I was 9 and plan on competing again this summer. When not with a horse, you could usually find me playing violin. I've played for about 13 years now and have made the most amazing friends and had some of the most amazing experiences. Playing violin has been an incredible tool for ministry, and I absolutely love being able to glorify

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God with that gift that He gave me.

**Tori Dys continued...**

After graduating, I plan on starting out at LCC and majoring in Public Communications or journalism. It's a difficult decision but I find comfort in knowing God has a perfect plan for me and my life. I am incredibly blessed by the truly AMAZING friends and family that I have. I love you guys all so much. I can't wait to see what God has planned in the future for all of us. I also find encouragement in 1 Peter 5:6-11.



**Juliana Elieff**

My name is Juliana Elieff, I am 17 years old, I have been homeschooled my whole life, but would have loved to have been Public schooled at least for a little bit, just for the experience. I am the 4th child out of 6, I have 4 brothers and 1 sister. My dream is to reach this generation through music. To be a singer is not only my dream, but my calling by God. Music is my passion, and it has such a strong effect on so many people.

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**Wyatt Elieff**

Hi my name is Wyatt. I'm 19 years old. I am the 3rd oldest in my family of 6 children and often the most quiet. I like to do fun outdoor activities like hunt, fish, snowboard, quad, paint ball, and any kind of adrenalin sport or anything to do with the outdoors.

Sometimes a bag of combos is nice. After I graduate I plan on continuing to grow by lawn care business. In 3 years I am planning on moving out to Colorado for the whole winter to snowboard.



**Thunder Ives**

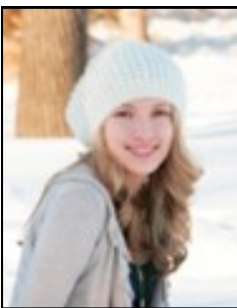
I am 19 years old and was born in Sarasota, Florida on March 5, 1995. I love to study history especially 18th- 20th century history. I was public schooled until after fourth grade. My parents decided to homeschool after that and I have loved it ever since. I have done many things throughout my high school years. Most notable are CSI, Police explorers, CYA, and HPA.

Creative Science Investigators has been something I have been involved with since middle school. Over the years I accumulated many medals for the different events that I had done along with learning many skills that helped me with all aspects of my life. My all-time favorite events were Tower building, Scrambler and Robots. CSI has left me with some great memories and I plan to help the next generation of CSI competitors as a helper. My time spent as a Lansing Police Explorers has taught me many things such as, how to be a good leader and how to treat others with respect. It has also made me into a stronger person both physically and mentally. I have been a part of the Explorers for three years now. Through the Explorer Program I attended two academies. Last summer I also attended the Michigan State Trooper Academy. All of these academies helped me develop the ability to do hard things and even more importantly they brought me closer to God as I prayed continually for the strength to keep going. The values and character I have gained from this program will stick with me forever.

Christian Youth in Action is a rather recent group I have joined, but I feel as if I am a part of it already. Everyone is welcoming, friendly and encouraging. This group and the people in it have helped me draw closer to God in my young adult life. CYA has really helped me cultivate long lasting friendships as well as, through my small group, made me a better person. It's a great group and when I graduate I plan to join the College version, University Christian Outreach.

Lastly my involvement with Homeschool Performing Arts has left a lasting and great impression on my life. It is probably the greatest and most cherished group I have ever been a part of. The last play I was in was this past April. It was the production of Titanic. I felt it fitting to go out on such a play. For me it felt I was really going down with the ship. I played the role of the Major a rather annoying, but endearing, character. I have done five shows with Lansing's HPA. They were Brigadoon, Wizard of OZ, Honk, Pirates of Penzance, and finally Titanic. I have made many long lasting friendships over those years.

After graduating I plan to attend Spring Arbor University and major in Business management. Where God leads me after that...I don't know but I will trust in Him and go along for the ride.



**Ebbie Gomez**

I was born on September 8, 1996. I have been homeschooled since first grade and it has been such a blessing. I love being home with my family and I am so thankful for being brought up in a Christian home.

I am currently involved in music ministry at church with my family and I would like to continue pursuing music. I am excited to see what God has for me as

I seek Him daily.

**Obadiah Gomez**

I was born on April 20, 1995. I have been homeschooled since second grade. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be homeschooled.

God has gifted me in music and I hope to one day have my own recording studio, record label and band. I want to glorify God through my music.



**Sarah Jansma**

On October 11, 1995, I was born to David and Michelle Jansma. I am the oldest of three, having a sister and a brother. My mom became a stay-at-home mom when I was born and she began to formally homeschool me at four years old. I enjoy spending time with my family on trips across the continental U.S., and doing ministry with them at the rescue mission, nursing homes, and Christmas caroling. When I was nine



years old, I realized that I was a sinner and needed Jesus. He saved me, and at age twelve I was baptized. Music has always been a big part of my family. I started playing piano when I was eight years old. A few years later I joined band and learned how to play oboe and saxophone. This also afforded me the opportunity and privilege to participate with the Northern Lights Home School Marching

Band, which involved performing in many parades throughout the state and at Kings Island. I currently play piano, tenor saxophone, "C Melody" saxophone (an antique sax from the 1930's in the key of C), violin, bells, and penny whistle. Presently I am in a homeschool senior high choir and play saxophone in church orchestra, as well as being the pianist for my church's Children's Choir.

During high school I participated in TeenPact, Generation Joshua, church youth group, church orchestra, as well as serving in VBS and Christmas dramas. I enjoy cooking, math, science, solving problems, biking, kayaking, photography, and producing family videos. Different aspects of my life have ranged from working on my family's organic farm to assisting in my dad's consulting business. During the 2012 presidential election, I was employed by Americans for Prosperity. I am earnestly seeking God's will for my career and life decisions. My goal for my life is, if the Lord wills, to become a wife and mom. But until that time comes, I would like to study engineering with a specialty in biomedical or mechanical engineering. My favorite Bible verses are Philippians 4:4-13, and my favorite book of the Bible is Psalms.



### *Stephanie Landers*

On the monumental day of April 10th, 1996, something crazy happened: I had my very first birthday. Brought into this world by the one true King (not to mention my lovely mother, of course), I joined my brothers and sister as the youngest child of four. I grew up in a Christian home, loving the Lord dearly, but it wasn't until a few years ago when I truly decided to devote my heart and

life to Him. Now my desire is to share His love, hope, and joy with everyone who crosses the path He's planned for me, especially with young children; I hope to go to school for Early Childhood Education in the fall.

Homeschooled my entire life, I am truly grateful for the many opportunities and adventures it's brought me throughout the years. It enabled me to take English and art classes at Teenworks for three years and to participate in five Homeschool Performing Arts productions (Seussical, Brigadoon, The Wizard of Oz, The Pirates of Penzance, and Titanic, the Musical), as well as two of their drama camps. It also helped me come out of my shell like I'd never thought possible. And I wouldn't have it any other way.

My other interests include books (reading/writing), music (singing/songwriting/piano playing), child care, and graphic design. In 2012, I finished my very first full length novel. And earlier this year I finished my first original song. Lord willing I will be able to keep pursuing these interests in the future to the glory of God.

I wouldn't be where or who I am today without my additional support system (also known as my incredible family and friends), who have always had my back, and loved me even when - let's be honest here - I wasn't all that lovable. They've given me so much encouragement, both spiritually and emotionally, to pursue my dreams and follow the Lord's calls, day by day. And I am so incredibly grateful for the wonderful relationships God has blessed me with. I love you all and can't wait to see what the future holds for all of us. God bless us, every one.



### *Nathaniel Leak*

Thank you Mom and Dad for always being there for me no matter what I did, or how busy you were. I love you guys so much. I would also like to thank Dave Card, Richard and Leeann Hull, Master Ron Burch, and all my friends. You have all had an unbelievable impact on my life.

I have been homeschooled my whole life. Through eighth grade, Mom taught

my sister and me at home. My freshmen year we joined a homeschool education program called Classical Conversations. Although it was very different from what we were used to, it has been a great experience. For the past 13 years I have been involved in Christian Service Brigade. The leaders have been great examples and I have learned a lot during all the activities and outings. About nine years ago, I joined Taekwondo. I am a third degree black belt, which has taught me discipline, self-control, and how to defend myself. As long as I can remember I have loved horses, and for the past 6 years I have worked at Sierra Rose Horse Farm in Dewitt. I have met so many amazing friends and people through all these things and I honestly do not know what I would do without them.

### *Anna Parker*

I completed my creative high school years with Pine Meadows Academy by pursuing my various interests and activities.

From birth to tweens, I was involved with Caring Christian Parents, a Scouting/Keeper at Home group; I learned a wide variety of skills, ranging from camping to baking. Over the years, I have enjoyed raising animals on my family's small farm including meat rabbits, chickens and cows. I also loved learning horsemanship, competing in a fun show one year and winning two blue ribbons.

I have been on a Science Olympiad team called Creative Science Investigators for 7 years. I earned first place in several events and was also privileged to attend the State competition. A few of my favorite events were: Ornithology, Ecology, and Compound Machines. Science Olympiad helped me learn important life and study skills.

I was confirmed into the Catholic Church in 2011. Since then I have volunteered as a Lector, a VBS Counselor, a CCD Assistant Teacher, and a helper for many Christmas Pageants. Throughout school, I have enjoyed growing my performing arts skills. I have attended camps focused on dance, acting



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for stage, and acting for camera. I have been in five Home-school Performing Arts shows, including: Brigadoon and The Wizard of Oz. I participated in the film group Epic Summer Movie as an actress and the costume committee head of **Ran-Anna Parker continued...**

somed, which was released in 2012. I have a lead role in their newest film, Mo Chara, as Aibhlinn O'Caomh, which will be released sometime this year.

I have a passion for sewing, designing, and crafting. Crocheting is one of my favorite activities. I also enjoy sculpting and drawing. As far as designing, I am in the planning phase for a business/ministry called The Sweetwater Seas. My aim is to provide teens & young adults with modest, yet fashionable, clothing. I am hosting my first modest fashion show at the INCH conference this May!



**Joshua Pennington**

I was born January 20 1995, on Okinawa Japan, while my father was stationed there during his enlistment in the United States Air Force. After 15 months we moved to Virginia where my two siblings, Rachel and Caleb, were born. After a few years we moved to Texas than later New Mexico, where my dad retired from the Air Force. We soon moved up to Michigan where we have lived ever

since.

I've been involved in many different groups in my life. When I lived in New Mexico I participated in a homeschool basketball team, where my team placed 1st with only 1 loss. When we moved up to Michigan I became involved with the Webberville 4-H Club, becoming president for a year. During my time with 4-H I've earned eight gold, four silver, and five bronze medals in shooting sports. More recently I've been involved with 2 of Homeschool Performing Arts shows. I played a pirate in Gilbert and Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance, and this last year played the role of Senior Steward Henry Etches in Titanic the Musical.

After I graduate I plan on taking classes at Lansing Community College, and then potentially pursuing a career in computer programming. I am thankful both to God and my parents for helping me through my education, I could not have made it here without their help.

**Abigail Pipper**

I was born on February 16, 1996, the oldest of three with a younger brother, Noah and younger sister, Emma. Together we have been homeschooled since 2001. I love sports, both watching (Go Spartan's) and playing. I started playing basketball at 10, when I was on an all boys team. Eight years later, I ended with the CHAP girl's varsity team, where we experienced winning a state championship. My plans for the future are to attend LCC, get an Associate's degree and then transfer to MSU for Sports Medicine. After that, only God knows...



**Macy Potter**

My crazy whirl wind of a life started on March 8, 1996. After I was born my parents thought they couldn't have any more children, so they opened a foster care license and through an incredible journey, four of my brothers were adopted, this was instrumental in what I want to do with my life. I love being around children and I am extremely passionate about orphan care, so I have decided to pursue a masters in social work, in hopes that I can make a difference in the lives of children in

need. Right now I am attending Lansing Community College, and will continue to attend next year. God willing, I will transfer and pursue a bachelor's degree and then a master's degree in social work; but this could all change in a matter of days.

**Elliott Shoemaker**

Elliott is the oldest of four children in the "Shoe Crew", and has three younger sisters, Kyria, Annika, and Sophia. He is devoted to his family, and especially enjoys their annual summer vacations together. On these memorable journeys he loves hiking, and has hiked in many of our nation's finest National Parks, including Yosemite, Sequoia, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Bryce, Zion, Rocky Mountain, and Michigan's own Pictured Rocks.



