

# AUGUST 2011 PCHEA NEWSLETTER

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## ~BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION~



## Welcome Back to Schooling, PCHEAs!

We have a great year full of activities planned and more in the works! As we look forward to a new year, I'd like to encourage us all to include PCHEA as one of our sources for fellowship and encouragement along the way. Homeschooling is a wonderful journey of ups and downs. We are all members of PCHEA for some similar reasons. We understand our unique struggles, strengths and weaknesses, so we can build one another up, especially when the going gets tough. Let's make an effort this year to get out and meet new families and join in on some of the fun activities and field trips. Be that friendly family that makes a difference in the lives of a new homeschooling family. Take the initiative—I know our family has always been blessed when someone has reached out to us, so let's all reach out to others. If we all do this, PCHEA will be a place of comfort and support in a world that is not supportive of our educational choice.

—Will and Nancy Schwab





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Isaiah 54:13, "...all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; & great shall be the peace of thy children."

### Pottawatomie County Home Educators Association Newsletter

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#### Reoccurring Events

##### Mom's Night Out—Monthly—August 9<sup>th</sup>

Mom's Night Out meets the second Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. at various locations. **(Continued on Pg. 3)**

Contact Amy Puckett @ (405) 831-7429 or at  
[rapuckett1@netzero.com](mailto:rapuckett1@netzero.com) for more information

##### Family Games & Fun Night!—Semi Monthly—August 26<sup>th</sup>

A fun, family gaming event, 6:30 pm to close, held at the Heritage Church in Shawnee. **(Continued on Pg. 3)**

##### PCHEA's PE Class—Weekly, starting in September (TBA)

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

Enroll in PCHEA's PE Class!

Classes are held Sept. through April, once a week with a break in November, December and March. **(Continued On Pg. 3)**

##### Skate Days!—Monthly—September 9<sup>th</sup>

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, September through April.

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## Upcoming Events

### Mom's Night Out—August 9<sup>th</sup>

Mom's Night is Tuesday, August 9th at Sips at 7 p.m. This month we will be discussing ways that we keep our school year organized and on track. Bring ideas for organizing, scheduling, time management, etc. Come share ideas or just come and listen. :) We may stay on topic or we may just laugh about the day we've had. It will be a fun evening out for you, so come join us.

### Homeschool Meeting—August 11<sup>th</sup>

Join us for an informational homeschooling meeting on Thursday, Aug. 11 at 6:30 pm at Lakeview Church of Christ. Whether you are new to homeschooling or if you already know a lot about it, we invite you to explore home education and inspirational resources, break through common misconceptions, and discover networks of support for those already on the journey.

For more info contact Trisha Houghton at 273-2995 or [trishajean@gmail.com](mailto:trishajean@gmail.com).

### Family Games Night—August 26<sup>th</sup>

Bring a game, your favorite snack, and yourself(s) and come join us for a night of fun and games.

#### **What's in it for you? How very selfish...**

**Games?** You bet! We will have games ranging from engaging card games, to intense board games; even lively group games

**Food?** Are you kidding? We will have snacks and drinks to suit even the most diverse taste-buds.

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**Fellowship?** Duh! Count on fellowship with faces both new and familiar. Oh, well that's only as long as **you** join of course ;-)

Heritage is located smack-dab at 2100 N. Bryan St in Shawnee. Don't be shy. Contact Tom Kordsiemon at 365-6122 or [tomwk6@gmail.com](mailto:tomwk6@gmail.com) with any questions, comments, and compliments.

For **complaints**, call Nancy Schwab at 225-7116

### Fall Soccer Season Pre-meeting— August 29<sup>th</sup>

Meeting will take place on August 29 from 6:30-8:00 at the Lakeview Church to assign teams, coaches, and referees, and to go over the rules of the game and schedule. More information will be attached.

### PCHEA's 3rd Annual Moms' Tea & Brunch—September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Come and enjoy a morning of food, friendship, and encouragement as we start out the new school year. Please bring a small breakfast/brunch dish to share.

