

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

—Luke 2:7 KJV

~Pottawatomie County Home Educators Association Newsletter~

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Reoccurring Events

**PCHEA's PE Class—Weekly—
Thursdays, December 1st, 8th, BREAK.**

Brrrrr!...It sure is getting cold outside!
What a great time to come and join PE!! **Continued On Pg. 2**

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

PCHEA's annual Craft Fair, showcasing the collective talent of the group's very own crafters and entrepreneurs, young and old, newbies and seasoned veterans. **Continued On Pg. 2**

Mom's Night Out—Monthly—December 8th

...A fun night out for all the homeschooling Moms of PCHEA.
Warm drinks and stories anyone?
Not you Dad. Sorry. **Continued on Pg. 2**

Skate Days!—Monthly

No Skate Day in December.
Upcoming schedule and contact information on Pg. 2

Christmas Caroling!—Yearly—Thursday, December 15th

Come join us as we have fellowship, caroling and fun reminiscent of the 'olden days. **Continued on Pg. 3**



PE Class—Thursdays— December 1st and 8th

Classes are held through April, once a week with a break in this month after the 8th. It's still not too late to sign up! PE Classes 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

Skate Days for 2012:

Friday, Jan. 13th, Monday, Feb. 13th,
Friday, March 9th and Monday, April 16th.

Give ideas and thoughts about skate day events to
Sydney Gore at sydneykgore@yahoo.com

Mom's Night Out—December 8th

Mom's Night Out is December 8th, 7 pm at Sips in downtown Shawnee. Please bring some of your favorite Christmas books or activities that you do with your family during the holiday season. Or both!! :D

Whatever you choose, grab that special something 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

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

Come join us as PCHEA puts together its Annual Craft Fair from 9 am to 12 noon, December 3rd.

Heritage Church in Shawnee will host the event, featuring homemade items and home-business products for your distinct pleasure—all created by local homeschool families. You can almost picture it now:

Walking through the elegant doors of Heritage, you immediately take in the lofting air of pleasant smells and sounds characteristic of such an event. Venturing farther into the building you walk into a large room filled with 20 + tables of

Christmas Ornaments and Decorations

Baked Goodies

Gift Items

Goat Milk Products

Soap and Lotion

Leather Crafts

Gift Mixes

Homemade Cotton Candy

Usborne Books

Jewelry

and much, much more!

You feel at home as you realize that you are surrounded by friendly and classy people from the surrounding area. Lastly, you begin to tear up as you realize that there is a table of *free, hot apple cider*.

We invite you to come out for a fun morning of shopping, free hot apple cider and warm fellowship with other Oklahoma homeschoolers.

Heritage Church
2100 N Bryan
Shawnee, OK 74804

Christmas Caroling!—Thursday, December 15th

Remember the old-fashioned tradition of Christmas caroling door to door? Mmm...the chill of the night air, the excited giggles of little ones, joyous voices, warm apple cider and hot chocolate...

Come out and join us on Thursday, December 15th as we revive this wonderful tradition!

We'll meet at Heritage Church at 6:30 to hand out songs and discuss the route. Then, loading up in our vehicles, we'll strike out and visit several widows in the community. After an hour or so of caroling we will gather at Will and Nancy Schwab's house for some treats and fellowship. Bring a plate of baked goodies and your joyous voices (notice I did not say that they had to be "good", just joyous!) to share!

Check your emails for reminders and a list of songs we plan to sing (so you can practice)! Hope to see you there!

COMING NeXt Year:

Family Games Night—Coming in January

Family Games Night takes a fun twist, as PCHEA puts on a Geek/Nerd themed gathering for the whole family!

More details coming soon.

Wanna help plan games and contests??? Have any ideas or suggestions? Outstanding! Call

Tom and Kate Kordsiemon at (405)321-4737 or send them an email at tomwk6@gmail.com

Father and Daughter Dance—Friday February 10th

Taking place at Heritage Church in Shawnee, this event is for all PCHEA Fathers who have a daughter from Pre-K - 12th grade. Mark your calendars now.

More details coming in January.

Editor's 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 new events and topical discussions are available at

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

...and at 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 makes life difficult on the people who put this together. So show us some love and submit your event on time and we'll return the love by including it in our monthly rendition.

The end.