In addition to his studies, Elliott has been involved in various extracurricular activities that he also enjoys. For the last three years he has run on the CHAP (Capital Homeschool Athletic Program) Cross Country team, and has a PR (personal record) of 19:25 for a 5K race. His senior season, Elliott was voted co-captain of the Cross Country Team, and also earned the Team's "Most Dedicated" Award by running over 350 miles in practices and meets during the season. This spring, he is also running on the new CHAP Track & Field Team, which is in its second season and is coached by Elliott's father, Kevin. Elliott also loves being involved with HPA (Homeschool Performing Arts), and has appeared in two productions. In 2012-13 he was cast as a Barnyard Fowl in the musical "Honk!", which is the story of the ugly duckling. This school year he was cast as a 3rd Class Passenger in the musical "Titanic". He has also worked on the stage crew for previous productions, and thanks his theatrical sisters for inspiring and preparing him to move from working back-stage to on-stage. Another significant part of Elliott's life has been Scouting, a journey of 7 years that was capped by achieving the rank of Eagle Scout on June 24, 2013. Over the years Elliott has given countless hours to community service projects with Troop 316. For his Eagle service project he supervised the building of a playground at his home church, Capital City Vineyard. The scouts (and leaders) of Troop 316 have been a great source of friendship and encouragement in Elliott's life. At church, Elliott is involved with CCV's youth group, and likes the discussions with friends that have helped deepen his per-



sonal faith. He also works part time as the church custodian, cleaning the building on a weekly basis.

After graduating, Elliott hopes to become a licensed Veterinary Technician. He plans to take core classes at LCC, and then transfer into the Vet Tech program at Michigan State to earn his associate's degree. His love for animals is inspired by his dog Boca, and by a memorable experience volunteering as a Teenkeeper at Potter Park Zoo for the summers of 2011 and 2012. In this program he shadowed zookeepers as they performed their jobs around the zoo, and served for over 100 hours. Elliott's favorite animal is the Tiger, which also happens to be the mascot of his favorite baseball team!



### *Jake Sinnaeve*

I grew up in a family of 7 in Mason, Michigan, which is literally the best place I know. I had a sweet crib — brick house, set right next to the Dairy Hill, which had the best ice cream on the earth. I had a tight bike, 4 brothers and a sister. I was raised on Star Wars, Veggie Tales, and mac-n-cheese. My mom loved to dress us in turtle-necks and overalls and since we never had a video game system, I literally lived outside. I always remember watching the public

school kids during their recess behind our house. I thought they were a sight to behold. My brothers and I would hide in our homemade teepee and watch them with binoculars. When I was 7, we moved to a new house in the country. It was every boy's dream. It had much more to offer than watching the public school kids from our teepee. My brothers and I made it our job to take at least one mud bath a day as we tromped through the woods and swamps behind our house. My mom was an excellent teacher, even with such a challenging student as I. Faithfully, she has continued to fulfill that very strenuous job through these 17 years — not only in math and writing and blah blah blah, but in life. She always goes much deeper than the surface and seeks to show me God in everything. That is a lesson I can never graduate from. I taught myself to play guitar six years ago and that has become a huge part of my life along with writing, recording, and mixing music whenever I possibly can. I am also a certified lifeguard with Lansing Parks and Rec (which is also one of my favorite shows). I would not be where I am today without my family. Their impact on my life cannot be expressed with words. And more importantly than that, God himself and his love and patience with me cannot be overstated. I am humbled to think back and see how far I have come, by God's grace alone. As I move on, I hope to continue pursuing the passion God has put in me for music. As of now, that looks like a degree in Worship Arts. But more importantly than that, I want to follow GOD'S plans for my life, not my own. So I am beyond excited to see where He leads me.

### *Jessica Stock*

Hey my name is Jessica Rachel Renee Stock and I come from a large family of 8 girls and my mom. My mom has so graciously adopted all of us to call her own. I have been with my amazing mom 14 years this year! I became a Christian and

accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior at a very young age. My mom has stood by me every step of the way, teaching me and counseling me on my walk with The Lord so that one day when I am on my own I know where I stand and what I believe. Being in a family of all girls is quite a blessing and it's a privilege that not everyone gets to have. You will learn very quickly that everyone has their own talents! Through these past 14 years I have learnt that I really enjoy playing sports of all kinds! I have played 6 years of softball and 2 years of basketball and a year of dance and I don't remember how long I did swimming but I do remember enjoying it! I have also learned that I have a love for art, music, and anything to do with kids! This year was my first year of ever taking an art class and let me tell ya, I loved it and I have learnt so much! After high school I will be looking into Cosmetology and hopefully attending Protégé Academy in the fall. I am really excited to see where The Lord leads me and how He will use me in His eternal plan and purpose. Praise The Lord!



### *Nathan Stoll*

I am the oldest of 8 children and am blessed with a loving mother and father who taught me Christian values. They gave me the chance to build lifelong relationships with family and friends of all ages. Their constant support and love helped me to become the man that I am today. I thank my mother for my education and for helping me overcome challenges in my schooling. I thank my father for teaching me how to work with my hands while experiencing

work in the real world, which helped me to build my character.

My life has been an adventure; God has blessed me with many opportunities. I have gained knowledge through my studies, experienced competition and sportsmanship as part of a team through sports such as football and basketball, participated in Homeschool Performing Arts, learned the importance of hard work through working with my father in residential construction, and experienced the beauty of God's creation through many hiking, canoeing and camping trips. I have matured in my faith through mission trips, retreats, and events with my church and Christian community. Lastly, I have experienced the joy of the Lord and his wondrous plan for my life.

Through the grace of God, my life has been a blessing. I would like to thank the many wonderful people that the Lord has put in my life. I hope that in the years to come, I will continue to grow stronger in my faith and I am looking forward to seeing where the Lord leads me.

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**Mitchel Thurston**

My name is Mitchel Thurston and I am a senior. I have played 3 years of Varsity soccer with the LA Dragons, where I was honored with defensive MVPs, All-State and All-Nation awards. I have played high school baseball for the Holt Rams and the last 2 seasons I have been the starting catcher. Other than sports, my interests lie in music – I am in a Christian rock band called “Chosen”.



I plan on pursuing a career in the music industry.



**Emilee Wilcox**

I was born on October 13th, 1996, the first child of what would become three. The very determined, stubborn oldest child, who often said, “Me do it!”

This determination carried over into homeschooling: I didn’t want to learn the alphabet, I wanted to learn to read. But once I understood that I couldn’t read without knowing the letters, I learned them fast.

Reading has always been one of my favorite pastimes. Another favorite is writing. From my first story about giant red toads, to a Christmas play I wrote for my church, to my current project, a mystery set in the pre-Civil War South, I have enjoyed designing plots and breathing life into my characters.

I have played violin for 10 years, and been in the Home School Music Association’s orchestras for 9 years. HSMA has stretched and grown me, taking me out of my comfort zone with several S&E and Tour experiences.

Some other favorite activities include archery, camping, soccer, cross-country skiing, and church youth group.

Thanks is most definitely due to my parents and my brothers, who are the best family I could ask for. (Not perfect, but I’m not, either.)

Whatever my future holds, I hope to continue writing and keep on playing my violin. After graduation I am planning to attend college and pursue a degree in biology, although if God has a different plan for me, I will be following His direction.

**Kevin Wilkinson**

I was born in Chicago, IL on July 1, 1996. I have one younger brother, Sean, and have had the privilege of being homeschooled all my life. Growing up I have enjoyed shooting, playing piano, and TaeKwonDo. I have competed at the Camp Perry National Rifle Matches for three years now, and have also been involved in a .22 rifle league. I have started competing at TaeKwonDo regional tournaments,



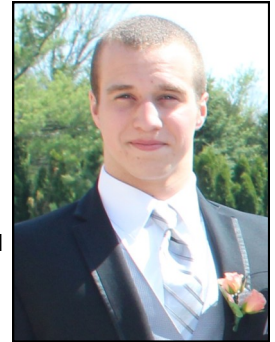
and am working towards my 4th Degree Black Belt. Christian Service Brigade has also been a big part of my life. I have been involved in Brigade since I was 6, and am now a junior leader in Battalion, the oldest group in Brigade.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to go to many lectures at Hillsdale College. I have recently been accepted to go to Hillsdale, and plan on pursuing a degree in American Studies there.

I want to thank my parents and brother for teaching and guiding me and for helping me grow in my Christian faith. They have always been there for me.

**Vaughn Holmes**

I came into the world on August 27, 1995, and have been homeschooled my entire life along with my older brother. When I was six, my mom made me take piano lessons so I would learn to read music, as I could play almost anything by ear. After six years of that, my parents allowed me to stop and I joined HSMA after learning to play percussion. Three years later I taught myself to play guitar and currently play in South Church’s Creative Service.



I also swim. A lot. My parents thought I should know how to swim - they didn’t want me to drown - so when I was ten I began swim lessons with the WaveRunners Swim Club. A year later I was swimming with high schoolers. I have competed at many different levels in my eight years with the sport, and have boxes full of ribbons, medals, and even four awards for Outstanding Leadership/Achievement to show for it. Through my swim experience, I have been able to interact with a lot of kids, work as a coach myself, which led to my current job as a lifeguard.

My most recent passion is hunting. I went bow hunting this past Fall for the first time ever and hope to go again. I am planning on attending Michigan State in the Fall and will major in nursing or electrical engineering. Since this Spring, I have also been given the opportunity, to work out with the MSU Spartan Swim Team, and I hope to earn a spot on the team in September. I am truly trusting in the Lord to lead me where He would have me go.

**Congratulations Class of 2014!!**

**Free Kids Summer Bowling**

Registered kids receive 2 free games of bowling every day all summer long. Age limit and shoe policy is posted dependent on which bowling center you register with. Visit [www.kidsbowlfree.com](http://www.kidsbowlfree.com). There are limited passes available so hurry to the website and jump on this offer!

Participating Bowling Center:

- ▽ City Limits East 2120 E M-78 Hwy, East Lansing, MI, 48823 517-337-7000
- ▽ Spare Time Entertainment 3101 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing, MI 48912 517-337-2695
- ▽ City Limits Bowling 801 N. Cedar St., Mason, MI, 48854 517-676-2476

## Summer Reading Programs

### Book It Summer Reading Challenge-

Keep your children reading aloud during the summer months with the Book It! Spark Your Greatness Summer Reading Challenge. Defeat the "summer slide" by incorporating reading with fun activities, exciting games and a chance for your child(ren) to win some impressive prizes for reading 5 books throughout the challenge!

Register: [bookitsummer.com](http://bookitsummer.com)

Read: Five books

Play: [bookitsummer.com](http://bookitsummer.com)

Win: [bookitsummer.com](http://bookitsummer.com)

You can find the official entry form at [www.bookitprogram.com/summer](http://www.bookitprogram.com/summer) which you can print and mail or you can submit online.

Begins June 1st.

### Barnes & Noble-

Fostering a love of reading and its rewards, the Barnes & Noble Imagination's Destination Summer Reading program is popular with students in first through sixth grades and educators throughout America.

Participation is a fun and easy way for kids to earn free books. They simply read any eight books – library books, books borrowed from friends or books bought at Barnes & Noble – write about their favorite part in our Reading Journal, and bring a completed Reading Journal to a Barnes & Noble bookstore. Children then choose their free book from the books listed on the Reading Journal and collect their free book from a store near them.

Children in grades 1-6 can earn a free book just by reading eight books and turning in a completed reading journal sheet about the books they read. The free Summer Reading program kicked off in Barnes & Noble stores across the country May 20 and continues through September 2. Barnes & Noble.com ([www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com)) will feature the reading journal, summer reading kit, and book recommendations for summer reading fun at [www.barnesandnoble.com/u/summerreading](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/summerreading) (you can also pick up a journal at any B&N store.)

Not sure what to read? The staff at Schuler Books & Music has suggestions. The quality and content of these books have made them favorites of readers like you, whether you're a beginning reader, an intermediate reader, or ready for young adult books.

### Capital Area District Library-Fizz, Boom, Read!

Visit [www.cadl.org](http://www.cadl.org) for more information.

Earn prizes while you read for fun this summer!

Participation is free. Starting June 9, get a reading log from your library. Then earn prizes by tracking the time you spend reading and doing special Adventure Activities.

There are 3 different divisions: Pre-Reader (Experience), Kid (Adventure), and Teen (Challenge). Complete your Summer Reading log by August 9 and enter to win one of these grand prizes: 2 tickets to see One Direction, Sun., Aug. 17 at Ford Field; 2 tickets to see Tigers vs. Mariners baseball game Sun., Aug. 17 at Comerica Park; 1 year membership to WKAR's Kids Club. You get a free pass to Impression 5 Science Center just for signing up!



