

Local Homeschool Groups, Resources, and Ongoing Activities

Jackson County Home Educators(JCHE) – www.jchenews.org - An informal group of Christians from many churches around Jackson County. Purpose is to meet together regularly to assist and support children by upholding family values and standards in the Bible. Provides testing service, used curriculum sale, monthly meetings, and a few large events/year. Free to join yahoo group/fee to have access to newsletter. Subscribing to the newsletter provides benefits such as reduced fees to events, reduced testing fees, and a discount to Professor Mom's Schoolhouse store. Contact Don and Zana Walker at 541-779-1595 or Leslie Lundgren at 541-944-8535.

Southern Oregon Homeschoolers (SOH) – <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/southernorhomeschoolers/>- The purpose of SOH is to provide a positive place to share homeschool information, resources, and material and support one another in our homeschooling adventures. This group is open to all homeschool families regardless of their reason or method of homeschooling. Provides parent meetings, book report lunches, field trips, park days, lego play group, holiday parties, and World's/Animal fair. Fee to join. Contact Ann Gardiner at gard4ofus@yahoo.comfor information.

Southern Oregon Homeschoolers Meet-Up Group – <http://www.meetup.com/homeschool-821/>- Free to join, but you must sign up to be a member and access site.

Rogue Valley Homeschoolers - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RvHomeschoolers/>- A secular support and activity group for homeschoolers in Jackson and Josephine counties. All are welcome regardless of religion, method of homeschooling, reasons for homeschooling, and so on. Lots of information is shared. Less personal, but a great resource. Basically an email list that is used to share what is going on in the community and let other know about special classes/activities being held.

The HS Gathering of Southern Oregon - Description: Stay up to date with local homeschool and community activities, for monthly "Gatherings" to meet other homeschool moms for fun and fellowship, and for posting prayer requests, homeschool announcements and more! The Homeschool Gathering is for local families, bringing up our children in the training and admonition of the Lord. It is our desire to bring families together for support and fellowship, to serve each other, our community and, most importantly, Jesus Christ. Contact: Charlie & Tika Weeks at 541-778-7215 or website/blog: hsgathering@gmail.com / www.thehsgathering.blogspot.com Homeschool Gathering(facebook page) – <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Homeschooling-activities-in-Southern-Oregon/200941849929586-> Listing of homeschool/educational activities occurring in Southern Oregon.

Homeschooling Children with Special Needs Support Group - Contact Leslie Lundgren at siliona97501@yahoo.comfor information. Meets monthly.

Holy Family Catholic Homeschool Group – holy_family@yahoogroups.com– a group for Catholic homeschoolers. Monthly activities, Friday Mass, and field trips.

Upper Rogue Home Educators - a group that meets in the Eagle Point area for park days, PE classes, mom's meetings, geography fairs, talent nights, and more. It is a Christian based support group but open to anyone, near and far. Contact Hope Rumpca at 541-826-5886.

Homeschool Ballroom Classes – Meets at Evergreen Ballroom on Hwy. 62. <http://ballroomteams.blogspot.com>– Pre-teen (ages 8-12) and teen (ages 13-18) classes. Contact Valerie Harmon at valjeanh@gmail.com for information.

Colonial Dancing - Dancing in colonial times was a social event- a chance to talk to neighbors, to discuss politics or exchange homemaking ideas. New people in town were introduced at a ball. The act of dancing with someone new was a form of welcome and a non-threatening way to get to know someone. It gave young men practice in gentlemanly behavior and provided a safe venue for socializing. The Liberty Tree Dance group was started 3 1/2 years ago to introduce Colonial dancing to the Rogue Valley. We meet every 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 6 pm at the Evergreen Ballroom. Colonial Dance is great for all ages. No experience is required just a willingness to learn and a sense of humor. For more information go to <http://libertytreedancergroup.webs.com/> or contact Nate Consiglio at 541-826-9405 or bythesword@embarqmail.com

Imagymnation - Homeschool P.E. , tumbling, art, and science classes- www.thinktankkidsonline.com - Physical education classes 2x/week and other classes offered throughout the year by Bill Hennes.

Shoestring Productions Home School Drama Club - Shoestring Productions is a drama club made up of home school students that meets in Medford. There are weekly meetings for ages 12 and up and performances twice a year. The students learn all aspects of theatre production, improv, recitations and other theatre skills that teach public speaking, cooperation, communication, planning, quick thinking, focus, articulation, trust and confidence. For more information contact Laura Hreha at 541-858-2017.

Speech Club - The purpose of Lighthouse Speech Club is to prepare homeschooled students for local and nationwide speech competitions. In this process students will gain crucial skills and the confidence to be articulate and persuasive as they speak publicly, while at the same time enjoying the companionship of hanging out with other young people headed in the same direction. Contact Carla Deems for more information: carlamarlahotpad@gmail.com or call 541 664-2848.

Professor Mom's Schoolhouse – Your local resource for new and used curriculum. You may also order items that are not in the store from Leslie. 1505 Sage Rd. Suite B , Medford. Contact Leslie Lundgren for hours at 541-773-5101

Jackson County 4-H - 4th -12th grade membership: Members enroll in clubs and select a project or multiple projects to explore. Most clubs meet once a month. Leaders guide members as they set goals, work on their projects and evaluate their finished product...often that includes competing at the County Fair.

4-H Adventures for K - 3rd grade membership: 4-H Adventures members do activities that teach them about recycling, foods & nutrition, caring for small animals, Family Celebrations Around the World, bicycles, arts & crafts, outdoors, and much more! Clubs may focus on one topic or dabble in a variety of topics Jackson County 4-H & Youth Development. For more information contact Ann Manlove at Southern Oregon Research & Extension Center, 569 Hanley Road, Central Point , (541) 776-7371 ext. 205

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list! If there is a support group, resource, or ongoing activity in the area that is not listed above, please contact Therese Hoehne at therese@jchenews.org or 826-3560 to add it on.