



The Homeschooler

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SEASONS

You know it is springtime when:

- flowers begin blooming
- trees are budding
- you see the knobby-kneed colt romping and frolicking awkwardly close to his mother
- your child brings you a bouquet of flowers, and you put those beautiful dandelions in water to decorate your dining table

When we think of seasons, we often think of the seasons related to weather, but we also have others seasons in our lives. You know it is another homeschool season when:

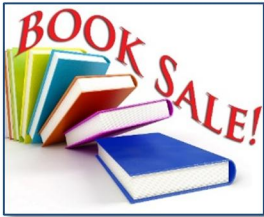
- you begin our homeschooling journey
- a new baby arrives in your family
- your last child begins homeschooling
- one of your children finishes his homeschool education

Graduation season is a special time for everyone in the whole family, not just for the graduate. And this year's graduation ceremony is extra special for TPA. It is our 25th one – a significant milestone! We started out small with just 5 graduates at the first TPA graduation ceremony in 1990 and had none for the next 3 years. Things have certainly changed since then. Our largest graduation class was in 2012 with 76 graduates. This year's class has 56 young men and women completing the homeschooling chapter of their lives. Each year we are encouraged to hear the accomplishments of each graduate and the goals each one has set for themselves. We hope graduation will be an encouragement to all participating.

Another way TPA seeks to encourage homeschool families is through our annual Homeschool Leader Retreat. This year we are looking forward to having Carol Topp share her wisdom and her heart for connecting homeschool families and growing as individuals. She will also have a workshop for teens interested in starting their own businesses. For more information and to register, look under the "TPA Events" tab on our website www.teachingparents.org.

Just like many families who take some type of break during the summer season, *The Homeschooler* newsletter will be taking a break. Look for the next issue at the beginning of August.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)



TPA USED BOOK SALE

The TPA Used Book Sale is **May 19, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 7001 W. 21st Street in Wichita.

Sign up to be a seller so you can earn a little money for your curriculum for next year, or plan to come and shop the great sale prices for used curriculum!

Questions: www.usedbooksale@teachingparents.org

Table cost is: 6-foot table - \$15.00, ½ table - \$7.50

To register for a table:

www.teachingparents.org/TPAevents/TPAusedbooksale

There are only a few tables left!



TPA GRADUATION 2017

Teaching Parents Association High School Graduation Ceremony

Friday, May 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Central Christian Church, 2900 N. Rock Road, Wichita, Kansas

TPA is pleased to announce State Representative Kevin Jones from the 5th District of Kansas will be the keynote speaker!

Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony and reception celebrating this year's homeschooling class of 2017 – **TPA's 25th**!

Plans have already begun for the 2018 TPA Graduation Ceremony! The fall informational meeting is scheduled for September & seniors & their parents are urged to attend. We will review all necessary submissions to participate in this special & memorable event. For the latest updated information visit www.teachingparents.org.

TPA LIBRARY NEWS

The TPA Library will be closed Thursday, May 4.

New items at the Library:

- Volume 1 and 2 for *Five in a Row* with many of the story books that go with volume 2 and some items for volume 1. (We are hoping to complete the collection soon).
- *Beyond Five in a Row* along with some of the story books.
- The 2 newest volumes of Imagination Station books.
- More YWAM picture book missionary stories
- Several new audio books from YWAM (missionary stories and biographies of famous people).

2017 TPA Library Summer Reading Program

On your Mark, Get Set... READ

May 11th – August 17th

Thursdays 11am – 1pm

- Register at the TPA library
- Prizes & Recognition

I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Phil 3:14

Where: TPA Library, Pathway Church, 2001 N. Maize Rd. In the basement next to the kitchenette




AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

As our troop year comes to a close, our young ladies are looking forward to our Award Ceremony on May 22. They will be receiving all the badges and awards they have been working to complete throughout the year. We are so proud of each one of them.

If you have questions about AHG or if your daughter would like to join us for any of our summer activities, please contact Angie Ray at mrsangieray@yahoo.com.

**2nd Annual
TPA Leader Retreat**

Carol Topp
(veteran homeschool mom)
July 28 - 29, 2017
The Hyatt in Wichita, KS
caroltopppcpa.com



- Homeschool Co-Ops are Like a Marriage
- Help, My Homeschool Group is Growing!
- Top 10 Tips from Carol Topp

Free opportunity for your teen (w/ registration)
July 28 from 10:00 - 11:30
★ All teens are invited to Carol's workshop: ★
Micro Business for Teens: Starting a Micro Business

Register
April 15

Dinner
&
Dessert

(\$30 per
couple
after
July 1)

Limited
Time
\$25 per
couple

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Join us for the 2nd annual TPA Leader Retreat July 28-29, 2017, located in the Trail Room at the Hyatt Hotel in Wichita. The retreat begins at 4:30 p.m. on July 28 with dinner, dessert, and lots of great ideas shared by our speaker Carol Topp. The retreat cost is \$25/couple until July 1. After July 1 the cost is \$30.00/couple. Stay at the Hyatt Hotel and make it a great weekend of planning with your leadership team!