Looking for summer entertainment? Have a blast attending library events all summer long—movies, magic, live animals and lots of fun with science. Many events are connected to STEM subject areas (Science, Technology, Engineering and

Math). Find a complete schedule of free family events here. <http://www.cadl.org/kids-and-teens/summer-reading/>.

### Schuler Books -

Begins June 7-August 31 Our Summer Reading Club program encourages children to discover the joy of reading. All children, kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to join. Readers can earn up to three \$5.00 Schuler Books & Music coupons. Stop by the Information desk and ask how to get started. Visit [www.SchulerBooks.com](http://www.SchulerBooks.com) for an age-appropriate book list of suggested reading titles.

### Pizza Hut Book It! 2014

Registration for the 30th Annual Pizza Hut Book It Program for the 2014-15 school year has begun. It is for children in grades K-6. Each family must submit their own individual request. To do so, go to <http://www.bookitprogram.com/Enrollment/homeschool.asp> and complete the enrollment form. Materials will be sent directly to you in September. The 2014 enrollment deadline is September 1, however, we will continue to accept enrollment requests on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

### Kids Bike Repair Program

Kids Repair Program is a non-profit that teaches self-esteem, respect and work ethic along with bike maintenance, safety and health to kids ages 9-17 in the Greater Lansing area. Classes for the summer are a week long, 9-2ish daily with free lunch offered at the Hill Community Center, where we are located. At the end of the 20hr class the students are given the bike they repaired, a helmet, lock and key, and a certificate of achievement. We ask for a \$40 fee but scholarships can lessen the cost. Class sizes are 5-7 students and we are happy to have classes of students all from the same group so your kids are with friends and peers. Classes are led by volunteer instructors and aids but parents are always welcome. And if the parents enjoy it, we're always looking for new volunteers!

Call 517-755-4174 or email

[kidsrepairprogrambikes@gmail.com](mailto:kidsrepairprogrambikes@gmail.com) for more information.

You can also visit <http://kidsrepairprogram.yolasite.com/>.

### Classical Conversations

Stop by to learn more about our Classical, Christian Communities. Details include programs for ages 4yrs through high school. This summer... You can attend a **FREE** event on July 14-16 to sharpen your ability to teach your students **how** to learn **anything!!!!** This event is open to the public. Join us for more information, flyers, and catalogs.



Summer Reading!

# Summer Camps!

## 2014 Summer Dance Camps with Joanna Martin

Since this is an educational production no prior dance experience is required

The workshops will be held at: Grace Bible Church; 1000 South Canal Rd.

For more information call (517)626-2448; Or email me at joannamartin@frontier.com. You can also visit my table at the CHESS Open House June 3rd at South Church

### A Ballet Production of Cinderella

Two-week workshop  
June 9-13 and 16-21

With a performance for friends and family on June 21 at 3pm

Ages 4-8 10am-1pm \$55.00

Ages 9-14 10am-3pm \$65.00

+ a \$10.00 costume rental fee

### A Ballet Production of The Lion King

Two-week workshop

July 18, 21-25 and 28- August 1

With a performance on August 1 at 6:30pm

Ages 6-9 10am-2pm \$60.00

Ages 10-16 10am-4pm \$75.00

+ a \$10.00 costume rental fee

### Mighty to Save Dance Camps

A fun way to learn worship dance and ballet in a positive atmosphere.

Group 1 June 9-13 Ages 4-8; 4-6pm \$30.00

Group 2 June 16-21 Ages 9-14; 4-6pm \$30.00

### Joanna Martin will lead the workshop:

Joanna has studied ballet for the past 8 years. She was an assistant teacher at Jubal Arts Dance Studio and has danced on the Tressor Ministry Dance Team. She has lead several summer dance camps including a junior production of Cinderella, which she choreographed herself. She currently studies the Russian Vaganova method six days a week under Akop and Gaiane Akopian at Michigan Ballet Academy. After high school Joanna plans to continue teaching and choreographing ballets. Joanna loves to dance and to share that love with others through teaching and ministry.



## Summer Drama Camp - Kids Take the Stage!

**When:** June 16-20

**Session I:** 5 years through 3rd grade

**Session II:** 4th through 12th grade

Join us for a fun-filled adventure to the land of make-believe, where YOU are the star! No experience is necessary - just a desire to learn and have fun. Classes will include techniques in method acting, costuming, stage make-up, and set design. Students will rehearse all week and perform their play to a live audience of family and friends on June 20.

**Class Cost:** \$100.00 before June 16 (on June 16 - \$110.00.)

**Class Times:** Session I: 9:00am - 11:30am

Session II: 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Classes take place at Mason Community Church, 1000 E. Columbia Rd., Mason.

Register at [www.masonryouththeater.org](http://www.masonryouththeater.org) or mail to 415 W. Cherry Street, Mason, MI 48854.

Contact Director, Shelly Smith with questions: [shelly@masonryouththeater.org](mailto:shelly@masonryouththeater.org).

## HPA 2014 Summer Camp

June 23 - 27 at TBA

The goal of HPA Performing Arts Camp is to help actors develop through small-group instruction.

**Show Camp:** Show Camp will cover many aspects of drama and musical theatre performance including:

- Actor Training (Memorization & Performance)
- Vocal Performance (Chorus--no solos required)
- Choreography (Standard Steps, Group Performance)
- Scene Blocking and more!

Show Camp is open to all home-educated students ages 8 and up who are interested in drama and musical theatre. Students will be divided into three "Acts" according to their ages, allowing group sizes to remain small to maximize each camper's experience.

Show Camp Pricing: (Add \$20/family after June 1)

1 Student: \$100

2 Siblings: \$90 each (\$180 total)

3 Siblings: \$85 each (\$255 total)

4 Siblings: \$80 each (\$320 total)

5 Siblings: \$75 each (\$375 total)

**Encore Camp** This is a not-to-miss opportunity for more advanced performers looking for a highly individualized and interactive experience! Encore students will be in a separate track focusing on vocals, choreography, and Performing Scripture. Encore will have a separate final performance (8-9pm) and will run for an additional hour (1-2pm) Monday-Thursday. When registering, students should choose one of the following four focus areas.

- Monologue/Character building (must have at least 10 consecutive verses of Scripture memorized prior to the first day of camp.)
- Dance/movement workshops (will be prepared to do a solo or duet dance piece at the camp performance.)
- Vocal technique/development (will be prepared to sing a solo or duet for the camp performance.)

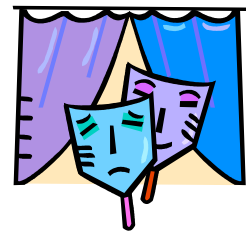
Encore is open to home-educated students ages 14 and older who receive camp director's approval based upon prior performing arts experience. See website for general guidelines for attendance.

Encore Camp Pricing: \$170/student--no discount.

### Dates and Schedules:

	Show Camp	Encore Camp
Mon. - Thurs.	9am - 1pm	9am - 2pm
Fri. Rehearsal	12pm - 6pm	9pm - 8pm
Fri. Performance	6:00 pm	8pm - 9pm

**Registration:** You may register now online, [hpami.org](http://hpami.org).



## Mid Michigan Family Theatre Summer Camps 2014

The goal of the acting camp is to provide instruction in acting and the theatre process using relevant and interesting topics in an entertaining and educational fashion. Participants will spend the day learning about the production process of theatre through a variety of activities. These will include using the voice and body to create a believable character and have fun with improvisation and theatre games. Students will work with commercials, monologues and scenes to develop their acting skills. They will also use materials that will allow for the

understanding of the technical aspect of theatre including costuming, make up, and set design.

We will conclude with a camp performance for family members and friends.

#### Date & Location

- ◆ June 16-20 Schmidt Community Center Acting Camp, ages 7-13
- ◆ June 23-27 Schmidt Community Center Puppet Theatre\*
- ◆ July 7-11 Eaton Rapids Acting Camp, ages 7-13
- ◆ July 14-18 Delta Township Recreation Acting Camp, ages 7-13
- ◆ July 21-25 Schmidt Community Center Teen Camp\*\*, ages 12-17
- ◆ July 28 - August 1 Okemos Community Education Acting Camp, ages 7-13
- ◆ August 4-8 Haslett Community Education Acting Camp, ages 7-13
- ◆ August 11-15 Schmidt Community Center Acting Camp, ages 7-13
- ◆ August 18-22 Schmidt Community Center Intro to Shakespeare\*\*\*, ages 10-17
- ◆ August 25-28 DeWitt Area Recreation Authority Acting Camp, ages 7-13

\*The goal of the puppet camp is to provide instruction in the creation of puppets and puppet scripts using materials suitable for presentation.

Participants will spend the day learning about creating puppets, using their voices to create puppet characters, and developing scripts for presentation.

We will conclude with a camp performance for family members and friends.

\*\*The goal of the teen camp is to provide advanced instruction in acting and the theatre process using relevant and interesting topics in an entertaining and educational fashion. Participants will spend the day learning about the production process of theatre through a variety of activities.

These will include using the voice and body to create a believable character while working with age appropriate materials. Participants will also have fun with improvisation and theatre games. Students will work with commercials, monologues and scenes to develop their acting skills.

They will also use materials that will allow for the understanding of the technical aspect of theatre including costuming, make up, and set design.

We will conclude with a camp performance for family members and friends.

\*\*\*The goal of the Introduction to Shakespeare camp is to provide instruction in acting in Shakespearean productions. We will look at the theatre process using relevant and interesting materials in an entertaining and educational fashion. Participants will spend the day learning about the writing and life of Shakespeare through a variety of activities. These will include using the voice and body to create a believable Shakespearean character while working with age appropriate materials. Participants will also have fun with improvisation and theatre games. Students will work with monologues and scenes to develop their acting skills. They will also use materials that will allow for the understanding of the life and times of William Shakespeare. We will conclude with a camp performance for family members and friends.

Registration Information:

Schmidt Community Center Camps - register through Lansing Parks and Recreation Tel. 483-6685

[www.lansingmi.gov/Parks-and-Rec](http://www.lansingmi.gov/Parks-and-Rec)

Eaton Rapids Camp - register through Eaton Rapids Community Education Tel. 663-8169

[www.ersk12.org/communityeducation](http://www.ersk12.org/communityeducation)

Delta Township Camp - register through Delta Township Parks and Recreation, Tel. 323-8555 [www.deltami.gov/parks](http://www.deltami.gov/parks)

Okemos Camp - register through Okemos Community Education, Tel. 706-5021 [www.okemosonline.com](http://www.okemosonline.com)

Haslett Camp - register through Haslett Community Education, Tel. 339-2145

[www.haslett.k12.mi.us/education/dept/dept.php?sectionid=31](http://www.haslett.k12.mi.us/education/dept/dept.php?sectionid=31)

DeWitt Camp - register through DeWitt Area Recreation Authority, Tel. 482-5117 [www.dewittrecreation.org](http://www.dewittrecreation.org)

## CHAP Sports

Visit [www.chapchariots.org](http://www.chapchariots.org)

Capital Homeschool Athletic Program ('CHAP') exists to serve Jesus Christ, homeschool parents and their children. Our purpose is to provide homeschool children with opportunities, through competitive athletics, to develop physically, spiritually, and learn to display Christ-like character.

CHAP Chariots was founded in 2002 and has grown to 15 basketball teams who play in the winter, a girls soccer team that plays in the spring, a Youth Soccer program that play in the Fall & Spring and a boys Varsity, JV and 7th and 8th grade football teams which play in the Fall. We also offer Boys Varsity Golf in the Spring and Cross Country in the Fall.

## CHAP Chariots Basketball Presents... Youth Coed Summer Skills Camp

The CHAP Chariots coaching staff will once again be hosting this year's skills camp. We will be going back to a coed camp this year! Coach Heath Cleland, Joe Gonzalez, and Keith Hall

will be teaching fundamental principles for boys & girls of all levels along with various concepts of the CHAP Read & React offensive system. We will have drill stations that focus on ball handling, footwork, shooting, defense, finishing around the basket and more. We will also scrimmage at the end of each night.

The ROC is a relatively new facility built by the First Nazarene Church in Mason, and is the same location the camp was held the previous two summers.



#### Camp Details:

Date: Mon. July 28th to Thurs. July 31st Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm each day

Location: ROC (Recreational Outreach Center) 1706 W. Dansville Rd., Mason MI 48854

Ages: 8 to 14 yr. old boys & girls

Cost: \$30 due by midnight on July 12 (includes camp t-shirt)

Early Bird Special: \$ 25 if registered and paid by midnight on June 28.

