

Happy, so happy November! :D

Happy Fall! Hey, hey, this is Tom Kordsiemon, editor of the PCHEA newsletter, occasional and whimsical organizer, graduated homeschooler, and fellow Christian. I want to personally thank all of you who put on events for PCHEA—your selfless acts of heroism are extraordinarily appreciated by homeschoolers galore, absolutely including my family and me. Major kudos your way, ‘nuff said.

Also, thank you to all the organizers who submit their information with due time left on the calendar month—your timeliness makes life a lot easier for me, which is a good thing. :-)
This month, as always, is full of exciting events big and small, all put together by wonderful people like yourself(s).

So go ahead and read on, but first...

I want to take time to wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, as well as a fabulous month in general. I pray that the month of November holds liberal doses of family and friends, as well as a mix of fall leaves and warm fuzzies for all of you. Additionally, I pray that in the month of thanksgiving, we all remember to thank God for His blessings upon our lives such as our strong and dedicated families, awesome friends, wonderful seasons and cranberry sauce. Definitely cranberry sauce. :-)

So wherever you are and whatever you may do, may God bless you and your loved ones, and may you not lose sight of Him through the swirling autumn leaving and turkey hunts.

God Bless,

Tom Kordsiemon.



Psalms 95:2-- "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."



~Pottawatomie County Home Educators Association Newsletter~

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Reoccurring Events

PCHEA's PE Class—Weekly (Thursdays)

Need an outlet for the kids to expend some energy??

It's definitely not too late to sign up for PE!!

Classes are held through April, once a week with a break in this month as well as in, December and March. **(Continued On Pg. 2)**

Mom's Night Out—Monthly—November 8th

Mom's Night Out meets the second Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. at various locations. **(Continued on Pg. 2)**

Skate Days!—Monthly—November 11th

The second Friday of each month, homeschool families are invited to an hour-and-a-half skate spree at Star Skate in Shawnee—10-11:30 am, this month through April.

~This month we are going to have an "I can" skate party where we will collect cans of food for the Salvation Army. Also, please bring finger foods or drinks to share—plates and cups will be provided.

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Upcoming Events



PE Class—Thursdays— November 3rd, 10th, 17th

Have you thought about coming to PE and thought it was too late? **It's NOT!!**

PE Classes will take place at OBU's "Wellness Center." Classes are 2 hours, once a week. Classes start at 10:30 and end at 12:30 pm—1 hour "gym" and the final hour swimming (parents are welcome to swim with their kids). Classes are broken up by age; parents are required to be present at all times.

Fee per child:

Ages 1-3: Free PE, \$1 per swimming period

Ages 4+ are \$3.50 a week (PE and Swim)

Parents: \$1.50 for swim period, walk track is free!

~Cash Only~

For more information, contact Jenny Hardwick at:
mchardwicks@yahoo.com or 878-6877

Mom's Night Out—November 8th

Mom's Night is 7pm on Tuesday, October 10th at Sips, downtown Shawnee. Bring a book that's impacted your life; whether a parenting book, home school book or just a book that means a lot to you.

Whatever you choose, grab that book that you love and head over to Sips for a wonderful evening with fellow homeschooling Moms. If you don't want to share, that's fine too; just come and enjoy the topical discussion :-)

Contact Amy Puckett at (405) 831-7429 or at

rapuckett1@netzero.com for more information

Skate days!—November 11th

The cost for this monthly event is \$5 per skater. This cost covers admission as well as basic skate rentals. In-line or speed rentals come at an additional cost. You may bring your own skates if you prefer...

...Please RSVP!!! sydneykgore@yahoo.com

Star Skate requires a minimum of 30 skaters for PCHEA to have this private skating session.

Star Skate

37393 W. 45th St

(South of Hwy 177 on 45th St)

Phone: 273-2030

ALADDIN Play—November 14th—19th

Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) will be performing *Aladdin: An Adventure of Magical Intrigue* by Dan Neidermyer, directed by Laura S. Byland, MFA. Under the direction of Laura Byland, TYA has a long history of captivating young audiences with tales of excitement and adventure to times and places of make believe filled with heroes and villains, life lessons and triumph.

Aladdin is a classic tale starting out in the streets of Arabia where the Grand Sultan's bungling guards are trying to catch the street-savvy Aladdin for allegedly kidnapping Princess Adora. Aladdin easily outruns the squabbling guards only to meet the calculating Court Magician who tricks him into entering a cave to fetch an old lamp. Aladdin accidentally rubs the lamp and discovers a magical Genie bestowing wishes...

Aladdin will be performed at St. Gregory's University's Sarkeys Performing Arts Center on November 14th - 18th at 9:30 am and 12:30 for the Student Matinee Series. Other performances will be November 17th and 18th at 8:00 pm, and November 19th at 3:00 pm. For ticket information call [405-878-5436](tel:405-878-5436) or email finearts@stgregorys.edu

PCHEA's 2nd Annual Craft Fair— Saturday, December 3rd

Calling all crafters, knitters, sewers, bakers, tinkerers, fly-fishing-lure-makers, and creators of anything useful and interesting!!

It's time to get busy crafting! PCHEA hosts its 2nd annual craft fair on *Saturday, December 3rd from 9 to 12* at Heritage Church in Shawnee.

Anyone who is a member of PCHEA is invited to come set up a table, including graduated children, moms and dads (family businesses are welcome).

The cost is 5 dollars per 6-foot table—crafters can split a table and cost with another willing crafter. Tables are limited, so reserve your table now!! Call or email Nancy Schwab to reserve your table.

(225-7116 or willsouthwest@integrity.com)

Looking forward to the many talents of our wonderful families!!

Note: Table fee will go towards the cost of advertising in the local paper as well as helping with our *End of the Year Awards Banquet* in the spring.

Note: Keep Collecting Box Tops and Earn Money for PCHEA

Last year PCHEA was able to collect enough Box Tops to earn \$61 for our group. We will use money raised through this program this year for something fun at the end of the school year, so keep clipping and collecting!

The next collection period is in March. Trisha Houghton is our "Box Tops Coordinator", so save your box tops and pass them on to her by mail, in person at PCHEA events, or however you fancy at your convenience. **Thank you!**



As always, additional information, as well as new events and topical discussions are available at the

Yahoo-group website—groups.yahoo.com/group/PCHEAGroup

—and the PCHEA website—pcheahomeschoolers.blogspot.com

What's that? Have an itch to organize an event to list on the newsletter? *Awesome!* If so, please contact **Ruth Smith, Tom Kordsiemon, or Nancy Schwab** by email or phone.

Note: Please submit any event by the 15th of the month before the event is to happen. Failure to submit event by the 15th could very well mean that your event does not make the next month's newsletter.

The End..