WHEN: Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Ruth Smith's home

WHO: PCHEA Homeschooling Moms

~ Nursing babies are welcome ~

*RSVP: Ruth Smith*  
([eightsmiths@gmail.com](mailto:eightsmiths@gmail.com) or 275-6206)

## PE Class—September—TBA

Classes will take place at OBU's "Wellness Center." Classes are broken up by age; parents are required to be present at all times. Classes are 2 hours, once a week—1 hour "gym" and the final hour swimming (parents are welcome to swim).

There is a minimal fee per child. Times and fees are not yet known. For more information, contact Jenny Hardwick at: [mchardwicks@yshoo.com](mailto:mchardwicks@yshoo.com) or 878-6877

### *Skate days!—September 9th*

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](mailto:sydneykgore@yahoo.com)  
Star Skate requires a minimum of 30 skaters for

PCHEA to have this private skating session.

### **Skate Days for 2011-2012**

Friday, September 9th 10-11:30

Friday, October 14th 10-11:30

Friday, November 11th 10-11:30

Friday, January 13th 10-11:30

Friday, February 10th 10-11:30

Friday, April 13th 10-11:30

### Star Skate

37393 W. 45<sup>th</sup> St

(South of Hwy 177 on 45<sup>th</sup> St)

273-2030

### *Fall Social—September 16<sup>th</sup>*

This year's fall social will take place at the home of Ralph and Amy Puckett on Friday, September 16th at 6 p.m. They will have games, square dancing, food and hay rides. Oh, and lots of people :-)

Hope you can join us. Further details to come!

**As always, additional information, as well as new events and topical discussions are available at the Yahoo-group website—[groups.yahoo.com/group/PCHEAGroup](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PCHEAGroup)**

**—and the PCHEA website—[pcheahomeschoolers.blogspot.com](http://pcheahomeschoolers.blogspot.com)**

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

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

## Soccer Details

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Dear Home School Parents, Back by popular demand we will be having a fall soccer season that will run from the second Monday of September through the first Monday of November. If you are interested, please read the details below:

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Parent/Coach/Referee/Player meeting will take place on August 29 from 6:30-8:00 at the Lake-view Church to assign teams, coaches, and referees, and to go over the rules of the game. Each family must have at a minimum one parent participating as a coach, referee, line judge, or in the field of set-up and etc.

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All games and practice will take place at Lake-view Church off of Highway 102 (south of I-40). Practice and Games would be played on Monday's evenings from 6:00pm until 8:00 (or dark if earlier than 8:00) Make-up days due to rain would be Friday. Each two hour session is broken up into the first hour, spent practicing, and the second hour, spent playing.

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Boys and girls will play integrated together on teams, unless the turnout allows for teams to be separated in Boys and Girls. Age groups are as follows:

- a. Age group 4-5
- b. Age group 6-9
- c. Age group 10-12
- d. Age groups 13-up

While on the subject of players, note that each player will be required to wear shin guards and you are required to provide a ball (sizes vary by age) for each child (cleats are optional, shin guards are not). The cost per player will be: \$15 (1 players), \$25 (2 players), \$30 (3 players), \$35 (4 or more players).

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10. I will need the following from you by the August 29 meeting:

- a. Name, age, and gender of the child(ren) wanting to play, and contact numbers for your family (phone and email)
- b. Parents, we need
  - i. At least **4 Coaches**.
  - ii. Between **8 and 12 Referees and Line Judges**.
  - iii. **2-4** parents to set up and clean up. This requires you to arrive early to set up goals, and mark field, then to stay after to clean up.
  - iv. **1-2 Drink Preps** to fill and bring coolers of water.

Contact me early with your preferences and I will do my best to accommodate them. Parents waiting until the last minute will be placed as required to ensure a successful season for our players.

If you have any additional questions please contact Katy or I at [214-0078](tel:214-0078) (Home), [593-9029](tel:593-9029) (Jay's cell), or by email at [kreftjk@yahoo.com](mailto:kreftjk@yahoo.com). Please feel free to pass this email on to any other Home School families that you know.

Thanks

—The Kreft's