\$35 for late registration after July 12 (t-shirt not guaranteed)

Questions? Please contact Joe Gonzalez [Gonzalez@FootLine.com](mailto:Gonzalez@FootLine.com) 517-896-4401.

Summer Camps!

# Summer Opportunities!

## Lansing Art Gallery Summer Opportunities

### -Art Quest

A mobile Scavenger Hunt and walking tour in the heart of downtown Lansing featuring nine original works of art.

June 1st – August 30th, 2014

ArtQuest is available in three levels and is appropriate for all ages. Quest participants will navigate their way by GPS in search of nine works of art hidden in downtown Lansing. A mobile device is required. If you wish to take a tour without the GPS quest, please contact Lansing Art Gallery for a map. This walking tour covers approximately 3 miles from beginning to end with many opportunities for resting along the way.

Select your skill level to begin your journey.

Quests will become available June 1st!

**Level 1 – Easy:** This quest level is appropriate for first time treasure hunters and uses listening, reading, and counting skills. Great for family fun or girl and boy scout troops.

**Level 2 – Intermediate:** This quest level is ideal for a less than expert treasure hunter. Skills required include reading, listening, math, or deduction skills.

**Level 3 – Expert:** This expert level is for the experienced treasure hunter or someone who enjoys a challenge. Quest participants will require Internet access.

Thank you to our Michigan artists. ArtQuest presents artwork in various media and styles.

### -Summer Art Camp

Ages: 7-12

Dates: Monday – Thursday

AM classes: 9 a.m. – noon

PM classes: 1 – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$75 (\$70 members)/4 half-day sessions. (Each camp opportunity is \$75.)

Open to all skill levels.

Maximum class size: 15 students.

Registration began in March.

Summer Art Camp students will learn and experience creativity in the professional setting of Lansing Art Gallery. Young artists will explore creative processes, techniques and materials with the guidance of trained artists. Each series of classes will culminate in a student art show in Lansing Art Gallery's Student Gallery!

Students enrolling in both AM and PM sessions must have supervision during the lunch hour.

Lunch Supervision: \$5 per day

#### Week 1 – June 23-26

AM Camp: Mandala Mixed Media with Jane Reiter

"Mandala" is a Sanskrit word loosely translated to mean "circle." Radial designs have existed in numerous cultures since human beginnings. Artist Jane Reiter will guide students in creating their own special mandalas using paint, recycled materials, and collage.

PM Camp: Clay with Kathe Smith

Ceramic artist Kathe Smith will teach students the fundamentals of air-dry clay through the creation of painted tiles for use as name plates or wall hangings. Students will also explore polymer clay in the form of beads.

#### Week 2 – July 7-10

AM Camp: Still Life Drawing with Tedda Hughes



Artist Tedda Hughes teaches students the fundamentals of drawing through still lifes of toys. Students will become familiar with various types of drawing papers and tools including charcoal and conte.

PM Camp: Multiples & Duplicates Mixed Media with Anne Grevstad

Instructor Anne Grevstad will guide students in variations on a single image, using paint, printmaking, and collage. Students will study concepts of color, shape, abstraction, and pattern to create multiple interpretations of animals, still life objects, architecture, and landscape.

#### Week 3 – July 21-24

AM Camp: Flower Power Mixed Media with Jane Reiter

Artist Jane Reiter will guide students through an exploration of flowers as a source of artistic inspiration. Students will examine examples of floral art and create 2D and 3D designs through drawing, watercolor, collage, tiles, and rubber stamps.

PM Camp: Watercolor Painting with Paloma Rosales

Artist Paloma Rosales will teach students various techniques of watercolor through the many forms of tropical jungle animals. Tree frogs, bugs, reptiles, monkeys, big cats – from the tiny to the large, the cute and the scary, students will explore the creatures of the jungle.

#### Week 4 – August 4-7

AM Camp: Weaving Techniques with Kathy Popoff

Fiber artist Kathy Popoff will teach students to warp a frame loom and create a tapestry wall hanging. Frame looms will go home with students after camp. Students will also work on rigid heddle looms to create bookmarks and woven pieces used in a set of greeting cards.

PM Camp: Acrylic Painting with Tedda Hughes

Artist Tedda Hughes will help students explore acrylic paint through the world of plants and animals. Students will learn to mix and blend paints, using various types of brushes, rags, and sponges to apply paint to various painting surfaces such as paper, wood, and canvas.

Register online, by phone at 517-374-6400 x3, or by mail.

Registration forms and scholarships forms are available at [lansingartgallery.org/summer-art-camp/](http://lansingartgallery.org/summer-art-camp/). For more information, call 517-374-6400 x0 or x3, or email [lagprograms@gmail.com](mailto:lagprograms@gmail.com).

## Student Statesmanship Institute

Student Statesmanship Institute is NOT a boring classroom exercise; it is an experience unlike any other. This one week will inspire you to be a confident Ambassador for Christ in every situation.

SSI is a realistic microcosm of the world that includes live-action simulations in the legislative, media, judicial, business and campaign arenas. Undergirding it all is a solid foundation of practical Biblical truth and a life-transforming message of divine destiny.

You will gain a distinct advantage as you prepare to successfully live out and defend your faith in high school, college, career and beyond. It may be hard to believe at first, but you will have a blast along the way. Everyone says you just have to be there to understand – it's an SSI thing.

Parents - we have a place for you too. Come as a chaperone. Go ahead, take the plunge and register today. This is one decision you will never regret! Register online at [www.ssonline.org](http://www.ssonline.org).

See the details on our website, watch our new promotional video, and be convinced. You need to be at SSI this summer! Held at Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing. June 8-13...June 22-27...July 6-11  
Some tracks are full, so please check online at the space available in each week before registering. Visit [www.ssonline.org](http://www.ssonline.org). For more information call 877-464-6388 or email: [changinglives@ssonline.org](mailto:changinglives@ssonline.org)

## Mid-Michigan Teenage Republicans

Interested in making a difference in your community, state, and even country? Then come check out the Mid-Michigan Teenage Republicans! Founded in February 2012 as the only mid-Michigan chapter of the National Teenage Republicans, we have actively committed ourselves to a two-fold mission: to serve our Republican candidates and to serve our community. Our numerous political efforts have included going door-to-door for State Rep. Tom Leonard, senate candidate Pete Hoekstra, and Mitt Romney, working phones at the Michigan GOP Victory Center in downtown Lansing, volunteering at state conventions, and gathering for Mitt Romney at his rallies in Lansing and DeWitt. Community service projects have included our annual tie-dye pillowcase project for teens at Sparrow Hospital (we dyed 50 pillowcases last summer), participating in numerous food packing sessions at the Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event ([fmsc.org](http://fmsc.org)), and most recently, planting flowers at the State Capitol for the second year in a row. Our meetings are fun, informative, and upbeat! If you're looking to make a difference as a young person, come join our club as we gear up for the 2014 campaign season and look forward to another great year of community service! We meet on the third Saturday of every month from 7:00-9:00pm (inherent unpredictability in campaign schedules sometimes necessitates a rescheduling). For more info, check out our webpage at [midmichigan-tars.weebly.com](http://midmichigan-tars.weebly.com), where you'll find a link to our Facebook and Twitter pages as well as our contact email, [midmichigan-tars@gmail.com](mailto:midmichigan-tars@gmail.com).

\*\*\*Mid-Michigan Teenage Republicans is a local chapter of the National Teenage Republicans based in Manassas, Virginia, and is open to all teenagers regardless of educational choice.



## The Faith Project

A unique, theatrical, touring ministry opportunity for homeschooled young ladies ages 11-16. The project includes a radical look into the lives of 6 women whose complete faith in God shaped history.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for girls to form strong relationships with other like-minded girls as they study the lives of Leah, Naaman's maid, Priscilla, Joanna, Damaris and Anna.

The Project will tour churches and Christian events in Spring of 2015. The cast will meet weekly beginning September 2014 and include character development, Bible study, monologue writing, music design, costuming, and tour scheduling.

Please contact [shelly@masonryouththeater.org](mailto:shelly@masonryouththeater.org) for additional information or stop by the Mason Youth Theater table at the CHES Open House on June 3.

Cost: \$40 per family

## God's Army Training Academy

G.A.T.A.--- God's Army Training Academy is an all hands-on look at three of Israel's greatest military leaders and the strategies they used to carry out God's orders. Boys will be challenged to lead like their Heavenly Father and become a soldier in God's Army.

Boys ages 9-14 will look within the Old Testament in a cutting edge format with no written work. Course includes mapping, cooking, crafting, acting, scripture memorization and more! Beginning Monday, September 8, 2014 at Mason Community Church from 9 AM – noon for 10 weeks. The final program will include a 3-D walk-through timeline and battle demonstrations.

Please contact [shelly@masonryouththeater.org](mailto:shelly@masonryouththeater.org) for additional information or stop by the Mason Youth Theater table at the upcoming CHES Open House on June 3.

Cost: \$100 course fee per boy

## ACT Preparation Workshops

All workshops are open to families, and have long been considered the gold standards in mid-Michigan.

Presenter: Frank Bernier, Ph.D.; College Planning Consultant for 30+ years. Contact: 517/349-6899, [fberner101@gmail.com](mailto:fberner101@gmail.com).

For college planning help, please see

[www.collegeplanninghelp.net](http://www.collegeplanninghelp.net).

### -ACT Test Preparation Workshops 2014-2015

Description: All workshops are open to all public, parochial, private and homeschooled students, grades 9-12. These widely acclaimed five-hour workshops help students prepare for the ACT test.

Cost: \$60/class

Time: 8:30am-1:30pm

Students will:

- ◆ Learn specifically how ACT and SAT scores and GPA impact college admission and scholarships.
- ◆ Learn ACT test-taking and essay strategies, and build ACT pacing skill, familiarity and confidence.
- ◆ Take an official, full-length (3½ hours), strictly timed ACT practice test and essay.
- ◆ Receive their practice test scores at the workshop. Parents are emailed test and essay scores and tips.
- ◆ Learn an established self-help method for correcting and understanding mistakes made on the practice test. It is designed to help students significantly improve their scores (often 3-8 points) on any follow-up practice or live ACT. By design, all ACT tests have similar timing, format, material and difficulty.

Students must bring a watch, two #2 pencils and a non-texting calculator, and may bring a light snack and bottled water.

Dates:

Sept. 20	Haslett HS - Middle School Media Ctr.
Oct. 11	Grand Ledge High School - Sawdon Admin. Bldg.
Oct. 18	Williamston High School - Rooms B11-13.
Nov. 1	Howell High School - Cafeteria
Dec. 1	Fowlerville High School - Cafeteria
Jan. 19	Eaton Rapids High School - Cafeteria
Jan. 31	Owosso High School - Media Center
Feb. 21 & Mar. 7	MSU Union Building - 2nd Fl. Ballroom

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## College Planning 101 Workshops for Parents and Students 2014-2015

All workshops are open to families, and have long been considered the gold standards in mid-Michigan.

Presenter: Frank Bernier, Ph.D.; College Planning Consultant for 30+ years. Contact: 517/349-6899, fbernier101@gmail.com.

For college planning help, please see

[www.collegeplanninghelp.net](http://www.collegeplanninghelp.net).

**Description:** Each workshop is designed to help families (grades 9-12) understand and successfully manage all college planning steps. Through proper planning, they will be able to confidently find, be admitted to, and afford one or more good fit colleges.

**Topics:** How to recognize and use "leverage" effectively. High school preparation. How to design a plan for college. How to prepare for the ACT. Admissions and financial aid strategies and deadlines. Scholarship searches. Each attending family will receive Dr. Bernier's "College Planning 101 Workshop Guide for Parents and Students".

No registration or fee required unless noted. All run 6:30-8:00pm unless otherwise noted.

Aug. 21 Haslett High School – Viking Room  
Questions? Contact Mrs. Brunnschweiler at 339-8249, x214.

Sept. 10 Williamston High School – Auditorium  
Questions? Contact Mrs. Greenleaf at 655-2142, x7011

Sept. 16 Holt High School – Chi Library  
Questions? Contact Mr. Bower at 699-0288

Sept. 17 Lansing Catholic High School – Cafeteria  
Questions? Contact Main Office at 267-2100

Sept. 22 Grand Ledge High School – Auditorium  
Questions? Contact Mrs. Anderson at 925-5834

Sept. 24 Owosso High School - Media Center \*Registration Required. Contact Lisa Pilon at 989/729-5495

Sept. 30 Charlotte High School – Lecture Room  
Questions? Contact Kris Dykstra at dykstrk@charlottenet.org

Oct. 2 Lansing Christian School – Cafeteria \*Registration Required. Contact Mrs. Henderson at 882-5779, ext. 305

Oct. 7 Okemos High School – Kiva \*Registration Required. \$5 Fee. Contact Okemos Comm. Educ.. 706-5021.

