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The Glamour Age of



All Homeschoolers Age 14 and older

And their guests

Are invited to Prom 2008

"The Glamour Age of Hollywood"

April 18 from 7:30 until 11:30 p.m.

at The Armory Ballroom in Macon, GA

Cost is \$25 per person in advance

\$35 at the door.

To purchase tickets, contact Alexa Hunt at 994-0028 or 361-6678 or email

lexleighand6@aol.com

Save the Date!

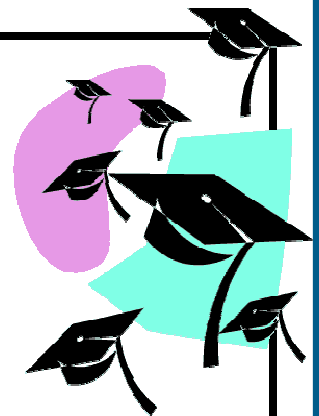
MGCHSA Graduation 2008

Saturday

May 17, 2008

At 3:00 pm

Ingleside Baptist Church



From the Editor

Wings of Independence

"How to Encourage Your Two Year Old's Independence" claimed the headline of an article in a well-known parenting magazine. I suspect the writer's expertise was learned at graduate school and not from the actual parenting of children. Having weathered the 'terrific twos' with seven children, I don't remember any of them needing instructions in willfulness. Children need their parents' guidance. It's a lesson that God taught me by allowing me to watch the success and failure of two families.

Early one spring morning, a family of Mallard ducks swam down our pond. While mother and father slowly brought up the rear, seven ducklings darted out in front, skimming across the water. The destination was the gathering place at our end of the pond where the overflow spills out into the creek. The shallow pool is a favorite spot of the ducks and geese for grooming, bathing and nibbling on cracked corn. Scrambling up the embankment, the ducklings mingled with the rest of the crowd.

For three days, we enjoyed the duckling's antics as they swam in crazy patterns and in all directions at once. Rushing heedlessly along, one duckling would change course directly in front of his sibling and end up climbing on top of him. Indulgent parents, the ducks appeared to ignore them. When one ventured too far, twenty to thirty feet, the drake would call in his ducklings.

The fourth day brought thunder and lightening that shook the trees and rattled the docks. Torrents of rain swept the pond. The storm raged through the day and into the night. We woke the next morning to the lonely sound of a duck honking. All day the parents searched the pond and called their young. In one night, they had lost all seven ducklings.

Later that spring we noticed a Canada goose was sitting on her nest. No duck, goose or human could get close to the breeding dock. The proud father drove everyone away. Several weeks went by before we saw the new family. Swimming down the pond, the goose led his family to the gathering place in single file...father in front, goslings in the middle and mamma in the rear. Every so often a dark shape would appear under the water near the goslings and the father would shoo it away with his bill. As long as they were with their parents, the goslings were safe from the predators on the lake.

If the ducks were indulgent with their offspring, then the geese were downright strict. Well wishers and the curious came up to greet the new arrivals, but received a poke and a honk for their effort. Eating, swimming and nesting were not social events during this period of their lives.

Under their parent's guidance, the goslings learned how to forage for food, avoid danger, and discern friend from foe. As the spring passed into summer, the goslings seem to double in size daily. They lost their down and grew in the dark brown, gray and black feathers of their parents. Soon it was difficult to tell the young offspring from the adults. We expected the family to rejoin the flock. But still... the family kept a safe distance. Until one morning in July, I saw all of the geese take flight.

The goose and gander's job of nurturing, protecting, and educating their offspring was over. When the goslings could fly, their parents allowed them to take their place in the flock. Unlike the ducks that gifted their children with freedom too soon, the geese withheld independence until their children had learned it. Lessons in independence will come soon enough. For now, we provide the protection, love and education our children need to grow and mature. .. until they too are old enough to spread their wings and take flight. **"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6**

Keep the Faith- Amy

Keepers At Home

Keepers will meet Monday, February 25, at Wesley United Methodist Church from 1-3 pm to learn a fun and beautiful new craft. Please join us.

In March we will take a field trip to Hearts and Hooves Horse Stables. Brush up on your "horse sense" for this one.

