



Connections to Cherish

Cherish Christian Home Educators, Inc.

Hello Cherish Members! We are looking forward to an exciting year of activities. As of this newsletter, we have 90 members. We are thrilled to welcome over 30 new members to the group.

The board has met and discussed several ideas for this year. Thank you to everyone who sent in their coupons with their membership application. Cherish will run more smoothly and be able to provide more opportunities if we have the needed volunteers. As a board, we have discussed how each of us have benefited by getting more involved. It has really blessed us as mothers with friends who are going through the same experiences. Our children have also been able to form some wonderful friendships. We encourage you to get involved in an area that you are interested in and be blessed by it. We try to plan a variety of things on different days so you can choose what works for your family.

We are here for you. To the right are our phone numbers and email addresses. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or ideas. Our board meetings are held on the first Friday afternoon of the month. Members are always welcome.

September 2008

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Did you know???

Homeschoolers get a discount at many places as educators. Your Cherish membership card is the only proof some stores require. We know of:

Books A Million

Barnes & Noble (they also require a copy of your declaration of intent)

Jo-Ann's Fabrics & Crafts (go to their website and sign up as a teacher)

Office Depot & Staples have Teacher Reward Programs

Other online book sellers - check our website for a complete list

Let us know if you are aware of others!





SEPTEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 American Girl & Boy Book Clubs	5 Board Meeting	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Park Play	13
14	15 Pump It Up	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 MNO 7:00	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Post Office	30 Post Office				

On-Going Monthly Activities

1st Thursday - American Girl and American Boy Book Club - 2:00 - 4:00

1st Friday - Cherish Board Meeting, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Southern Crescent Baptist Church; all members are welcome

3rd Monday - Pump It Up - 2:00 - 3:30 Come and jump for \$5/child, \$15/max per family

2nd Friday - Park Play - see newsletter for details; we may change the park from month to month (see pg. 7 for details on September one)

Spivey Hall has a series of Young People's Concerts



They are held on the campus of Clayton State University in Morrow. Tickets for all shows are \$1.00. The schedule and registration forms can be found at

<http://www.spiveyhall.org/education/index.php?secID=3&subSecID=4>



Mark your calendars for **Monday, September 22nd**. We will have our first **Mom's Night Out** at Southern Crescent Baptist Church and play Bunco. Don't worry if you have never played - it's really just an excuse to get together with each other. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a sweet snack to share. Please R.S.V.P. to Olivia Berry by September 19th at rcotb1@yahoo.com or call 770-845-3724



T-shirt Order Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Enter quantity of shirts by size

Youth

Adult

____ Youth Small (6-8)

____ Adult Small

____ Youth Medium (10-12)

____ Adult Medium

____ Youth Large (14-16)

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____ Youth Extra Large (18-20)

____ Adult Extra Large

____ Adult 2XL



Total # of shirts ordered _____ x \$10/ea = \$ _____

Make check payable to Cherish and mail to :

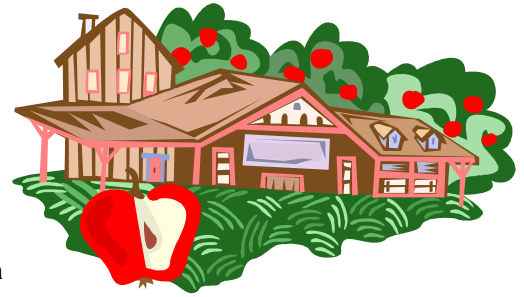
**Kim Pettitt
101 Cotton Creek Dr.
McDonough, GA 30252**

Orders must be received by September 12th



Hillcrest Apple Orchard and Amicalola Falls Tours

Friday October 17



This year we will be going to the Apple Orchard first and we must be there by 10:15 a.m. We will see a video of the orchard, ride on a covered wagon, see a bee hive exhibit, go through the petting zoo and the farm house exhibit. I almost forgot, the children also get to milk a real cow! This year they also have pig races at 12:00. We will then have lunch and they have a playground with a zip line and a huge slide. At this time we also have a little time to shop through the store where they make all the home made goodies there that you can buy. The cost for this tour is **\$5.00 per person.**

Next we will be going to Amicalola Falls and we must be there by 1:15, here we will see the Birds of Prey exhibit. This is a really cool exhibit. Then we will be going into the creek and picking up neat water bugs to look at in magnifying boxes. **Please bring spare clothes, towel and a must is water shoes. (They can not wear flip flops) Sneakers or water shoes. Remember again they will be getting wet and we are allowed in with them, so bring some water shoes also.** After the tour you may want to see the water fall. It is the largest in Georgia. The cost for Amicalola is **\$2.00 per child, no charge for adults.**



Please send all monies to Kim Pettitt and make the checks payable to her. The cost is \$7.00 per child and \$5.00 for each adult.