Oct. 14 Howell High School – Lecture Hall  
Questions? Call Mr. Clifton at 540-8300

Oct. 23 Fowlerville High School – Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-4pm and 5-7pm

Questions? Contact Mrs. Glover at 223-6111

## Calling All Adventurous Families!

Caring Christian Parents is a Christ-centered, non-profit organization founded in 1996 and dedicated to supporting families involved in Scouting. Because of what God has done for us in Christ, based on John 3:16, we are endeavoring to raise our children with love and respect for God, country, others and self. To obtain this objective, we have developed Scouting programs for all ages. Family involvement is a vital aspect of our success as we strive for our goal of providing a fun and safe environment that glorifies God in all we do.

CCP Scouting Programs offer:

- ◆ Training
- ◆ Character Building
- ◆ Service
- ◆ Encouragement

- ◆ Leadership
- ◆ Friendship

Scouting programs offered for 2014-15:

**Wee Bees & Wanna Bees (Toddler to PreK boys & girls)** - CCP's own programs offer faith-based activities, crafts and fun.

**Gems (K-5th grade girls) & Jewels (6th-12th grade young ladies)** – A blended program of Keepers of the Faith & CCP activities, along with extensive study of skills for practical living that build character and encourage each girl's growth in maturity into a well-balanced Christian woman who loves and serves God.

**Woodlands Trail (K-5th grade boys) & Navigators (6th-8th grade young men)** - Trail Life USA programs that challenge each young Trailman to build character and a lifetime of practical leadership skills to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure.

**Adult Leadership** – Involvement with CCP is not a small commitment, but a worthwhile one. We are not a "stop and drop" program. Parents provide the leadership and instruction for each squad. Along with their financial commitment, all families contribute time and support for CCP's programming and general needs.

CCP meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings (Oct - May) with the 3rd week left open for scout camping outings or Family Nights where the kids get recognized for all their achievements.

The meetings run from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Capital City Vineyard Church located at 1635 Coolidge Rd, E. Lansing.

As we gear up for another great year of Scouting, we invite you to visit our table at the CHESS Open House on June 3, 2014, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at South Church, 5250 Cornerstone Dr., Lansing, MI.

Our website is under construction at this time but you may research Keepers of the Home <http://www.keepersofthefait.com/category/KeepersAtHomeIndex>

and/or Trail Life USA <http://www.trailifeusa.com/who-we-are/> for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact Jayne at 517-371-1546 or [groovysamba@gmail.com](mailto:groovysamba@gmail.com).

## CACHE Fall Classes

CACHE Fall 2014 Class Schedule is now available to view on our Website for Charlotte's Monday Tutored Classes. Early Registration starts Tuesday, June 3 at the CHESS Open House and runs through Thursday, June 26 which is the CACHE ice cream social. (Details for both of these events will soon follow).

Sign onto the CACHE website <http://charlottehomeschool.com> and tap on the link **Mon.Tutored Class Reg** to view the classes and their descriptions. The required Texts are also included in the descriptions if you wanted to take advantage of the Used Curriculum book fair this weekend to fill some of your class needs.

Notice we have a new class location: Crosswalk Teen Center, 103 W. Lawrence Avenue, Charlotte, MI

Please direct any questions to Diana Tennes. You may also contact the tutor if you have further questions about the classes they are offering.



## Lansing Area Homeschool Academy

A new Homeschool experience is coming to Lansing! Lansing Area Homeschool Academy is blessed to link arms with CHES. LAHA (Formally known as Kidworks/Teenworks) is joining CHES under their Academic Enrichment umbrella! We look forward to coming alongside those families that are looking for a little extra help in their homeschool. We believe in using a Biblical worldview to support families in their home education efforts. We do this by providing tutoring for homeschooled children in grades K-6 one day per week (Wednesdays) in which students take classes, share lunch with friends, and have the opportunity to participate in both academic and elective subjects. The Academy offers families support, accountability, and social connections. We are centrally located in Mid Michigan and will be meeting for classes at the West Lansing Church of Christ. What we offer:

### ▽ Kindergarten through 4th Grade Program:

The purpose of our program is to support families in their homeschool journey through academic and Biblical instruction. The program operates on Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 3:15 p.m. for students in kindergarten through fourth grade. We offer a well-rounded program with full curriculum in core classes including Writing, History, and Science, as well as a variety of electives. These electives include Art, Music, Spanish and Life Skills. Families have the option of choosing full day attendance, core classes only, or electives on an individual basis.

Classes are instructed by tutors who are qualified experts in their subject matter.

### ▽ 5th and 6th Grade:

Students in grades 5-6 can choose individual classes in English, History, Science, Spanish, and Art. Each class is taught from a biblical perspective and focuses on academic excellence.

Classes are offered on Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. All classes are geared for 5th and 6th grade and are 1 hour and 15 minutes in length. Students may register for 1-5 classes per day. (Study Hall is available for those who need to wait for a class or transportation)

For more information about the Academy, please contact: Pam Smith, [psmith@lansingareahomeschoolacademy.com](mailto:psmith@lansingareahomeschoolacademy.com) or Valorie LeFevre, [lefevrev@comcast.net](mailto:lefevrev@comcast.net) [www.lansingareahomeschoolacademy.com](http://www.lansingareahomeschoolacademy.com)

## High School History Course

Are you tired of "textbook" history? Mindless memorization of seemingly unrelated names, dates, and events that escape your memory immediately after "brain-dumping" on a test? I'm inviting high school students to join me on an adventure through American history from World War I to the present using Dr. Bill Bennett's *America: The Last Best Hope* series. We will complete *Volume II: From a World at War to the Triumph of Freedom* and get as far as we can through *Volume III: From the Collapse of Communism to the Rise of Radical Islam*.

While the text will serve as the frame of the curriculum, you will enjoy digging through primary source documents and researching independently to discover the meaning and impact of some of the most pivotal moments in American history. Time after time, you'll see how America, led by men whose moral compass was founded in Judeo-Christian values,

protected freedom for people not only in our own country but around the globe. You'll also discover how moral apathy has drawn our nation away from God and diminished our influence on the global stage.

You will earn your grade based on chapter tests, essays, and class participation and presentations. You will also create a timeline.

I will provide grades on all assignments and end-of-semester grades.

This class will meet for 90 minutes once a week either at my home (DeWitt Township, 2 miles north of the airport), or I may utilize the facility at Capitol City Baptist if that becomes available. At this point in time, I'm not sure about the status of that venue.

Cost: \$300.00 for full-year course (includes copy fee).

### Prerequisites:

-Students should be reading and writing at a high school level and be comfortable writing a standard essay.

-Students need access to the internet.

-Knowledge of Microsoft PowerPoint to create class presentations is helpful (or the willingness to learn how to use it to create class presentations).

If you are interested in this adventure, please contact Dena Roberts, [nicdena@prodigy.net](mailto:nicdena@prodigy.net) or call 517.886.1398.

## Mr. Bill Classes at Capitol City Baptist

Most of my students call me "Mister Bill". I live in Grand Rapids, Michigan. My wife, Mary, and I are celebrating our 32nd year of marriage this year. We have home-schooled four children. I will be at the CHES Open House where you can get more information regarding the classes I will be teaching at Capitol City Baptist this Fall.

Here is a brief listing:

### Junior Handyman Skills - Ages 9-12

Students will learn basic woodworking skills, make crafts, and build things that can be sometimes take home for show-n-tell. They will be introduced to a myriad of hand tools and be able to use them. They will learn how to plan, measure, mark, and cut wood, metal, plastic, and other materials. They will also learn many types of fasteners, and methods for using them to hang cabinets, shelves and other things.

### Handyman Skills - High School

This course is geared to help young men and women learn to tackle many home improvement projects and repairs. The class covers all the handyman basics, i.e. mechanical leverage, tools, fasteners, indoor & outdoor construction, electricity & electrical wiring, low-voltage systems (phone, CATV, networking, security/fire systems, etc.), plumbing, small engine repair, basic automotive maintenance, and lots more.

### Home and Office Computing - High School

During the first couple weeks, students learn some of the basics about the anatomy of a computer, operating systems, and computer networking. The primary focus for the remainder of the course is on helping students develop basic home and office computing skills using six powerful OpenOffice™ applications that are compatible with other major office suites (*Writer™*, *Calc™*, *Impress™*, *Draw™*, *Math™*, and *Base™*).

### Physics - 10th through 12th grade

Physics is a really fun two-hour class, consisting of both lecture and lab. The lecture chronologically follows the textbook, which is broken up into 16 modules. During lab time, students will perform a variety of experiments, relative to each topic.

Tutored Classes!



*Different Homes,  
Different Schools  
... One Lord.*

**C.H.E.S.S.**

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**Call: (517) 913-6312**

**Or Write: CHES, P.O. Box 241, Holt, MI 48842**

### **CHES Purpose:**

**To support, encourage, and equip mid-Michigan home educators,** by offering information, opportunities, activities, resources, and relationships with other Christian home educating families.

### **CHES Values:**

1. **CHRIST-CENTERED** *"One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all..." -Ephesians 4:5&6* Open to all interested mid-Michigan home educators, C.H.E.S.S. specifically ministers to Christian home educating families willing to look beyond our many differences and focus instead on what we have in common: our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. **COOPERATION** *"... serve one another in love." -Galatians 5:13* C.H.E.S.S. operates cooperatively as we all work together, allowing each of the home educating families in our midst to contribute their various skills, talents, insights, and experiences to the benefit of all involved.
3. **COMMUNITY** *"...in Christ we who are many form one body..." -Romans 12:5* An interdenominational ministry, C.H.E.S.S. seeks to help home educating families connect and build relationships, thereby bringing unity within the Body of Christ and creating a homeschooling community of Believers.
4. **CONTINUATION** *"One generation will commend Your works to another..." -Psalm 145:4* C.H.E.S.S. desires to see our efforts in assisting Christian home educators have impact far into the future as our children rise up and become the leaders of the next generation, living out their faith and passing along what they have learned - even training our grandchildren through Christian home education.

### **2013/2014 Leadership Team:**

**Vision: Mike & Kim Winter**

**[MinSup@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:MinSup@lansinghomeschoolers.com) or 321-2499**

**Ministry Support Statement of Purpose:** To oversee the ministry of CHES, continually casting the vision for Biblically-centered, parent directed, privately-funded home discipleship.

**Ministry Areas:** Summer studies, Equipping leaders, Coordinating the leadership team, Parent Forums, etc

**Enrichment: Joe & Debbie Cooper**

**[AcEnrich@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:AcEnrich@lansinghomeschoolers.com) or 627-7598**

**Enrichment Statement of Purpose:** To provide supplemental learning opportunities which enrich our children's education, giving them occasions to learn and interact with other home educators.

**Ministry Areas:** Tuesday Tutors, Wednesday Lansing Area Homeschool Academy, Thursday Academic Co-op Day, Friday Enrichment Day Co-Ops, Small group co-ops, Creation Science Camp, Academic Competitions (i.e. GeoBee, Spelling Bee, Speech Meet, Science Fair, Quiz Busters, etc.), Standardized Testing, Mid-Michigan Graduation,

**Connections: George & Lori Squillace**

**[comcon@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:comcon@lansinghomeschoolers.com) or 599-7366**

**Connections Statement of Purpose:** To help strengthen relationships within families, with other like-minded homeschool families, and with the community as we reach out and serve providing a positive testimony for Christ.

**Ministry Areas:** Wharton Theater Tickets, Field Trips, Year-end Celebration, Summer Playtime in the Park, Summer Family Camping, "Back-to-Homeschool" Picnic, Hayride/Apple Orchard Trip, Fall Festival, Christmas "Gingerbread" Creations, Family Fun Night, Valentine's Bowling, Daddy/Daughter Dance, Mother/Son Fun, Spring Formal

**Service Areas:** "Mini" Service Projects integrated into CHES events, One Time Service Opportunities, Fire Up Ministry, Rescue Mission, Youth Haven

**Encouragement: Greg & Susan Elliott**

**[Encourage@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:Encourage@lansinghomeschoolers.com) or 676-1827**

**Encouragement Team Statement of Purpose:** To minister to the needs of CHES families, welcoming and orienting new members, assisting those new to homeschooling and providing support and encouragement for CHES families.

