
~Pottawatomie County Home Educators Association Newsletter~

A message from PCHEA's Leadership

Hello PCHEA,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas season and are enjoying a Happy New Year. We want to let you know about some changes we are anticipating in our group in the coming months. Over the past few years we have sought to provide opportunities for all of us to be more involved in PCHEA, as well as to reach out to new families that are just growing into homeschooling. We have brought in interesting guest speakers and have spruced up our end of the year Awards Banquet, to name just two. The recent addition of the "Mentor Coordinator" to our leadership team is an example of how we have adapted our organization as we have grown. Another need that has not been addressed is that we have discovered that our \$10 membership fee is no longer covering our expenses. And there has also been a growing desire to align our entire leadership team and general policies with those of OCHEC.

The purpose of mentioning these potential changes now, is to prepare you for voting on all of them in March. PCHEA is your organization, so we will provide more details for you in next month's newsletter. So please be praying for your leadership team, as well as PCHEA as a whole, as we seek the Lord's leading in these areas.

We are looking forward to a great new year!

Blessings!

Your Leadership Team

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The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." —Lamentations 3:22-24 ESV

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Reoccurring Events

PCHEA's PE Class—Weekly— Thursdays, January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Looking for an outlet your kids' energy? Join PCHEA's PE Class!
Classes resume Thursday, January 5th... **Continued on Pg. 3**

Mom's Night Out—Monthly—January 10th

...A fun night out for all the homeschooling Moms of PCHEA.
Warm drinks and stories anyone?
Not you Dad. Sorry. **Continued on Pg. 3**

Skate Days!—Monthly—Friday, January 13th

A fun, oft-themed, skating extravaganza!
Come and join us for a morning at the skating-rink!

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

PE Class—Thursdays— January 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th

Classes are held once a week, through April.

It's not too late to sign up!

PE Classes take place at OBU's "Wellness Center."

Classes (2 hours) start at 10:30 and end at 12:30 pm—1 hour "gym" and 1 hour swimming (parents are welcome to swim too). 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

Moms' Night Out—January 10th

Moms' Night Out is 7 pm, January 10th at Sips in downtown Shawnee. Mothers, prepare yourself for a casual, fun-filled night of fellowship where the only thing you'll have to worry about is babysitting arrangements.

Discussions are topical.

So moms, head over to Sips for a wonderful evening with fellow homeschooling Moms :-)

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

Skate Days—Friday—January 13th

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!!!** 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

Give ideas and thoughts about skate day events to

Sydney Gore at sydneykgore@yahoo.com

Father and Daughter Dance—Friday February 10th

From 6-9 pm, this is a special night for dads and their daughters. Taking place at Heritage Church in Shawnee, this event is for all PCHEA fathers who have a daughter from Pre-K - 12th grade (fathers are encouraged to bring more than one daughter).

Daughters, here's what you need to do:

We ask that each family attending would bring a dessert or finger food to share.

Simple enough?

Fathers, here's what you need to do:

In order to cover costs, we are asking families to pre-pay \$10 per daughter, with a \$40 maximum for families with multiple daughters attending. We ask that all attending would pay by the end of January so we can plan accordingly.

To make it easier to keep track of who has paid, give or send a check to Trisha Houghton at

**1910 Keller Place
Shawnee, OK 74804**

and write your family's name, as well as the event (Father Daughter Dance) and number of persons attending in the memo line.

Dads, make some special memories with your special "little girl(s)."

Notes: Jason Starinieri, a local pastor and fellow homeschooling dad, will play DJ for the evening.

We will have a special backdrop and set up for the dads and daughters to take a picture to commemorate the event.

Family Games Night—Coming in March

Family Games Night takes a fun twist, as PCHEA puts on a Geek/Nerd themed gathering for the whole family in celebration of National Geek/Nerd Pride day.

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

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 as 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 Sauce!

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.