Keepers Committee

Marcia Braswell 328-2750

Tamie Esmond 738-9568

Barbara Fike 788-1929

Olette Holmes 788-5507

Cheryl Thomas 784-0919

Mercer "Grand Kids"

Buffalo Soldier

Monday-Wednesday, February 11-13, 2008, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Based on the true story of our nation's longest-surviving Buffalo Soldier and veteran of the Spanish-American War, the dramatic play with music **Buffalo Soldier** tells the heroic story of the brave soldiers of the 9th and 10th Cavalries, who served our country well with little of the recognition they deserved.

Recommended for Grade 3 and up. Curriculum Connections: Civil War history, Spanish-American War history, theater arts.

For more information and tickets, call Mercer Ticket Sales at (478) 301-5470.

A Directory Correction: **Linda and dale sessions email**
cajun18@cox.net

“All the World’s a Stage”

American Theatre Arts for Youth will be coming to Macon again this school year with some great musical productions. I would encourage anyone whose has never been to one of their productions to attend one this year. The productions are usually very well done. They are performed at the Macon City Auditorium and are about 70 minutes long. The group price is \$7.25 per person (with groups of 10 or more). They also offer a 2 show discount rate of \$12.90 per person if anyone is interested in seeing more than one show this year. This years offerings are as follows:

Apr. 1st (Tues), 10am - **Sleeping Beauty** (deadline to sign up is Mar 1)

This is a portrayal of the children's classic

May 13th (Tues), 10am - **Beauty and the Beast** (deadline to sign up is April 13th)

This is a portrayal of the children's classic

There are no age ranges listed in the brochure for these shows; but from past experience, the first 2 shows will probably appeal more to older children and teenagers, while Sleeping Beauty and Beauty & the Beast will probably appeal more to younger children.

NOTE: If anyone is interested in seeing 2 of the shows, please consider ordering both tickets at the same time as this will save you money. To sign up, please mail a check along with a note stating which play(s) you wish to see and who will be attending to the following address:

Lisa Johnson
966 Santa Fe Trail
Macon, GA 31220



If you have questions, call me at 478-477-3149 or email me at johnsonllk@yahoo.com. One question frequently asked in the past has been about very young children. If your child is small enough to sit in your lap for the 70 minute show, then they can get in free.

Music Lessons for Fiddle and Piano

Fiddle - Beginner

Piano - Beginner - Intermediate

Interesting Lessons - Reasonable Rates

Kim Leatherwood - Homeschooling Mom of 4

Forsyth - 478-994-6805

February Field Trip

Tour the High Museum

Come join us as we visit the High Museum in Atlanta. They are presently in the middle of a three year collaborative effort with the Louvre in Paris to bring a part of the Louvre's collection to Atlanta. Go to the following link online for more information about this exciting exhibit - www.louvreatlanta.org/en/home/Home.html.

My family and I saw the year one exhibit in 2006, and it was incredible. Unless you plan to visit Paris during your lifetime, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity. The year two exhibit presently on display is entitled "The Louvre and the Ancient World". In addition to this exciting exhibit, the High has a wonderful permanent collection of artwork. I have setup the field trip to include a docent-tour (museum personnel guided tour) for the permanent collection and an audio-tour (headsets) for the Louvre Atlanta exhibit. This field trip is scheduled for **Wednesday, Feb. 28th. The docent-tour begins promptly at 10am, so those attending will need to arrive at the High museum no later than 9:45am.**

The audio tour of the Louvre exhibit will follow at 11am. The lady that I spoke with said that the audio tour is about 45 min to 1 hour long, but last year it took my daughter and I about 2 hours to get through the Louvre exhibit. So you can take this tour at your own pace. Once you finish the Louvre tour, you can go back and spend more time viewing the permanent collections, if you like. The High is open from 10am to 5pm and your admission gives you access to the museum for the entire day, once the 2 tours are concluded. **The cost for this field trip is \$6 per student and \$15 per adult.** This is a savings. In order to sign up for this field trip, send a check and a list of who is going to Lisa Johnson, 966 Santa Fe Trail, Macon, GA 31220. The deadline to sign up is February 14th, so don't wait, sign up soon. If you have any questions, please call me after 3pm at 478-477-3149 or email me at johnsonllk@yahoo.com.

For those attending, I plan to meet anyone who is interested in caravanning to Atlanta, at the Kroger on Zebulon Road at 8:15am that morning. If you plan on meeting me at Kroger, please let me know, so I will know who to look for.