**Ministry Areas:** Mom's Night Out, Dad's Discussion, Prayer Ministry, Manna Ministry, Mentoring Moms, Hospitality Team, Special Needs Special Blessings, Time Apart Ladies Retreat, Pre Homeschool Group, MOTLEY Moms

**Information: Bernie & Marcia Holmes and  
Chris & Jenny Hundt**

**[Comm@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:Comm@lansinghomeschoolers.com) or 676-9029  
(Holmes) or 646-2387 (Hundt)**

**Communications Team Statement of Purpose:** To facilitate communication and disperse information relevant to our home education efforts, both to CHES members and those desiring to know more about CHES or home educating.

**Ministry Areas:** "Forward in Technology Team", Website, Email Updates/Monday Memo, Membership Database, Information Gatherers (i.e. public policy, local events, homeschool events), Membership Handbook and Directory, Contact List, CHES Phonenumber, CHES Open House

**Resources: John & Miriam Woods**

**[Resource@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:Resource@lansinghomeschoolers.com) or 543-5629**

**Resource Team Statement of Purpose:** To assist in wise stewardship of our resources, both those of individual home educating families & of the CHES organization.

**Ministry Areas:** Lending Library, Tutor List, Bookkeeping, Inventory Manager, Financial Team, Curriculum Assistance Program, Meijer Community Rewards, Boxtops & Labels for Education, Used Curriculum Sale, God's World News

**CHES operates under the direction of a volunteer leadership team of homeschooling couples,  
but what really makes CHES work is that so many give so willingly!**

# - Connections Team -

**Coordinators: George & Lori Squillace Contact: [comcon@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:comcon@lansinghomeschoolers.com) or call 517.599.7366**

## **CHES 2.0 Connections Team Update**

We hope your family has been blessed by the many great opportunities that were available for you to connect, celebrate, and serve at and through the one-time events that occurred throughout the past school year. Hats off to the great event coordinators and teams that worked so hard to make events like the fall festival, year end picnic, and Wharton Center tickets possible (too many to mention here ... but big thanks to all the coordinators and teams.) If you went to the daddy-daughter dance, spa night, gingerbread house or the back to school picnic, you may have noticed that we have worked towards integrating service projects into these events to help meet some of the needs in our community and bless others - what an incredible opportunity to be able to serve The Lord together and make an impact in our community while connecting with other families at these special events. We hope to bring these small service projects to even more events next school year.

We are pleased to report that many of the individuals who coordinated events this past year have graciously agreed to lead their events again during the year ahead. However, there are several opportunities for you to coordinate an event this year. We still have Field Day that needs a coordinator. Or, if you've got a great idea for a new event (a father/son event, marriage date nights, etc), or a service project that can easily be incorporated into an existing event, the Connections Team can help you get started. We are also looking for someone who might be interested in working to expand the Fire Up Ministry to help expand the after school program and share the gospel! Please consider these opportunities as you consider your area of service within CHES for the year ahead.

Here is the statement of purpose for the Connections Team. Purpose of the Connections Team: To help build and strengthen relationships within families, with other like-minded homeschool families, and with the greater mid-Michigan community as we reach out and serve, providing a positive testimony for Christ.

If you are interested in coordinating any of the events that do not to currently have a coordinator, please contact George and Lori Squillace at [comcon@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:comcon@lansinghomeschoolers.com) prior to the Open House. This information is needed ahead of time so we can seek volunteers at the Open House. Also, we will need lots of volunteers again this year to make the monthly events successful. So if you are a returning CHES member, and this is an area of interest, there will be an opportunity for you to sign up to be part of one of these great teams at the Open House (June 3rd) for your area of service.

For His Glory,  
Chris and Jenny Hundt

p.s. A special welcome and thank you to George and Lori Squillace - the new CHES leadership couple for Connections!

*Do you love creating special memories or planning fun family events? Are you passionate about helping people build relationships- both within their own family and with other like-minded families? If you have a passion for raising children with servant's hearts and for reaching out to meet needs and build bridges into the community around us, then the Connections Team would be the place for you to serve!*

"By love, serve one another..." Galatians 5:13

## **Connections Statement of Purpose...**

Our goal is to coordinate wholesome family events which will build special memories, strengthen family relationships, provide encouragement and offer opportunities to connect with other home educators. The desire is to provide opportunities for homeschooling families to look beyond ourselves as we serve our community while building relationships. We are focused on reaching out and making an impact, through Community Service opportunities that will be in conjunction with the CHES events listed below.

## **Spotlight on Family Connections...**

The Connections Team is responsible for the memorable family events CHES offers throughout the year and implementing service projects with each event. This area offers many great opportunities for you to be of service to CHES families-- especially to draw in those that are not yet well-connected with others! Responsibilities in this area involve the planning and implementation of events - some one time, while others are for a longer period of time.

## **Ministry Areas:**

Most events, whether one time or ongoing, need 2 types of volunteers:

### **Connection Coordinator:**

Someone who will work as the coordinator in leading a team of others in organizing the event and service project. They need to have a passion for helping others and working on a team. They would need to lead the team in finding a place and time for the event (most events already have several places available) and make sure all details are worked out.

### **Support Team:**

The support team is made up of several people who will help organize the event and work with the coordinator. They need to be team players, willing to help plan and run the event. Each area will have a team working together using each other's strengths to make the best event possible.

*Connections!*

# - Connections Team -

Coordinators: George & Lori Squillace Contact: [comcon@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:comcon@lansinghomeschoolers.com) or call 517.599.7366

## Our current events are as follows:

### **Playtime In the Park:**

A weekly gathering on Wednesday mornings throughout the summer at Lansing area parks for fun and fellowship. Coordinator for this area is responsible for finding "hostesses" for weekly summer gatherings and compiling a schedule for members.

Coordinator: Filled

### **Theater:**

Theater tickets are acquired through discount group sales for a number of different theater and musical productions at Wharton Center, All-of-us Children's Express, Children's Ballet Theater, and other venues. This area of service requires a theater coordinator and a small team of assistants who together can handle the orders, payment, and delivery of tickets to interested homeschooling families.

Coordinator Filled

Assistant Filled

### **Family Camping:**

CHESS families can head out to a selected campground for a few days of fun! (Summer)

Coordinator Filled

### **Back-to-Homeschool Kick-Off:**

An old fashioned pot luck and field games for all CHESS families to fellowship as we "kick-off" the new school year. (September)

Coordinator Filled

Support Team \_\_\_\_\_

### **Hayride/Apple Orchard Trip:**

A fall family outing to an orchard and enjoy fellowship. (October)

Coordinator Filled

Support Team \_\_\_\_\_

### **Fall Festival:**

Family-friendly alternative to Halloween involving: hayride, games, stories, treats, prizes, and other activities. (October)

Coordinator Filled

Support Team \_\_\_\_\_

### **Christmas "Gingerbread" Creations:**

Assemble, decorate and take home your own "gingerbread" (graham cracker) house. (December)

Coordinator Filled

Support Team \_\_\_\_\_

### **Family Fun Night:**

A time for families to gather and fellowship while swimming, climbing and skating at the YMCA!! (January)

Coordinator Filled

### **Valentines Bowling:**

A time to bowl together & then join in a traditional Valentine Party where kids exchange cards. (February)

Coordinator Filled

Support Team \_\_\_\_\_

### **Daddy/Daughter Dance:**

A special night for dads and their daughters to celebrate St. Valentines Day. (February)

Coordinator Filled

Support Team \_\_\_\_\_

### **Mother/Son Fun:**

Because moms and sons deserve fun too!! (Spring)

Coordinator Filled

Support Team \_\_\_\_\_

### **Spring Format:**

Something new is in the making. More details to come (Spring)

Coordinator Filled

Support Team \_\_\_\_\_

### **Year-End Celebration:**

A big barbeque to recognize your children's progress and officially congratulate them on a successful year! (June)

Coordinator Filled

Support Team \_\_\_\_\_

If one of your favorite events from years past is not listed here, but you would like to bring it back - please consider coordinating it! If there is an event that you think would be a wonderful addition to the CHESS calendar, and you are willing to coordinate it & make it a reality - please let us know!

### **Service Opportunities**

To work together to serve, providing practical help to both CHESS members and others, and in so-doing to be a positive testimony for Christ and home education, building bridges into the greater mid-Michigan community. Over the years, relationships have been built between CHESS and ministries in the community listed below. If you have a passion to organize other service projects, please let us know.

### **City Rescue Mission of Lansing**

A service coordinator will work with the Rescue Mission to identify needs they have that can be met by CHESS homeschool families. Families are given the opportunity to sign up to volunteer through the CHESS coordinator to serve meals or meet other needs at the two Lansing locations.

Rescue Mission Coordinator: Filled

Connections!

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## **Youth Haven Ranch**

Youth Haven is a non-denominational Christian outreach with a single purpose of meeting the needs of disadvantaged youth – free of charge. Over the years CHES has been involved in service projects at Youth Haven such as summer and fall clean up days. A coordinator would set up opportunities for families to participate.

Youth Haven Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Filled \_\_\_\_\_

## **Fire Up! Ministry - Expansion**

Imagine homeschool families going into public schools and talking about Jesus Christ to school aged children! It is happening! Fire Up ministry has a team of CHES homeschool parents and children who run a Christian based VBS style program for students in after school programs once a week. A communications coordinator would help grow this already existing program. The job of the communications coordinator would be to advertise for the Fire Up ministry within CHES and to help facilitate communication within the Fire Up Team.

Fire Up! Communications Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Up also provides cookies for the kids each week. A Fire Up! Cookie Coordinator would be a blessing to the team. This person would help donate cookies once a month or once a quarter (as desired), advertise for cookie donations, organizing a rotation, and sending out reminders to the team. This could be a great mom/daughter project!

Fire Up! Cookie Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Filled \_\_\_\_\_

Connections!

Encouragement!

# - Encouragement Team -

Coordinators: Greg & Susan Elliott Contact: [encourage@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:encourage@lansinghomeschoolers.com) or call 676-1827

## CHES 2.0 Encouragement Team Update

We hope that your family has been blessed by the variety of encouraging opportunities during this school year! We want to thank the various teams and coordinators that worked hard to make sure that ongoing avenues of encouragement like Moms Night Out, Dads Breakfasts, Special Needs Special Blessings, the Prayer Line, New Member Encouragement, and Manna Ministry were available and growing! We want to thank those who started new encouragement opportunities, like the PreSchool Group! We also want to thank the coordinators and teams for one-time encouragement events such as the Time Apart and the New Member Dessert! Thank you so much!

Encouragement is priceless when the homeschool road gets tough or life throws some extra challenges into the mix! If you have been on the receiving end of encouragement from ANY of these teams, you know what a blessing it is! We are pleased to report that many of our coordinators are returning. But we are doing some reorganization and adding some new areas, so there are plenty of places to serve! Just a few of the opportunities:

- Hospitality Team (replacing New Member Dessert team) —to provide and serve snacks at New Member Dessert, Forums, C3 (Coordinator Needed)
- Moms In Touch—to open their homes regularly for CHES moms to gather and pray (Hosts Needed)

One change in Encouragement Team to Note:

- Manna Ministry – will still be blessing families with meals when there is a need due to having a baby, surgeries, etc. BUT rather than filling it from a list of volunteers, the coordinator will be making the need known to those who have contact with that family (ie. those in their enrichment day, co-ops, etc.) so that those close to the family already will get the first opportunity to bless them with a meal. This will make the meal even more of a blessing to the family and the provider, as it builds on a connection previously made. Due to this change, there will not be a general list to sign up on to provide meals as an area of service.

If homeschoolers don't receive encouragement throughout the years often don't keep homeschooling – not always because they didn't want to continue, but because they felt overwhelmed & inadequate. The Encouragement Team strives to provide a variety of opportunities for homeschooling families to be encouraged: in their homeschooling journey & parenting, but also in their walk with God. If you would like to head up one of the new Encouragement areas OR you would like to discuss and see what might be your best fit in the Encouragement Team, please contact Greg & Susan Elliott at [elliotttribe@att.net](mailto:elliotttribe@att.net). If you would like to serve on one of these teams, you can sign up to do so at the Open House on June 3rd.

If God has also given you a heart for encouraging others, please prayerfully consider what your role would be on the Encouragement Team!

Greg & Susan Elliott

*If you have a heart for encouraging and helping other homeschooling families and a desire to be used by God in the lives of others, there is a place for you to serve on this team!*

### Ministry Support Statement of Purpose...

To minister to the needs of CHES member families, welcoming and orienting new members, assisting those new to homeschooling and providing support and encouragement for CHES families.

### Spotlight on Ministry Support:

The Encouragement Team members work together to accomplish the overall purpose of CHES-- supporting, encouraging, and equipping other home educating parents. The Encouragement Team is made up of those volunteers willing to assist with the following areas: Mom's Night Out, Dad's Activities, Ladies' Time Apart, Manna Ministry, the CHES Prayerline and the Hospitality Team.