Remember, this isn't just for homeschool support or co-op leaders! This is a great retreat for any group who serves the homeschool community. Last year leaders from support groups, co-ops, and sports teams attended and were blessed!

This year we are offering an additional workshop for your teen who is interested in starting their own business! Carol Topp will present "Micro Business for Teens: Starting a Micro Business" at 10:00-11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 28 in the Trail Room. This workshop cost is \$10.00/person. Teens and parents are encouraged to attend.

If you are a homeschool group leader registered for the leader retreat, the teen workshop is FREE!

Volunteer opportunities: Presbyterian Manor (senior living) is looking for jr. high and high school volunteers. Contact Greg 316-942-7456

HOMESCHOOL + COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

June 22, 2017- 4004 N. Webb Road

Wichita Area Technical College and Teaching Parents Association will be hosting the 5th annual Homeschool + College Open House on June 22nd from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Students may apply to the college or visit with an academic advisor to enroll for summer and/or fall courses between the hours of 4:00-5:30. Dinner will be served from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm followed by a formal presentation detailing free and reduced tuition opportunities for homeschool students from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Bring your family to a fun and casual evening that will help you explore the amazing opportunities WATC offers to homeschool students!



TRAIL LIFE USA

Trail Life USA is a Christ-centered, outdoor adventure, character, and leadership program for boys and young men in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Trail Life Troop KS-0281 (Troop 281) of Wichita is chartered by Teaching Parents Association.

We meet on Monday nights 7:00pm-8:30pm at Riverlawn Christian Church, 4243 N Meridian (just north of 1235/K96). For more details about our Troop, please contact Scott Durkee at tpatrop281@gmail.com or 316-518-0948. Ask for our summer schedule so your son can come to **Summer Adventure Camp**. We also have a special **Paintball Family Camp** on May 5-6. Are you up for the challenge? Ask for details.

AREA EVENTS:

CHFM USED BOOK SALE

The annual CHFM Used Book Sale is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3rd from 2:00-4:00 pm at Central Christian Church (2900 N. Rock Road, Wichita, 67226). Please park on the south side of the church and enter at the Chapel entrance (#4). If you have items you would like to sell, you may reserve a table after April 1st. Tables are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The cost to reserve a table is \$5 for a 6-ft. table and \$10 for a 12-ft. table. Doors will open at 1:00 pm for sellers to set up and then shop. If you have questions or wish to reserve a table, contact Merav Maxwell at meravm@sbcglobal.net or 316-208-4054.

ANGELS ACADEMY TRACK & FIELD DAY

May 10, 2017, for ages 4-17 at the Haysville Middle School from 9:00am-2:00pm. The cost is \$10 per athlete or \$25 per family.

Track & Field Events-100-Meter, 400-Meter, and Mile Races, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Softball Throw, Gunny Sack Race, 3-Legged Race, Egg Race, Carnival Events

We will have prizes and gifts again for all who come!

**DRUM LESSONS**

Let me teach your student to experience music through drumming!

My name is John Parker, professional drummer and educator in Wichita,

Kansas. As a performer, educator, and author, my passion is sharing the joy of drumming with people throughout the Wichita area. My goal as a teacher is to help students discover their love of music by way of the drums. To learn about me or how to sign your students up for percussion lessons, visit

www.phatmandrums.com.

TPA Special Offer! Sign up for lessons and mention Teaching Parents Association and save \$10 on your first month's lessons. That's 5 lessons (including your first lesson for FREE) for \$70!

HOMESCHOOL ATHLETICS AND FITNESS

The YMCA Farha Sport Centers has three locations to meet your specific needs for the homeschool family, whether it's an athletic league, a fitness activity, or a boot camp for mom and dad. A safe and fun environment make our facilities an exceptional place for the homeschool family. We invite you to experience first-hand the YMCA Farha Sport Centers of Wichita, KS. With locations in Andover and South Wichita, our facilities boast 32 basketball courts/volleyball courts, 2 turf soccer fields, 5 outdoor turf fields, and one weight room.

The Farha Sport Centers can facilitate or create an athletic league, fitness activity, or boot camp specific for the homeschool network in Wichita.

Want to learn more? Contact me directly to learn how we might serve your Homeschool family.