**Kim Pettitt
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Please bring a lunch with you, there is nothing around where you can buy lunch. So we will have a picnic there.

Due to the distance of this trip we will be car pooling for those who would like to. It takes at least 2 hours to get there, but is well worth it. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. and leave by 7:45 a.m. sharp.

All reservation and monies must be in by **October 9**, please put your name, children who are attending, phone number, email address and the amount of money you are sending.

If you have any questions please call Robin Overbey at 678-432-1167 or email me at roverbey@charter.net.

Webs for the tours are www.hillcrestorchards.net and www.amicalolafalls.com. There is a lot of information to found at these web sites. Hope to see you all there and God bless your week.

Cindy Harty has scheduled a Cherish tour at the High Museum of Art for the First Emperor of China exhibit on January 9th at 10:00 a.m. It will include the Terracotta Army. The cost is \$6 per child. The adult cost will be determined after we have a clear estimate of adults attending as we get some free and some discounted adults. The deadline for registering and payment will be Dec. 1, 2008. Please contact Cindy Harty for details and to register email- crjharty2@juno.com phone - 770-474-3102.



There is a limit of 50 students at this time so please register early. You will receive a registration confirmation.





It's that time of the year again!

Links to the Declaration of Intent Form and Monthly Attendance Form can be found on our website.

www.cherishhomeschool.org

A Declaration of Intent must be submitted to your local school district within 30 days after the establishment of a home study program and by September 1 annually thereafter. You may find contact information for all school districts at <http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/askdoe.aspx?PageReq=ASKHome>

Monthly attendance forms should be submitted at the end of each month to the school superintendent of the local school district in which your home study program is located.

Community Events (not sponsored by Cherish)

Piano & Voice Lessons by Lee Ann Hammonds, a Cherish member

Call or email for more information

Lee Ann Hammonds

(770) 914-8222

lah@leeannhammonds.com



Learn Spanish the Fast and Fun Way

Once a week/one hour class (Tuesday)

For Homeschooled High School students

If small class size, I will hold the class in my home.

If large class size, I will hold the class at Southern Crescent Baptist Church in McDonough.

Henry County area.

The cost is \$35 per student per month.

For additional information contact Maribel at:

ruiz191@charter.net

Cub Scouts

Homeschool Pack and Troop 63 of Stockbridge meets at Eagle's Landing Baptist Church. Homechooled boys first grade (or 7 years old) and up are invited to join our pack. For more information, contact Cubmaster Robbie Dawson at 770-389-0222.

Piano Lessons held at Upstage Dance Centers 1 location in McDonough and 1 in Ellenwood

Andy Palpant

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[andypal-](http://andypal.com)





The Southern Museum in Kennesaw, GA will host a Historic Military Timeline!!!

When: October 10, 2008

Time: 10:20am

www.southernmuseum.org

Trace the history of wartime experiences and the evolution of weaponry and tactics in a unique living history. Tracing back to Roman times, living history interpreters and military personnel will bring history to life in a truly educational and interactive experience. Co-sponsored by the Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History and City of Kennesaw Parks and Recreation.

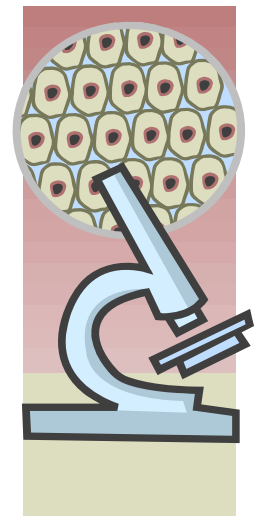
Our group is scheduled to begin the Military Timeline (which will be set up across the street from the museum) at 10:30, and will last for about 2 hours. Ticket prices for the Timeline are \$4 per person..kids and adults are the same price. For an additional \$2 we are able to visit the museum, and by October they will have their new state of the art education center finished. It will have train simulators, telegraph stations, 19th century downtown Kennesaw (complete with a hotel and dry goods store), and Georgia's historic Merci Boxcar. I was told that the visit to the museum would take about an hour plus play time for the kids in the new Education Center. They have a grassy area in front of the museum where we could eat a picnic lunch between our visit to the Timeline and going into the museum.