### Ministry Areas:

#### Mom's Night Out:

Mom's Night Out (MNO) is a monthly time for moms to be encouraged, meet other ladies within CHES, and enjoy a night "out." MNO is led by a small team of gals who coordinate, host, and facilitate the discussions at each of our last Tuesday of the month gatherings (Sept-May, except NO Dec. meeting). They plan topics to be discussed, set up speakers and panels, submit articles about MNO for the newsletter & email updates, lead discussions, and encourage fun and fellowship by including icebreakers, refreshments and prize drawings. MNO is made possible by many volunteers working together. Needed:

Coordinators/Planning Team (3): 1 or 2 more needed (have 3 already)

Hospitality Coordinator (1): Filled

Discussion Leader/Facilitator: Filled

Dessert/Snack Providers (4): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Dad's Activities:

CHES desires that Dads take an active role in the home schooling and discipleship of their families. We seek to create activities for Dads to come together for fellowship and learning. We also want to plan events for fathers and children to spend time enjoying each other and the company of other homeschoolers.

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

# - Encouragement Team -

Coordinators: Greg & Susan Elliott Contact: [encourage@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:encourage@lansinghomeschoolers.com) or call 676-1827

## **Mentoring Moms:**

CHES is growing every year! New Members need encouragement, as well as someone to ask questions to! Some new homeschoolers already have a support system and network in place, but mentoring moms will connect with new homeschoolers who don't to be sure they have all the CHES information they need and come alongside them as they start their home-schooling journey!

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Manna Ministry:**

Manna Ministry provides meals for CHES families that could benefit from them due to illness, new baby or other circumstances that make meals a practical blessing for the family. The Manna Ministry Coordinator will contact members as needs arise, according to the CHES areas the receiving family is a part of. This will allow members the family already knows to minister to them.

Coordinator: Filled \_\_\_\_\_

## **Special Needs/Special Blessings:**

A monthly support and encouragement meeting for moms with special needs children. The location varies from month to month.

Coordinators: Filled \_\_\_\_\_

## **Pre-Homeschooling Group:**

A regular time for moms of preschoolers (who are considering homeschooling) to come together. Children have time to play, while moms can connect, encourage, and support one another. Field trips geared for preschoolers also take place.

Coordinator: Filled \_\_\_\_\_

## **Hospitality Team:**

The Hospitality Team will provide and serve desserts or snacks at various gatherings throughout the year. Their role will be to come alongside the team hosting an event, with the specific purpose of helping with refreshments. This will allow the hosting team to focus on the other aspects of the events. Some of the events that the Hospitality Team will be serving at are: New Member Dessert, Parent Forums and Curriculum Crash Course. Other opportunities may arise as the year progresses. Each member of the Hospitality Team will provide/serve snacks at 2-3 events throughout the year.

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_ (9-10 needed)

## **MOTLEY Moms:**

Mothers of Teens Loving and Encouraging their Youth! We meet to discuss issues that moms have as we homeschool jr. high and high schoolers but we also encourage each other that we can make it to graduation!

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Ladies' Time Apart Retreat:**

The Time Apart Ladies Retreat is an annual retreat for home-schooling moms to be refreshed, fellowship, meet new friends and take "time apart" from their regular routine to focus on God, plan for the coming year and enjoy time with sisters in Christ. Time Apart is made possible by the retreat coordinator, the emcee, and a volunteer team of people to help with promotion, planning, coordinating a team to help supply meals, decorations, activities, musical worship leader, check in, donation acquisition, set up and clean up. (Jan or February)

Co-Coordinator (Team of 6): 5 still needed \_\_\_\_\_

## **Prayerline:**

CHES Prayerline includes Mom's In Touch, prayer email updates, and praying for the needs of CHES members as they are made known to the coordinator. The Prayerline coordinator sends out email prompts to pray, plans the Mom's In Touch agenda, submits monthly summaries of the prayer requests and prays for the CHES requests personally. The Assistant Coordinator acts as a back up for the Coordinator when they are out of town and prays for the needs of CHES along with the Coordinator. Mom's In Touch meeting leaders hostess weekly prayer meetings. Needed:

Coordinator- Filled \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Coordinator- Filled \_\_\_\_\_

Mom's In Touch leader- \_\_\_\_\_ (At least 3 needed)

Encouragement!

# - Enrichment Team -

**Coordinators: Joe & Debbie Cooper Contact: [acenrich@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:acenrich@lansinghomeschoolers.com) or call 627-7598**

## **CHES 2.0 Enrichment Team Update**

We hope your family has been blessed by the many great enrichment opportunities that were available throughout the past school year. We would like to say a big "THANK YOU!" to all of our Enrichment area coordinators! If you attend any of the three Enrichment Day venues, the Academic Co-ops that meet on Thursdays at South Church, or participated in any of the other Enrichment events: Quiz Busters, the Spelling Bee, Creation Camp, Art with Don West, and Standardized Testing, please be sure to thank your coordinators! The Enrichment opportunities that CHES has available would not be possible without this great team of coordinators that put so much time and energy into making their service areas a success!

CHES has a new Enrichment opportunity available this year. Brad and Valorie LeFevre have stepped up and formed a team to offer tutored classes for children in grades K-6. This new area is known as The Lansing Area Homeschool Academy and will be offering classes on Wednesdays at West Lansing Church of Christ.

We are pleased to report that many of the individuals who coordinated this past year have graciously agreed to continue to serve in the same area in the year ahead. However, there are several opportunities for you to coordinate an event this year. A few of the Enrichment events that have occurred in the past and need a coordinator to make them happen this year are: Geography Bee, Science Fair and Speech Meet. We have packets of information that we can pass along to you if you are willing to coordinate one of these events. A CHES mom recently started a chess club, because it was something that she wanted for her son. We love it when families have a passion for something and take the initiative to make it happen! If you have a great idea for a new Enrichment event or co-op, the Enrichment Team can help you get started! We are also looking to build a team to organize tutored classes for high school students. These classes would meet on Tuesdays at Capitol City Baptist. There has been much interest expressed from families who would like to have these types of classes available for their children as well as people who would like to tutor these classes. Now we just need a team to make it happen! Please think through and pray over these opportunities as you consider your area of service within CHES for the year ahead.

Here is the statement of purpose for the Enrichment Team. Purpose of the Enrichment Team: To provide supplemental learning opportunities which enrich our children's education, giving them occasions to learn and interact with other home educators.

If you are interested in coordinating any of the events that do not to currently have a coordinator, please contact Joe and Debbie Cooper at [acenrich@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:acenrich@lansinghomeschoolers.com) prior to the Open House. This information is needed ahead of time

so we can seek volunteers at the Open House. Also, we will need lots of volunteers again this year to make the one time Enrichment events possible. So if you are a returning CHES member, and this is an area of interest, there will be an opportunity for you to sign up to be part of one of these great teams at the Open House (June 3rd) for your area of service.

In His Service,  
Joe and Debbie Cooper

*If you have a heart for making sure our children receive an excellent and well-rounded education, and are passionate about the need for cooperative teaching and mutual accountability, then this may be the team for you!*

## **Enrichment Statement of Purpose...**

To provide supplemental learning opportunities which enrich our children's education, giving them occasions to learn and interact with other home educators.

## **Spotlight on Enrichment...**

Enrichment Team members work together to offer enriching and co-operative educational opportunities for our children. The Enrichment Team is responsible for overseeing the following CHES activities— Academic Co-op Day, Enrichment Days, Small Group Co-ops and Standardized Testing and more! Opportunities for service abound on this team: from weekly or monthly responsibilities; from being center stage to many behind the scenes volunteers.

## **Ministry Areas:**

**Friday Enrichment Day:** Enrichment Day is a large cooperative effort on the part of CHES families who desire to provide for their children supplemental learning opportunities which will enrich their education in the areas of physical education, the arts and those courses that tend to fall outside of core-subject areas. All participating families serve in some way at Enrichment Day, but we especially need volunteers to coordinate each of the various teaching teams. Enrichment Day Areas of Service:

Eastside – AM Enrichment Day:  
Support/Coordination Team:       Filled      

Other Team Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Northside – AM Enrichment Day:  
Support/Coordination Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Team Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Westside – AM Enrichment Day:  
Support/Coordination Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Team Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Enrichment Day Location: Interest in coordinating?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Enrichment!



# - Enrichment Team -

Coordinators: Joe & Debbie Cooper Contact: [acenrich@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:acenrich@lansinghomeschoolers.com) or call 627-7598

**Small Group Co-ops:** A wide variety of Small Group co-ops can be offered and are as varied as homeschoolers are. They range from as intense as meeting once a week following a pre-selected curriculum to as relaxed as meeting once a month just to talk about a book that you have read. (Need as many as are willing to coordinate.)

Co-Op Contact/Coordinator  
(for \_\_\_\_\_ Co-op): \_\_\_\_\_

**Standardized Testing:** We offer our annual standardized testing each spring (using the Stanford Achievement Test ordered through Bob Jones University) for all interested homeschoolers in grades 2-12. This is a great way to measure your child's progress and to identify areas of strengths and weaknesses.

Testing Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Testing Administrators: (8 needed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Test Ordering: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday Academic Co-op Day:** Held at South Church on Snow Rd., these co-ops will generally meet every week. Co-ops will cover academic subjects, which will provide the main course of study in those subject areas for the year. Expect children in classes designed for 3rd grade and up to have assignments at home throughout the week. Older children in particular should be willing to commit to completing assignments and come to co-op class ready to be an active, contributing participant. One parent from each family is expected to serve faithfully on a teaching team.

Writing: (this co-op will meet every other week!)  
Class Coordinators: See co-op listing for needed coordinators

Registration & Support Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Filled

Science Co-ops:

Class Coordinators: See co-op listing for needed coordinators

Registration & Support Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Filled

History Co-ops:

Class Coordinators: See co-op listing for needed coordinators

Registration & Support Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Filled

**Quiz Busters:** The Lansing Homeschoolers has been a team competing on WKAR's quizbusters for a number of years now. CHES has picked up the effort to organize a team of five high school students--four players and one alternate--to keep the opportunity alive. Players answer trivia questions in such areas as history, science, math, literature, sports, the arts, entertainment, and more. The team does not meet on a regular basis but gathers several times in the fall to prepare for competition.

## Geography Bee:

CHES offers an official National Geographic GeoBee each January for all homeschool students in grades 4-8.

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emcee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judges/Timers (3 needed): \_\_\_\_\_

## Science Fair:

Individual children or whole families can create a display on a scientific theme, display the results of an experiment, or even re-create the experiment for hands-on learning fun!

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Planning & Event Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

## Speech Meet:

This is an opportunity to help your children overcome their fears of speaking in front of a group and to learn other public speaking skills, as well.

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judges (6 needed): \_\_\_\_\_  
Scorers (3 needed): \_\_\_\_\_  
Event Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

## Spelling Bee:

Good old-fashioned fun for students in grades 1-8! Students are invited to participate at whatever level is appropriate for their spelling abilities.

Coordinator: Filled  
Emcee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judges/Timers (3 needed): \_\_\_\_\_  
Planning & Event Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

## Creation Camp:

A fall camp experience offered for 10-12 year olds. Packed into three days and two nights is a fun-filled experience in the outdoor classroom. A coordinator is needed to organize and collect registration for this event.

Creation Camp Coordinator: Filled

## Christian Art for Kids with Don West:

A monthly art class for ages 8 and up. Mr. West has been joyfully teaching realistic drawing through Bible themes to students for the past 16 years. The classes meet once a month for three hours at South Church. A coordinator is needed to register families, contact families about specific class times, check students in for the class, and collect payments for Mr. West.

Art Class Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Filled

## Mid-Michigan Graduation:

This CHES sponsored event will give your senior the perfect "close" to their high school story. The Mid-Michigan Home-school Graduation runs very much like a co-op with each participating family helping to make the program beautiful and meaningful for their graduates.

Coordinator: Filled  
Support Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrichment!

# - Information Team -

**Coordinators: Bernie & Marcia Holmes Contact: comm@lansinghomeschoolers.com or call 676-9029  
Chris & Jenny Hundt Contact: comm@lansinghomeschoolers.com or call 646-2387**

## **CHES 2.0 Information Team Update**

"Knowledge is power" That is a quote credited to 16th century English philosopher Sir Francis Bacon. We all know this is certainly true when it comes to knowledge about Jesus, and the power of God that can be unleashed in our lives ... the power to forgive and to serve and to love. A common spin off of Bacon's quote is "information is power". CHES 2.0 wants to make you a powerful leader and educator in your homeschool by delivering relevant and timely information to you.

