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California Homeschool Network
Welcomes you to 2011!

California Homeschool Network
Family Expo

Registration for Family Expo 2011 is OPEN!

July 21–24, 2011

<http://chnfamilyexpo.com>

One of the benefits of CHN Membership is the chance to register early at a great price for our Annual Family Expo. Early Bird Prices for a couple are only \$40 until February 14, 2011. Register before April 30th to get a special CHN library bag! After June 15th, the price goes up to \$100 per couple, so register early.



**Donate to the
Expo Raffle!**



Do you operate a business? Do you have an awesome crafting skill? Or would your local Support Group like to do something nice for other homeschoolers?

A fun part of the Family Expo is the raffle. CHN gets these prizes donated from wonderful people all over California. Last year we had a local soaps, quilts, knit items, books, tickets to parks and attractions, and more to give away throughout the weekend. And it was all due to our awesome members and their friends and family!

Crystal Bailey will be running our Door Prizes and Raffle this year and she is already gearing up for this years Expo. If you have something to donate, have questions, or need ideas, please email her at cladeeb@aol.com. She could also use some help at the Expo to run the drawings!

**Are you a
CHN member?**

Help support
homeschooling!
CHN is a non-profit
501(c)(3) organization
that needs your support.

**Please join
CHN today!**

**California Homeschool
Network**

California Homeschool
Network is a
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organization dedicated to
protecting the
fundamental right of
parents to educate their
children.

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Homeschooling in a Small Town

By Nicky Omohundro

Living in a remote area or small town does not have to limit your homeschool enrichment opportunities. 29 Palms Home Educators is a homeschool co-op located in Twenty-nine Palms, a small town 60 miles north of Palm Springs. The co-op was founded by a group of homeschool parents wanting more educational opportunities for our children. Members pay no dues, but are asked to contribute their time and expertise in providing varied educational opportunities. Group members share their talents and skills to make each family's homeschool experience richer and more diverse. Together they have been able to offer enrichment classes, organized field trips and parties, formed strong peer groups and have provided a supportive environment for its families. Enrichment opportunities vary from month to month depending on the parent volunteers providing the opportunities. Some of the offerings include art, science, choir, ancestry research, physical education, preschool time, and many more. This past fall, the children participated in an organized Art Show, "Christmas Around the World" Geography Fair, community service projects, and countless field trips. This spring, the group looks forward to more educational opportunities and events. In addition to the various co-op events, they are planning a Geography Fair open to all area homeschool families. Living in a remote area has its benefits. The 29 Palms Home Educators co-op provides an abundance of enrichment opportunities for its members.

For more information about the group, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/29PalmsHomeEducators>



Geology at
Joshua Tree National Park



Science



Playing in the snow desert style!



Pre-K Time



Art Class



PE Class



Lego Creations

A Message from our Expo 2011 Coordinator—Pia Williams

Expo 2011 is in FULL planning stage and we are unveiling a New Online system for accepting proposals!

We look for ALL types of speakers, professionals, homeschool parents - serious topics, fun topics and everything in between! Bring your expertise and share it with your fellow homeschoolers. If you questions about what is required as a speaker, please contact our Speaker Coordinator at ExpoSpeakers@californiahomeschool.net

We are looking forward to another wonderful year of Great Speakers and Fun events!

Proposal sign-ups are here: <http://chnfamilyexpo.com/sign-up>

In addition to Speaker & Vendor proposals - we can also accept Advertising & Raffle donations through this form - go check it out!!



Winter Membership Meeting Announcement

Our next Membership Meeting will be held

February 23, 2011 at 2:00PM

Online at:

<http://californiahomeschool.net/chat/grapevinechat.htm>

Login information will be sent via email prior to the meeting.

If you have questions you would like to have answered or specific topics, please email Michelle Huelle at chn_secretary@californiahomeschool.net so that she can add it to the agenda.

“See” you there!

Website Pick of the Month

From Michelle Huelle

[Thomas Jefferson Education Online Community](http://www.ThomasJeffersonEducationOnlineCommunity.com)

Love Love Love this site! Even if you aren't a Thomas Jefferson Education family, this subscription site has a “This Week in History” that is loaded with awesome ideas that you can peruse before the week to gear up, or open daily to just get your own dose of interesting information.

The Huelle Boys searching for a Letterbox at the Oasis of Mara in Twenty-nine Palms.



For more info about Letterboxing, check out www.atlasquest.com

A recent trip to The Living Desert in Palm Desert.



Experiencing Wind Speeds



Watching Sand Dunes



Southern California Trails

ELECTION 2011

Did you receive your Election Packet in the mail?

Each spring, California Homeschool Network conducts its annual election for the Board of Trustees. As a member of this non-profit organization, you as a voter are responsible for electing the Board so that CHN can continue its mission of protecting homeschooling freedom.

Please be sure to read through the packet and send back any comments or questions you may have on the included Comment Page.

If you did not receive your packet, please contact our Elections Chair Rhonda Hamilton at chn_elections@californiahomeschool.net



Grassroots

By Vicki Giansante

Have you ever wondered who runs California Homeschool Network? Homeschoolers just like you. We are all volunteers.

From our website:

The California Homeschool Network is the only inclusive statewide organization with an elected board of trustees.

And—California Homeschool Network is a statewide grassroots organization...

And—We encourage every homeschooler in California to become part of our united effort...

You may recall the old adage that ‘many hands make light work’. Have you ever wondered what you can do to help? Think for a moment about all that it takes to keep any organization, even volunteer organizations, running.

There are phones to be answered, emails to reply to, bills to pay, taxes to be filed, letters to be mailed. There are funds to be raised, websites to be maintained, pictures to be taken, orders to be fulfilled. There are Expos to be executed, outreach to be done, newsletter content to be written, and newsletter lay-out to be done.

You can help support CHN by browsing the internet with GoodSearch.

You can shop online through our affiliates: <http://californiahomeschool.net/#affiliates>

You can join CHN’s Media Team to track and respond to homeschool stories in the news.

You can join CHN’s Legislative Team to monitor new legislation that may affect homeschooling.

You can be a local contact to help new homeschoolers find the support they need.

If writing is your forte, you can submit occasional articles to the CHNews or CHN Ezine, or step up to help with the production of those publications.

Whatever your strength is, we can probably use your help.

Contact our Volunteer Chairperson at chn_volunteer@californiahomeschool.net if you have questions or would like to help.