When you respond let me know if you are interested in visiting both the timeline and the museum or if you just want to see the timeline, and then you can send me payment accordingly.

I will need to send payment 3 weeks prior to the event, so please have your payment into me by **September 17th**. You can either give it to me before hand or mail it to my house (2082 Grant Ave, McDonough, GA 30252) If you are sending a check please make it out to Danielle Lobe, and don't forget to let me know all pertinent info. (IE--your name, number in your party, and include your phone number just in case I have any questions) If you have any questions don't hesitate to give me a call 678-610-6813.

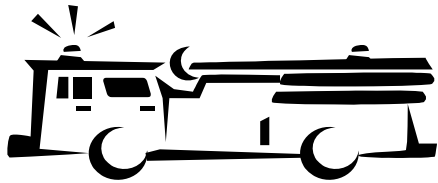
We have scheduled a visit from the “**Bio-Bus**” a mobile instructional laboratory run by Georgia State University’s Department of Biology. They will be presenting their “Animal Diversity” module. Our visit will be on **Wednesday, November 19th** beginning at 9:30 a.m. Because this is a “mobile” unit, the group size is limited to 15 students at a time. The presentation is 30 to 45 minutes for each group. Ideally, we would break into groups by similar age/grade so they can adjust their program accordingly. I understand this would be difficult for some families so we will just have to work the details out once we determine what size group we have. I will forward some more information on it in an email in the next couple of weeks because I need to confirm our group size with them. The email will also have more information on the program they will be presenting.

Kim Walker





October is Fire Safety Month and a field trip is scheduled for Thursday, **October 2nd at 10:00 a.m.** at the **Fire Station** on Hwy 42 in Stockbridge (1 block north of Eagles Landing Pkwy). Children will tour the station and trucks and watch a video (geared towards 7-10 year olds). While this trip is great for all ages, parents with children under 6 will be asked to take those children into another area during a video. The fire department told me it scares many young children. You are welcome to participate in the rest of the field trip with younger children. This field trip has a maximum of 25 kids. If this should fill up quickly, we will plan another one. Please contact Kim Walker at alanandkimw@bellsouth.net or 678-610-6981 by **September 18th** if interested.



What? **The Georgia National Fair** in Perry, Georgia (www.gnfa.com)

Georgia National Schoolhouse Week

When? 9:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, October 7th**

This fair has numerous exhibits, an awesome circus and midway rides.

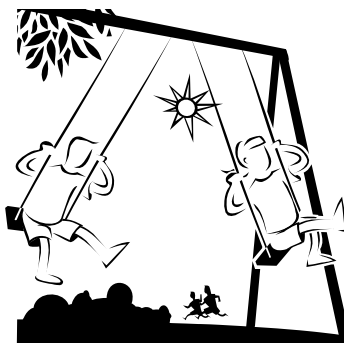
Cost: \$7/adult , children are free to enter Fair

There is a one price armband (\$15) available on this date to ride unlimited midway rides from 12 - 9. We all pay at the gate but have to register now. Please bring correct change on that date to make it easier to enter as a group.

Send # of adults, # of children and their ages to Shannon Eagle at chels2kate@bellsouth.net no later than **September 15th**.

Park Play

Our first Park Play of the year will be on Friday, September 12th from 2-4 at Heritage Park in McDonough. We will meet at the playground.



Mary Hollinhead has volunteered to handle our **Used Curriculum**

for Sale list again this year. Anyone with items to sell should send her a description, price and how you would like to be contacted to Mary Hollinhead at

hollinheads@gmail.com . She can also be reached at 678-343-6305.



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Train up a child in the way he should
go and when he is old he will not
depart from it.




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Atlanta History Center
Tuesday, September 9th - 1:00 - 4:00
19th Century Skills
Learn about the skills necessary to survive in the 1800s such as
blacksmith, open-hearth cooking, candle dipping, and spinning wool.
\$7/per person
For more information call 404-814-4018 or visit
www.atlantahistorycenter.com

Turner Field Homeschool Day
Thursday, September 11th
Order tickets online at
braves.com/homeschool

A stylized illustration of a baseball player in a blue uniform with yellow and purple accents, holding a bat and standing on a green field.

Stone Mountain Homeschool Day
Friday, October 3rd
Visit www.stonemountainpark.com/homeschoolday or call 770-498-5636