As we launch CHES 2.0 we will first be looking to get information from you. Information about how and where you get information about CHES and the opportunities offered through our cooperative by fellow CHES members. Look for a survey at the Open House.

To ensure that CHES is effective in delivering you quality information we need your help. Please prayerfully consider joining our team as we embark on a journey to:

1) Ensure we are making the best use of available technology to deliver information- we are calling this, "Forward in Technology" and we are looking for a team to review our IT backbone and explore opportunities to better leverage technology (blogs, YouTube channel, on-line registration, etc.)

2) Collect and disseminate relevant information -  
- A priority of CHES leadership is keeping the heart of homeschooling message out to members and to continue to remind us of why we do what we do! It is easy to get wrapped up in the busyness of life, academics and other things - so new this year...we'd like to send periodic Bible verse and articles that can keep us refreshed and encouraged. CHES's vision: Impacting our world for Christ through the home education of the next generation.  
- We'd like to reestablish a team of content gatherers, who will provide information for the members on an ongoing basis. We already have one team member focusing on local events. We are looking for one person to cover public policy (i.e. HSLDA updates, SSI, Teenpact, etc) and another person to cover ongoing things in the area for homeschoolers (i.e. Impression 5, YMCA, planetarium, etc).  
- Other ideas on the docket if we grow our team are Newsletters, "Did you Know?" role that would highlight a different fact about CHES each week, etc.

3) Create information tools helpful to others - we are looking for many team members to help develop things like a member directory, business directory, information for those considering homeschooling, CHES handbook, contact list of CHES coordinators/events, etc. All of these roles are open and it would be great if we can get many people that can each take one of these projects and make it happen!

We have a long "to do" list, but these things will only happen with your help. We hope we can make some of those a real-

ity this year. Let's join together to help members of our co-op unleash the power available through information. Please stop by the Information Team's table at the Open House to find out more about how you can get plugged in.

All for His Glory,  
The Information Team  
Bernie & Marcia Holmes and Chris & Jenny Hundt

*If you value clear communication and enjoy serving behind the scenes in a ministry area which offers many diverse opportunities - from expressing your creativity through design, to helping collate the many publications CHES members enjoy receiving, we have a place for you on our team!!*

## **Information Team Statement of Purpose...**

To facilitate communication and disperse information relevant to our home education efforts, both to CHES members and those desiring to know more about CHES or home educating.

## **Spotlight On the Information Team...**

To ensure that CHES is effective in delivering you quality information we need your help! Please prayerfully consider joining our team as we embark on a journey to:

- ▽ Ensure we are making the best use of available technology to deliver information.
- ▽ Collect and disseminate relevant information
- ▽ Create new information tools that will be helpful to you and others.

Please note that some areas of service are weekly while others may be monthly and a few only once a year.

## **Ministry Areas:**

### **Forward in Technology:**

We'd like to ensure we are making the best use of available technology to deliver information. We are calling this "Forward in Technology" and we are looking for a team to review our IT backbone and explore opportunities to better leverage technology (i.e. blogs, YouTube Channel, on-line registration, etc.)

Forward in Technology Team (3 needed)     Filled    

### **Content Gatherers:**

We'd like to reestablish a team of content gatherers, who will provide information for members on an ongoing basis. People are needed to surf the web and gather information that is important to CHES families. If you like being online or have time to find information, this could be for you! After information is found, you would submit in the Monday Memo, Classifieds and Facebook. We'd like to have a person in each of the following areas gathering information each week/month

Information!

# - Information Team -

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and submit it for the CHES updates. There are two openings in the area of political and homeschool events:

- Political (i.e HSLDA, SSI, CTV, Parental Rights, etc) 1 needed \_\_\_\_\_
- Homeschool Events (i.e I5, YMCA, Bowling, Planetarium, etc) 1 needed \_\_\_\_\_
- Local Events (i.e., one time events in the community, Summer Reading programs, etc) – Filled

## **“Did you know?”:**

If you have been with CHES for many years and know the ins and outs, this might be just the role for you! We'd like someone to publish a weekly “Did you Know” about some aspect of, or opportunity available through CHES. Each coordinator/team is responsible for advertising their events, but this role may select an ongoing ministry or other activity and write a short summary, or give a tip about how to post a classified, or provide information someone may not know. Did you Know? (1 volunteer) \_\_\_\_\_

## **Newsletter:**

We'd like to form a team of 2 or more volunteers that can put together a CHES newsletter two to four times a year. Volunteers will be needed to put together and send the newsletter. This may involve gathering a little content, but most of the content should be readily available. Newsletter Team (2 needed): \_\_\_\_\_

## **Member Directory:**

A Membership Directory is a great way to match names with faces, it also provides contact information. The directory is completed once a year – usually in the fall. One or two volunteers are needed to coordinate this project, pull information together using access software, advertise for directory, get copies made and distributed. Directory Help (2 needed): \_\_\_\_\_

## **Business Directory:**

We would like to offer a Business Directory to provide members with information about those in CHES that have businesses. A volunteer is needed to collect information from CHES members and put together a directory which would be published in the fall. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to give your business to someone in our organization? Business Directory Volunteer(1 needed): \_\_\_\_\_

## **Information Packages:**

How many times do we get asked questions like “How do I get started in homeschooling?”, “How do I get connected in CHES?”, “How do I find out information about homeschooling special needs children?” and more. A team of two or three is needed to get information packets up and rolling. Wouldn't it be great to pull together information that addresses these commonly asked questions, put it into a user friendly format and make it accessible to all? Information Packages Team (3 needed) \_\_\_\_\_

## **Member Handbook:**

We'd like to offer a Membership Handbook to provide information explaining what CHES has to offer and how CHES operates. A team of two volunteers is needed to get this off the ground and available.

Member Handbook Team (2 needed): \_\_\_\_\_

## **Contact List:**

Wouldn't it be helpful to have a list of all the coordinators and events that CHES has to offer? Say you had a prayer request...you could go to the contact list and know who to contact to be put on a prayer list. Or say you wanted to know when an event was going to take place, you could look up the coordinator and ask directly. This information already exists, but we need someone to make it into something more user friendly and presented in a small document that can serve the members.

Contact List (1 needed) \_\_\_\_\_

## **CHES Phonenumber:**

We regularly receive, route and respond to requests for information via the CHES Phonenumber. We need someone who will check the phonenumber regularly and direct those with questions to the correct people.

Phonenumber (1 needed) \_\_\_\_\_

Phonenumber Backup (1 needed) \_\_\_\_\_

## **Open House/Information Fair**

The Open House/Information Fair is a chance for current members and those interested in joining CHES to see all of the many opportunities we offer. The event is coordinated by the CHES Leadership Team, but we are looking for a team to help with the various aspects of the evening including, purchasing and serving refreshments, set-up, greeters, checkout, data entry and clean-up. If you have teens that are willing to help too, this could be a great family service project! The 2015 Open House is tentatively planned for Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

Team For Open House (12-16 needed) \_\_\_\_\_

Information!

# Resources!

## - Resources Team -

Coordinators: John & Miriam Woods Contact: [resource@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:resource@lansinghomeschoolers.com) or call 543-5629

*If you have a heart to provide useful services which can practically help both CHES and its member families obtain needed resources, or a heart for proper management of finances and other resources, then this is your team!*

### Resource Team Statement of Purpose...

to provide financial and academic opportunities that benefit individual CHES families and CHES as a group and keep accurate financial records of CHES income and expenditures.

### Spotlight on Resources...

This team centers on the wise stewardship of three main areas: money, materials and information. Much of the work on the resource team is for those who like to work behind the scene, in support roles. Most service areas are ongoing except for the Used Curriculum Sale which is a one-time event each May.

The Resources Team is made up of volunteers that serve in one of the following areas:

- ▽ "Money" which includes Bookkeeping, Curriculum Assistance Program (CAP) and Meijer Community Rewards;
- ▽ "Materials" which includes CHES Lending Library (including Co-op and Science Materials), Used Curriculum Sale, Boxtops & Labels for Education, and Inventory.
- ▽ "Information" which includes Tutor Lists, Book Orders and Reading Incentive Programs.

### Ministry Areas:

#### Bookkeeping:

The Resources coordinator keeps accurate financial records of all CHES income and expenses. This includes making deposits, reimbursement checks, reconciling accounts with the bank.

#### Curriculum Assistance Program (CAP):

A program you earn money by purchasing gift certificates for stores and restaurants through CHES. A percentage is returned back to you at the end of the school year. Coordinators collect weekly orders, add and record orders, place the order with the Program, receive and distribute gift certificates to those who ordered. Needed:

Coordinator: Kathleen Chandler

#### Lending Library:

CHES has over 2,000 items including homeschooling books, magazines, videos, audio tapes, curriculum, science supplies, co-op bins, etc. A team is needed to take many books and items out of storage boxes, organize and set up a library at the new location at Capitol City Baptist. After set up, the library team would advertise the opening and hours, keep track of books checked out, and prepare books to be placed

in the library. Other possibilities are a mobile book tote that could be taken to co-ops for easier check out access.

Library Team (4 needed): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Used Curriculum Sale:

Each May, CHES sponsors a sale where books and curriculum are sold by individuals and purchased by other homeschooling families. Coordinator oversees the promotion or the sale, distributes seller account numbers, oversees the setup and take down of the sale. Lots of help is needed to make this event run smoothly.

Coordinator: Susan Hunt

Assistant Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Helpers: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Boxtops & Labels for Education:

These are programs that give CHES earnings. Boxtops and Campbell soup labels are collected from CHES members and sent in. Proceeds from the Boxtop program funds our "CHES Scholarship Fund" for families who need a little assistance to pay for membership dues, Enrichment Day, Ladies' Time Apart, etc. Coordinator collects and prepare to mail in Boxtops and labels usually twice a year.

Coordinator: Stacy Buher

#### Inventory:

CHES would like to offer various items for use by CHES members such as Lego Robotics items, tables, room rentals at facilities we use (i.e. possibly CCB), etc. A coordinator is needed to get this program up and running by developing an inventory list, get the word out to CHES members of this new program, and manage the inventory.

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Tutor List:

CHES would like to offer a "Directory of Tutors" to members. This directory would be a great resource for families who need a little extra help teaching some subject areas. This new coordinator would gather info from the homeschool community and compile a list that would be distributed to all members.

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Book Orders:

Monthly orders are placed with Scholastic Books for books and educational software at reasonable prices. Coordinator collects orders, places the order once a month and distributes materials.

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Reading Incentive Programs:

Coordinator gets the word out to CHES members of various reading incentive programs available. Some we have participated in are Pizza Hut, Schuler Bookstore, Barnes & Noble Bookstore.

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

# - Vision Team -

Coordinators: *Mike & Kim Winter* Contact: [minsupsup@lansinghomeschoolers.com](mailto:minsupsup@lansinghomeschoolers.com) or 321-2499

*If you have a heart to see Jesus lifted up and for homeschooling to be more than just 'school at home,' but rather a focus on training the next generation to be godly citizens of God's Kingdom... then maybe this is the team for you!*

## **Vision Team Statement of Purpose...**

to continually cast the vision for Biblically-centered, parent-directed, privately-funded home discipleship; to keep CHESSE's foundational focus on Jesus first and Jesus foremost.

## **Spotlight on Vision...**

We are looking for those willing to assist us with communicating CHESSE's vision and purpose clearly in all of CHESSE's many activities and resources and events, including things like hosting and leading Summer Studies, and organizing our Parent Forums, with the primary goal being to re-cast that vision, and focus again on all God wants to do in and through our homeschooling efforts.

## **Ministry Areas:**

### **Summer Studies:**

While we give the kids a little break from school during the summer months, we have opportunity to do our homework as parents! These studies are a chance to become better equipped and prepared to disciple your children by joining other CHESSE couples at a location and time of your choice for a few weeks of engaging discussion, study, and accountability! Serving on this team would allow you to help us select what we study each summer, as well as help us figure out when & where we gather.

Needed:

Study Hosts: (willing to open your home or church for 4 to 8 gatherings this summer) \_\_\_\_\_ (2 to 4 needed)

Study Leaders: (willing to read the material and watch the DVDs in advance so you're prepared to lead the study) \_\_\_\_\_ (2 to 4 needed)

### **Parent Forums:**

Serving on this team would mean helping to organize the details for on-going opportunities throughout the school-year to provide parents with a panel of veteran homeschoolers who can address various practical topics relevant to our homeschooling efforts- while continuing to bring the focus back to Christ and home-discipleship.

Needed:

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant coordinators: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 needed)

Vision!