Information on the next field trip to Fernbank in Atlanta in next month's newsletter



Cheerleaders Need a Leader for 2008/09

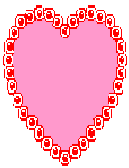
This has been an exciting year for MAC Varsity Cheerleading. I have had the privilege of working with a wonderful group of young ladies, and have enjoyed getting to know each of them. However, this will be my daughter Kristina's last year as a cheerleader. Consequently, I am looking for someone who is willing to take over as Varsity Cheerleading Director next year. If you are interested, please contact me via email at johnsonllk@yahoo.com or call me at home at 478-477-3149 (preferably after 3pm). I know there is someone out there whom God is leading to take over, so please contact me and I will be glad to talk to you about what is involved and to help you in any way I can.

Also, if you are a young lady between the ages of 14 and 18 with a desire to cheer, please be on the look out in the next few months for information about the 2008/2009 MAC Varsity Cheerleading Squad Season. There are no tryouts, all that is required is a cheerful personality, a willingness to work, and a commitment to the squad.

It's A Walk in the Park!

Need a PE class? A chance to get out of the house and interact with other families that homeschool? Every Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3 pm you can gather at Ridge Park (located on the corner of Ridge and Ingleside in Macon, GA) for fun and fellowship. Bring a sack lunch, lots of balls and play equipment and join the games. In case of rain, then head on over to the Burger King on Riverside for some fun on their inside playground. For more information contact Corrina Tweedle at 471-8920.

Time for ITBS Testing



It is time to register for the 2008 ITBS testing schedule! Testing will be held May 5th - 7th, from 9:00a to 12:00pm, all three days for grades 2 through 8, and from 1:00p - 4:00p on Monday and Tuesday only, for grades 9 - 12. Bring #2 pencils and scratch paper. Third graders need to bring a ruler. Children, grades 2 through 8 may bring a 10 minute snack each day. (Please, 6-8oz beverages, only!!)

The location will be Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, located on the corner of Pierce and Ingleside Avenues in Macon. Cost should be around \$55.00 per student, which includes test, tax, shipping and handling for all phases, contribution to Redeemer for the use of its facilities, and a small administration fee. The firm deadline for payment will be Monday, March 31st, 2008.

I seek compliance with the Georgia State Home schooling laws and remind every home schooling family that standardized testing using a qualified tester of your choice is required by Georgia law beginning in the 3rd grade and continuing every three years, thereafter. Call 743-2218 to register your child(ren).

This registration is open only for current 2008 MGCHSA members. Non-members may call to set up independent schedules, times, and charges. I am a registered tester with Bob Jones University Press, a graduate of Wesleyan College, and a former home schooling mom, myself!!

When mailing your check, please include your return address, child(ren)'s name(s), grade(s), and your phone number. My address is Jo-Ann Beitz, 222 Corbin Avenue, Macon, Ga. 31204. Looking forward to seeing your children again this year.



Macon Area Christian Mustangs Golf TEAM 2008

Dear Middle Georgia Christian Homeschoolers:

I hope all of the golfers among us have had the opportunity to get out and enjoy some of the milder than normal weather we've had this winter. For me, a nice day anytime brings thought of golf, and nicer days this time of year remind me that the 2008 golf season -- the fifth season for the Macon Area Christian Golf Team -- is just around the corner.

This year, as has been our primary objective every year, we will strive to help our players improve their golf skills, golf knowledge, and appreciation for the game, which really is the game of a lifetime.

Who can participate?

The team is open to golfers in grades 8 through 12.

When is the season?

From early February through early May. Once we have a handle on our number of players we will be able to work-out scheduling with the golf course.

Where will the golf team play?

Fox Run Country Club at Barrington Hall off of Zebulon Road.

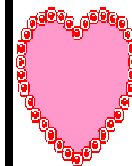
What is the cost?

The cost for golf team participation will be \$200.

Interested golfers should contact Coach Scott Sullivan at 935-8174, 731-5954, or scottandscarllett@cox.net.

Thanks,

Coach Scott A. Sullivan



Kindergarten Graduation

Calling all Kindergarteners!

Graduation time is coming up soon! Moms contact :

Jennifer Goldsberry at 986-2272 or email her at gjgoldsb@alltel.net to make plans for your child to participate in a graduation ceremony.