Kris Wheeler, Sr. Program Director, Greater Wichita YMCA

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SUZUKI VIOLIN AND PIANO LESSONS

Grace Notes Music Studio with Valerie Chouinard

Website: www.gracenoteswichita.weebly.com

Email: gracenoteswichita@gmail.com

- 12 years of experience teaching music
- 10 years of homeschool experience
- Located near I-235 North and Meridian
- Weekly individual lessons
- Monthly group lessons
- Bi-annual large group recitals and frequent small group recitals
- Ages 4 and up
- Beginning Piano
- Beginning to Advanced Violin

Visit my website for details on the Suzuki method, tuition, studio policies and more! **As seen at the TPA Homeschool Convention before the Friday morning Keynote. Now enrolling for Fall 2017!**

**CHRISTIAN YOUTH THEATER****CYT Wichita Summer Camps:**

The spirit of theater is alive and well during the five-day summer CYT camp.

Themed days, high energy games and awesome activities combine with theater skills to make a fun week of learning and friendship building. All campers are placed on teams which prepare a script, dance, and song for a final showcase at 7pm on Friday of camp week.

- Teen Camp: July 10-14: 1st Evangelical Free Church (1825 N. Woodlawn)
- West Kids Camp: July 17-21: West Evangelical Free Church (1161 North Maize Road, 67212)
- East Kids Camp: July 24-28: Eastminster Presbyterian Church (1958 N. Webb Road)

Please visit www.cytwichita.org or call 316-682-1688 for more information.

AMATEUR FILMMAKERS

Hi there! I'm Sophia, an amateur filmmaker looking for other amateur filmmakers around my age in the Wichita area who are wanting to learn with others and create God-honoring films. If enough people answer, (I'm hoping for about six,) we can go from there, but for now, I'm just trying to see if anyone is interested. If you want more information, you can call my mom at 932-2222. Thanks!

ANGELS ACADEMY PE 2017 – 2018

All PE Classes are on **Tuesdays** at Immanuel Baptist Church at 1415 S. Topeka, Wichita, or at Wichita Parks.

Semesters begin on **August 15, 2017 & January 9, 2018.**

Sign up for Classes by Length:

9 Weeks/Quarter \$45

18 Weeks/Semester \$80

36 Weeks/Year \$135

3rd & 4th Child Discount = Half Price

Pay for 3 Quarters, 4th Quarter is FREE!

11:00am - 12:00pm - Ages 5-8 \$45

12:15pm - 1:15pm - Ages 9-12 \$45

1:15pm - 2:15pm - Ages 13-17 \$45

ANGELS ACADEMY SPORTS CAMPS 2017-2018

Sports Camps will be **6 weeks** long and begin on the following dates. All Camps will be on **Thursdays**, except Track, which will be on a Wednesday. (IBC=Immanuel Baptist Church, 1415 S. Topeka, Wichita)

Aug 10-Sep 14, 2017

Soccer - Ages 6-14, Orchard Park, 12:00 - 1:20

Flag Football I - Ages 10-18, Evergreen Park, 2:00 - 3:30

Sep 21-Oct 26, 2017

Soccer - Ages 6-14, Orchard Park, 12:00 - 1:20

Flag Football II - Ages 8-18, Evergreen Park, 2:00 - 3:30

Nov 2-Dec 14, 2017

Volleyball – Ages 8-14, IBC, Noon - 1:00

Basketball – Ages 6-14, IBC, 1:10 - 2:00

Dodgeball I – Ages 6-18, IBC, 2:10 - 3:00

Jan 4-Feb 8, 2018

Volleyball II – Ages 8-14, IBC, 11:00 - Noon

Basketball II – Ages 6-14, IBC, Noon - 1:00

Speed & Agility – Ages 6-17, IBC, 1:00 - 2:00

Dodgeball II - Ages 6-18, IBC, 2:00 - 3:00

Feb 15-Mar 29, 2018

Speed & Agility II – Ages 6-17, IBC, Noon - 1:00

Basketball III - Ages 8-14, IBC, 1:00 - 2:00

Dodgeball III - Ages 6-18, IBC, 2:00 - 3:00

Apr 5-May 10, 2018

Baseball - Ages 9-16, West Side Park, 11 - 12:30

Tennis - Ages 6-17, Edgemoor Park, 1:15 - 3:00

May 9, 2018

Track & Field- Ages 4-17, Haysville MS, 9:00 - 2:00

**Outdoor Camps run longer in case we cancel a week due to bad weather.*

Fees & Discounts

All Camps are 6 weeks long, and cost \$30 each (\$10 off for PE students!)

Do 3 Camps per Family 4th Camp is FREE!

Track & Field is \$10 per child, \$25 per family.

\$8 for PE Students, \$20 for PE Families.

One Student can do PE for the Year, and 6 Camps for only \$250.

One Family (no matter how many kids) can do PE for the Year, and All Camps for \$750.

**WICHITA DEFENDERS**

Mission - The Wichita Defenders exists to provide home school

athletes with a competitive sports program that uses athletics as a tool to disciple young men and women to pursue godliness and excellence in every aspect of their lives.

Wichita Defenders Summer Activities

- Volleyball Open Gym May 24 & July 12 at Immanuel Baptist Church for Middle & High School (9am – 11am)
- Volleyball Camp June 28th at Immanuel Baptist Church (9am – 11:30am) - *FREE*
- Basketball and Soccer camps coming in July.

Stay tuned for more details at www.wichitadefenders.org

Visit the Wichita Defenders on Social Media

Facebook : [Wichita Defenders](https://www.facebook.com/WichitaDefenders)

Twitter: @WichitaDefender

Instagram: Wichita_Defenders

Contact Us - For inquiries of the Wichita Defenders, please contact Eric Nordberg, WichitaDefenders@wichitadefenders.org or visit our website www.wichitadefenders.org.

JETT'S HOMESCHOOL MARTIAL ARTS

Martial Arts Classes at Premier Martial Arts of Wichita, 2121 N. Tyler Rd #205, Wichita, KS 67212. Classes are for Ages 5 - High School. Classes are every Thursday at 2:00 pm.

In our classes we teach Character Education, Physical Fitness, Leadership Skills, Personal Safety, Self-Defense, Kickboxing, Karate, Krav Maga - Everyday Fun! Classes are \$25 Month. We do offer several family discounts. Please call us to get signed up at [316-706-3863](tel:316-706-3863) or go to www.facebook.com/Jettshomeschoolmartialarts.com.

CITYARTS EVENTS

Summer Art Camps at CityArts

Get your kicks (and creativity) on Route 66 this summer. Join CityArts for a summer-long celebration of art. Each week, campers will work on projects in various mediums, including silversmithing, glass fusing, digital arts, painting, drawing, acting, pottery and more.

Camps run weekly June 5-August 11, 2017 (no camp July 3-7). Cost is \$175 per week and campers need to bring a sack lunch each day. Early drop off (7:30am) and late pick up (5:30pm) is available at no extra cost. All camps are held at CityArts, 334 N. Mead. Call [316-350-3245](tel:316-350-3245) to enroll. For more information, visit the Art Camps page at wichitacityarts.org.

Summer Family Fun at CityArts

Stop by CityArts and create fun and quirky projects with the family! CityArts is offering four summer family-friendly Saturday art events. Limited spots available in each workshop - call [316-350-3245](tel:316-350-3245) to enroll. Cost is \$5 for kids, adults are free. Each workshop runs 10-11:30 am.

Muffins with Mom

Saturday, May 13

Bring mom for muffins and create colorful peat pots decorated with flowers made from found objects.

Summer Art Classes

Discover your creativity this summer at CityArts! Summer classes begin June 5. Catalog will be available May 7. Visit wichitacityarts.org for more information.

Adult and Me Eskimo Yo-Yo Making Workshop

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Admission: \$20 (Adults) and \$10 (Children)

Learn how to make your very own Eskimo Yo-Yo in this workshop for the young and young at heart taught by Sandra Hulsey. The workshop will be held on Saturday, May 6th at the Mid-America All-Indian Center (650 N Seneca, Wichita, KS 67203) from 10:00am-12:00pm. The enrollment fee for this workshop is \$20.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for children. School age children are welcome to attend but must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18. Register online at: www.theindiancenter.org.

HERB DAY AT THE EXTENSION EDUCATION CENTER

The 23rd Annual Herb Day will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017, from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in 4-H Hall at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center at 21st Street North and Ridge Road in Wichita. You will learn about selecting, planting, maintaining, and cooking with herbs! The National Herb of the Year for 2017 is Cilantro/Coriander, which will be featured in the demonstrations and seminars.

The featured chef is Charlotte Knapic of Beautiful Day Café.

In addition, seminars by members of the Herb Society, Extension Master Gardeners, and Extension Agents will cover topics relating to growing and cooking with herbs. Plant vendors from around the region will have herbs and other plants for sale.

Herb Day Events:

- Seminars in the Sunflower Room and the Demonstration Garden
- Master Gardener Plant Sale
- Herb Society Brunch & Lunch Sale
- Children's Activity
- Garden Magazine and Book Sale
- Vendors selling herbs and other garden related items
- Door Prizes

Kansas Grown! Farmer's Market will be going on in the parking lot.

Seminars in the Sunflower Room:

8:30 Herb of the Year – Growing and Using Cilantro / Coriander

9:30 Chef Demonstration by Charlott Knapic from Beautiful Day Café

11:00 Using Herbs for Spring Cleaning

Seminars in the Demonstration Garden:

8:00 Composting Demonstration

9:00 Making Herb Breads

10:00 Container Gardening with Herbs, Veggies and Flowers

11:00 Making and Using Herb and Fruit Vinegars

11:30 Tour of the Demonstration Garden

For more information: www.sedgwick.ksu.edu

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